

Delaware, OH – On September 1st & 2nd, Garth's Auctions will hold its annual Labor Day Early American Antiques and Decorative Arts auction. As in years past, bidders in 2006 won't be disappointed in the exceptional quality, diversity and selection to be found during the two day event.

Friday's session will begin with the Medical and Scientific Instrument Collection of Dr. Sherman Katz. Comprised of approximately 200 lots, the first hours of the sale will feature wonderful examples of Dancer slides, early surgeons kits including Civil War, travel and seagoing, apothecary kits, microscopes, blood letting kits, leech jars including Staffordshire, scales, apothecary jars and ivory doctor's ladies. Other medical items of note include an L.N. Fowler Phrenology head & book and a Pony Express saddle bag medical kit. Also in this session buyers will find several Vampire kits labeled by Prof. Ernst Blomberg, sextants, a gambler's kit, a rosewood gaming box with agate cabochons and bone game pieces labeled Wedgwood & Son, a finely inlaid burl veneer cellarette with gilt decorated bottles and cordials & gadget canes including with surgeon's tools and an ivory monocular.

The remainder of the two-day event will consist of items from the collections of the late Richard E. Guggenheim of Cincinnati, Ohio, Cook Cleland of Pensacola, Florida, Lois and Gerald Ballantyne of Hartfield, Virginia and others. Items of note from the Richard Guggenheim collection are folk art pieces, including several Elijah Pierce carvings, a carved angel weathervane, several Popeye Reed carvings, a Bellamy eagle and Mexican items. Paintings from the collection include a pair of Matthew Prior portraits of a husband and wife, a naive portrait of George Washington after Gilbert Stuart and a double full-length portrait of two children. Weathervanes of interest include a leaping stag by Fiske. Along with his wonderful smalls Mr. Guggenheim also collected decorated furniture including chairs, a high chest and a Soap Hollow chest of drawers.

Other furniture of note in the Labor Day auction are decorated blanket chests; an Extra Grade Wooten desk; highboys; drop leaf tables; slant lid desks including Chippendale, Queen Anne and child size; Pembroke tables; cupboards including turkey breast; Empire sofas with hairy paw feet; and a wide selection of chairs. Smalls of interest include several fine pieces of Gaudy Dutch, Currier and Ives Presidential and military lithographs, a large theorem, early pattern glass including Horn of Plenty and Ribbed Palm, Staffordshire figures including cats and a large Benjamin Franklin identified as George Washington, snuffs, chalkware animals and redware including a John Bell apple butter jar.

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