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McMasters Harris/Apple Tree Doll Auction

NEWARK, OHIO — The “Early Summer Premier Doll Auction” of antique and vintage Mid-century dolls was conducted by McMasters Harris Auction Company, in affiliation with Apple Tree Auction Center, Inc. The auction houses’ new partnership welcomed familiar faces to Apple Tree’s facility with a substantial crowd of gallery and Internet bidders June 16.

Phone and absentee bidders competed favorably with gallery and online bidders for some of the best examples of antique and vintage dolls offered by McMasters Harris in some years. Collec-

tions from the East Coast and Southern United States were the focus of attention in this auction.

Fine antique French bisque dolls were plentiful and, as usual, in high demand. A 15-inch Jumeau portrait bebe with brown paperweight eyes, original cork pate and antique blonde wig, a jointed French body and straight wrists sold overseas for \$4,060.

The top lot of the auction was an 18-inch French fashion doll with trousseau that fetched \$5,775 followed by a larger 32-inch French fashion for \$2,420.

A 16-inch Jules Steiner Series

C bisque head doll with blue lever sleep eyes sold for \$3,190, while an 18-inch Bru Jne R bebe took a solid \$4,350. An “in-the-box” example of a 12-inch Raberry & Delphieu bebe with original wardrobe sold above estimate on the phone for \$3,080. Two lots later, another Raberry & Delphieu bebe changed hands; this time it was a 27-inch beauty with original cork pate and mohair wig for \$2,530.

Antique German dolls of interest included a 21-inch Greiner-style china head doll, circa 1850, with an early cloth body, that ended spirited bidding at \$2,310,

well over estimate. A Kammer & Reinhardt 117 bisque head doll, with blue sleep eyes and a strawberry blonde human hair wig, commanded \$2,860 from an Internet bidder, while German characters and all-bisques rounded out the German contingent.

Speaking of all-bisques, spirited bidding pushed a 9-inch all-bisque doll with brown glass eyes and fine modeling to \$1,855, immediately followed by a 4½-inch googly-eyed version, with painted and dotted eyes, for \$1,485 to a persistent phone bidder.



Bebes included this 15-inch Jumeau bebe portrait 2nd Series that achieved \$4,060.

Auction Action In Newark, Ohio



A 12-inch Marklin tin doll pram attained \$5,225.



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Marx Braniff Hostess fashion doll fetched \$3,360.



This 16-inch Raberry & Delphieu bebe with wardrobe took \$3,080.

A seldom-seen German bisque head “Princess Elizabeth” marked Porzellanfabrik Burggrub/Princess Elizabeth/3½ D.R.G.M., went to an online bidder for \$1,250, surpassing estimate as well. Also from Germany, the big sale of the day was not a doll at all but a Marklin tin doll pram with hanging parasol. This top seller measured 12½ inches long and 4 inches wide. It rang in at \$5,225 to a satisfied phone bidder.

Cloth dolls also performed well in the sale. An appealing 17-inch Princess Margaret Rose doll by Chad Valley went for \$1,680, more than doubling estimate.

Lenci again proved the top seller in the cloth category. Leaders

included a 17-inch Lenci Tyrolean Series 300 girl that fetched \$1,740, an 18-inch Lenci groom that more than doubled estimate to bring \$1,740 and a 18-inch Lenci Boy Series 110 with hollow body that attained \$1,970.

Composition dolls were led by Dionne Quintuplets snugly presented in a wicker basket. They brought \$1,560.

Other items of interest included a 7-inch hard plastic Vogue “Ginny And Away We Go” doll in original box with Ginny wardrobe carrying case and three tagged outfits and boxed set of shoes and socks for \$375 and an Effanbee Honey Walker hard plastic doll, in original display box, fully loaded with extra original outfits and accessories, at \$665.

Another attention-getter was a 21-inch Madame Alexander “Judy” (Jacqueline) doll in original wardrobe carrying case complete with extra outfits, jewelry and accessories, which found a new home for \$1,390.

Gallery and Internet bidders competed for “Barbie & Friends,” led by a #4 blonde ponytail Barbie dressed doll wearing “Senior Prom” and in original box for \$665.

The money held out to the very end of the auction, as evidenced by a rare Marx “Braniff Air Hostess” fashion doll in original box with original Pucci designed outfits, a space headcover, two extra outfits and accessories ringing up a realized price of \$3,560 as bidding closed.

All prices reported include a ten percent buyer’s premium.

For additional information, www.mcmastersharris.com or 800-842-3526.



An early 16-inch Lenci boy sold for \$1,740.

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Original York Antiques Show Fall Edition To Be Sept. 2–4

YORK, PENN. — The Original 157th Semi-Annual York Antiques Show & Sale is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 2–4, at Memorial Hall East, located within the York Fairgrounds Convention & Expo Center at 334 Carlisle Avenue.

This popular event features 96 exhibitors in room settings offering a breadth of antiques, including Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century period American and English furniture, country pieces in original paint and decoration, early porcelain and pottery, Oriental carpets, quilts, hooked rugs, samplers and other textiles, early kitchen and fire-place items, Native American pottery, carvings, weavings and estate jewelry.

Melvin L. Arion is the show

promoter.

During the show, James S. Lawrence will autograph copies of his new book *Design Spatter, Mid-Nineteenth Century English Sponge-Decorated Ceramics*, as well as exhibiting design spatter pieces.

For the show’s fall edition, there will be one exhibitor returning after a hiatus: Sheppheard’s Antiques, Bedford, Penn., along with three new participants: Holden Antiques from Sherman, Conn., and Naples, Fla.; The Bar and Diamond, Linda Hanson, of Lancaster, Penn., who specializes in quilts; and Wesley T. Sessa, Elverson, Penn.

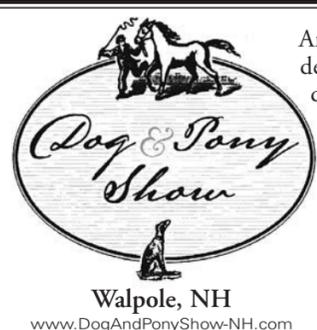
Show hours for Friday and Saturday are 10 am to 6 pm, and Sunday from 11 am to 5 pm. Admission is \$10 per per-

son, \$9 with this article or an ad.

For additional information, www.theoriginallyorkantiquesshow.com or 302-542-3286, and during the show only, at 717-718-1097.

NEW YORK CITY — Pace/MacGill Gallery, 32 East 57th Street, is presenting “Wanna See My Portfolio?,” featuring portfolios by Robert Frank, Lee Friedlander, Diane Arbus, Duane Michals, Robert Rauschenberg and Garry Winogrand, to August 24. For information, 212-759-7999 or www.pacemacgill.com.

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