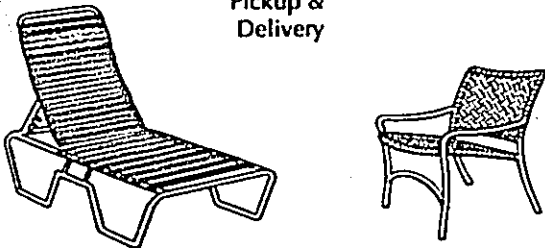


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The clinic gives the public a special opportunity to have antique dolls appraised by experts from Theriault's, the country's leading antique doll auction house. Bring any doll dating from 1850 to 1960 for a written appraisal. This is an excellent opportunity for anyone who is unsure about the history and value of their doll to satisfy their curiosity.

Noted author and doll expert Stuart Holbrook of Theriault's will be on hand to conduct the appraisals. Holbrook has lectured on the subject of antique dolls at more than 200 national conventions, seminars, libraries and museums.

For doll collectors, Theriault's will offer an uncatalogued "Discovery Day" auction Sunday, Aug. 13, at the Detroit Marriott Romulus, 30559 Flynn Drive. This auction is perfect for the burgeoning collector with dolls available in every price range. An exhibit opens 9 a.m. and the auction begins 11 a.m.

Appointments aren't necessary for the clinic, and the appraisals and auction are free. For more information, call Theriault's at (800) 638-0422.

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Dolls of particular value include German and French bisque and porcelain, 1930s composition dolls such as Shirley Temple, pre-1955 Madame Alexander dolls and Barbies, early American folk art, and early toys and Teddy bears. Such dolls have realized hundreds, even thousands of dollars at auction.

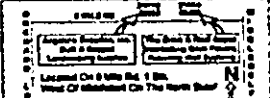
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strings are metal, which the player presses with the thumb to produce a melody while plucking the other forty strings for the accompaniment. Zither music has an ephemeral, ethereal sound in our opinion. The haunting zither music from the movie "The Third Man" made zither music familiar to recent generations, although it has been known to have been played as early as the 8th century. Further evidencing its tranquillizing characteristics, in China the "gin" zither once held the privileged status of inspiring philosophical theories. The "koto" is the classic long zither of Japan. Today zither music is mostly associated with folk music.

Your zither bears labels for Franz Waldecker and Co., Washington, D.C., establishing that it is American made and marketed, which is always a special added feature. The dovetailing, construction and appearance of the wood indicate that it's probably 19th century. One would wish it were mid-19th century; however, in checking with the Washington, D.C., Historical Society, it seems that isn't possible. The manufacturer and seller of this zither, the Waldecker Co., according to the society's records, was known to have been in business in Washington, D.C., from 1884 to 1928, thereby dating the piece to the late 19th or early 20th century. However, the zither isn't your hottest instrument today. We found little comparable prices in today's market, but we and our appraisers feel that it would be

The zither is a modern day version of the 15th century psaltery, which sprang from the santir, a 14th/15th century version of what later became the piano. It falls into the chordophone family of instruments in which sound is made by the vibration of strings. The zither is one of five instruments falling into that group, the other four being the harp, lyre, bow and lute.

priced at \$400 to \$600 in a retail market.  
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