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2021 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Monday, November 15, 2021 | 11:00 AM - 5:15 PM EST*
Tuesday, November 16, 2021 | 11:00 AM - 5:15 PM EST

Virtual Conference
*Networking Event to Follow 5:30 - 6:30PM EST
All session times noted are U.S Eastern Standard Time
11:00 AM – 11:10 AM | WELCOME
Linda Selvin, Executive Director, Appraisers Association of America
Sharon Chrust, AAA, Board President, Appraisers Association of America
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Marion K. Maneker, Editor, Art Market Monitor
The Covid-19 pandemic has had a profound effect on every aspect of the world's economy. How has the art market responded? Marion will discuss what new trends emerged during the pandemic—of particular importance is the macro-economic environment and the global appetite for art, as well as cultural and digital property. He will talk about the inherently social nature of the art market in the context of a pent-up desire for social interaction and try to assess the impact of enhanced technology and new consumer behavior upon live auctions, crowded art fairs and ever-global gallery empires.
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11:50 AM – 12:00 PM | BRIEF BREAK

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM | PANEL  Recent Developments in the Art Market
This panel will focus on noteworthy collecting trends driving the present market as well as identifying new audiences and marketing strategies of dealers and auctioneers.
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Jean-Paul Engelen, Deputy Chairman and Worldwide Co-Head of 20th Century and Contemporary Art, Phillips
Michael Findlay, Director, Acquavella Galleries
Kim Heirston, President, Kim Heirston Art Advisory LLC
Marion Maneker, Editor, Art Market Monitor, Moderator

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM | LUNCH  20-minute Session: Yoga (1:00 - 1:20pm)
Get your body and mind flowing with Yoga Instructor Eve Lynn Chrust!
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Eve Lynn Chrust, Yoga Instructor, Eve Lynn LLC

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM | PANEL  Perspectives on the Furniture and Decorative Arts Market
The panelists will engage in a discussion about the furniture and decorative arts markets, providing insights into how trends and collectors are evolving. Topics will include; how have online platforms affected tastes and accessibility for sellers and buyers? how does social media drive the markets? how can appraisers use the information for finding comparable sales/asking prices?
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Jake Baer, Chief Operating Officer, Newel Antiques, Newel Props, 1RentPlace
Anna Brockway, Co Founder & President, Chairish
John Smiroldo, President & Founder, Incollect
Tim Andreadis, Division Director, Decorative Arts & Design, Freeman’s, Moderator
3:00 PM – 3:10 PM | BRIEF BREAK

3:10 PM – 4:10 PM | PANEL  Artists in Exile: Women Surrealists in Mexico

This panel will cover the work of the expat women artists: Leonora Carrington, Remedios Varo, Alice Rahon, Kati Horna and Bridget Bates Tichenor. Historically regarded as “the partners of” male members of the Surrealist movement, they found their unique voices in Mexico after fleeing Europe in World War II. The panel will discuss the re-discovery of these artists and their rise in the art market.

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Anna DiStasi, Senior Vice President/Director of Latin American Art, Sotheby’s
Jennifer Field, Ph.D, Executive Director, Estate of David Smith
Mary-Anne Martin, President, Mary-Anne Martin Fine Art
Carmen Melián, Founder, Melián Arts, Moderator

4:10 PM – 4:30 PM | Linda Selvin, Executive Director, Appraisers Association of America
BRIEF BREAK

4:30 PM – 5:15 PM | CONCURRENT CONNOISSEURSHIP SESSIONS

1. Contemporary Western Art

This session will offer an overview of the art of the American West from the end of World War II to the present. James will discuss illustration and the transition to easel art, the Cowboy Artists of America, the influence of Pop Art on the West and significant contemporary artists who are transforming the genre.

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James D. Balestrieri, Principal, Balestrieri Fine Arts

2. Fifty Shades of Grade: The Past, Present and Future of Professional Assessment

No single market ingredient has affected values and consumer behavior more dramatically than grading, influencing billions of dollars annually within a rapidly growing range of collecting hobbies. An introduction to the nuanced world of professional grading, where it all started, what happens now and what to expect going forward.

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Nicholas Dawes, AAA, Senior Vice President, Heritage Auctions

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM | NETWORKING SESSION

Two Truths and a Lie

Join us on Zoom for a virtual networking session as we play the icebreaker game “Two Truths and a Lie”. Attendees will provide two facts about themselves and one lie. Then attendees are asked to vote on which statement they think is the lie. The goal is to stump the attendees and learn something about one another!

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Sharon Chrust, AAA, Board President, Appraisers Association of America
Linda Selvin, Executive Director, Appraisers Association of America
11:00 AM – 11:10 AM | INTRODUCTION
Linda Selvin, Executive Director, Appraisers Association of America
Jay Grimm, AAA, Co-chair, Conference Committee
Deborah Spanierman, AAA, Co-chair, Conference Committee

11:10 AM – 11:50 AM | KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Maxwell L. Anderson, President, Souls Grown Deep Foundation & Community Partnership

In his keynote address, Maxwell Anderson will address the challenges of appraising the work of Black artists who remained in the South instead of participating in the Great Migration. Works by the majority of the 160 artists represented in the Souls Grown Deep Foundation have found their way into leading art museums, and into art fairs and commercial galleries in the US and overseas, but the market is in flux and subject to bias. Mr. Anderson’s keynote will address the issues impacting the value around these artists.

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11:50 AM – 12:00 PM | BRIEF BREAK

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM | PANEL  Vantage Points on the African American Art Market

The market for contemporary African American art has exploded in the past several years, with prices and demand in this category at an all-time high. This discussion, between collector and Creative Director of UTA Artists Space Arthur Lewis and celebrated artist Diedrick Brackens, brings these larger market trends into a more personal focus.

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Diedrick Brackens, Artist
Arthur Lewis, Creative Director, United Talent Agency Fine Arts and Artists Space
Maxwell L. Anderson, President, Souls Grown Deep Foundation & Community Partnership, Moderator

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM | LUNCH  20-minute Session: Dance Fitness

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2:00 PM – 3:00 PM | PANEL  Collecting on the Cutting Edge: The Bunker Artspace

Beth Rudin DeWoody and curators Laura Dvorkin and Maynard Monrow discuss the establishment and programming of The Bunker Artspace in West Palm Beach, Florida, which opened in 2017. DeWoody has long championed emerging and often overlooked artists, acquiring works in depth from early in their careers. The Bunker, housed in a converted toy factory, showcases DeWoody’s extraordinary collection and serves as a platform to amplify her ongoing support of a diverse array of visual artists.

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Beth Rudin DeWoody, Collector, Curator and Philanthropist
Laura Dvorkin, Curator, The Bunker Artspace
Maynard Monrow, Curator, The Bunker Artspace
Jay Grimm, Owner, Jay Grimm Art Advisory, Moderator
3:00 PM – 3:10 PM | BRIEF BREAK

3:10 PM – 4:10 PM | PANEL  The Resurrection: The Reascendancy of Connoisseurship

The Old Master art market changed after the 2008 economic meltdown as interest in areas like Contemporary art accelerated. In the last several years, however, auction houses and galleries have been embracing new strategies and cross-discipline marketing to engage a wider range of new and younger collectors. This has resulted in rekindled momentum for the category. In this panel, you will hear about what’s going on in the market now, what’s selling, who’s buying, and at what prices.

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Andrew Butterfield, Andrew Butterfield Fine Arts, LLC
Jonquil O’Reilly, Vice President, Specialist, Head of Sales, Old Master Paintings, Christie’s
Robert B. Simon, AAA, President, Robert Simon Fine Art
Nancy G. Harrison, AAA, Partner/Vice President/Senior Fine Art Specialist, Emigrant Bank Fine Art Finance/Fine Art Asset Management, Moderator

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4:30 PM – 5:15 PM | CONCURRENT CONNOISSEURSHIP SESSIONS

1. Native American Art

Ted Trotta and Ana Bono of Trotta Bono LTD, bring their passion and knowledge to a stimulating conversation on appraising Native American Art. Trotta and Bono will review areas Native American art produced throughout the country and discuss works that can be monetized, and those works that cannot be sold. They will focus on determining authenticity, fakes in the marketplace and values.

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Anna Bonno, President, Trotta-Bono, LLC
Ted Trotta, Vice President, Trotta-Bono, LLC

2. Say it With Flowers: Victorian Jewelry’s Secret Language

Flowers, plants, and leaves have been a source of inspiration for jewelry makers for more than two millennia. Their beauty and delicacy have long been captured in precious metals, enamels, and colored gemstones. During the Victorian era, however, the latest developments in the fields of science, botany, literature, and art converged with the effects of globalization, industrialization, colonization, Romanticism, and the Suffragette movement to bring new meanings to floral decoration. From sentimentality to sexuality, 19th-century floral jewelry became encoded with its own special language.

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Jan Krulick-Belin, Independent Art and Museum Consultant, Art and Jewelry Historian, and Published Author

5:15 PM | CONFERENCE CONCLUDES
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