ANNUAL ANTIQUE APPRASAL

DAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2012

The New Holstein Historical Society has announced plans for its annual Antique Appraisal Day.

The 2012 event is slated for Saturday, Feb. 11 at the New Holstein Community Center in Kiwanis Park, 1725 Silver Moon Lane on the east side of Kiwanis Park. Doors will open at 9 a.m. with the appraisals being given until 3 p.m.

Two well-known appraisers, both veterans of the Historical Society’s annual event, will be on hand to identify and put an estimated value on those “whatsits” and heirlooms you have always been curious about. Gordon Kirsten, of Grafton, and Lee Bernard of Jackson, are the appraisers.

Kirsten, buys and sells antiques at his shop in Grafton, and has been conducting appraisals for several decades. His million dollar inventory includes period and country furniture, lighting, glass and porcelain, postcards, and American Indian and fine art. Bernard notes his areas of expertise as decorative arts, dolls, toys, china, bottles and primitives. He owns Lee Bernard Antiques in Jackson and is vice president of the Wisconsin Antique Dealers Association (WADA) and is chairman of their show committee. Kirsten is also active in the WADA, serving as a member of the organization’s Board of Directors.

Fees for the appraisals will be $5 for a single item or three items for $10. New Holstein Society members receive an added bonus with their membership. NHHS members are entitled to four items appraised for the $10 fee.

In addition to the appraisals, lunch also will be available. Burgers, brats, traditional chili, and white (chicken) chili will be highlighted. In addition, beverages and homemade pies (by the slice or whole) are on the menu for the event. Even if you don’t have an item for appraisal, you are welcome to join us for a mid-winter brat fry. Lunch will be served from approximately 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Proceeds from this annual event are used by the Historical Society to operate the Timm House and Pioneer Corner Museum as well as fund other local history preservation projects.