

Curious Collection From The Hand Drawn Map Association



From Here to There: A Curious Collection from the Hand Drawn Map Association by Kris Harzinski

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The Hand Drawn Map Association (HDMA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the study and promotion of hand drawn maps. The HDMA's collection includes over 10,000 maps, dating from the 15th century to the present day. These maps cover a wide range of topics, including geography, history, travel, and art.

Many of the maps in the HDMA's collection are unique and fascinating. Here are a few examples:

- **The Vinland Map** (c. 1440) is a controversial map that purports to show a pre-Columbian discovery of North America. The map is named after Vinland, a legendary land said to have been visited by the Vikings.

- **The Hereford Mappa Mundi** (c. 1300) is a large circular map of the world. The map is decorated with images of people, animals, and plants. It is one of the most famous medieval maps in the world.
- **The Dieppe Map** (c. 1540) is a French map of the world that shows the Americas in great detail. The map is significant because it is one of the earliest maps to show the coastline of North America.
- **The Blaeu Atlas** (1662) is a collection of maps by the Dutch cartographer Johannes Blaeu. The atlas is one of the most beautiful and important atlases ever published.
- **The Lewis and Clark Expedition Map** (1806-1807) is a map of the Lewis and Clark Expedition's journey to the Pacific Ocean. The map is significant because it is one of the first maps to show the interior of the United States.

These are just a few examples of the many curious and fascinating maps in the HDMA's collection. The HDMA's collection is a valuable resource for scholars, historians, and anyone interested in the history of maps.

The Importance of Hand Drawn Maps

Hand drawn maps are an important part of our history. They provide a unique window into the past, and they can help us to understand how people viewed the world in different times and places. Hand drawn maps can also be beautiful works of art, and they can be a source of inspiration for artists and designers.

The HDMA is committed to preserving and promoting the art of hand drawn mapping. The HDMA offers a variety of programs and services to support mapmakers, including workshops, exhibitions, and publications. The HDMA

also works to educate the public about the importance of hand drawn maps.

How to Get Involved with the HDMA

There are many ways to get involved with the HDMA. You can become a member, volunteer your time, or donate to the HDMA. The HDMA also offers a variety of educational programs and workshops.

If you are interested in learning more about hand drawn maps, I encourage you to visit the HDMA's website. The HDMA is a great resource for anyone interested in the history, art, and science of cartography.



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