**Museum policy** - States that “staff members for the Arizona State Museum (ASM) may examine artifacts brought to the Museum by the public and give opinions on such matters as age, provenience and function. Under no circumstances will a staff member make an appraisal of artifact value for insurance, commercial or other purposes.”

**Choosing an appraiser** - In cases involving potential gifts to the Museum, IRS regulations require that a third, disinterested party perform appraisals of tax-deductible gifts to non-profit institutions (ASM is a nonprofit institution). For more information regarding qualified appraisers, please refer to I.R.S. Code Section 170(f)(11).

**Items to consider and/or request** - Expertise, credentials, written contract, signed statement of disinterest, appraisal documentation, type of value desired (fair market, replacement) and whether the appraiser has liability insurance. When contracting for appraisal services with a dealer, be aware that the dealer might be interested in purchasing the items at, or below, wholesale value.

**Appraisal fee** - Most appraisers charge rates based on hourly fees which can run up to $200 or more per hour. For federal tax purposes, it is illegal for the appraisal fee to be based on a percentage of the overall value of the item(s). A feasibility study may be requested of the appraiser to determine whether an appraisal is warranted. The cost of an appraisal might be tax-deductible in the case of charitable contributions. To find out specific requirements for claims, please contact the IRS or a tax accountant.

**The following list** - Includes the names, addresses and telephone numbers of individuals who identify themselves as personal property appraisers or knowledgeable in the field of the stated material culture. This list is not all-inclusive and does not indicate any preference or recommendation by the Museum. Where known, membership status in a professional appraisal association (AAA, ASA, ISA) is listed. Contact information for each of these societies is listed at the end of this document. Interested individuals are encouraged to contact listed appraisers or to seek additional information or referrals from the Appraisal Foundation at (202) 347-7727.

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Legend:
* Indicates appraisers specializing in American Indian/Native American items.
** Indicates appraisers specializing in books.

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**Tucson Area**

Ambassador Diamond Jewelers - **Diamonds** - Stewart Kuper, 4668 E. Speedway Blvd., Tucson AZ 85712, (520) 327-8800, Fax # (520) 795-5302

American Eagle Brokerage, Inc. - **Antiques & Decorative Arts** - Pauline E. Roed (ASA/ASA), 6738 East Opatas, Tucson AZ 85715-3337, (520) 885-3635

American Heirloom Appraisers, L.L.C. - **Antiques, Furniture, Porcelain, Paintings, Decorative Art**, Dwight & Christine Schannep (ISA-AM) 3130 E. Grant Rd. Tucson, Az 85716, (520) 326-3070

Artabella Jewelry Appraisals - **Gems & Jewelry** - Tracy Lee Aros, 1760 E. River Rd. #119, Tucson AZ 85718, (520) 751-7435, Fax # (520) 546-5641

Asian Trade Oriental Rug Center - **Asian Rugs** - Tomas Almazon, 3525 N. Campbell, Tucson AZ 85718, (520) 326-7828, Fax # (520) 326-1432

AAA - Appraisers Association of America (C-Certified Member)

ASA - American Society of Appraisers (AM-Accredited Member, ASA-Accredited Senior Member, FASA-Fellow)

Covington Fine Arts Appraisals - **American & European Prints, Paintings** - Wayne Kielsmeier, 6530 E. Tanque Verde Rd Suite 140, Tucson AZ 85749, (520) 298-7878

Diana M. Warren (AM) - **Ceramics, Textiles, Silver** - 5555 N. Via Alcalde, Tucson AZ 85718-5107, (520) 299-6645

Etherton Gallery - **Fine Arts, Photographs** - Terry Etherton 135 S. 6th Avenue, Tucson AZ 85701-2007, (520) 624-7370, Fax # (520) 792-4569

* Michael D. Higgins Gallery – **Antique Indian Art** – Baskets, Pottery, Navajo Weavings, Beadwork, Paintings, 4351 E. Grant Rd. Tucson Az 85712, (520) 577-8330

Settlers West Galleries - **Western Art** - Stuart Johnson, 6420 N. Campbell, Tucson AZ 85718, (520) 299-2607, Fax # (520) 299-6021

ISA - International Society of Appraisers (CP-Certified Member, AM-Accredited Member)
Phoenix Metropolitan Area


Appraisal Service, Ltd. - *Antiques, Silver, Porcelain, Metals* - Jean K. Patten, 4222 E. Agave Rd., Phoenix AZ 85044-4618, (602) 258-7267, Fax # (602) 257-0710

Barnes Fine Jewelers - *Gemstones, Diamonds, Jewelry, Watches* - Paul R. Barnes (AM), 891 N. Val Vista, Gilbert, AZ 85234, (480) 545-8585

Betteridge Jewelers - *Gems & Jewelry* - Peter A. Betteridge (AAA), 7001 North Scottsdale Road #100, Scottsdale AZ 85253, (480) 948-0777

*Corinne Cain Ltd. – Native American Arts, Fine Arts – Corinne Cain (ASA/ASA), 326 West Harmont Drive, Phoenix AZ 85021-5643, (602) 906-1633, Fax # (602) 906-0677

Bradbury's Appraisals, Inc. - *Antiques, Collectibles, Silver, Porcelains* - Barbara Bradbury (ISA), 4515 N. Invergordon Rd., Scottsdale AZ 85251, (480) 947-2378

Other Areas In Arizona

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Lamerson's Jewelry & Lapidary - *Gems, Diamonds, Jewelry* - James L. Lamerson (AM), 105 N. Cortez St., Prescott AZ 86301-3015, (928) 771-0921

Other Areas In The Southwest

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