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A GAZE INTO THE PAST WITH ANTIQUES IN THE ATTIC!

CHILLIWACK, BC - After amazing Chilliwack residents by revealing the treasures and discovering the secrets hidden in their attics and basements last season, Peter Blundell of Blundell Art and Antique Appraisals will be returning to the Cultural Centre for a third time for *Antiques in the Attic* again this fall! On **October 17 & 18, 2014**, Peter will be offering his skills and knowledge as a professional antiques appraiser to patrons who wish to find out what those old paintings hanging on the wall are really worth. From ornaments and artwork, to pottery, collectibles, and even furniture, Peter is able to tell you whether those old hand-me-downs have more than sentimental value!

We've all heard about those lucky folks who find a thousand dollar painting in the attic, or an old family heirloom that had a hidden story behind it, so why not get exploring those dusty corners of

the house and see what artifacts you can unearth. You never know, there might be more than spiders hidden in there! Even a painting bought 20 years ago may have increased in value more than you expect, so here is the chance to find out if that impulse buy has turned out to be a big investment.

Peter's passion for antiques has taken him from his home in the UK to reside in Vancouver, and as you can imagine he's seen a lot of interesting items along the way! "We've had people bring in suits of armour, items from historical carnivals, and even people bringing in centuries-old souvenirs made by sailors on their travels around the world" he tells us. "You never know what you're going to see, and that's even more exciting with an event like this where anybody can walk in the door and add a new element of surprise!" Of course, not every item is quite as exotic as Peter's most memorable appraisals, and he especially enjoys looking into the history and value of pieces of art and silverware no matter how big or small. Peter's friendly and inquisitive nature makes these events especially relaxed and enjoyable, as reflected in comments by attendees of our previous events! "I enjoyed *Antiques in the Attic* because I felt it was very casual, making people feel comfortable about anything that was brought in no matter how small or insignificant it seemed" commented one patron. "I would encourage any of my friends and acquaintances to attend and take their valuables."

With expertise in North American and European Art, Furniture, Silver, Porcelain, Pottery, Collectibles, and early Kerosene Lighting, and a portable library full of details on all these treasures and more. Peter shares his incredible knowledge with our patrons. Unfortunately items such as jewelry, coins, stamps, guns, or wristwatches are not able to be appraised.

This event will be open to the public to both come and watch and participate. Peter's years of experience and knowledge in professional appraisal is now available for booking 15 minute sessions,

costing \$40. Peter is able to appraise up to three items in each slot, although more detailed items may require a full session for proper inspection. If you've got a treasure trove hidden away though, don't worry! Guests can book multiple sessions so you don't have to pick between your items. Why not gather up your artwork and antiques and head on down to the Cultural Centre between 10:00am and 5:00pm on **October 17 & 18!** Find out what secrets you have hidden away with ***Antiques in the Attic!*** Call our Box Office today on 604-391-SHOW(7469) to book your session!

These are verbal opinions on value, not official appraisals, and will not be suitable for insurance purposes. Assessment of all items is subject to the 15-minute time constraint for a fee of \$40 per session. Multiple appointments may be booked.

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Additional Information

Peter Blundell Appraisal Official Website
<http://www.blundellartandantiques.com/>

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Chilliwack Cultural Centre

Owned by the City of Chilliwack, the Cultural Centre houses two unique performance venues, an art gallery, music instruction studios, arts and crafts studios, meeting rooms, offices, and is home to the Chilliwack Academy of Music and the Chilliwack Art Gallery. Since opening in 2010, over 188,000 tickets have been sold through the Centre Box Office, with a value exceeding 2,600,000. The Centre is overseen by The Chilliwack Arts & Cultural Centre Society on behalf of the City, and boasts The Chilliwack Academy of Music, The Chilliwack Visual Artists Association and The Chilliwack Players Guild as partners.

Chilliwack Cultural Centre highlights:

- 597 seat performance theatre
- 168 seat recital hall / rehearsal space / dance studio / meeting space
- Chilliwack Art gallery (22-foot high display area)
- 21 music instructional rooms
- Arts and crafts studios
- Storage and Archival Resource Room

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