

## Tips for maintaining your art collection and preparing for an appraisal

Caring for your collection extends beyond maintaining the physical condition of the objects. It is important to keep good object records and a collection history as information will be invaluable for insurance reasons in case of theft or disaster.

Be sure to create a folder for each object in your collection. In your file include the following items:

- 1 Color photographs of the object, including full-view and details—front, back, framed, unframed—tip: document multiple views of three-dimensional works.
- 2 Purchase date, price and vendor data
- 3 Artist/maker info including life dates title of work
- 4 Detailed description of object's subject matter or type of work
- 5 Date of work
- 6 Dimensions: for three-dimensional work, overall object, and base measurements (LxWxH). For two-dimensional work, measure it framed and unframed (HxW)
- 7 Media and support data (articles, reference, etc.)
- 8 Create a detailed description of object: include location of scratches, losses, dents, abrasions, and so on.
- 9 Copies of all conservation and appraisal reports
- 10 Text of inscriptions, markings, and labels
- 11 Ownership history (provenance)
- 12 If your work is cited in any exhibition and/or auction catalogues or catalogues raisonné, include bibliographic information
- 13 Exhibition and loan history

SOURCE: Smithsonian American Art Museum at [americanart.si.edu](http://americanart.si.edu)



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## Art Appraisers Reference List

We appreciate how challenging it can be researching an heirloom, flea market find or estate sale discovery, but **Library staff is not authorized to assess the value of your collectibles nor act as appraisers.**

We can, however, provide you with internet sites, resources in the Library collection and a broad list of professional art appraisers\* in Northeast Kansas as well as links to some of the large auction houses.

### What the letters mean:

- (AAA)** Appraisers Association of America  
**(ASA)** American Society of Appraisers  
**(ISA)** International Society of Appraisers

### TOPEKA

#### Swain, Bob | Beauchamp Gallery

3113 SW Huntoon, Topeka, KS 66604  
(785) 233-0300

*Areas of expertise: Robert Sudlow and artists they represent*

#### Zimmer, Lloyd

By appointment only  
(785) 354-8899

e-mail: [lloyd@ksbiblio.com](mailto:lloyd@ksbiblio.com)

*Areas of expertise: printed and manuscript material: books, atlases, maps, photographs, diaries and letters related to Kansas, western Americana, cartography, psychology, psychoanalysis, rare & out-of-print books of all genres.*

### LAWRENCE, LECOMPTON & BALDWIN

#### Alison, Mehrzad "Zod" | Roy's Gallery Fine Art & Framing

1410 Kasold Drive, Lawrence, KS 66049  
(785) 842-1554

#### Baranski, Dennis | DA Baranski & Co Art & Antiques

214 N 2100 Road, Lecompton, KS 66050  
(785) 887-6010 | Fax: (785) 887-6263

*\*Great place to get started when you're new to this process*

#### Graham, Pat (AAA)

1641 Rhode Island, Lawrence, KS 66044  
(785) 841-1477

*Area of expertise: Asian art*

#### Solomons, David (ISA) | Solomons Antique Gallery

PO Box 92, Baldwin City, KS 66006  
(785) 594-6468

*Areas of expertise: antiques, collectibles, art, porcelain, glass, dinnerware*

## WICHITA & EL DORADO

### **Morris, Denice**

915 Skyview Drive, El Dorado, KS 67042  
(316) 321-9156

*\*Mentored by Jean O'Brien for many years; has not yet taken ASA exam*

### **Dunlap, Robert L. (ISA) | Equity Standard**

1855 S Rock Road Suite 105, Wichita, KS 67207  
(316) 689-8773

*Areas of expertise: coins, currency, gold, bullion, antiques & residential contents*

### **Harris, John (ASA) | Marketing & Consultant Services, Inc.**

2014 W 13th Street, Wichita, KS 67203  
(316) 681-1527

*Area of expertise: machinery and equipment*

### **McComish, Philip | Watermark West**

149 N Broadway, Wichita, KS 67202  
(316) 263-3007

*Area of expertise: books, western Americana, ephemera, maps*

### **Raisdana, Bahman | Apadana Oriental Rug Gallery, Inc.**

1312 E Douglas, Wichita, KS 67214  
(316) 267-6767

*Areas of expertise: rugs, carpets, tapestries*

## MANHATTAN & PLAINVILLE

### **Mann, Marvin (ISA) | AA Appraisal & Consulting**

219 SW 8th Street, Plainville, KS 67663  
(785) 434-2492

*Areas of expertise: antiques & collectibles, residential contents, furniture, coins, glass*

### **Nelson, Jay | Strecker-Nelson Gallery**

406 1/2 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502  
(785) 537-2099

*Areas of expertise: Regional Kansas artists*

## OUT OF STATE

### **Kiechel, Vivian | Vivian Kiechel Fine Art**

2341 Bretigne Drive, Lincoln, NE 68512  
(402) 423-0340  
Fax: (402) 423-4270

### **Art Dealers Association of America**

575 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022  
(212) 940-8590

### **Christie's Appraisals**

502 Park Avenue at 59th Street, New York, NY 10022  
(212) 546-1143

### **Sotheby's Appraisals**

1334 York Avenue, New York, NY 10022  
(212) 606-7045

### **Pre-appraisal tips on back** ▶

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## KANSAS CITY & SURROUNDING AREA

### **Dunbar, Dr. Burton (AAA)**

Box 30147, Kansas City MO, 64112  
(913) 707-6300 | (800) 395-9863 (out-of-state)  
Fax: (913) 648-5740

### **Glenn Books**

#### **Frederic Gilhousen, Christopher Cassell & Larisa Cassell**

360 Kaw Lane East, Shawnee Mission, KS 66217  
(913) 268-0767

*Areas of expertise: books, antiquarian, first editions, illustrated and children's books, private press, American & English literature, natural history, book arts, bindings*

### **Gross, Robin (AAA)**

521 East 63rd Street, Kansas City, MO 64110  
(816) 221-2727

Email: Robin.Gross@FaFa.ws

*Areas of expertise: Fine art and antique Chinese furniture*

### **Kearns, Susan H (ISA) | SH Kearns Co. Ltd.**

6800 College Blvd Suite 260, Overland Park, KS 66211  
(913) 339-9955

*Areas of expertise: gems, jewelry*

### **Maloney, Linda | Antiques and Appraisals**

4501 W 94th Street, Prairie Village, KS 66207  
(913) 648-1080 | e-mail: lmaloneyappraisals@swbell.net  
*Areas of expertise: antiques, furniture, personal property*

### **Mease, Martin**

13010 Shawnee Mission Pkwy, Shawnee Mission, KS 66216  
(913) 248-0248

*Areas of expertise: gems, jewelry*

### **Moss, Ruth B (AAA) | Henry Ruth Fine Arts**

31 Compton Court, Shawnee Mission, KS 66208  
(913) 341-1677

*Areas of expertise: drawings, watercolors, paintings*

### **O'Brien, Jean | JA O'Brien Associates**

4817 W 69th Street, Prairie Village, KS 66208  
(913) 722-2460 | (913) 722-2642

Email: jean@jaobrienassociates.com

*\*Senior American Society of Appraisers Member*

### **Olsen, Jack | American Legacy Gallery**

5911 Main, Kansas City, MO 64113  
(816) 444-7944

*\*Not certified, but will appraise if familiar with artist, especially Kansas artists*

### **Reister, Philip D M.D. (ISA)**

4000 W 103rd Street, Overland Park, KS 66207  
(913) 341-1271

*Areas of expertise: antiques, audiovisual media, collectibles, porcelain, pottery and ceramics*

### **James C. Sullivan, ASA**

31696 Harmony Road, Paola, KS 66071  
(913) 294-2878

*Areas of expertise: machinery and equipment*