

Asian, American, European Mix At Barrington Auction Oct. 22



WARREN, R.I. — Barrington Antiques and Arts Auction Company will present an auction Saturday, October 22, at 4 pm, preceded by a sale of box lots at 2:30 pm in a separate room of vintage furniture, lighting and accessories. The main sale is a mixture of Asian, European and American antique furniture, art and accessories.

Highlights of the main auction include a rare Japanese bowl, dated 1781, 17 hand carved

Japanese card cases, a collection of ivory and mixed metal page turners, and a 1740 American Queen Anne drop leaf table, Newport R.I. Also featured will be a Seventeenth Century jeweled silver coffer from Germany, and cloisonné vases from the Nineteenth Century.

Fine art crossing the block includes paintings by Robert Blum, William Morgan, Martin Murray, Charles Russell Loomis, Troy Denton and M. Gage Ray. Also on offer is a Nineteenth Century America's Cup painting, an 1830s painting on glass of the ship *Belvedere*. American furniture represented include a Federal period Salem drop leaf table and a Rhode Island continuous arm Windsor chair.

A Gorham set of sterling silver flatware will be offered, as well as a Korean solid silver jeweled bowl, and much 800 and 835 German silver flatware. A collection of vintage cookie jars was unearthed in a local home



and these will be offered as well. A pair of period paintings on ivory, a Louis Vuitton trunk and a rare and colorful trio of Nineteenth Century micromosaics from Boston will be offered along with an American period carved Fresian box, recently found.

The company offers free appraisals Sundays by appointment by calling 401-741-1257. Preview will be Friday from 5 to 9 pm and Saturday, 1 to 4. The auction house is at 91 Main Street on the second floor. For more information, www.art-sri.net/auctions.



Bertoia Auction's 'Toys On Tour' To Launch Nov. 11-12 Auction

VINELAND, N.J. — A grand tour is planned to set sail at Bertoia Auctions' November 11-12 Toys On Tour sale, but no passports are required. This excursion will bring together 1,400 lots of rare European and American toys from points afar, all to be auctioned at Bertoia's gallery.

The auction promises a mix of cast iron automotive, early American tin, European and American dolls, toys and automobilia and a collection of figural doorstops. As though that were not enough, the auction roster also includes 100 mechanical banks, about 100 choice penny toys and a collection of seldom-offered British and Continental biscuit tins.

"Much of the early American tin came from the late Ralph Tomlinson's collection, and

the cast iron toys came from another advanced West Coast collector," said Bertoia associate Rich Bertoia.

The cast iron vehicles run the gamut from cars and buses to motorcycles and farm toys. "This collector sought both quantity and condition," said Bertoia. "Some examples are rated 'pristine,' and a few come with Larry Sieber provenance, like the Hubley Panama Digger toy." The collection also includes a few Vindex sample autos formerly in the Donald Kaufman collection.

One of the top cast iron pieces is a rare Arcade panel truck advertising Jewel Coffees on both sides. Finished in deep brown with tan, the truck has ribbed white tires not commonly seen on Arcade vehicles. Rich Bertoia believes the toy is one of a kind.

A fresh-to-the-market collection of European penny toys will make a timely appearance, as will an estate collection of 100 figural British and

Continental biscuit tins. Among the top tins are a racecar, a Crawford's gold biplane, Huntley & Palmers trucks and two segments of Peek Frean's castle.

Many Lehmann and Martin clockwork toys will be offered along with European merry-go-rounds, a Doll et Cie Ferris wheel, and a host of European limousines and cars by premier makers. An early Marklin water tank auto and a Bing fire hand pumper are noteworthy.

A fleet of German-made ships and boats will drop anchor here. Marklin rarities lead the way and include a Puritan ocean liner, Philadelphia battleship and several gunboats.

Crossing the block will be 100 cast iron mechanical banks, among them Acrobat, Boy Scout Camp, Butting Buffalo and a boxed Calamity.

The auction will also feature another fine assortment of American comic character

toys from the Ron and Sandy Rosen collection. More than 100 popular TV stars and Marx characters will be available, and as is the case with all of the Rosens' toys, they are in choice condition.

Bertoia hinted of a few "surprise entries" among early American tin, which already includes some George Brown designs, riverboats and Ives clockwork trains and walking figures.

Bertoia has enjoyed a strong following among collectors of holiday antiques, who regard the company's annual November sale as a mini-convention. This year, Christmas enthusiasts can look forward to an array of early German-made goods. "Everything for the 12 days of Christmas can be found in this sale," said Bertoia. "There are ornaments of every type — glass, spun cotton, more than 50 Dresdens and some exceedingly rare moon-face ornaments that double as candy containers." Trade stimulators and Belnickles round out the category.

Easter and Halloween antiques also are in the sale.

European dolls are offered from Jumeau, Steiner and Kestner, led by a mechanical bisque doll in original wood box, a rare 17-inch French fashion doll, a 37-inch Tete Jumeau and a scarce 39-inch wide-eyed Steiner. The category also features several automata.

The Barbara and Chuck Cook cast iron doorstep collection will debut in this sale. Because the collection is so extensive, Bertoia will auction it in three parts, with parts II and III to follow in future sales. Many florals are included, as well as several 1920s-30s doorstops in the form of historic New England houses, each hand painted by Sara Symonds.

Auction sessions begin Friday at 1 pm and Saturday at 10 am. Preview is weekdays from 9 am to 5 pm, and starting at 9 am Friday and at 8 am Saturday. For information, 856-692-1881 or www.bertoiaauctions.com.



Late Nineteenth Century Pennsylvania German folk art chalkware Belsnickle, 22 inches (\$10/12,000).



Mechanical bank offerings include this circa 1885 Kyser & Rex Merry Go Round cast iron example (\$10/12,000).



An expected standout in the sale will be this hand painted Marklin 'Puritan' ocean liner, 20 1/4 inches (\$25/30,000).

NEW YORK CITY — On Wednesday, November 16, at 6:30 pm, Dai Fujiwara, former creative director of Miyake Design Studio, will join in a conversation with Cara McCarty, curatorial director, Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum. The Japan Society lecture, "Mastermind in Textile: An Evening with Dai Fujiwara," is at its gallery in conjunction with the exhibition, "Fiber Futures: Japan's Textile Pioneers," on view through December 18. Tickets: \$16/\$12 Japan Society members, seniors and students. Japan Society is at 333 East 47th Street between First and Second Avenues. For information, www.japansociety.org or 212-832-1155.

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