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NOTE: Interviews with series Executive Producer Patrick Keegan are available. In addition, July episode photos and the series logo are available to download from MPT's Dropbox [HERE](#).

July episodes of MPT's *Chesapeake Collectibles* feature captivating treasures and intriguing stories

Twelfth season of popular weekly show continues with new episodes through August

OWINGS MILLS, MD—Maryland Public Television's popular original series [Chesapeake Collectibles](#), in its 12th season, is heating up in July with four new episodes featuring captivating treasures and the intriguing stories attached to each item.

Chesapeake Collectibles episodes are broadcast on MPT-HD and available on the [MPT livestream](#) on Mondays at 7:30 p.m., immediately preceding the acclaimed PBS series *Antiques Roadshow*. Viewers can also find full episodes of the series anytime on [MPT's online video player](#) and the free [PBS app](#).



Encore broadcasts of episodes air on Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. on MPT2 and the [MPT2 livestream](#). A preview of the season is available at youtube.com/watch?v=oZ66CdfbBL8.

One of MPT's most successful flagship series, *Chesapeake Collectibles*, showcases items from around the world brought to the show by individuals from across the Chesapeake region. During each episode, passionate collectors have their unique, antique, and collectible possessions evaluated by expert appraisers, who reveal fascinating facts about each item's history, provenance, and value.

Among July episode highlights are a letter from Fort McHenry's commander requesting the flag that would inspire The Star-Spangled Banner, memorabilia from the Crystal Caverns jazz club in Washington, D.C., documents offering a glimpse into a Jewish family's fight to flee Nazi Germany, and a collection of manuscripts that reveal a guest's professional and personal connection to bestselling author Tom Clancy.

CHESAPEAKE COLLECTIBLES - JULY EPISODE SUMMARIES

Episode 6 (premieres on July 7): Memorabilia from the Crystal Caverns jazz club in Washington, D.C. wows an appraiser. An armored breastplate made from buffalo bone proves as exotic as its origins. A painting of a school in Baltimore sparks a lively conversation. A trio of needlework samplers illustrates techniques native to Maryland. And a vintage stereo camera has a Kodak moment of its own.

Episode 7 (premieres on July 14): A letter from the commander of Fort McHenry requesting a flag reveals the origins of The Star-Spangled Banner. A thrift store find turns out to be the work of noted American artist Gerrit Beneker. A collection of intricately carved walking canes tells a story through folk art. An appraiser is enchanted by the beauty of a Persian rug. And, a towering ecclesiastical candelabra traces a journey across continents before finding a home in Maryland.

Episode 8 (premieres on July 21): The interior of a pocket watch contains a surprise. A collector reveals the sartorial style he once shared with astronaut John Glenn. An appraiser unpacks the complex history stitched into a family quilt. A cigarette case tells the story of an obscure theater of World War II. And a set of documents offers a glimpse into a Jewish family's fight to flee Nazi Germany.

Episode 9 (premieres on July 28): A trio of original sketches brings Peanuts comic strip favorites Woodstock, Snoopy, and Charlie Brown to life. A collection of manuscripts reveals a guest's professional and personal connection to bestselling author Tom Clancy. A curated trove of kitsch reflects changing tastes in home décor. And a young collector gains new appreciation for a cherished family heirloom.

For more information about how to register for the show's Season 13 taping weekend on October 4-5, visit chesapeakecollectibles.com. The event takes place at the Irene and Edward H. Kaplan Production Studio on MPT's Owings Mills campus.

The website also features the series' *Talkin' Collectibles* blog, found at mpt.org/blogs/chesapeake-collectibles/.

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