‘ANTIQUES ROADSHOW’ en route!
Deadline for Tickets May 17.

PBS’ popular ANTIQUES ROADSHOW is coming to San Francisco on August 16th to peer and probe into the histories of items both common and unusual. A team of 70-80 appraisers will be on hand at the Moscone Center to evaluate the authenticity of items and give an experienced estimate of market value. Perhaps you have something from your family, from your years of collecting, or from San Francisco’s past which you would like evaluated.

If you want to go, however, you must act quickly. Tickets are only available in advance and must be requested by May 17th. No tickets are available at the site. All attendees must not only have a ticket but also one or two items for evaluation. Everyone will be seen by an appraiser and a lucky few will be pulled aside to be on the show when it airs.

Request your free tickets by sending a postcard marked no later than May 17 to:
San Francisco Antiques Roadshow Box 249 Canton, MA 02021
On your postcard, list your name, address, city, state and zip. You also can request a morning or afternoon entry time. Some 3000 entries will be selected and winners will each receive 2 tickets. Tickets will be mailed three weeks prior to the August 16th event. Winners’ names also will be posted on www.pbs.org in mid-June. NOTE: Don’t send your entry in an envelope or it will be disqualified!

Renaissance Forum May 12.
District 8 Supervisor Bevan Dufty holds a ‘Castro Renaissance’ forum on Monday, May 12 at the Harvey Milk Academy in the library from 4-6 pm.

The next membership meeting is Thursday, May 15 at 7:30 pm. On the agenda is an informational presentation from MAGNET, a health clinic for gay men soon to open near 18th and Collingwood (www.CastroGuys.org), and an informational presentation from Clean City Coalition about upcoming cleaning events in our neighborhood (www.SFCleanCity.com). EVPA meetings are held in the recreation center auditorium at 100 Collingwood.

President’s Column
Greetings, All--
At our last Board meeting, we passed a motion to thank District 8 Supervisor Bevan Dufty for his
arranging to have Muni trim the Palm Trees on the Market Street traffic medians. The improvement is enormous. Special thanks to EVPA member Gary Weiss of Ixia Florists for his efforts to get this accomplished as well.

We also want to thank outgoing MUMC President Patrick Batt for his support of EVPA, including donating his volunteer hours at last year’s Castro Street Fair to us and arranging to have the San Francisco Special Police guard the Pink Triangle Park and Memorial last Halloween. Fortunately, Patrick remains on the MUMC board.

It’s a pleasure to congratulate EVPA member and former Treasurer, Herb Cohn, on being elected President of MUMC. I am confident that MUMC and EVPA working together will help address issues of concern in our neighborhood.

My last column contained an error regarding when Mayoral candidate and former President of the Board of Supervisors, Angela Alioto, will be addressing EVPA. She will be coming to the October 16 meeting, so mark your calendars. As a reminder, the other leading Mayoral candidates will be addressing us on the following dates: Treasurer Susan Leal on July 17; Supervisor Tom Ammiano on August 21; Supervisor Gavin Newsom on September 18. Each candidate will make a presentation, then answer questions.

On May 12, representatives of EVPA along with the public will attend a forum with Supervisor Bevan Dufty to discuss a “Castro Renaissance.” I will report the outcome at the May meeting.

Finally, a reminder that we need a volunteer to coordinate EVPA’s participation in the Castro Street Fair in October. This is an enjoyable event that also brings in between $1500–$2000 to our organization. This individual will attend one meeting, submit a list of names of other volunteers who will work the fair, and coordinate the reporting of volunteer hours.

Best,
Gustavo

Take the Tree Walk.

On May 18th, join Arborist Mike Sullivan for a walk along Eureka Valley’s tree-lined streets and learn what’s what. Find out more about this free walk at www.sftrees.com or just meet the group at the corner of 17th and Hartford at 2 pm for the two-hour tour.

Seward Minipark Celebration Set.

In 1973, Eureka Valley dedicated a neighborhood minipark located near 20th and Douglas streets. Seward Street Minpark features a unique curved, undulating double slide – the brainchild of then 14-year-old Eureka Valley resident Kim Clark. Clark was inspired by slides at the former “Playland at the Beach” and won a $5 prize for her idea. To this day the slide continues to bring pleasure to children and adult sliders. Its 30 years later and EVPA is preparing to host a neighborhood Barbeque and Slide Race for “Youth of All Ages.” Friends of the park, residents and first-time sliders are invited to turn out on Saturday, July 19th from 11am – 3 pm for barbeque, slide races and silliness of all sorts. Mark the date now. Interested in helping with festivities? Contact Rich McRee at (415) 431-4177.

Don’t Call Me. I’ll Call You.

The California “Do Not Call” program has opened for pre-registration. In October, it will start being enforced so that telemarketers calling a number registered for “Do Not Call” status can be fined up to $11,000. If you wish to pre-register phone numbers, you can do it here: http://nocall.doj.state.ca.us/

More People We Adore.

We are delighted to welcome these new April members into EVPA:

Joe Caruso
Prudential Realty, Jim Hedges, Office Manager
And, we gratefully acknowledge these renewals:
Chevron Gas Station
Andre Norman
Patelco Credit Union

A special thank you to new member Jim Hedges who not only joined but also donated $100 to Pink Triangle Park. :)