The mission of the ISA Education Foundation (formerly the Foundation for Appraisal Education) is to support appraisal education for personal property appraisers. The foundation offers continuing education programming and events. These events are funded by generous donors and sponsors, and fundraising is a continuous effort year round.

**Tara Ana Finley, ISA AM | President ISA Education Foundation**

Tara is an Accredited Appraiser both with the International Society of Appraisers and the Appraisers Association of America. Tara joined ISA in 2004 and obtained her accredited Fine Art appraisal qualification in 2008 with ISA. Her expertise is in the appraisal of personal tangible property including furniture, silver, and decorations.

Tara has 35+ years in appraisal, specialist, and director roles with Sotheby’s, Christie’s, and Phillips, New York, New York. She has been the Director of Off-Premises Estate Sales and Head of Tribal Art and Antiquities, Collectibles departments at Christie’s, Gallery Director and the first woman auctioneer at Phillips Son & Neale, President and Senior Appraiser for Anubis Appraisal & Estate Services, Inc., and President of the ISA Education Foundation. She is a graduate of the New York School of Interior Design, and lives in Miami while enjoying learning vacations with the American Friends of the Georgian Group and the Decorative Arts Trust.

We are looking for volunteers. Please email Tara: tarafinley@gmail.com
Thanks for all who joined us in Montreal last week! We had close to 200 attendees embark on a great experience that will be remembered by all. Special thanks and recognition to our Conference Committee Chairs, Andria Minicucci and Julie Riches, and the committee members who worked tirelessly to deliver a great program and event. Also, thanks to our sponsors!

We hope you will join us for Assets 25 in Washington D.C. April 2 - 5, 2025
MEET THE MEMBERS

INSTRUCTOR SPOTLIGHT

Stephanie Daugherty, ISA CAPP
Stephanie A. Daugherty is a generalist personal property appraiser serving New Jersey and the surrounding areas. She earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History and a minor in Art History from Gettysburg College, a Master of Arts Degree in Museum Professions with a concentration in Collections Management from Seton Hall University, and a Graduate Gemologist diploma from the Gemological Institute of America. She is a certified member of ISA and attained dual specialties in Antiques, Furnishings + Decorative Art (AF+DA) and Fine Art.

After a decade in the museum field, Stephanie transitioned to the appraisal field and founded Specialty Asset Appraisals LLC in 2018. Stephanie is the Chair of the AF+DA Committee and a member of the Gems & Jewelry Committee. Most recently, Stephanie became an AF+DA Instructor where she is passionate about developing and educating new and established appraisers. Along with other instructors, Stephanie is working on updating the AF+DA manual.

Stephanie currently lives in central New Jersey where she was born and raised. She is looking forward to visiting the Jersey shore with her family this summer. When she is not appraising, you can find her reading or walking through historic cemeteries. In keeping with her museum roots, Stephanie is also a trustee at the Jacobus Vanderveer House in Bedminster, New Jersey, an 18th century Revolutionary War site.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Aloysia C. “Nini” Hamalainen, ISA CAPP, Life Member

Fine & Decorative Arts, Furniture, Persian & Oriental Rugs, Equine

Aloysia Hamalainen is a certified member of the International Society of Appraisers and the American Society of Equine Appraisers. Nini became an ISA Life Member in 2024! She is owner and President of Montgomery Appraisal Group since 2004, and now is in partnership with her daughter, Elin Hamalainen Jones, ISA AM.

She has been a member of ISA since 2004. Nini was instrumental in starting the National Capitol Area Chapter (DC, Maryland, and Virginia) as Secretary in 2004. She earned her CAPP in 2008 and was elected to the ISA Board of Directors in 2009 where she worked as FAE Liaison, Chapter Liaison, and served on the Ethics Committee.

Nini specializes in 18th, 19th, and 20th century European and American paintings and decorative arts; Sterling silver; American and European Art, pottery, porcelain, and glass; European and American furniture; books and ephemera; Persian and Oriental rugs; horses and their tack for estate valuation, donation and insurance.

Nini holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from George Washington University in Art History and Anthropology, a professional certificate in Connoisseurship and Appraisal Studies from the George Washington University, a Certificate in World Art History from the Smithsonian Institution, numerous courses, and certificates in these fields and has studied fine art conservation at the Smithsonian Institution.

New Candidates
Jason Foster
Sean Rooks
Eric Key
Denis Longchamp
Demi Zeng
Reilly Clark
Brenda Blackmon

New Accredited Members
Susan Russell

GOOD READS - Blog updates
• Meet Kelly Davids, new President of The Appraisal Foundation
• Buddhist Blog
• Professional Development Credits Demystified

Click here
May 6th  Meet & Greet
Join us Monday May 6 for the next Meet and Greet where Lorraine Brevig & Beth Fulton from the Richmond Conservation Studio will walk us through how to examine a traditional oil painting from materials, stretchers, and strainers to looking for condition issues. It's what every appraiser needs to know when examining a painting.
Time: 4:00pm – 5:00pm (CDT)

May 7 – 9th  Requalification
Register now for a review and update of ISA’s Appraisal Standards covering significant recent changes, including those in the ISA Core Course Manual, the IRS, and the insurance industry. The class is a requirement for requalification and provides current guidelines, checklists, and forms helpful for every member. No exam is given. **Pre-Course Assignments are required!**
Time: 12:00pm – 5:00pm (CDT)

May 14  Knowledge Sharing Presentation
Join Suzy McGrane-Hop, ISA CAPP as she explores “Why is Grant Wood an important American artist” for the May KSP.
Time: 6:00pm (CDT) / 5:00pm (CDT)

May 14 – 15th  7HR USPAP
This is the required 7 hour update for personal property appraisers seeking to fulfill the 2 year continuing education process. This class covers the 2024-2025 version of USPAP. The class does not include an exam. Students must have previously attended the 15 hour USPAP class. Course materials need to be purchased in advance of the class.
Time: 1:00pm – 4:30pm (CDT)

May 29th  Office Hours with the Director of Education
Welcome to the Director of Education’s Office Hours. All members are encouraged to call in with their questions about appraisal assignments, education requirements, and future ISA educational opportunities. Participants are encouraged to email questions to Judith Martin at directorofeducation@isa-appraisers.org in advance of the webinar.
**Although this webinar is free, participants still need to register in advance to receive access to the webinar.**
Time: 2:00pm - 3:00pm (CDT)

May 30th  Annual Business Meeting
Join us on May 30th at 12pm CDT as ISA President Irene Szylinger, ISA CAPP, will provide an overview of our 2024 activities. The business meeting will be followed by the Annual Awards Presentation.
Time: 12:00pm – 1:00pm (CDT)
COMING IN JUNE:

- June 3rd: Meet & Greet
- June 4-6: 15HR USPAP
- June 11th: Knowledge Sharing Presentations (KSP)
- June 21st: 3rd Annual Gems & Jewelry Symposium
- June 24th: Sound Advice: Music & Celebrity Appraisals Large & Small Webinar
- June 25-26: 7HR USPAP

Click here to view the complete 2024 Schedule of Courses & Events

WE WANT YOUR VOTE! DEADLINE EXTENDED UNTIL MAY 15TH!

Each year, ISA members select the best of the best from the membership to bestow its Annual Awards. This year, the Awards will be announced virtually during our Annual Business Meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, May 30 via ZOOM from Noon – 1pm CDT. Members are recognized for their accomplishments in service to ISA and the personal property appraising profession. Think about who you would nominate, and why.

Every day you encounter someone who makes a difference in your professional development at ISA. Is it someone on a committee or someone who has helped you through your courses, a fellow colleague or other? Maybe you met someone inspiring while at the conference in Montreal! If so, VOTE NOW for the following awards:

- Leadership Award
- The Industry Beacon Award
- Rising Leader Awards
- Outstanding New Member
- Outstanding Colleague
- Lifetime Achievement Award

Mark your calendar for the Business Meeting & Awards program held at the same time. Wednesday, May 30th! See you there!

FIND AN ISA MEMBER SEARCH TOOL UPDATE:

If you have not checked off the boxes on your Membership Profile that indicate you want your contact information to be included in ISA’s Find an Appraiser search, then you are missing out on potential business. Check your profile today...

1. Log in go your ISA Member profile
2. Click on “Edit Profile”
3. Check off the box for “Include in Find and ISA Member Search” for your Address, Email & Website and Phone Number
4. Click Save Changes and Continue
5. Now when someone is looking for an appraiser with your expertise or city/state, you will show up in the listing!

ISA Education Foundation Seminar
Saturday, October 19, 2024!

Save the Date!