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RYE ART STUDY GROUP PRESENTS: STU MILLER – NEW ENGLAND GALLERY

The Rye Art Study group is pleased to present Stu Miller, owner of the New England Gallery as our December featured speaker. New England Gallery is one of the finest galleries outside of New York City. This distinction was achieved through actively appraising and dealing in antiques and fine art for over 40 years. Stu's family who started New England Gallery have been doing the same in Andover, MA, since 1969 and Sarasota, FL, since 1993. Their guidance, experience, and associations have helped form his appreciation for fine furniture, art, silver, jewelry, porcelains, rare libraries...the list is ongoing.

His initial concentration was 18th and 19th century American and European furnishings and their related accessories, as well as artwork from the 19th and 20th century. The past forty years have been dedicated to appraising and dealing in antiques and fine art, constantly broadening his spectrum. His career has been an ongoing education due to new discoveries that he has been fortunate to see and handle directly from estates, families, banks, and collectors. The learning doesn't start with monetary values, but primarily the historical accuracy and originality of the form, condition, regional aspects, the maker, etc.

Jewelry and silver as an art form became areas of great interest as Stu had the fortune of working with his aunt who is a gemologist. Stu Miller is a rare gem himself. He cares for his clients and treats them with respect, educating them as well.

New England Gallery's services employ the proper standards of IRS appraisal regulations and methods to produce a credible report and Stu has updated his knowledge of this by taking courses on the uniform standards of professional appraisal practices through The National Association of Professional Appraisers. His conclusions are well supported by the gallery's vast library, physical examination of an object, the use of scientific and mechanical aid when necessary, and consultation with other reputable authorities.

Stu was asked to define appraisals, "I feel it is a loosely used term. My definition of a true appraisal is accuracy with accountability." "I believe one can only achieve that through the actual dealing in art and antiques, which doesn't come without a great deal of research, mistakes, and of course the commitment of writing a check."

At his Rye Art Study presentation December 10th from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., Stu will explain to us the benefits of an appraisal, changing markets, and how both relate to a plan for downsizing, that reflects our lives today and creates a plan for our future, to be followed by a fun appraisal session. Join Rye Art Study for our celebration - food, conversation, and art.

The Rye Art Study Group gathers the third Monday of most months at the Rye Congregational Church at 580 Washington Rd. Rye, NH 03870. Visit www.ryeartstudy.com or e-mail: ryeartstudy@gmail.com for more information.

