

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Finance Committee  
**FROM:** Greg Vadney  
**DATE:** March 31, 2022  
**SUBJECT:** Request to hold Rahr-West Art Museum Art and Treasures Sale

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In making improvements to museum facility over the past year, the museum staff and board of directors have recognized a need to cull objects that are not included in the museum's collection and are cluttering the museum. Recognizing that these objects, including books, decorative items, furniture and non-collection art, are of some value, we are hoping to hold an Art & Treasures sale on June 3-5, 2022.

General museum policy considers sales like the proposed to be healthy for museums, which need to periodically clear out unnecessary stuff. Sales like this are common in the museum world, and will help to make room as the museum looks to renovate portions of the Vilas-Rahr Mansion for public use. We also hope to solicit donations of sellable art from public sources for this sale. Again, this is common museum practice.

Proceeds from the proposed sale would go toward collections care at the museum, in line with the Rahr-West Art Museum Collections Policy. The museum believes this sale will help the museum prepare for future growth,