

# AUCTION ROUNDUP

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## Victorian étagère brought \$1,800 after heated bidding

... in Kentucky

Sitting on the edge of their seats, four bidders eagerly competed for a walnut pierced carved Victorian étagère with marble top at the Jan. 1 Auctions By Cooper sale in Vanceburg. It was the bidder from southern Kentucky who was willing to stay in the bidding war and won the outstanding piece of furniture for \$1,800. No buyer's premium was charged.

More than 200 bidders from Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee and Indiana showed up for the New Year's Day sale featuring quality antique furniture. "Most of the items came from one estate, but we had several consignments also," said auctioneer Stacy Cooper. "The auction went real well."

A walnut knock-down wardrobe with burl panels and carved crest stood tall at \$1,650, while an ornate oak knock-down wardrobe with mirrored doors and fancy carving brought \$1,400.

Walnut furniture prices remained strong throughout the day, and a Victorian queen-size bed with oval panels made a big statement at \$1,400. A high back bed with detailed carving brought \$1,450, and a marble-top sideboard with mirror reflected a \$900 bid.

Other top lots of the day included a two-piece, fifth-leg country cupboard, which supported a \$1,225 bid; a hard-to-find original lock side chest in walnut with fancy splash, \$875; and a flamed mahogany chest with claw feet, \$650.

Auctions by Cooper holds auctions the first Sunday of every month.

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**Left:** This pierced carved Victorian étagère with marble top and fancy crest was competed to \$1,800 at Auctions by Cooper's New Year's Day sale.



**Right:** This ornate oak knock-down wardrobe with mirrored doors and fancy carving sold for \$1,400.

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**Left:** A lot of hatpins artfully displayed in a flower frog was the top lot in the auction, reaching \$3,565. Also pictured is a green malachite glass perfume bottle (top left) with cherubs, which made \$402.50.

## Garth's finds strong niche

... in Ohio

Bidders started the New Year eager to bid at Garth's Arts & Antiques' Jan. 6 Eclectic Auction in Delaware, as strong prices were reported across the board.

"This auction was very well attended," said Amelia Jeffers, vice president of Garth's. "Our firm continues to successfully target specific collecting groups. The multitude of interesting categories in this auction - buttons, jewelry, relics, guns - manifested as a standing-room-only crowd."

A lot of hatpins artfully displayed in a flower frog was the top lot in the sale, realizing \$3,565, while a Smith's Kidney Pills framed tin advertising sign soared to \$3,450. Prices include a 15 percent buyer's premium.

A collection of Civil War items from Major James Jenkins realized \$3,105. The collection included a haversack, canteen, albumen photos, a handkerchief and type-written transcripts.

Buttons were a hot collectible, despite the mind-boggling quantities available. Prices ranged from \$50 per lot to nearly \$500.

"Garth's handled a small number of button auctions in the 1980s," said Jeffers. "This is the first time since then that we

have handled a collection of this size. The collection featured in this auction was amassed over 50 years and contained literally thousands of buttons. I asked one customer on her knees sifting through boxes of buttons at our preview, 'Are you a button collector?' 'No,' she replied. 'Careful,' said her friend dryly, 'It's addictive.'"

Other highlights from the sale included a marble-topped Victorian sideboard, \$1,667.50; a two-piece curly maple step-back bookcase, \$1,610; a 14k gold bracelet with gold coins, marked *Tiffany & Co.*, \$1,380; and an Art Deco hall seat with beveled mirror, \$1,150.

Started in November 1999, Jeffers said the Eclectic Auctions venue has grown steadily for the company over the years.

"The market for fun, affordable antiques and collectibles is evident," said Jeffers. "By offering them with Garth's high standard of customer service, we have really found a strong niche. Eclectic Auctions are generally held the first Friday of every month.

Garth's will conduct a cataloged auction of Early American and English furniture and decorative arts on Feb. 11. The next Eclectic Auction is slated for March 3.

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## 1942 Harley revs up bidders

... in Pennsylvania

An unrestored 1942 Harley-Davidson military police model motorcycle in running condition revved up the crowd at the Jan. 2 auction conducted by Gateway Gallery Auction in Chambersburg, bringing \$10,000.

"The top lot in terms of both interest and in the amount of money it brought was without a doubt this Harley-Davidson," said company spokesperson Kay Kohler. "We had absentee bidders all up and down the East coast and the Midwest. It ended up going to a bidder in Tennessee."

Two other vintage Harley-Davidsons from 1955, both disassembled - one partially restored and about 90 percent there and another unrestored and about 50 percent there - brought \$5,900 and \$4,850 respectively.

A number of items in the sale came from the Chambers family, the founding family of Chambersburg. A pair of Chambers family silhouettes from the early 1800s brought \$1,000, while a folk art painting of a local Presbyterian church done by Susan Chambers, dated 1803, made \$1,700. A decorated Irvine crock with lid from Newville, Pa., realized \$2,600. Prices do



**Above:** This unrestored 1942 Harley-Davidson military police model motorcycle in running condition brought \$10,000 at the Jan. 2 auction conducted by the Gateway Gallery Auction in Chambersburg, Pa.

not include a 10 percent buyer's premium.

"Irvine wasn't the most prolific potter," said Kohler. "It's scarce, even in this area. It's highly collected and this example was purchased by the Cumberland County Historic Society for their collection. They were very pleased to get it, as they didn't already have any in that form."

The next estate auction for Gateway Gallery Auction is slated for Jan. 16.

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## Best sale yet for new Illinois auction company

... in Illinois

Auctioneering is a new career for Morris Snively, but as a retired speech and debate teacher, he's accustomed to working in front of a crowd. And those crowds have been growing since he conducted his first sale in October. He called his third auction, held Jan. 7, "the best sale yet, partly because we had such nice material."

The auction, held at the American Legion Hall in Mascoutah, about 25 minutes outside St. Louis, drew more than 90 registered bidders. It

featured items from a dozen different consignors, including the stock of a closed antique store in Belleville.

Top sellers included a late 19th century étagère with incised decoration, beveled mirror and beveled glass doors (pictured **right**) that earned \$850, and a Jacobean Revival walnut dining room suite with table, six chairs, china cabinet and buffet, which served up \$800. Prices do not include the 5 percent buyer's premium charged for credit card purchases.

Demand was strong for contemporary jewelry as well as

Nippon porcelain. Top seller in the Nippon category was a double-handled vase with hand-painted robin in a tree, with a Morimura Bros. mark, which realized \$400.

A Keen-Kutter oak and glass countertop display case fetched \$400, while a barber's stand with double glass compartments, marble top and brass gallery, closed at \$375.

Snively said in the coming year he plans to conduct about one auction per month of quality antiques and collectibles.

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An attractive two-piece curly maple step-back bookcase, \$1,610 including 15 percent buyer's premium. Garth's Arts & Antiques' Jan. 6 Eclectic Auction in Delaware, Ohio.

Highlights from several auctions.



A decorated Irvine crock with lid from Newville, Pa., \$2,600 plus 10 percent buyer's premium, Gateway Gallery Auction's Jan. 2 sale in Chambersburg, Pa.



A mocha cream pitcher in the Cat's Eye pattern, circa 1800s, \$3,300 plus 10 percent buyer's premium, Gateway Gallery Auction's Jan. 2 sale in Chambersburg, Pa.



Buttons, \$50-500 per lot, Garth's Arts & Antiques' Jan. 6 Eclectic Auction in Delaware, Ohio



An Art Deco hall seat with beveled mirror, \$1,150 including 15 percent buyer's premium, Garth's Arts & Antiques' Jan. 6 Eclectic Auction in Delaware, Ohio.

