

“RESTORATIONS OF SEWING MACHINES”

I am besieged every week by phone calls wanting me to “RESTORE A SEWING MACHINE, OR TREADLE MACHINE AND HOW MUCH DO I CHARGE”.

I adhere to the European method of restoration. I preserve the patina of the machine and do not try to replace the graphics on the sewing machine head. *Those graphics shows how it was used and loved.* I clean and bring back as much of the original beauty of the machine as possible, and treat each one as if it were my own.

The cabinet: If there are any issues of veneer damage they will be accessed and calculated into the estimate. Finish depends on you; original finish, shellac, is one price, Tung oil finishes another price, and varnish is an even higher price. I have a furniture refinishing company with high ratings who I send the cabinets to and you can deal directly with them. (They are so good I would not use anyone else to do my restoration work)

WHAT IS WORTH RESTORATION?

The decision to restore an old sewing machine comes with a lot of questions. In an effort to shorten those questions here are some thoughts. If money is on no problem then everything is restorable. If you would like to have it restored, but money is a consideration, then learn before you spend. If it is just a whim, **DON'T!**

WHAT I WILL NOT RESTORE: If you send me a machine & cabinet that has been sitting in a barn for many years, and has fallen apart, or a cabinet which you dropped off the back of a truck and is broken all to pieces, or a complete machine that your transport company has dropped off a pallet and broke all to pieces, **DON'T!!!** It will come back to you **REDFUSED!** In other words **DO NOT SEND ANYTHING TO ME; YOU MUST BRING IT TO ME.**

If you send me photos of a restoration project you want done and want an estimate, (that will not happen,) I will only give restoration estimates on items that I can physically touch and go over **WITH YOU, PRESENT IN PERSON.** In other words it must be physically in my hands for an estimate, and that is only an estimate. Complete price subject to change due to unforeseen issues. Hope this helps you make a decision. jj