

## St. Clement's Island Museum to Host Appraisers at Annual Appraiser Fair

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**Leonardtown, MD** - You may have an attic full of hidden treasures and not even know it! Visit with expert appraisers as they determine the value of your prized possessions at St. Clement's Island Museum at the annual Appraiser Fair **Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

The Appraiser's Fair provides an opportunity for the public to learn the value of their heirlooms and how to properly care for them. Appraisers will be available to offer oral appraisal to members of the public for the following categories: fine arts, dolls, coins, jewelry, currency and clocks. The fine arts category includes ceramics, pottery, glassware, artwork/paintings, music boxes and small furniture pieces. Items in this category are limited to two items per person at a fee of \$5 per item. Due to the popularity of this category, you may experience a longer wait time than usual. Other category fees are \$5 each. Cash and check are the only form of payment accepted.

The featured appraisers come from a wide range of backgrounds and disciplines. The "fine arts" appraisers include Dorie Lear, a certified auction house appraiser; Henry Lane Hull, proprietor of Commonwealth Antiques and Appraisals; and Bill Curry, proprietor of Hammer's Antiques and Collectibles. For jewelry, Shari Mesh, a certified gemologist and appraiser, and graduate of the Gemological Institute of America will be on hand. Linda Neeley, member of the Black-eyed Susan Doll Club of Southern Maryland, will be on hand to appraise dolls. In the "clocks" category, Mike Johnson, member of the Watch and Clock Association and specializes in antique clock repair, will be available. William Parron, proprietor of the Bill Parron Coin Co, will be available to appraise coins and currency.

The public is encouraged to only bring items that can be hand-carried. Items that do not fit this category will not be accepted for appraisal. Space is limited and items will be viewed on a first come, first served basis. Appraisals are not certified; however, one can make arrangements for a certified appraisal at a later date and time.

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 221 will be selling tasty baked goods in the Water Front Room. Museum staff will be available to offer advice on how to care for your items.

Those who are members of the Friends of St. Clement's Island & Piney Point Museums will enjoy exclusive benefits open only to members, including the ability to skip the lines and gain early access (from 9:30 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.) to the appraisers, as well as two (2) free tickets good for item appraisals. Friends members enjoy these and many other benefits throughout the year and at museum events, so be sure to join the Friends now and support local historic preservation.

St. Clement's Island Museum is located at 38370 Point Breeze Road, Colton's Point, MD 20626. Call 301-769-2222 for details and hours of operation. During winter hours, the museum is open seven days a week, noon to 4 p.m. and upcoming events include Community Day Feb. 7, and Maryland Day March 25.

The St. Mary's County Museum Division was established by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to collect, preserve, research and interpret the historic sites and artifacts which illustrate the natural and cultural histories of St. Mary's County and the Potomac River. With this as its charter, the Museum Division serves as a resource, liaison and community advocate for all St. Mary's County public and private cultural assets. For more information regarding hours of operation, programs, events, admission prices and more, visit the St. Mary's County Museum Division's social media pages on Facebook at [Facebook.com/SCIMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/SCIMuseum) or [Facebook.com/1836Light](https://www.facebook.com/1836Light), or on Twitter at [@StClemIsMuseum](https://twitter.com/StClemIsMuseum) or [@PineyPtLHMuseum](https://twitter.com/PineyPtLHMuseum), or at [Museums.StMarysMD.com](https://www.Museums.StMarysMD.com).

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