



## BRICKWORKS LLC

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### WHY SHOULD YOU GET AN APPRAISAL?

There are actually several reasons. Perhaps you've wondering about your quilt's age, or special techniques – an appraiser can point those out. If your piece has family history, the appraiser can (usually!) make those connections, depending on the piece's style and workmanship. They can often not only tell you how and when your piece was made – in many cases, they can help illuminate *why* and *where*, as well.

But the most important reason has a direct bearing on us today: **protection**. Our state continues to be plagued with natural disasters like fires and flooding. I've done several appraisals for clients who have lost items when their home burned, or came uncomfortably close to happening. One client called me in when her neighbor's home two doors down went up in flames during a recent neighborhood fire!

Insurance companies have a disconcerting tendency to undervalue our precious textiles and other household items. An appraisal solves this by giving them a solid value that also recognizes (or tries to) the many hours of work and effort that go into each piece.

If you hire me to do your appraisal, you can choose from an AQS (American Quilter's Society) single-page report... or a multi-page ASA (American Society of Appraisers) report. The latter will be written in USPAP – the only appraiser's language that Congress recognizes. It is also the terminology used in insurance claims, lawsuits...and the one that the IRS prefers for donations. Yes, I'll ask for payment – but it will be the last payment you ever have to make. (And it's tax-deductible!) If you need to update or change your appraisal in the future, gift the piece to someone else or donate it, there will be no additional charge. If you need additional help or advice on how to restore or repair – or tips on future projects – I'm happy to provide that too, for no extra charge.

Feel free to e-mail or text me with any additional questions. If you're curious about my resume, that can happen, too. But in short, I've been with AQS since 1999, and am starting my 12<sup>th</sup> year with ASA. I'm happy to help.