

# Jewelry History Series - Third Year in a Row!

U. S. Antique Shows is once again offering the Jewelry History Series two days before the original Miami Beach Antique Show, January 26-27, 2016.

This conference provides a discussion of jewelry from different viewpoints, tours of selected booths prior to the opening of the show, and an unparalleled networking opportunity.

Seat belts will be provided to time travel from History of Diamonds in Jewelry to Jewelry, from Pearls to Platinum to Plastic in just two days time! Also included are presentations on jewelry from 1970 to 1990, synthetics in antique jewelry, French courtesans, Oscar Heyman & Bros., kingfisher feather jewelry, modernist jewelry, historically inspired jewelry - this is jewelry history at its best!

Day 1 will end with a trip to the local movie theater to view the award-winning documentary, *Sharing The Rough*. The film captures the never before seen process of mine to market in the fine gem industry including the relationships and passion that make jewelry more than just pretty stones. Transportation to and from the theater will be provided.

Day 2 will end with a special Pre-Show Tour of The Original Miami Beach Antique Show floor to select booths, highlighting some of the magnificent pieces available. This tour will allow you to be the one of the FIRST to see the show before it opens!

Cost to attend is \$350 for both days of the series. For those only able to attend a portion of the series, we are offering a 1-day admission for \$200. Finally, for those who



have obligations later in the day, we are offering a "Mornings Only" option for \$200. This option allows our exhibitors to attend the morning sessions each day while giving them time in the afternoon to set up their booth. All Registration Packages include admission to The Original Miami Beach Antique Show for all five days. [www.MiamiBeachAntiquesShow.com](http://www.MiamiBeachAntiquesShow.com) is now available for registration.

## The New Personal Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria - 2018

### What does it mean for you?

The times they are a changin' as Bob Dylan proposed in song half a century ago (man am I feeling creaky!), and the only thing that's constant is change, as Heraclitus rattled off around 500BCE, so no one should be surprised that the education criteria for personal property appraisers has been revisited and revised recently by the Appraisal Qualifications Board (AQB) of The Appraisal Foundation (TAF).

How does that affect you, as a National Association of Jewelry Appraiser member, or senior member, or Certified Senior Member, or Certified Master Appraiser? The bottom line answer is...it really doesn't! You will not lose your designation. There. Breathe easy. Well, sort of easy. There is a small part that does affect you, but you were probably already aware of it. You still have to participate with continuing education, and update your USPAP education. So for any current member of NAJA, other than a CANDIDATE MEMBER, you needn't panic. Once you have established yourself in the NAJA at the "MEMBER" level or higher by January 1, 2018, you will not have to meet the newer established education requirements.

Understanding and adhering to the most current edition of USPAP is mandatory for everyone who says they are compliant with USPAP. If you belong to one of the non-profit appraisal organizations that are sponsors of The Appraisal Foundation, such as ASA, AAA, RICS, ISA, the BORG, etc. (you'll recognize your acronym), you **must** comply with this requirement by taking an AQB/TAF officially administered

class. As voluntary adherents of USPAP, we in the NAJA comply with updating our knowledge of the most current edition of USPAP, but we **do not have to take the official course**. One way or the other, we must stay current with the latest version of USPAP. Resistance is futile.

Regarding USPAP (no, we're not done quite yet...) and those members belonging to an organization that sponsors The Appraisal Foundation, once you have taken the 15 hour course at least once (as required), it is to your advantage to take the 7 hour course from thence onward, unless you really like spending two full days of your time, more of your money, and you love to take exams. The 7 hour course which is specifically designed for Personal Property, as opposed to the "National USPAP Course", which focuses on Real Property, is the one you want to sign up for, because it only takes one day, it costs less, and it has no exam! It also focuses on topics relevant to your field, and specifically to the changes in USPAP over the last two years. This is exactly what you need! How do you make it happen? Your executive director is developing strategies as we speak to facilitate the ability of our membership to meet this "USPAP Every Two Year" requirement. The official course must be taught by an AQB qualified USPAP instructor.

Then there are the CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS, from which there is no escape. But we all know that continuing education is the backbone of being a professional in a field that is ever changing. The requirements are seventy (70) hours of continuing education every

five (5) years, twenty (20) of which must be related to valuation theory. No great surprise there. Some of those hours (at least fourteen) will be satisfied by your USPAP requirements, if you take the official class or one provided by NAJA (not if you just brush up on your own).

So that sums up the real impact of the AQB education requirements for the majority of established NAJA members. Now what about CANDIDATE MEMBERS? If a candidate member cannot meet the current AQB education requirements for membership by January 1st, 2018, they will be responsible to meet the newly established standards before they qualify for membership. The Appraisal Foundation has laid out these 2018 requirements quite clearly in their newly available booklet, aptly titled, "THE PERSONAL PROPERTY APPRAISER QUALIFICATION CRITERIA", which is easily downloaded from The Appraisal Foundation website. You can even download the 1998 criteria, if you are nostalgic, at [http://www.appraisalfoundation.org/imis/TAF/Standards/Qualification\\_Criteria/Qualification\\_Criteria\\_PP\\_TAF/AQB\\_PPAQC.aspx?hkey=36f481cc-8629-47fa-9584-e2dd7f702e88](http://www.appraisalfoundation.org/imis/TAF/Standards/Qualification_Criteria/Qualification_Criteria_PP_TAF/AQB_PPAQC.aspx?hkey=36f481cc-8629-47fa-9584-e2dd7f702e88)

One last note that could snag you, if in your present documents you state that you are in compliance with the current AQB minimum *Criteria*, when the *new* criteria go into effect January 1, 2018, will you *really* still be in compliance? Don't wait to be asked this question under oath. Change your boiler plate!

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