Why are Limited Edition and Artist Proof Prints More Valuable?

As a new or seasoned art collector, you want to know that your art purchase is special and is of value beyond the intrinsic beauty that drew you to purchase it. Limited edition prints are a great choice, and here’s why:

1. A limited edition print is a reproduction of the original artwork. What makes it special is that, when it is printed, the artist or publisher will assign a specific number of prints to be made. This group of prints is referred to as an edition and each print in the edition is numbered.

2. These editions have a one-time run. Traditionally, the edition would be signed by the artist in pencil; however, with all the different paper and surfaces available today, it is acceptable to use a pen so that the signature is visible.

3. Good quality archival print paper is used to ensure longevity of the limited edition print.

4. Limited edition prints generally do not depreciate, although they can be subject to market fluctuations. Once the edition is sold out, no more prints of that image are made. It is at this time that the art will appreciate in value.
Here is an example from our website that illustrates a sold out print showing an estimated value. Our estimated values are based on known secondary market sales of the print.

**Brown Beauty ***Sold Out***

Quantity in Basket: *none*
Code: 0185103001
Price: $0.00

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**Brown Beauty**
Issued in 1985
Edition: 1,000 and 25 artist’s proofs
Rare Print

This print is no longer available from The Moss Portfolio on this shopping site.
It might still be available at your local P. Buckley Moss gallery.
Issued at $50.
Estimated current value is $120.
5. For the discriminating collector, there is the Artist Proof. The Artist Proof is an accompanying edition for the limited edition print run. Historically, the artist proof had a different meaning than it does today. Today, the Artist Proof is a small print edition with the size being determined by the artist and print maker. Many artists print 10-15% of the original edition, but at P. Buckley Moss, we print a quantity of 25 prints to be designated for use as Artist Proofs. The number sequence differs from the limited edition, as the number is preceded by the letter “AP”. The artist is the owner of the Artist Proof edition. Because it is unique, the Artist Proof edition is sold at a slight premium. What makes the Artist Proof prints so valuable is the restricted quantity available.

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P. Buckley Moss is an American and Virginia artist, whose art expresses her interest in strong family values and cultural heritage in her own distinctive style, giving us a collection of art that is filled with a lifetime of experiences. She is known as America’s most celebrated living artist. She currently lives in Radford, Virginia and travels around the country to attend shows with galleries and meet her collectors and sign her work for them.