

How do I have a work of art appraised or conserved?

Art Appraisals

Museum personnel do not appraise works of art or recommend individual appraisers because of a potential conflict of interest. However, to locate an appraiser that matches your needs, call or visit the websites of the following professional associations:

American Society of Appraisers (ASA)
800.272.8258
www.appraisers.org

International Society of Appraisers (ISA)
312.981.6778
www.isa-appraisers.org

Appraisers Association of America (AAA)
212.889.5404
www.appraisersassoc.org

While an initial discussion may be complimentary, appraisers charge for their services. Consider researching similar objects before hiring an appraiser. For your use, the Hirsch Library subscribes to auction databases that indicate current market values. In addition, [contact](#) the reference desk for help with your research.

Personal art objects are not allowed in the museum or the library. However, you may bring photographs, sketches, or other documentation to aid your research.

Local Branches of Auction Houses include:

Christie's
713.802.0191
www.christie's.com

Sotheby's
713.594.8874
www.Sotheby's.com