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**State Museum Presents Museum Road Show on Saturday, Oct. 11**

*Semi-annual event to offer verbal appraisals by experts*

**COLUMBIA, S.C., Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2014** – The Museum Road Show, one of the South Carolina State Museum’s most popular events, is back and will be held from 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11. Whether it’s an heirloom, antique or artifact, local experts will be onsite at this popular semiannual event offering informal verbal appraisals in a variety of fields.

Inquisitive guests will have the opportunity to learn all about their heirlooms and artifacts from experts in fine art, silver, pottery, furniture, books, jewelry, textiles and dolls, as well as military artifacts ranging from the Revolutionary and Civil War to World War II.

“This event is perfect for individuals curious about items found at local flea markets, antique shops, sales, or even in their attic,” said Paul Matheny, chief curator of collections, S.C. State Museum. “At every Road Show, we see a variety of unique and priceless objects that have been cherished and passed down through many generations. As a museum curator, it’s great to see objects come through our doors that have unique stories and history behind them.”

The Museum Road Show is one of the museum’s signature events and has grown from an annual program to being offered twice a year because of its immense popularity. The event attracts visitors from all over South Carolina and neighboring states.

Tickets are \$25 for the first item (\$20 for museum members), \$35 for two items (\$28 members), \$45 for three items (\$36 members) and \$50 for four items (\$40 members). There is a limit of four items per person. The last tickets will be sold at 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 11. Tickets include museum general admission and are non-refundable.

The Museum Road Show will take place at the State Museum, located at 301 Gervais Street in Columbia. For more information or to purchase advance tickets, call (803) 898-4999 or e-mail [publicprograms@scmuseum.org](mailto:publicprograms@scmuseum.org).

**About the South Carolina State Museum:** *As the state’s largest and most comprehensive museum, the South Carolina State Museum, offers a unique, entertaining and educational experience to visitors throughout its 225,000 square foot facility located in the heart of downtown Columbia’s Congaree Vista. The State Museum is housed in one of its greatest artifacts, an 1894 old textile mill full of character and charm. In addition to beautiful meeting spaces throughout the facility, guests can explore outer space in one of the largest planetariums in the Southeast, watch an interactive 4D movie and look through a vintage telescope in a one-of-a-kind observatory. These exciting opportunities are all in addition to the four floors of South Carolina art, cultural history, natural history and science/technology that guests can experience. For more information about the museum, visit [scmuseum.org](http://scmuseum.org).*

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**Museum Road Show Cutline:**

Experts will be onsite at the South Carolina State Museum’s Museum Road show from 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11 providing informal, verbal appraisals on a variety of objects ranging from fine art and silver to military memorable and dolls. *Photo courtesy of the S.C. State Museum*