

Why Should You Have Your Quilt Appraised?

By Jennifer Perkins

If you should lose your quilt through theft, fire, careless shippers, or any other reason, your insurance company would reimburse you the cost of a blanket without an appraisal proving a higher value. Insurance companies, shippers, and quilt shows require a written appraisal to prove more than a minimum value. The value of an antique quilt is figured on what it would cost to replace it with another quilt of similar age, condition and quality. A newer quilt is figured on what it would cost to remake the quilt by buying new fabric and hiring a maker and quilter with similar skills to yours. For this reason, newer quilts usually appraise at a much higher value than many antique quilts. A quiltmaker's fame and awards won by a quilt also increase its value. An uncommon pattern, workmanship, and age will increase the value of an antique quilt, as well interesting provenance such as 'this belonged to Abe Lincoln.' Any bed size quilt is worth appraising. Small wall quilts are usually not cost effective to appraise, unless they are highly detailed, antique crib or doll quilts, or Art Quilts.

Quilt Appraisals at the Show

Jennifer Perkins will be appraising quilts at the show on Friday and Saturday. Jennifer is an NQA certified quilt judge and has been appraising quilts since taking the AQS Appraisal courses in 1998 and 2008. Quilts hanging in the show can be appraised and can be done with the maker there or not as you choose. Sign up for a time which will be convenient for you on the registration form. A pre-appraisal form to fill out and bring with you will be mailed or emailed to you upon payment of your fee on the registration form. The cost is \$35 for a written appraisal taking about ½ hour, and \$10 for a verbal appraisal taking about 10 min. Only written appraisals can be used for insurance purposes. Part of the appraisal fee will be rebated back to the Iowa Quilters Guild.

Appraisal Registration Form

Pre Appraisal Form(s) will be sent upon registration

Send to: Jennifer Perkins, 1202 College Blvd., Harlan, IA 51537, (712-755-5383)

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Are you having a quilt hanging in the show appraised? Yes/No

Preferred time for appraisal (Circle as many as will work)

Fri. a.m.

Fri. p.m.

Sat. a.m.

Sat. p.m.

Written appraisal

Number

Total

Antique Quilt \$35

Newer Quilt \$35

Verbal Appraisal \$10

Total
