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Investing in well-crafted pieces for your home pays green dividends

Sustainable living finds itself very much in vogue these days. People are increasingly conscious of the effects their lifestyles have on the environment. But what about the way we furnish our homes? The advent of big box furniture stores has made economical furniture readily accessible. While this is easy on the wallet, it's not so easy on the landfill. As good, eco-sensitive Vancouverites, we endeavor to reuse rather than buy new. So rather than filling our abodes with "cheap and cheerful" pieces that are likely to wear out and be discarded within a few years, why not invest in unique and valuable pieces that have already stood the test of time?

The very word "antique" connotes age and expense, but fine art and antique auction houses are no longer the exclusive domain of the wealthy. Young professionals are showing interest in starting their own collections, creating a demand for more contemporary pieces and up-and-coming artists. Maynards' Owner and President Barry Scott has noticed a shift in the demographic of visitors to their new auction gallery showrooms at 1837 Main Street.

“Our clientele certainly includes a lot of young professionals lately,” says Scott. “They may not be in the market for a \$100,000 painting right now, but they are in the market for say a \$3000-\$5000 painting or unique, conversation-starting furniture for their condo.”

These savvy buyers can also comfort themselves with the knowledge that, unlike the coffee table that arrived at their home unassembled and in a box full of packing materials, the beautifully-crafted pieces they purchase at auction will be high-quality conversation starters for years to come. They also take advantage of Maynards’ unique and convenient position as a sort of high-quality “one-stop-shop” for buyers, with extensive collections of antiques, fine art, silver and jewelry at all price points available under a single roof.

Maynards new auction gallery showroom is open to the public from 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday-Friday. Detailed information about upcoming auctions and the auction process is available at www.maynards.com

About Maynards

The experts in Maynards Fine Art and Antiques department are known for their meticulous attention to detail. In addition to auction consignments, their expertise is often called upon in private sales where their decades of knowledge assist in finding new and rewarding homes for significant art works. Maynards Vancouver recently moved from its landmark location at Cambie and 2nd Avenue to a new location at 1837 Main Street, featuring an 8,500 sq. foot auction gallery showroom.

