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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

As did many of us, I wound up attending the ASA-2021 International Convention virtually, as did a good number of participants and more than a few of the presenters.

However, the event was no less interesting and informative from afar, with presentations and programs featuring some of ASA's most esteemed leaders and academics. Our CEO, Johnnie White filled us in on what's new for the upcoming year, including the launch of the new ASA National website, which will be much more user-friendly for members and users of our services, especially through the new-and-improved "Find an Appraiser" function. Speaking of marketing, a national campaign focusing on the ASA Brand and Professional Awareness will be launched in early 2021.

As the holiday season approaches, we are planning a fun and "tasty" interactive virtual happy hour event. We will be providing more information soon.

In closing, on behalf of the ASA-LA Board of Directors, I would like to express our gratitude for your continued support and participation, and wish you and your loved ones a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving.

All best,
Gazelle

Gazelle Raye Wichner, ASA
President, ASA-LA

IN MEMORIAM



We received the sad news that long-time member Sheryl Gillett, FASA, passed away in early October. She was an accredited Senior Member of the American Society of Appraisers specializing in Antiques, Decorative Arts and Residential Contents, and had the added recognition of having been elected to the College of Fellows for ASA, the highest honor awarded any member. She was the only Personal Property Fellow in California.

Actively involved with ASA since 1987, Sheryl served as an elected member of ASA's Personal Property Committee, Board of Governors, Board of Examiners and Strategic Planning Task Force. She had also taught the Appraisal Certification Program at the University of California Irvine.

A second-generation appraiser, Sheryl was the granddaughter of John Gillett, a noted Southern California appraiser. She attended Occidental College and the London Study Centre at the Victoria and Albert Museum before opening a practice with Stephen Caudana in 1983.

Nancy Escher, ASA, shared a remembrance: "Sheryl was a guiding light in the ASA; a natural born leader. She was an inspiration, always willing to be of service or to take the time to explain her appraisal strategies --but only if asked. Sheryl did not offer unsolicited advice -- no judgement and no gossip. She was always positive and willing to share her experience, strength and hope."

Susan Golashovsky, FASA, sent a photo and remembrance of her friendship with Sheryl: "My friendship with Sheryl began when I joined the Personal Property Committee and was taken by her open offer of friendship and her deep knowledge. This friendship was reinforced through overseas trips we took with the Personal Property discipline and solidified at the International Conferences where we would make sure to get together for a meal or at least for a drink. I can remember at one conference, we were sitting at a Candidates Meet and Greet when suddenly Sheryl burst into a rousing rendition of the theme from Rawhide and got everyone to sing along! I will miss Sheryl, but I'm sure she will bring joy and a good time to those lucky enough to share her new environs.



IN THE NEWS

Survey

Watch your inbox for a special survey about in-person and virtual events. We would appreciate your feedback!

Newsletter and Facebook

Excited about upcoming events or talks related to your discipline? Send us the details and we'll include it in next month's newsletter along with posting it on our Facebook page. Please email it to: info@appraisersla.com or cronkvukovic@appraisersla.com

Opening on Chapter Board

The Secretary position on the board for 2021-22 is open. This is a great opportunity to get involved with your local chapter, while gaining experience serving as a board member. Since we are now meeting via Zoom, monthly meetings are easier than ever to attend. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Cindy Cronk Vukovic at: cronkvukovic@appraisersla.com



SAVE THE DATE:

December 15th
Happy Hour
Holiday Tasting
4:00 - 5:30pm

Join us for a special virtual tasting event. More information coming soon!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Board Meeting over Zoom Dates:
Wednesday, November 17, 8am - 9am
Wednesday, December 15, 8am - 9am

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