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## *family* INHERITANCE

Caring for Vintage Fabrics  
dinnerware  
artwork  
& albums

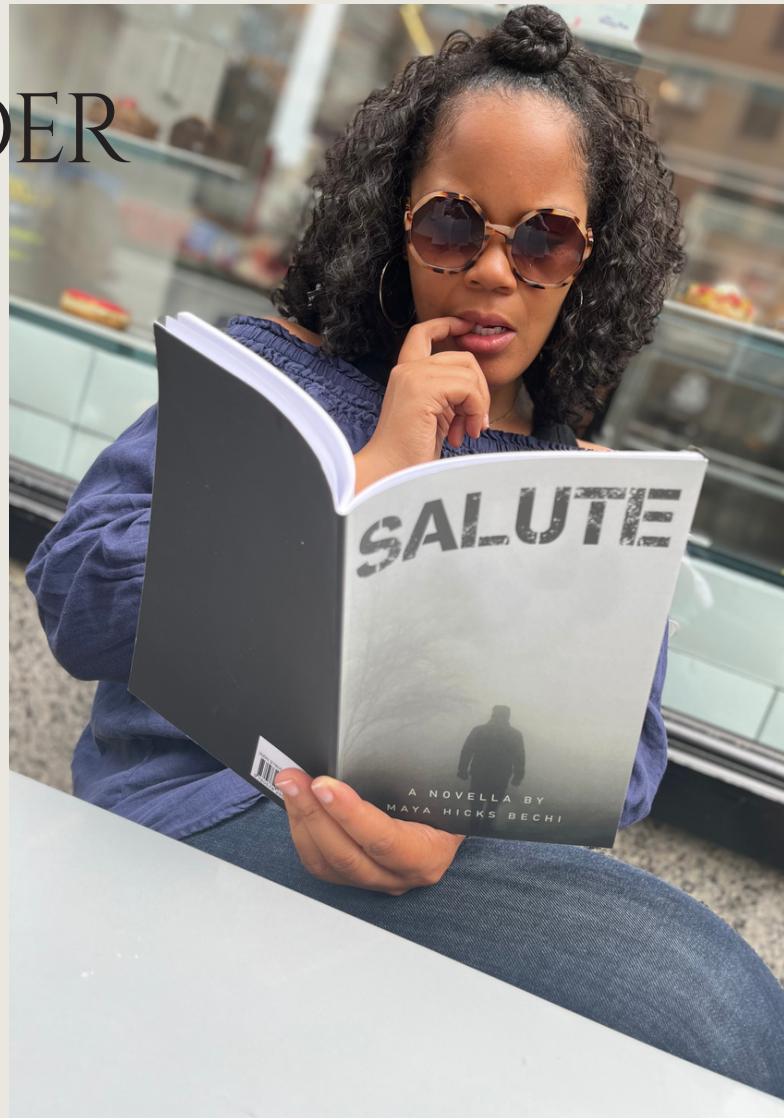
# A LETTER FROM THE FOUNDER

Maya Bechi

## INHERITANCE

I find myself unpacking. In my hands, I am gingerly smoothing away dust and disentangling the tiny folds on the images that were stacked in the bottom of the box left to me after my father's passing. This wasn't my first unpacking. Have you had this experience? The moments of laughing and reminiscing, only to be abruptly followed by: "What do I do with all of this stuff?"

My collection of dinnerware, quilts, jewelry, artwork, fabrics and photos seem insignificant in the grand scheme of generational wealth. But with a heart centered, deepening look, I accept that the stories behind each piece is a necessary story to be told. A part of my family legacy.



In our family, the need for financial planning consisted of knowing what the ATM pin number is before the loved one transitions. However, more and more of us are working towards generational wealth and the transfer of much more than cash.

I hope this series of resources will be of benefit to you. I am a novice and learning along the way. Come, share your life with us and let's learn together.

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xoxo  
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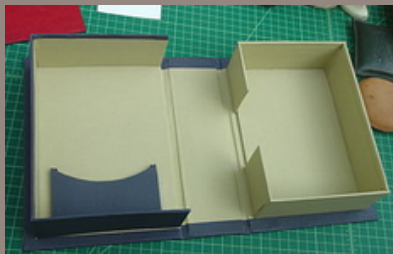
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# ARTWORK

## PROTECTING YOUR ARTWORK:

1. Avoid or limit direct sunlight.
2. Know when to frame with acrylic plexiglass, not glass.
3. Pay attention to humidity. (55% target)
4. Watch your hand placement.
5. Keep your glass or acrylics squeaky clean.
6. Dust—don't clean—your paintings.
7. Don't leave your art in a tube.
8. Keep your stored artwork separated.
9. Store art in a cool, dry, dark place.
10. Consider a solander box.



a solander box

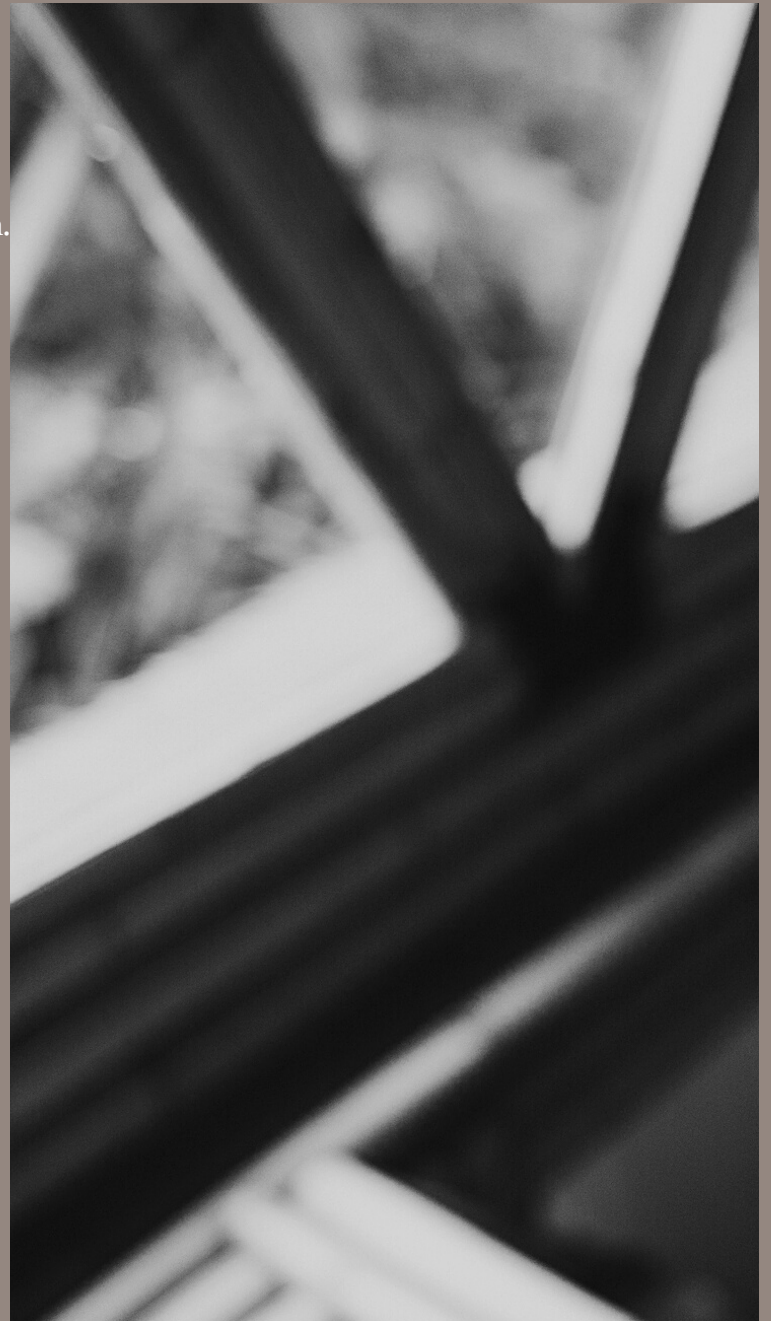
note: from *Wikipedia* 2022 ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Solander\\_box](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Solander_box))

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"Remember this: First generation wealth is a reality for us."

– Maya

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# FABRICS

Vintage Fabric is like prime real estate

Make sure fabrics are dust-free and clean before storing. Place nylons over a vacuum nozzle and gently vacuum dust from fabric.

Store fabrics at room temperature in a dark area such as a closet.

Do not store vintage fabrics in damp basements or hot attics.

65 - 70 degrees is an ideal room temperature. Humidity should be about 82 percent.

Roll fabric instead of folding, to prevent stressed fibers at creases.

If fabrics are stored folded, periodically refold to prevent dust settling in creases.

Drape unbleached 100% cotton over fabric and hang on a padded hanger.

Do not store fabrics against wood. Place unbleached muslin or acid tissue as a barrier between the fabric and wood to prevent spots from oil in the wood.

Don't store fabric in tightly enclosed plastic boxes and bags. Fabric needs air circulation to prevent condensation and mold growth.

Store vintage fabrics in acid-free boxes with acid-free tissue placed between fabrics.

Use dried lavender instead of mothballs to repel insects naturally, without chemicals.



## Use a Big Mama touch when cleaning

Hand wash, no dryer, lay flat to dry. (African Wax print: use cold water only!)

Make sure your chosen professional cleaner or dry cleaner is experienced with old textiles. Ask a textile conservator, quilt shop, or art museum to recommend professional cleaners.

Test a small piece for color-fastness before cleaning the whole fabric.

Wear rubber gloves while handling fabric and chemicals.

Do not wash vintage Fiberglass fabrics in the washing machine. Fine pieces of glass will be in your next load. Wear gloves when handling wet Fiberglass, hand wash, and lay flat to dry.

Rust stains may come out with a paste of salt and white vinegar.

Avoid the use of fabric softener and fabric softener sheets. Both can leave residue behind.

Don't use hairspray as a stain remover. Hairspray may stain, especially silk fabric.

Gently squeeze, not wring, water out. Blot dry with a towel and lay flat to dry on a clean surface.

It's good practice to professionally clean silk, rayon, and home decorating weight fabrics.

Handle wet vintage rayon fabric with care. Professional cleaning is advised.

Vintage and antique chintz fabrics may lose original glaze if washed. Professional cleaning is recommended.

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## Antique dinnerware & glassware



Hand wash only with a tea towel on the sink's bottom.

Store with a napkin in between each.

When removing from storage, lift and slide.

When storing, don't stack them or store them upside down.



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# ALBUMS

maybe you'll play them. maybe not.

Use an inner sleeve: paper, poly or paper with poly

Clean with a dry carbon fiber brush. Before and after use.

A deep clean with a micro-fiber cloth with record cleaning fluid and distilled water.

Wood glue: spread, dry, peel away.

Cleaning machine: if you are big time with a big collection.





# ANCESTORS & PREDECESSORS SPEAK

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STAND UP  
STRAIGHT AND  
REALIZE WHO  
YOU ARE, THAT  
YOU TOWER OVER  
YOUR  
CIRCUMSTANCES.

– MAYA ANGELOU





## Life's crossroads

Coleman A. Young Elementary, Cerveny Middle, Tany-Os corner store, foot races, poverty, giftedness, domestic violence, community connections, neighbors like family, puppy love, scholarships, true Hip-Hop fiends, legacy, pressed and fresh to def, first homes, black family and mental health, the candy lady...



# TAKE A MOMENT

Sometimes, we find ourselves selling the possessions of a loved one after they have passed because we need to make ends meet. We forget the priceless value it holds for family, history or legacy.

## MOMENT FOR HEALING

How much money do you need to set aside right now for your safety net so that you can live the life of your dreams without chasing “get rich quick” schemes?

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# APOLOGIA

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We make no apology.

Exquisite. Untethered. Lovable, masterful and powerful. We make no apology.

The personal knowledge of the life experienced on the block of Robson St. and Puritan Ave. in Detroit, Michigan has become a cornerstone for this company we are building.

We defied the statistics.

Now we support and empower those whose lives are defying odds in this generation.

Together we embrace our genetic disposition of excellence, regardless of societal labels given to us.

We know that every person is valuable.

We boldly claim our role in accelerating the generational legacy of healing by understanding our history within, and outside of, the “American Dream”.

We are not the fray.

Together, we won't be moved from our knowledge of our internal beauty as we uncover it.

We uncover our beauty with actions of unconditional love of self and forgiveness.

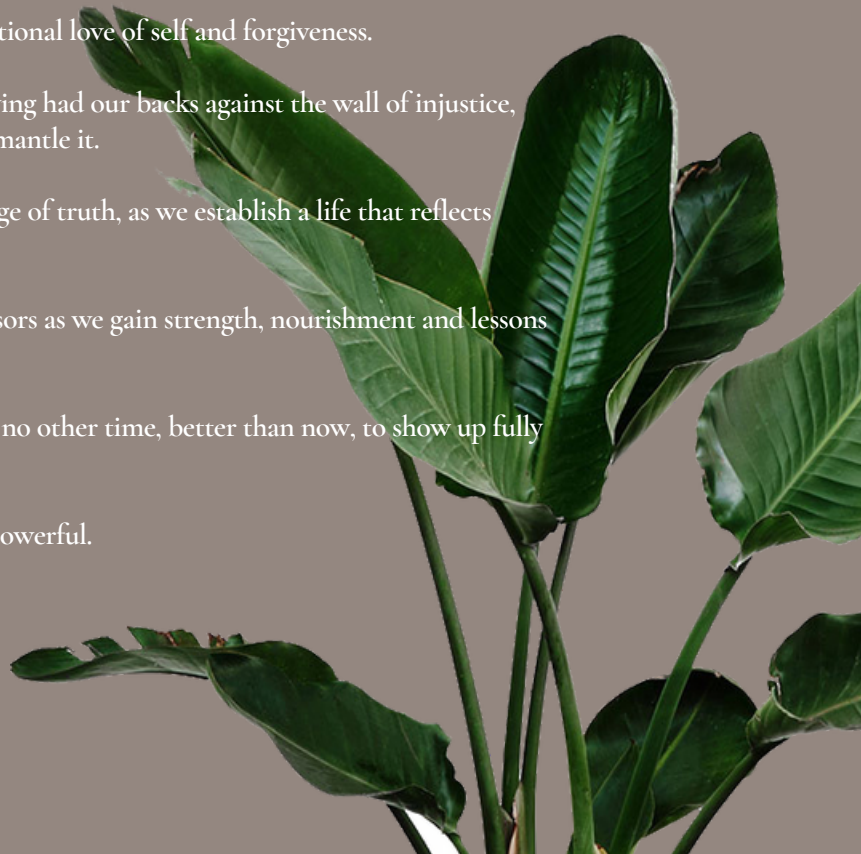
Together, we consider it an honor that after having had our backs against the wall of injustice, now, tides turned, we live this generation to dismantle it.

Together, we persist in growing in our knowledge of truth, as we establish a life that reflects beauty, grace, rest and intrinsic divinity.


Together, we honor our ancestors and predecessors as we gain strength, nourishment and lessons from their choices.

Together, we audaciously proclaim that there is no other time, better than now, to show up fully ourselves.

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