

Antique Chairs Preserve History

Antique chairs carry with them, stories of our past. Prior generations, in their wisdom, cared for and preserved the history these chairs symbolize, the history they themselves were part of. Now we, as well, can enjoy and be grateful for the proud traditions and skilled craftsmanship that went into building these chairs. We can reminisce and imagine the tale of life they compose that brings warmth to our heart and sometimes a tear to our eye... of special occasions - births, graduations, weddings, and partings.

Antique chairs are the products of master builders who loved their skill. The pride and consideration to detail that went into building these assets is evident. Incongruously, it's due to these long-forgotten ideals that we may enjoy and grasp these remnants of a simpler, unsullied time.

Finding Antique Chairs

Antique chairs can be found almost anywhere. Your Grandmother most likely still has her old kitchen set, stored in the attic, in-appropriate for the current style of her updated kitchen. Another place to look may be yard sales. People are often trying to clean out old stuff, many times antique chairs, in order to make way for the new belongings they eventually replace it with.

Still another place and probably the easiest is an ad in the local newspaper. Once more, people sometimes just need the space and want to clean up the clutter. Lots of times, real bargains are there for the taking because these people either don't know the worth of the items they're parting with or can't be troubled with the effort required to restore it or just don't have the time.

Paying Too Much

On the higher end, you can usually find quality pieces on auction in places like Sotheby's and Christie's Auction Houses. They're famous for their 5, 6 and even 7 figure auctions selling off the wares of their upscale clients. The owners of these items usually do know the value of their antiques. Myself, I'll stick to the yard sales and Grandmas attic!

Today's World

Because of today's tools, mainly the internet and specialty cable TV shows, information about antique chairs and antiques is plentiful and obtainable to practically anyone who cares to know. The information is just a point and click away! Pictures, history, appraisals...anything you might need to educate yourself about a particular piece.

Antiques For Your Home

No one can deny, for charm and atmosphere, antique chairs are the hand-down choice for a room or an entire house. Exceptionally well cut out for single piece additions are chairs from the Victorian Era. Well noted for its typically huge and elaborately designed furniture, its stability is evident in its size, construction and weight. Although fabric and woven fiber chairs are classic, wood is the preferred material. Wood is a much more forgiving and durable material than say paper wicker - a man-made fibrous material, rolled or twisted to look and behave like rope.

For the dining room, mission chairs bring charm and comfort. They can be used at the dining table or placed off to the side and will take their place smugly with their backs held high. With a little care, these chairs will last generations and need only to be cleaned and occasionally polished.

True Or False

Just visiting yard sales or answering ads in the local paper isn't a assurance that the antique that's for sale is quite what you're looking for or is actually even antique. Even though duplication is unachievable very close replicas are more copious than the antiques they masquerade as. There are certain tell-tale signs for the would-be buyer to watch for.

- If a seller has all the chairs of a matching set, this should cause you to raise at least one eyebrow. I won't say it never happens but to find a complete matching set of a very valuable antique is a rare event.
- Multiple items - like above but the seller doesn't claim them to be a matching set.
- If the word antique or Victorian is overused in an ad...raise the other eyebrow. The seller may be trying to convince you (or himself) that he has authentic antique chairs.

Armed with this information and your own exploration, you should have minute trouble in your search for authentic and valuable antiques.

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