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[Museum Road Show Returns for
Summer Edition](#)

Columbia, S.C. --- Was that oil painting you found at an estate sale painted by an Old Master or just a clever copy? Is the antique silver teapot and sugar tongs left to you by great-aunt Mildred really the work of Paul Revere? Will your collection of vintage Barbie dolls finance your son's college education? Curious guests will have their chance to find out about all kinds of artifacts, collectibles, antiques and heirlooms as the South Carolina State Museum presents the summer edition of one of its most popular events, the Museum Road Show, on Saturday, July 16.

Inspired by PBS' "Antiques Road Show," the program will offer informal (verbal) appraisals of a variety of objects from 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (ticket sales are from 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.). South Carolina experts and their specialties include: Dawn Corley, the Charleston Silver Lady (silver and antique jewelry), Frank Sarnowski (generalist, furniture and decorative arts), Maree Dowdey (textiles and dolls), Miller Gaffney (fine and decorative art), Steve Ferrell (pottery), Sharon Campbell (fine art), Dr. Jack Meyer (coins, currency, military weapons and memorabilia), Ron Bridwell (books and documents), and conservation and preservation experts

Crawford Conservation. State Museum curators also will be available for general discussion, but will not give appraisals.

“The Museum Road Show is, without a doubt, the event guests look forward to all year,” said Meika Samuel, director of operations. “The Road Show gives guests the opportunity to learn more about that antique heirloom they inherited or that collectible item they found in a flea market for 99 cents. Our local experts can offer historical perspective of the items as well as an approximate monetary value. There are some great stories out there!”

Tickets are \$20 for the first item (\$15 for Museum members), \$30 for 2 items (\$25 members), \$35 for 3 items (\$30 members) and \$40 for 4 items (\$35 members). There is a limit of four items per person. Tickets are non-refundable and will be available at the Will Call desk on the day of the event.

Participants are responsible for moving objects from their vehicles to the museum’s Atrium (where the event will occur) and back again. The museum assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to any object.

For more information, call (803) 898-4952 or e-mail publicprograms@scmuseum.org.
For pre-registration, call (803) 898-4999.

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CUTLINE FOR MUSEUM ROAD SHOW

Items from war artifacts to paintings to jewelry to dolls, textiles and more will be verbally appraised by experts July 16 at the South Carolina State Museum's semi-annual "Museum Road Show." More information can be found on the museum's Web site,

www.southcarolinastatemuseum.org.

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