

WOW-Art

email me for my address (I don't want to post it here)

1. I am (for the purposes of this survey only) _____male _____female _____ other, and as of today _____years old. I was the ___ only child or oldest/middle/youngest (circle one) of ___total number of _____brothers _____sisters. I grew up in ___the U.S. _____ country and currently live in ___the U.S. _____Country (outer space not an option, sorry).

2. Looking back, I have been collecting (something) ___ All my life ___ Starting when I was _____

3. I call myself a collector ___without reservation ___with hesitation/if I must ___ only compared to others who aren't ___because others tell me I am, or think so

4. Areas of collecting interest – starting with the your first (since childhood). Just list them all, whatever they were and are now. If you need more space, extend the lines or write on the back

5. Now go back, and number your interests (in question 4 above) so that they are in chronological order . . . starting with #1 to indicate “earliest thing I collected” and so on to the highest (same) number to indicate “things I collected most recently, or still collect”

6. When I think about things I collected for the longest time, or still collect, it's because (check as many as apply) they are: ___ most fun ___ could afford it _____ readily able to find new pieces _____ opportunities to buy, trade and sell _____ knew others, had friends who collected _____ there were clubs, organizations, conventions _____ easy to display, exhibit, live with ___they had the highest asset value ___ Other (Explain) _____

7. When I think about things I used to collect, but don't actively collect anymore, I stopped because I (check as many as apply) ___ lost interest ___ couldn't afford it ___ couldn't find ones I wanted ___ ran out of room ___ my friends (spouse, family etc) disapproved ___ no opportunities to buy, sell or trade ___ ___ no clubs, organizations, conventions _____ hard to display, exhibit _____ had to sell ___ Other (Explain) _____

8. Thinking back over the years, I really enjoyed collecting _____ the most and _____ for the longest time.

9. Speaking of things I collect, I would say my greatest focus/primary collecting interest today is _____. If you were to ask other people, they would ___ agree ___not agree.

10. How far along are you in building your primary collection? Would you say you are ___still beginning ___ pretty well along ___ just looking for a few/rare items ___ finished

11. What year did you start this collection? _____ Are you active in the field today? _____ (Y/N)

12. Do you know exactly what you own? _____ (Y/N/Sort of) Do you keep records of every purchase/sale/trade etc _____ (Y/N/Sort of) Do you know the current market value of your collection? _____ (Y/N/Sort of)

Do you care about any of those things? ____ (Y/N/Sort of) Do you think it's important to do and know those things? ____ (Y/N/Sort of)

13. ____ I like ____ don't like to tell, talk about or show other people what I collect. ____ I tell ____ sometimes tell ____ never tell anyone where or how I acquired something and ____ I tell ____ sometimes tell ____ rarely tell ____ never tell anyone what I have paid.

14. Whatever I am collecting today, ____% of the collection is displayed in some fashion, where I live. I use ____ display cases ____ hang on wall ____ on stands/pedestals ____ other (check all that apply)

15. I have used the services of a restorer on occasion ____ (Y/N). I have used the services of an appraiser on occasion ____ (Y/N) I have used the services of a framer, cabinetmaker, et al. on occasion ____ (Y/N)

16. Speaking of my primary collection(s), my main sources for acquisitions are/were (check all that apply): ____ other collectors ____ maker or creator of the object ____ dealers ____ galleries or shops ____ auctions ____ conventions, shows, exhibits ____ flea markets, estate sales, similar Other (describe)

17. Speaking of my primary collection(s), my main method and process for acquisitions are/were (check all that apply): ____ in person ____ online ____ phone, and ____ buying and/or ____ trading. Other (describe)

18. Speaking of my primary collection(s), my main sources for information and learning about the field were (check all that apply) ____ dealers ____ gallerists ____ creators/makers ____ other collectors ____ books, articles ____ school/classes Other (describe)

19. Speaking of my primary collection(s), my main sources and method for de-acquisitioning (pruning, downsizing, refining) are/were (check all that apply): ____ dealers ____ auctions ____ charity ____ other collectors ____ family/relatives/close friends Other (describe)

20. Speaking of my primary collection(s) today, I will ultimately ____ be buried with it ____ give it away ____ sell it ____ have no idea what I will do with it

21. Taking a moment to give it thought, and assuming burial with your collectibles is not really an option, your preference would be: ____ dispersal ____ keep the collection intact, and this would most likely happen ____ before death or ____ after death and the method(s) would be (check all that apply): ____ private sale ____ public sale (estate sale, Craig's list or similar) ____ public auction (online or auction house) ____ charitable donation (organization, institution, etc) ____ friends, family ____ to heirs Other (describe)

THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR THOUGHTS WITH ME!

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ADDRESS:
PHONE:
EMAIL: