

Business Person Profile

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What is your job?

Certified Appraiser of Antiques and Residential Contents.

What was your first job?

Medical Laboratory Technologist, Henry Ford Hospital

What inspired you to choose your career?

My interest in Antiques and having several pieces in our home that was given to my husband and me from family.

What is your favorite aspect of your career?

Meeting new clients, browsing through their collections and helping them to identify and understand the importance of the antique or collectible item(s) and offering assistance based on their needs. One of the most unusual pieces I ever appraised was a wooden prototype model of the London Bridge encased in glass that had previously been on display in a London museum. Although my favorite "Antique's Road Show" like discovery was when I noticed a dusty oriental vase with silk flowers on a fireplace hearth in a client's home that turned out to be worth \$15,000 - \$20,000. The client later donated the vase to the Smithsonian.

What is your greatest challenge? Greatest challenge is moving forward in making Nostalgia Antique Appraisal Services one of the best appraisal services in Michigan for antiques and personal property.

What are you most proud of? My accomplishments as an entrepreneur, mother, wife, and educator.

Describe your management style...

My working style is basically being task oriented to point of putting more time in my work and less time for me. I have a very non-confrontational style when it comes to interpersonal qualities, at the same time, being direct with diplomacy.

When not working, I am ...spending time with my husband Clarence, family, and friends as well as reading a new book or listening to music or volunteering at my church.

I Splurge on...Networking and work

I Scrimp on...Exercise

Coke or Pepsi? Pepsi