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Antique Appraisal Day at The Trenton City Museum Sunday, February 7, 2010 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Bring 1 or 2 of your favorite family heirlooms to Ellarslie Mansion in Cadwalader Park and learn more about them from the experts

Visit the Trenton City Museum in Cadwalader Park on Sunday, February 7th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and bring one to two antique items for review and discussion. You may be surprised by what you learn about Grandma's dusty old stuff in the attic! Bring items with a personal story, or artifacts that illuminate details of life in the past. Many items will have monetary value while most will be simply irreplaceable to you.

This one-day event is an occasion to learn about the old things of importance to you and an opportunity to contribute to The Trenton Museum Society (TMS), an organization dedicated to promoting art and preserving history. There is a nominal \$10 fee for each item reviewed with a maximum of two items per person. The money generated by the event will be used by the TMS to fund ongoing exhibit openings, music series events and educational programs.

Our panel of antique experts includes Robert Cunningham, Chris Casarona, Tom and Donna Rago, and Eugene Pascucci. This group of collectors, antique dealers and authors represents many years of experience and knowledge. American antiques and items from Trenton are of particular interest, but members of this panel are equally passionate about all antique genres and will be happy to share their insights. Antiques from every category and nation are welcome. Firearms are excluded, however, and will not be permitted on the premises.

Spend part of your afternoon at The Trenton City Museum on Sunday, February 7th and leave with new details about your possessions. Learn more about what you treasure and while you're there, enjoy the current art and collection exhibits on display. If you have any questions about this event, or are uncertain if an item you would like to bring is appropriate, please call the Trenton City Museum at (609) 989-1191.

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The Trenton City Museum is owned, maintained and operated by the City of Trenton, Department of Recreation, Natural Resources and Culture, Division of Culture and is located at the Ellarslie Mansion in Cadwalader Park. Hours are: Tuesdays through Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. and Sundays, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Museum is closed on Mondays and Municipal Holidays. Visit <u>www.ellarslie.org</u> for more information and directions or contact Museum Director Brian O. Hill at 609-989-3632.