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**History Center and KDKA-TV to Host Eighth Annual  
Pittsburgh's Hidden Treasures Appraisal Event on Aug. 30**  
*-More than 30 professional appraisers and conservators, including an expert from the  
Smithsonian Institution, will meet with visitors at this year's event-*

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 17, 2015 – Visitors are encouraged to bring their most prized possessions to the Senator John Heinz History Center and meet with professional appraisers at the eighth annual **Pittsburgh's Hidden Treasures** event with **KDKA-TV** on **Sunday, Aug. 30**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

More than 30 appraisers will assess the historical significance of visitors' items and provide a verbal assessment of potential monetary value.

KDKA-TV's Dave Crawley, Mary Robb Jackson, and Lynne Hayes-Freeland will roam the History Center seeking the most interesting items for interviews. Unique items will be featured as part of special 30 minute programs on KDKA-TV later this year, hosted by KDKA's Ken Rice and History Center President and CEO Andy Masich.

Appraisers at the **Pittsburgh's Hidden Treasures** event have expert knowledge on a variety of antique items, including books, china, coins, collectibles, furniture, glass, jewelry, paintings, militaria, photographs, quilts, silver, sports memorabilia, toys, and much more.

In addition to the appraisals, Manda Kowalczyk from the Smithsonian Institution's National Postal Museum and experts from the History Center's new Museum Conservation Center will be on hand at the event to provide tips on how to preserve visitors' items.

George Washington and Rosie the Riveter re-enactors will interact with visitors, who are encouraged to tour the museum's six floors of exhibit space, including the History Center's new ***We Can Do It! WWII*** exhibition. Featuring more than 275 rare artifacts, four jeeps, stunning photography, interactive displays, and immersive museum settings, the 10,000-square-foot ***We Can Do It!*** exhibit explores Pittsburgh's incredible impact on the home, industrial, and battle fronts during World War II.

The **Pittsburgh's Hidden Treasures** event is free for History Center members and included with regular admission for non-members: \$16 for adults, \$14 for seniors (age 62+), \$6.50 for students and children (age 6-17), and free for children (age 5 and under).

**Special Access for History Center Members**

During the **Pittsburgh's Hidden Treasures** event on Aug. 30, History Center members will be allowed to enter the event at 9 a.m., one hour before the museum opens to the public, to attend a special "members only" appraisal session. During this session, History Center members will have exclusive access to meet with professional appraisers and conservators.

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For more information about becoming a History Center member, please contact Shirley Gaudette at 412-454-6436 or [sagaudette@heinzhistorycenter.org](mailto:sagaudette@heinzhistorycenter.org). Representatives from the History Center's membership department will also be on hand throughout the event.

**The Senator John Heinz History Center**, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and the largest history museum in Pennsylvania, presents American history with a Western Pennsylvania connection. The Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum is a museum within a museum, comprehensively presenting the region's remarkable sports story through hundreds of artifacts and interactive experiences for visitors of all ages. The History Center and Sports Museum are located at 1212 Smallman Street in the city's Strip District, and are open every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The History Center's museum system includes the Sports Museum; the Fort Pitt Museum in historic Point State Park; and Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, a National Historic Landmark located in Avella, Pa. in Washington County. More information is available at [www.heinzhistorycenter.org](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org).



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Visitors to Pittsburgh's Hidden Treasures on Aug. 30 can meet with professionals from the History Center's new Museum Conservation Center and learn more about the conservation services offered to the public.

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