



Why should I have my quilt appraised?

Do you feel it is worth more than a blanket from the Mega-Mart?

Picture this: You have a quilt or quilted garment in the back seat of the car. You are on your way to the post office or FedEx to ship your quilt to the quilt show or send the newly completed quilt to your daughter for your new grandchild. You stop off for a moment at the grocery store to pick up a roll of tape to close your box and when you return your car has been broken into and the box with your prized quilted item is GONE....

OR...

Typical Spring weather, thunderstorms with a tornado watch that has just turned into a tornado warning and the sirens are blaring. Off to the storm cellar... Later you emerge to find your roof damaged by a tree that has fallen on your house and your collection of antique quilts, many of them family heirlooms, soaked and ruined before your eyes.

In either case the first thing you think to do is call the insurance agent and report the theft or damage. When he shows up he asks what the items were and their worth, and "Can you prove it?" Without a written appraisal by a qualified appraiser certified in the area of quilts and quilted textiles you have nothing but bedding or fabric. Typically the insurance companies will allow you \$50 at best!!

Why do you need a quilt appraised?

- ◆ To establish a replacement value for insurance purposes
- ◆ For protection when the quilt is shipped to quilt shows or individuals
- ◆ To provide value to a quilt show that requires insurance and/or an appraisal for their insurance coverage
- ◆ To determine the value for a donation, gift or estate purposes for the IRS (including property settlements in the case of a divorce).
- ◆ To purchase a "Fine Arts Floater" insurance endorsement to your Homeowners policy
- ◆ A thoughtful addition to a new quilt given as a gift
- ◆ To inform your family that Grandmother's quilt is indeed a family heirloom and a thing of value
- ◆ To establish a "fair market value" for selling your quilt

Laura Hobby Syler, AQS Certified Appraiser of Quilted Textiles and member of PAAQT, will be appraising at The Golden Triangle Quilt Guilds' 2010 quilt show "KREWE OF QUILTS", February 12-13. Appraisals will be by appointment with walk-ins accepted only as time allows.

Please contact PJ Broussard at 409-988-1259 for further information or to schedule an appointment.

