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Free Appraisal Clinic for Antiques & Collectibles at Binghamton July Fest

Binghamton, NY, June 24, 2006 -- Have you ever wondered how much that vintage item in your attic is worth? You can find out for free on Friday, July 7 or Saturday, July 8 at the Appraisal Clinic for Antiques & Collectibles conducted by Bob Connelly, an internationally renowned authority. Bring your item, or pictures and documentation, to Bob at the 44th Annual July Fest in Binghamton, NY, and find its value, a whole lot of art, and street fair fun, too.

Nationally known as a lead appraiser on Fox Cable Network's Personal FX Show, Bob was recently elected a Fellow (FRICS) of the British Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. His appraisal specialties include antiques -- spanning a variety of household items such as furniture, china, glassware -- decorative arts, clocks & watches, sports memorabilia, military items, paintings, prints and more.

Bob, in cooperation with area appraisers, will share his expertise during July Fest in "Bob Connelly's Binghamton Antique Roadshow" -- a free Appraisal Clinic. In addition to the Appraisal Clinic -- and local wood sculptor Charles M. Hoffman's "Expressions in Hardwood" exhibit at the Connelly Gallery -- visitors will enjoy artists-in-action, arts & crafts, fine art exhibits, live music, and an abundance of food vendors.

The arts won't be the only attraction at Binghamton's July Fest. There will be a children's area with clowns, jugglers, and the Zoomobile. Athletes from the Binghamton Mets and Senators will meet, greet and sign autographs. July Fest will also showcase the Gorgeous Washington First Friday Art Walk, which coincides with the first day of the festival. The Fest, including downtown parking, is free and open to the public from 10:00 a.m. both days until 8:00 p.m. on Friday and 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. The events will take place along Court Street, in downtown Binghamton, between Boscov's Department Store and the Courthouse.

This year's Binghamton July Fest is a cooperative effort between the City and the Downtown Binghamton Business Association. For more information about the July Fest, visit the July Fest Wiki at <http://binghamtonjulyfest.pbwiki.com/> or contact event coordinator, Dave Pessagno at 607-761-2475.

Bob -- the "Bob" in Bob & Sallie Connelly, whose business includes antiques, auctions, appraisals and the art gallery -- has been appraising antiques and collectibles in the Binghamton area for more than 30 years. He is active in the American Society of Appraisers and the Appraisers Association of America and has earned their highest levels of professional accreditation.

The Connelly Gallery is the premier gallery in the Binghamton area for vintage 19th, 20th and 21st century art. In addition to Charles Hoffman, the Gallery shows, sells and brokers artwork by many distinguished regional artists such as Margie Hughto, Coreen Steinbach, Ernestine Bucking, Jo Buffalo, Douglas Arthur Teed, Armondo Dellasanta, Henry Wilcott Boss, Viggo Madsen, Susan Waters, Catherine Bartoo, Thomas Hart Benton, and Gordon Grant.

For information about the Appraisal Clinic or Charles Hoffman's exhibit at the Connelly Gallery, visit Bob's website: <http://www.bobconnelly.com>.

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