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Killer Antiques:

What's It Worth? You Be the Judge!

An old map. A mahogany table. A scrimshaw tooth. James McNeil Whistler's pallet. Rare? *Maybe*. Fakes? *Perhaps*. Real? *It's possible*. If these objects are genuine... how much are they worth?

With the money, status, and beauty associated with these objects, it's no wonder crimes occur. In the Josie Prescott Antiques Mystery series, antiques might be:

- Stolen—Have you ever wondered who's buying art and antiques that can't be displayed?
- Faked—Artisans create and duplicate counterfeit objects that can (almost) fool antiques experts and scientists alike.
- Lied about—Faking association is easy. The trick is verifying provenance—much easier said than done.

This highly-interactive, fun presentation challenges attendees to answer the questions “What information do you need to appraise it?” and “What else do you want to know?” In the process the nuances of the antiques appraisal process are explained and discussed.

Jane K. Cleland writes the multiple-award nominated and Independent Mystery Bookseller Association best-selling Josie Prescott Antiques Mystery series [St. Martin's Minotaur], often called an *Antiques Roadshow* for mystery fans. Jane also chairs the Wolfe Pack's literary awards and is on the board of Mystery Writers of America/New York Chapter. “Josie” stories have appeared in *Alfred Hitchcock Mystery Magazine*. *Silent Auction* is the latest in the series.