

Why Collect Antiques?

There are many reasons to start a collection if you haven't already started one. First, it's a learning experience. You'll learn things about history and the way people lived over 100 years ago. Whatever category you begin your collection with, there are books on the subject to help you learn as you go along.

Then there is the excitement of going out and searching and finding the items you collect. You'll be able to study them more closely and become even more familiar with the items. With today's internet technology, there are now several ways to search for what you choose to collect. There's the old fashioned way of getting out on foot and searching all the areas where antiques and collectibles can be found. Before the internet came along, that's the way every collector had to do it. Now days you can simply relax at home, and with a few clicks of the mouse you'll be searching the web for these treasures that are out there waiting to be found. Antique magazines and other publications are another way to search for your items you're interested in.

Another reason for collecting is the monetary value. Once you begin to understand the values of the things you've chosen to collect, often times you can find them reasonably priced. Many people today have discovered that collecting Antiques and Art is another form of investing. One of the most interesting things about collecting Antiques, is that as time goes on, the values go up. Example, as an item gets older and harder to find, the value increases. As more people begin to collect the same things that you do, the availability becomes less, and the items become much harder to find. When that happens, the desirability of items goes up and the values go up. Do you think that a painting by Van Gogh is worth over \$120 million dollars? Do you think a Jackson Pollock painting is worth \$250 million dollars? These of course are extremes, but these are prices that people have paid for them.

What I collect certainly does not fall into that category. Many of the items I have could be found for \$5.00 or \$10.00 just 15 years ago. Today these same items are worth as much as \$500.00 to \$1000.00, and some are worth even more. As time goes on, and more people begin to collect, these items will continue to become harder and harder to find and the values will continue to go up. You can see how starting a collection can be a lot of fun. It's a learning experience. It's an exciting hobby that the whole family can get involved with. It will keep you active and interested for many years to come. And it can be profitable from an investment standpoint.

If you haven't already started a collection, and this sounds like fun to you, then why wait? Get out there and find some stuff.

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