

MUSEUM OF THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY

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DONOR INFORMATION FOR GIFTS

The MUSEUM OF THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY (MSV) accepts objects that are directly related to the history and culture of the Shenandoah Valley. The MSV accepts objects that are appropriate for interpretation, exhibition, or education programs at the museum. Recommendations for acceptance of objects must be made to the museum's Collections Committee through the Executive Director, Curator of Collections, or a Collections Committee member. Once a decision has been made to accept a proposed donation by the MSV, the owner will be furnished with appropriate documentation.

A. APPRAISALS: Gifts to the MUSEUM OF THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY may be tax deductible. Donors needing to establish a value for tax purposes must obtain such appraisals from outside, independent sources. Because of IRS regulations, the MUSEUM OF THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY is not able to provide appraisals to donors. The MUSEUM OF THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY, however, should receive a copy of any appraisals that are done for its records.

Arrangements to have an appraisal done may be made by contacting either of the following organizations which will suggest qualified appraisers in your area:

American Society of Appraisers P.O. Box 17265 Washington, DC 20041 (800) ASA-VALU (272-8258)	Appraisers Association of America 386 Park Ave. South, Suite 2000 New York, NY 10016 (212) 889-5404
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The MSV also has a list of appraisers who work in the region, although the museum is not able to recommend one appraiser over another. This list is maintained only as an information service to donors.

B. TAX INFORMATION: The MSV staff cannot personally advise donors on possible tax deductions, but will share general information concerning the tax deductibility of donations with the donor, their attorney or accountant.

C. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: The MSV will acknowledge gifts as required by the Internal Revenue Code. For gifts above \$500, the donor must complete IRS Form 8283 and the MSV must acknowledge receipt of the donated property on the form. The Deed of Gift and accompanying letter will acknowledge gifts of \$500 and less.

D. RESTRICTIONS: The MSV does not accept gifts with restrictions on the future use of objects.

If you have specific questions concerning the donation of a gift to the MSV, please contact the Curator by writing the MUSEUM OF THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY, 901 Amherst Street, Winchester, VA 22601; by email at knappenberger@shenandoahmuseum.org; or by calling 540-662-1473, ext. 218.