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Registration is now open for MPT's *Chesapeake Collectibles* season 14 taping event in October

*Slots will fill quickly for memorabilia and antiques evaluations by expert appraisers
for possible appearances on popular weekly public TV series*

OWINGS MILLS, MD – [Maryland Public Television](http://MarylandPublicTelevision.org) is looking for collectors from across the Mid-Atlantic region who want to share stories of their prized possessions at a two-day taping event for its popular weekly series *Chesapeake Collectibles*. The event takes place on October 3 and 4 at the statewide public TV network's Owings Mills, Maryland studios.

Chesapeake Collectibles has entertained, surprised, and enlightened MPT viewers for more than a decade. Each season, taping event guests meet with expert appraisers to learn more about their family heirlooms, flea market finds, and cherished collectibles. The most interesting items and stories are selected for evaluation in front of the MPT cameras, resulting in priceless moments as guests share their tales, discover the histories of their items, and receive an answer to the all-consuming question: *How much is it worth?*



Appraiser Dennis Harter (center) in conversation with a guest during the season 13 taping event

The recording of segments featuring appraisers and collectors discussing their treasured items will provide *Chesapeake Collectibles* producers and editors with the content needed to develop 13 episodes for the series' 14th season, which will premiere in 2027.

Paid registration is required to attend. The cost is \$135 and includes verbal evaluations of up to three items by a team of experienced appraisers and a chance to be selected to appear on the show. It also includes a one-year membership to MPT.

Registration and attendance details are available on the *Chesapeake Collectibles* website at <https://mptevents.regfox.com/chesapeake-collectibles-s14>. Walk-ins cannot be accommodated because of occupancy limits.

"The diversity of our region's population is reflected in the wide range of items we see every year – from tin toys to tintypes, portraits to purses, and first editions to NASA mission artifacts. Sometimes we think we've seen it all, and then someone walks in with President John F. Kennedy's key to the city of Havre de Grace, or the still blood-stained diary of a Civil War soldier. I cannot wait to see what our guests dig out of their attics and cabinets this year," says Patrick Keegan, *Chesapeake Collectibles* executive producer.

In October 2025, nearly 1,000 people from across the Chesapeake Bay region brought their cherished collectibles to MPT to have them evaluated during the two-day taping of the series' 13th season, which premieres Monday, June 1, at 7:30 p.m. on MPT, the [MPT livestream](#), and the free [PBS app](#).

Past series episodes can be viewed online anytime at video.mpt.tv/show/chesapeake-collectibles/ and pbs.org/show/chesapeake-collectibles/.

Fans of the series can read the latest posts from the series' Talkin' Collectibles blog, available at mpt.org/blogs/chesapeake-collectibles/. It's an insider's look at the world of collecting and collectibles.



Appraiser Lindsay Lukehart (right) examines a guest's indigenous rug during the season 13 taping event

Major funding for *Chesapeake Collectibles* is provided by [Alex Cooper Auctioneers](#), [Second Story Books](#), and the generous members of Maryland Public Television.

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Short series description

Behind flea market finds and beloved family heirlooms is a tale waiting to be told. From contemporary collectibles to long-lost masterpieces, *Chesapeake Collectibles* shines a light on the histories hidden within the objects that fill our homes. The series' expert appraisers evaluate thousands of items during each season's taping, but only a handful are selected to appear in front of the cameras: rare artifacts with local ties, dazzling works of art collected by unwitting connoisseurs, first editions signed by literary legends, pop culture memorabilia steeped in childhood nostalgia, and the weird and wonderful finds of eagle-eyed treasure hunters. Unpacking these stories is the key to every conclusion, unlocking the answer to the question on everyone's mind: *What's it worth?*

About Maryland Public Television

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