

**A (Net) worth-y cause
TCM Jubilee to feature antique appraisers**



Sam Kissee of Chico will have a team of antique appraisers at the 32nd Annual Tehama County Museum Jubilee to support the Museum and help members of the public discover the background and value of their special family heirlooms.

On September 7, 2013, from 10:30am to 2:30pm, the Tehama County Museum will feature Antique Appraisal by Sam Kissee and his team of appraisers at its 32nd Annual Jubilee fund raiser celebration.

What is the difference between a valuable antique and a piece of junk? That question is on anybody's mind who is faced with cleaning out the garage, the basement, the attic or the barn. Sometimes it's a matter of age; sometimes it's a matter of rarity; sometimes it's a matter of perception. Whatever the situation, it is a primary reason those places don't get cleaned out – we just don't know whether there is net worth beyond what a yard sale would bring in. If you see yourself in this characterization, the Tehama County Museum can offer some help when Sam Kissee and his team of professional appraisers will convene in the Marty Graffell Annex.

TCM Board President Chris Bauer explained, "For a \$5 per item donation to the Museum, these appraisers will provide more than just an appraisal, they will provide background information and context so folks can better determine how extensive their unexpected windfall might be. I was skeptical when they told me that my grandfather's antique fountain pen was worth \$1300, so I asked them to prove it – which they did, right out of the resource book. The highest value of an item brought in to our event was a \$24,000 blanket rooted in Native American history. These appraisers have been supporting the Museum in this manner for many years, and it's really an act of love because all of the money generated by their work goes directly to benefit the Museum. We'd like to see those garages and barns get some attention before September 7th."

Sam Kissee is the proverbial "local boy made good." He went through the local schools beginning with Lassen View Elementary in Dairyville, and he developed a passion for collecting bottles with his dad, Archie Kissee. This led to a career as an antique dealer in Chico, California where he is a respected member of the antiques community. He has developed many contacts to cover the wide gamut of items folks bring in for appraisal, and the appraisal team will be comprised of those contacts.

The Tehama County Museum is located at 275 C Street in the City of Tehama and can be reached by phone at 384-2595 or by e-mail at tcmuse@tehama.net. The Museum is open Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 4pm.