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Welcome to ANTIQUES ROADSHOW!

Thank you for joining us in Sturbridge as we search for America’s hidden treasures! We’re excited to see what surprises your items will reveal, and delighted you are part of our 2023 tour.

You might wonder if the items you brought today have a hidden history, or if your find is worth a fortune. Our experts are ready to help solve that mystery! Even after hours of non-stop action, when appraising a unique item, we often hear appraisers say, “thank you for making my day!” And we hope ROADSHOW will make your day as well.

In gratitude, our Sturbridge visit wouldn’t be possible without the support of our sponsors Ancestry, American Cruise Lines and Consumer Cellular, and viewers like you.

Thank you for watching ANTIQUES ROADSHOW at home each week—today you’re the stars of the show!

Enjoy your day,

Marsha Bemko
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Greetings from New England Public Media

On behalf of all of us at New England Public Media, I want to welcome you to the ANTIQUES ROADSHOW 2023 tour stop at Old Sturbridge Village. It’s a big deal when ANTIQUES ROADSHOW comes to our area, and not everyone who wants to attend ends up with a ticket. So, congratulations to you for having the chance to be here today!

Building community is at the center of NEPM’s mission. By sharing local stories, we enrich our understanding and appreciation of this wonderful region that we call home. The stories usually come from people, but today the stories will come from the cherished objects that you have brought with you.

Putting aside the chance that you may have a very valuable object in your hands, and that you may be surrounded by cameras while you breathlessly talk to an ANTIQUES ROADSHOW expert, and that you may even end up on an ANTIQUES ROADSHOW episode, what I wish for you today is that you will discover something about yourself, your family, our region, our history. That in itself will make this day special.

Sincerely,

Matt Abramovitz
President
New England Public Media
Hello, World.

New England Public Media is your home for local news, culture, education, and entertainment — and all the shows you love from PBS and NPR. Find us on every screen and every speaker, and online at nepm.org.
IMPORTANT SAFETY TIPS

• Entry to this event is at your own risk and at the discretion of ANTIQUES ROADSHOW. All persons and their possessions are subject to search. This event is monitored and recorded by closed-circuit TV.

• If you do not feel well or if you have any symptoms of COVID-19 including: cough; shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; fatigue or muscle or body aches; sore throat; headache; loss of taste or sense of smell; nausea or vomiting; diarrhea; chills or a temperature of 100.4°F or higher, do not enter the Event.

• A distance of at least 3 feet between you and others should be maintained as much as possible at all times.

• If you have to sneeze or cough, please be courteous of other guests, appraisers, staff and crew.

• Air quality: If you are sensitive to poor air quality, please check the local air quality conditions at https://www.iqair.com/us/usa/massachusetts/sturbridge before coming to the event. ROADSHOW will communicate if it is determined that conditions require any special actions.

• Failure to follow instructions by ANTIQUES ROADSHOW staff or security or on signs, may result in removal from the event.

• You are free to wear a mask anywhere at the event.

• You may be required to wear a mask indoors as directed.

• Please wash hands or use hand sanitizer on a regular basis.

• ROADSHOW will appraise your antique firearm only if our appraiser and local law enforcement are satisfied that it would be safe to do so. Admission to the event with any firearm is solely at the discretion of local law enforcement and/or ANTIQUES ROADSHOW.

• All ANTIQUES ROADSHOW appraisals are conducted at appraisal tables. No other appraisals are conducted in line or outside the venue. If anyone offers to appraise your items outside of the appraisal tables, please be aware that these people are not affiliated with ANTIQUES ROADSHOW.

• We do not permit any solicitation, buying, or selling at ANTIQUES ROADSHOW. If anyone offers to buy your items, please alert a staff member or security officer. Anyone offering to buy or sell items may be ejected from the event.

• If you are having a medical emergency, or see someone in need of help, please don’t hesitate to alert a volunteer, staff member, or security officer.

• In your own interest, we advise you not to disclose your name, address, or other personally identifiable information to anyone other than the staff and crew of ANTIQUES ROADSHOW.

• Members of the press will be at the event, escorted by an ANTIQUES ROADSHOW press escort. If asked, you are free to provide an interview, but are under no obligation to do so. If interviewed and asked for your name, please only identify yourself by first name to press.
1. It's Show Time!
Once you've presented your ticket to the volunteers, your ROADSHOW adventure begins!

2. Enjoy Your Surroundings
While You Wait
At Triage, our volunteers will stamp your paper event guide with the table categories appropriate for your items and where you can enjoy meeting fellow guests and seeing their treasures.

3. Show Us Your Items
• When you get to the front of the Triage line, please unwrap your items.
• A generalist appraiser will give you a category stamp for each of your items. Each category stamp will allow you to receive one appraisal.
• Show your category stamp to a volunteer waiting in a navy-blue ROADSHOW shirt. The volunteer will escort you to your first appraisal line.
• Please note, appraisal tables are located inside and outside the hall and gardens.

4. Ready for Your Close-Up?
• If you are close-up eligible, a volunteer will check your category stamp and direct you to the appropriate appraisal table.
• You will have to get in line again for your second appraisal. Volunteers will be happy to direct you to your next location.
• Please be prepared for unpaved roads with hard-packed gravel and grass surfaces. (All areas within the ANTIQUES ROADSHOW event are wheelchair accessible; please ask a volunteer if you need assistance.)

5. Visit the Feedback Booth
Once you've received your appraisals, stop by the Feedback Booth for a chance to record some thoughts about your ROADSHOW experience for possible inclusion in a future episode.

6. After Your Appraisals...
• Stop by the NEPM tent to learn more about upcoming events and member benefits.
• Collect appraisers’ contact information at the appraiser business card tent.
• Food and refreshments will not be available for purchase at the event.

7. Join us on TV and Online
Your experience with ANTIQUES ROADSHOW doesn't have to end at this event.
• Track discoveries from the 2023 Tour and upcoming broadcasts at pbs.org/antiques.
• Follow @RoadshowPBS on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, TikTok, and YouTube for new episode live tweeting events, exclusive social video, fan-favorite appraisals, behind-the-scenes peaks, and live programming.
• Sign up for AR Extras at pbs.org/antiques to receive a weekly email collection of previews, videos, articles, interviews and more.
• Share your on-set experience on social using #RoadshowSturbridge.

Tune in Monday nights at 8/7C* on PBS to stay on the road with ANTIQUES ROADSHOW all year long!

*Check Local Listings
Click here for a list of today’s appraisers
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How many items can I have appraised today?
Each ticket holder may have two items appraised. Vehicles, stamps, paper currency, coins, bicycles, fossils, tools, glass fire extinguishers and explosives or hazardous materials cannot be appraised.

What should I do if I need help carrying my items?
Unfortunately, staff and volunteers are not permitted to carry or move items.

How many appraisers are at the venue? Do they have certain specialties?
There are about 65 appraisers who cover more than 23 categories.

Can I take pictures or use a video camera at ANTIQUES ROADSHOW?
Video or still photography are allowed only in designated areas. You may use your camera or smartphone while in the main waiting area. However, you cannot take photographs or record video at any designated ANTIQUES ROADSHOW set or recording area. You may not record audio or video of your appraisal.

Why do I have to silence my cell phone while inside the set?
While ANTIQUES ROADSHOW is filming, cell phones ringing and phone conversations affect the quality of our audio, so please silence them when in all designated ANTIQUES ROADSHOW set or recording areas.

Once I’m inside the event can I leave and come back?
Once your ticket has been scanned and you’ve received your two appraisals, you may not re-enter the ANTIQUES ROADSHOW event.

How can I contact an appraiser?
Appraisers may not solicit business at the event, but they may inform you that their business card is available for you to pick up at the exit of the event and you may contact them at a later date. Appraisers’ contact information is also available here and pbs.org/antiques. WGBH Educational Foundation is not responsible for any business or interaction you have with an ANTIQUES ROADSHOW appraiser prior or subsequent to the event.

Where can I find more information about objects that have already been featured on ANTIQUES ROADSHOW?
ANTIQUES ROADSHOW has uncovered a wealth of amazing finds over its 27 years on PBS. Video, photos, and more information on over 5,000 ROADSHOW segments are available via the “Appraisals” section of our website at pbs.org/antiques.

How is an appraisal selected to be recorded for television?
When an expert hears a unique story or an interesting piece of history, spots a particularly rare or unusual object, or determines an appraisal might otherwise be of value to the audience, he or she pitches the idea to a ROADSHOW producer. The producer determines if the appraisal should be recorded for broadcast. Of the thousands of objects appraised at each event, approximately 150 are recorded, of which about 30 will appear in each episode of ANTIQUES ROADSHOW.