

Appraisal Day for Fine Art and Outsider Art at the Bruce Museum

*Appraisers from Rago Arts & Auction to offer complimentary evaluations
to the public on Saturday, June 15, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm*



Elaine Frances Sturtevant, *Warhol's Marilyn Monroe*, courtesy Rago's Auctions.

GREENWICH, CT, May 24, 2019 – Following a highly successful appraisal event for heirloom jewelry and other collectible accessories at the Bruce Museum in February, a team of expert appraisers from Rago Arts & Auction Center returns to the Bruce on Saturday, June 15, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

The search this time around is for paintings, prints, photographs and “outsider art,” as well as unusual curiosities such as scientific/botanical models and spiritual/mystical art and objects.

The appraisals are open to Museum members and the public free of charge, though reservations are required. To make an appointment for an appraisal, contact Jennifer Pitman, Rago’s senior account manager for Connecticut and Westchester, at 917-745-2730 or jenny@ragoarts.com. Rago will donate a portion of its commission on property consigned from the Appraisal Day event to the Bruce Museum.



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“While fine art evaluations are well understood, people may not be familiar with the term ‘outsider art,’” says Pitman. The category generally refers to self-taught or naïve art makers who are unconnected with the mainstream art world or institutions and who create works of personal expression apart from any conventional practice or style.

It’s a hot market, to be sure,” says Pitman.

“Rago is in search of outsider and self-taught art by, among others James Castle, William Edmondson, Minnie Evans, Howard Finster, Madge Gill, Lee Godie, William Hawkins, Morris Hirshfield, Lonnie Holley, Clementine Hunter, Martín Ramírez, Royal Robertson, Jon Serl, Bill Traylor, George Widener, Adolf Wölfli, and Purvis Young,” she explains.

Rago is also interested in appraising uncommon objects, including articulated mannequins, sideshow and carnival figures and signage, automata, Victorian taxidermy, and amusing erotica. The property consigned at the Bruce Museum Appraisal Day will be included in Rago’s Curiouser and Curiouser Auction on October 22, 2019. Consigned fine art will be included in Rago’s art auctions on November 9, 2019.

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About the Bruce Museum

The Bruce Museum is located in a park setting just off I-95, exit 3, at 1 Museum Drive in Greenwich, Connecticut. The Museum is also a 5-minute walk from the Metro-North Greenwich Station. The Museum is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm; closed Mondays and major holidays. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students with ID, and free for members and children less than five years. Individual admission is free on Tuesday. Free on-site parking is available and the Museum is accessible to individuals with disabilities. For additional information, call the Bruce Museum at 203-869-0376 or visit brucemuseum.org.

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