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# "WHAT'S MY ANTIQUE WORTH?"

**Q** I have an antique that I inherited from my mother-in-law, and need to know its real worth for insurance purposes. How can I go about finding out its value?

**A** Unless you are lucky enough to score an appearance on Antiques Roadshow, which is rather unlikely, you'll have to go to a professional appraiser. There are two societies of appraisers in the US, and if you contact them, they can give you a referral. The ASA (American Society of Appraisers) is in Herndon, VA. Their phone number is (703) 478-2228. You can also contact them online at <http://www.appraisers.org/>. The other group is closer to home. The ISA (International Society of Appraisers) is in Renton, WA, and their phone number is 206-241-0359. You can reach them online at [www/isa-appraisers.org/](http://www/isa-appraisers.org/) Before you take the plunge, steel yourself in case the truth is disappointing. You'd be surprised how many "valuable antiques" are neither.