ANTIQUE APPRAISAL DAY SET

The New Holstein Historical Society has announced the date for its annual Antique Appraisal Day. The event will be held on Saturday, February 9th at the Community Center, 1725 Silver Moon Lane (East side of Kiwanis Park) in New Holstein. From 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., two highly qualified antique dealers will be present to review objects , provide approximate age, present an appraised value, and offer other pertinent history.

Returning this year as a guest appraiser is Gordon Kirsten, who with his wife Judy, operate Gordon’s Antiques in Grafton, WI. Located in a historic barn, Kirsten displays a million dollar inventory of furniture, lighting, glass, porcelain, postcards, American Indian and fine art. He has been in the antiques business for nearly 40 years and has established himself for several decades as an expert appraiser throughout the Mid-West. Kirsten is on the board of directors of the Wisconsin Antique Dealers Association (WADA), the oldest, continually-functioning state antiques organization in America.

Also slated for attendance on Feb. 9 is Lee Bernard, Vice-President of WADA. Bernard and his wife Roxanne operate Bernard Antiques in Jackson, WI. He is chairman of WADA’s twice annual show educational exhibit and is in charge of strictly reviewing all antique displays. Bernard conducted appraisals in the Sheboygan, Kewaskum, and Cedarburg areas in recent years. His expertise includes decorative arts, dolls, toys, china, bottles, and primitives.

The Appraisal event also includes a welcome mid-winter brat and hamburger fry-out. Food will be available from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and in addition to the sandwiches, includes traditional and white (chicken) chili, homemade pies (whole or by slice), and beverages. Even if you don’t have an item to be appraised, feel free to come and enjoy the food, and watch the interesting items being evaluated.

The cost is $5.00 for one item to be appraised, or $10.00 for 3 items. New Holstein Historical Society members receive a membership benefit of having 4 items appraised for $10.00. All proceeds from this annual event help fund the Timm House and Pioneer Corner Museum as well as other local history preservation projects.