

Customers of Garth's Auction will be in for a treat on the first weekend in November; a special one-owner auction is scheduled for Friday and they will be having a doll auction the following day.

On Friday, November 3rd, the Eclectic Auction will feature items from the 30 year collection of the late Howard (Slick) and Alma Wittibslager of LaRue, Ohio. Among the wide selection of Victorian furniture are pier mirrors, a two-piece secretary, desks, stepbacks, bookcases, beds, marble top stands, an ornate gilt French style seven-piece parlor suite and chests. Some of the lighting to be found are piano lamps, miniature lamps, banquet lamps, hall lights, hanging parlor lights, Gone-With-The-Wind lamps, oil lamps, wedding lamps and floor lamps. Exceptional glass and china will be available including a signed Baccarat Remy Martin cognac bottle, many pieces of Victorian art glass, cut glass, pickle castors, Wavecrest boxes, RS Prussia, Limoges, transfer decorated china and flow blue. Other highlights include a reverse painting of glass of the sinking of the Titanic, a Seth Thomas Federal pillar and scroll mantle clock with reverse painted compass star, guns including a double barrel with carved dog and many cast iron figural banks.

Preview times will be Thursday, November 2nd, 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. and Friday, November 3rd, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

On Saturday November 4th, the doll auction will feature a wide variety of quality items, many of which come from the lifetime collection of the late Virginia Coleman of Louisville Kentucky.

Originally a native of Pennsylvania, Virginia spent many years acquiring a wide variety of items, often using her birthplace as a reference point. In an article she authored for several doll collecting magazines including The Doll News concerning her Special Exhibit "Soft Threads for Children and Dolls" for the 1995 UFDC National Convention in Philadelphia, Virginia wrote that she "was not, truly, a doll collector. I collect things, by, of and for women." Whatever parameters she used, Virginia did have many fine examples of Amish, Mennonite and Pennsylvania German dolls and doll quilts that Garth's is pleased to be able to offer in the November auction. For Virginia, the items in her exhibit, and her collection, were, "...acquired specially, slowly, reflecting a lifelong love."

Additional Virginia Coleman items available are doll furniture including a whalebone scrimshaw bed, early peg wooded dolls, milners models and black dolls. Mary Bush, Garth's Doll Expert, has said, "I'm sorry I never had the opportunity to meet Virginia Coleman, I'm sure I would have liked her very much. She was fascinated by all things pertaining to the history of woman including sewing implements, primitive dolls, quilts and furniture. Through the years she gathered a wonderful collection seldom seen in one place."

Other dolls of note in the Saturday auction include a Bru, a Jumeau, Kestners including a googly, a 143, and a XI Pouty and Simon Halbig's 1469 and a large 1159, just to name a few. A wonderful group of uncatalogued dolls will also be offered.

Preview times will be Friday, November 3rd, 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 4th, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

For more information on both auctions, please call 740-362-4771 or visit our website, [www.garths.com](http://www.garths.com).