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Collectors find oyster cans a delicacy

BY WILLIAM FLOOD

For generations, Chesapeake Bay watermen have made their living from local waters, harvesting oysters in the winter months to make their livelihoods. Their catch not only ended up at local restaurants, but it also supplied the packing industry that put the delicacy on tables countrywide. Collectors who appreciate that heritage have been snapping up oyster cans that have survived from the heydays of the oyster industry.

Humans have eaten oysters for centuries. There is evidence that Neanderthals consumed them, and in coastal areas worldwide, prehistoric shell mounds attest to how vital oysters were as a food source. As late as the 1800s, people living near salt water relied on the shellfish as a dietary staple.

During the late 1700s and early 1800s oysters went from being a staple to a delicacy reserved for the upper classes in the Western world. On top of that, since shellfish spoiled so quickly, and had to be served almost immediately, only the wealthy in coastal areas had access to them.

The formation of railroads in the 19th century, combined with the development of refrigerated cars and warehouses, allowed shellfish to be kept fresh longer and shipped greater distances. That made oysters available again to the masses, but they were treated as an affordable indulgence. As the rage took hold, oyster parlors began popping up in cities across the country.

Nowhere was more important to the ovster industry than the waters of the Chesapeake Bay. From the late 19th century until the middle of the 20th, thousands of local watermen harvested the bounty, while hundreds of packing houses in communities along the Bay and its tributaries processed the catch. Baltimore — Oyster City as it was known — became America's oyster canning capital. Its harbor became lined



Above: Several hundred antique and vintage oyster cans are on display at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels, Maryland.

houses.

In the beginning, oysters were harvested by tonging. From autumn through late winter, one or two oystermen worked in shallow water, typically aboard locally-built log canoes,

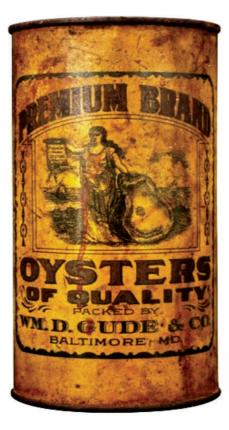
with wharves, oyster fleets, and packing pulling oysters from the beds by hand with long rake-like tongs. It was slow physically grueling work, in rough conditions, that paid very little. Yet, the methods lasted well into the 20th century.

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Above: The Rosie Parks is one of a handful of original Chesapeake Skipjacks still on the water.

Below: This rare 19th-century quart can sold on 1st Dibs for \$2,000.





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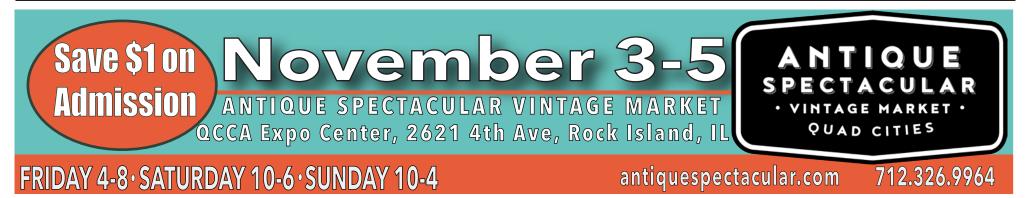
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Collectors, young and old, gather for fishing reel convention

BY RICHARD K. LODGE

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BOLTON LANDING, N.Y. — It's kind of an inside joke. Is the Old Reel Collectors Association a group of old reel collectors or a group of collectors of old reels?

Either way you look at it, old and young fans of antique and collectible fishing reels gathered at a resort overlooking Lake George the week of September 18 and picked over tables of fishing reels and related gear – some dating to the early 1800s – for additions to their personal collections.

The Old Reel Collectors Association, ORCA for short, has been holding its annual convention since 1999 – including an online "virtual" convention in 2020 during the pandemic – at venues around the country. This year's five-day gathering at Blue Water Manor in Bolton Landing marked the third time ORCA convened at Lake George. Among the highlights was a bus trip to the American Museum of Fly Fishing in Manchester, Vermont, where curator (and former ORCA president) Jim Schottenham displayed a variety of American and British fishing reels.

This year's convention saw scores of reels bought, sold or traded among collectors, with some especially rare reels going for thousands of dollars. A German-silver B.F. Meek baitcasting reel engraved with an early 1890s date reportedly changed hands for \$8,000.

But buyers didn't need big bank accounts to enhance and sweeten their collections. The show, which opened to the public for one day, featured hundreds of reels from manufacturers such as Shakespeare, Pflueger, South Bend, Mitchell,



Above: An unusually small brass reel from the mid to late 1800s that would have been clamped to a fishing rod. Reels of this size and type can sell from \$150 and up, even if the maker is unknown.

and Langley. A well-made Langley Lurecast Model 330, made from 1948-1962 and still a great fishing tool today, went for \$20. A closed-face spincasting Johnson Century Model 100B – familiar to many Baby Boomers who might have found one under the Christmas tree back in the 1960s – could be had for \$15 to \$30, depending on condition.

Author and bamboo fly rodmaker Hoagy Carmichael Jr., who is son of the Bloomington, Indiana, native, famous singer and "Stardust" songwriter, set up a table brimming with late 19th and early 20th century English-made Hardy

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Right: A closeup of some of the dozens of reels by New York maker John Kopf that are in the collection of Henry Caldwell, an antique dealer and ORCA member from New York.



Above: Author Steve Woit, left, shows antique fishing photos to bamboo rodmaker Hoagy Carmichael Jr. at the reel collectors' convention.



Civil War-era quilt stitched up \$13,000 at Opfer online auction

By William Flood

TIMONIUM, Md. — As part of its impressive 2023 season, on October 5, Richard Opfer Auctioneering held a "live" online auction via its branded online and mobile site. The event featured 477 lots of quality antique and modern furniture, artwork, estate jewelry, ceramics and other glassware, and textiles from around the world.

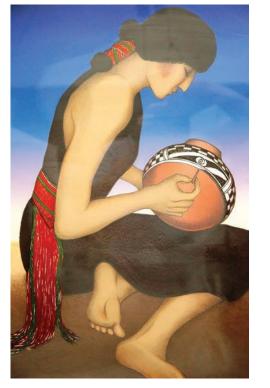
Exceeding the high estimates at \$13,000 was a Baltimore album quilt top, dated February 14, 1862. It featured 25 squares that portrayed patriotic images like the Washington Monument, Frigate Cumberland, liberty caps, and eagles. It was signed by members of several notable Maryland families.

While the quilt was the only item to grab five figures, 25 other lots secured four-figure winning bids that often sailed well past high estimates. Among the items was a two-tone gold/stainless men's Rolex wristwatch with its original box and paperwork. It pulled \$5,000.



Left: The auction's highest bid went for this circa 1862 signed patriotic quilt top from Baltimore. It hit \$13,000.

round diamond surrounded by 22 smaller round diamonds (3.7 dwt total). The contour ring held another 21 round diamonds (2.7



In addition to the Rolex, 16 other lots with estate-quality jewelry were WARTER REVERSER REVERSER REVERSER

offered. A lady's solitaire diamond ring with fitted contour ring, graded VG-Ex, sold for \$3,250. The 14k two-tone gold mounting held a 1.02 carat, VS2 clarity dwt total). Later, a 14k gold

flower-form ring bid to \$1,3000. The piece, graded G-VG, featured five di-

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Above: One of many pieces of artwork selling in the hundreds was this signed R.C. Gorman (American 1931-2005) Native American-themed piece that grabbed \$250.

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Fishing Reel Convention

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reels. Depending on condition and rarity, Hardys can sell for \$200 to several thousand dollars. Some of the older models are still used today for fly fishing.

In keeping with ORCA's mission to teach people about reelmakers and the history of fishing reels, the show also included educational displays and seminars on reel history and ways to use databases to research reelmakers. Current ORCA president Matt Wickham, a collector of Kentucky reels, cited the continuing interest in the fishing reel displays - which are judged for their content and presentation – as well as the reels displayed for sale on tables throughout the convention.

"Interest and pricing remain strong," he said. "While the internet has expanded the market for tackle, the shows always bring out reels and people and deals that cannot be done online. We continue to see rare items turn up at shows, some not for sale at this time, but just for show and tell."



Above: Collectors don't need deep pockets for this hobby. The Johnson Century closed-face casting reel, at left, could be purchased for \$15 to \$30 at the convention and it is suitable for fishing as well. The Langley Lurecast, shown at right, also good for fishing, was made from 1948-1962.



Above: Although the Old Reel Collectors Association focuses on antique and collectible fishing reels, other fishing related items are for sale or display as well, including this collection of colorful salmon flies, displayed by Steve Woit.

Show host Henry Caldwell, who owns Black Bass Antiques in Bolton Landing, brought along his display of reels made in the late 1800s by John Kopf, a reelmaker in Brooklyn, New York. Kopf rarely put his name on his reels, but they often are stamped with one or more of his patent dates for unique features, such as the style of the reel foot which attaches the reel to a fishing rod.

Caldwell said New York City - Brooklyn in particular - was a hotbed of fishing reel innovation and manufacture in the late 1800s, offering reels by Edward and Julius Vom Hofe, Frederick Malleson, U.S. Net & Twine, and the Montague Rod & Reel Company. Made in Brooklyn, these reels were sold across the country. Besides the makers' name, rarity and condition are key when collecting reels of this era. For example, a limited

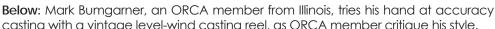
Below: Tom Harwood, who co-authored a book on collectible fishing reels of the Pacific Northwest, used a Colgrove reel made in Vancouver, Washington, in the 1950s, in the antique tackle fishing contest on Lake George.

production run of an Edward Vom Hofe large saltwater reel in excellent condition might bring anywhere from \$500 to \$5,000, while more humble and common reels produced by Montague can often be acquired for \$20 to \$50.

Many fishing reel collectors take up the hobby because they also enjoy fishing, while others start collecting after buying their first reel at a yard sale or flea market. Still others inherit fishing gear from a parent or favorite relative, leading to a life-long interest in building a collection.

As Caldwell told a local newspaper reporter, "People have been fishing for sport for hundreds of years. There's a lot of history to it and people want to know more about it. They may begin with an interest in reels they once fished with and go from there."

In addition to the displays and the buying and selling of old reels, the ORCA convention also featured an accuracy







Above: Paul Manuel, an ORCA member from Ontario has the group's attention as he talks about an antique fishing reel he brought to the club's "Wine and Reels" social hour at the start of the convention.

Below: This exceptional example of a reel sold by the Boston retailer Bradford & Anthony changed hands at the ORCA convention. Bradford & Anthony sold all kinds of fishing tackle from 1867 to 1883, the year the company sold out to another retailer.



casting competition, using antique tackle, and an antique tackle fishing tournament on Lake George.

The nonprofit club, which was founded about 35 years ago, publishes a full-color magazine called "The Reel News" every other month, and hosts an extensive website with hundreds of documents and schematics relating to reels and their history as well as a searchable digital archive of every issue of the club magazine.

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Association: www.orcaonline.org.

casting with a vintage level-wind casting reel, as ORCA member critique his style.





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amonds and five red stones (possibly rubies) in its interior along with 25 diamonds on the petals. Additional diamonds and red stones graced each side of the band (10.4 dwt total).

Collectibles from across the globe sold well, including two different sets of Asian roof tile figurines. A lot containing a pair of painted ceramic figures - a tiger with rider and dragon with rider - graded in G-VG condition, hit \$2,700. The other, a set of three, two of flying birds and a figure on a horse, graded G-VG, went for \$2,200.

From the opposite side of the world came two 60-inch-tall penny-farthing bicycles. They were in overall good original condition, although one was missing its seat and the other missing the pedals. They were wheeled off for \$1,600 and \$1,800.

Three of ten vintage travel posters also hit four figures. Taking the lead, at \$2,500, was a Pan Am "Fly to the Caribbean by Clipper" poster by M. von Arenburg. The 42 by 28-inch nonbacked poster was graded VG. Bidding went to \$1,300 for an Air France "Amerique du Nord" by Luc Marie Bayle (Hubert Baille printers). The non-backed 38 by 24-inch lithograph, rated G-G+, had some evident staining. A \$1,100 bid took home a framed 61 by 45-inch Art Nouveau Cognac Jacquet advertising poster by French artist Camille Bouchet.

In addition to the posters, there were more than 50 lots of wall art, encompassing everything from Asian woodblocks and antique oils to photographs and contemporary prints. Pricing ran

Below: A pair of mid-century Bernardo Plycraft bentwood armchairs in need of some TLC sold for \$170.



Above: Penny-farthing bikes hailed from the 1870s-1880s. The auction featured two of them

the gamut from under \$50 to more than \$2,500. Hitting the category's high, at \$2,600, was an oil on canvas of Robert E. Lee on his horse Traveler. The 38 by 52-inch framed painting, in need of some cleaning, was by William Hallweig, a 19th-century in-house artist for Baltimore's Bendann Galleries.

Landing \$2,400, was a pair of Gene Kloss (American, 1903-1996) etchings. The matted, framed, and signed artist's proofs were entitled "Age Old Rhythm" and "Song of Creation." Not getting the same traction were four Grace Hartigan (American 1922-2008) abstract lithographs that sold from \$500-\$700, well under pre-auction estimates.

For bidders interested in ceramic, 14 lots of English blue transferware were available. All of it sold solidly. A 17-inch Riley platter, portraying a country house, graded G-G+ with normal wear, reached \$250. A 21-inch platter by Woods, featuring Lambton Hall

Below: The motifs on this early dresser may indicate South Asian origins. Bidding for it reached \$1,400.



Above: Estate-quality jewelry was prevalent. Among the exciting pieces was this diamond ring with a fitted contour ring. It sold for \$3,250.

in Durham, graded G-EX, with some bottom wear, sold for \$140. A 10-inch good-condition Staffordshire covered dish with a City of Canterbury scene and flower finial only got \$40.

Bidders with an eye toward pottery of the American Southwest were rewarded with two dozen lots of Native American ceramics, including eight lots with pieces from Acoma Pueblo. Of those, a 13 ¹/₂-inch Nathan Vallo pot grabbed \$450. A pair of 5-inch painted pots, one with a bird and geometric pattern, signed W. Aragon, and another embellished with a geometric pattern, signed R. Aragon, sold for \$300.

Those in search of furniture were also well-rewarded. Across the auction, sixty lots of furnishings spanning the 18th through 20th centuries were offered. Bidding rose to \$2,900 for an Althorp, George III-style four-poster bed. Its turned columns featured pinecone finials and acanthus leaf baluster bases that complimented a serpentine arched headboard with molded cornice.

Below: Around 2000, Thomasville Furniture crafted the Humphrev Bogart collection in celebration of old Hollywood This Bogart dresser sold for \$350. An armoire sold for \$550.



Above: A spotlighted category was authentic vintage travel posters. This Pan Am piece reached \$2,500.

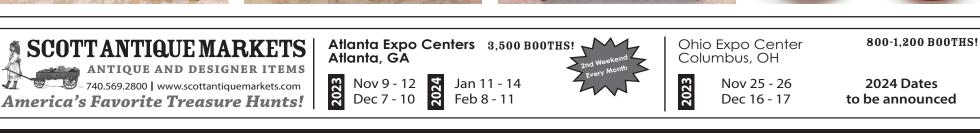
Later came a 31-inch-high early 20th-century oak four-drawer chest with bun front feet, that reached \$1,400. No less interesting, but coming in at only \$350, was a 48-inch tall Deforest, checkerboard-pattern Humphrey Bogart dresser showing normal wear. Some pieces came in lower than expectations, like an oval refinished mahogany Hepplewhite foldout dining table (expandable from 48-98 inches) that only picked up \$50.

Lower-end bids weren't always shy of expectations and echoed some interesting buys. A 36-inch-tall antique fire screen with a mahogany frame and needlework on one side sold for \$90, almost hitting high estimates. A bid of \$60 picked up an early 1900s mahogany Cheval-style shaving mirror that was also squarely within estimates.

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Below: Two dozen lots of Native American pottery were offered. This pair of signed 5-inch Acoma sold for \$190.





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Page 6 1929 Steinway Model M piano set to play a merry tune at Nye

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Highlights include a 1929 Steinway Model M piano, estimated conservatively at \$4,000-\$6,000, poised to sell within range or higher; a large number of rugs and carpets in a variety of styles and designs; and a pair of Irish Georgian part ebonized and parcel-gilt looking oval looking glasses.

A pair of Queen Anne walnut side



Above: Tiffany & Company sterling flatware service in the "Florentine" pattern, 1905 oak wedding chest.



Below: Four large Kirk sterling silver candlesticks, Baltimore, Maryland.





Above: Diego Giacometti (Swiss, 1902-1985), "Table Berceau" second version, designed circa 1965, stamped: "DG."

chairs made in Philadelphia between 1740-1760 are estimated at \$20,000-\$40,000 and should be a fan favorite. There is also a nice Chippendale

> stop-fluted serpentine front card table made in Newport around 1780. This piece all of retains the hallmarks of classic Newport cabinetmaking design from the second-half 18th century. The collection also features a number of

> > Left: Rolex gold diamond oval link ladies bracelet watch.

traditionally inspired items including a nice selection of both early American and Georgian silver and Chinese export porcelain. The silver includes pieces by highly regarded makers such as Hester Bateman, Richard Bayley and Thomas Bradbury.

Another prominent Philadelphia and UK family is including a small selection of furniture believed to been ordered directly from the well-known and highly regarded New York City cabinetmaker, Duncan Phyfe. The family retains an 1835 journal from their descendent, Isaac

Right: Isaac Ogden classical mahogany Pembroke table, attributed to Duncan Phyfe, New York, circa 1835.



Below: Frank Lloyd Wright (1867-1959), Imperial Hotel porcelain dinner service, Tokyo, Japan.







Above: Abstract oil painting by Maria Helena Vieira Da Silva (Portuguese, 1908-1992), signed lower right "Vieira Da Silva".





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Collection for longtime picker will cross the auction block at Meander

BY ERIC C. RODENBERG

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WHIPPLE, Ohio - Longtime Picker Extraordinaire Chuck Auerbach is getting off the road.

For 44 years, the 71-year-old Auerbach crisscrossed the country selling and buying at indoor and outdoor shows, making a living as a fulltime antiques dealer. Auerbach is old-school who still describes himself simply as a "picker;" However, his sharp eyes made his presence known throughout the country.

"It is not an overstatement to say that Chuck has had a significant impact on the American folk-art market," Andrew Richmond, owner of Meander Auction says. "He may not have exhibited at the top-tier shows, but many great objects that were bought and sold at those shows were initially found by him."

Richmond, who has 20-years' experience in the auction business, including time at two of Ohio's premier auction houses, Cowans and Garth's, is by no means inferring that Auerbach was "slumming."

Early on in Auerbach's career, he impressed Russell Carroll, the longtime manager of Manhattan's highly esteemed Winter Antique Shows and invited Auerbach to participate in his shows for decades.

"Picking isn't a job; it's a lifestyle," he says. "My wife has always been a hard-working teacher. So, with two sons, it became my job to get them up, cook breakfast and get them off to school. I also would be back in the afternoon when they got out. I never liked the idea of latchkey kids."

Once they got a little older, Auerbach instilled such a love for antiques and folk art within his sons, that they became able-bodied pickers themselves. They became a formidable team until other interests beckoned.

On Oct. 28 Meander Auctions will offer some of the finds this team acquired

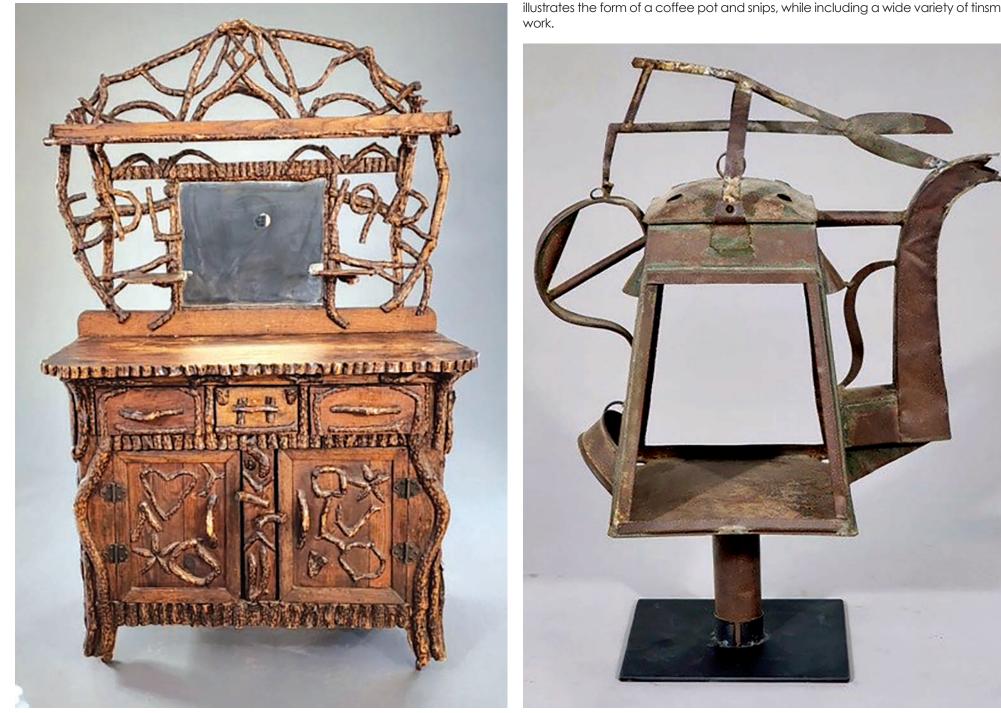


Above: Father and son Chuck and Dan Auerbach are selling their personal folk art and quirky Americana collection, already drawing massive interest among passionate collectors. Chuck, a full-time picker for the past 44 years, is well known among many of the top folk art collectors in the country. His son, Dan, is also well known as the lead guitarist and singer for the gritty, blues-powered Grammy winning rock duo the Black Keys.

over the years. Meander Auctions will be featuring Auerbach finds at their facility, which is a former church and event center. The 9,000-square-foot facility, located about 10 miles north of Marietta, Ohio, is coming off a successful inaugural coin auction in early October. The Meander auction should prove to be just as strong with the solid lineup of the Auerbachs' eclectic collection of strong folk and outsider art, and the quirky, graphic one-of-a-kind Americana inventory.

Auerbach, who was easily driving 20,000 miles a year is selling many of the

Below: Snagged by Dan Auerbach, a Pennsylvania rustic dressing table, dated 1912, is made of roots, sticks and salvaged packing crates. An upper shelf over a mirror is flanked by the initials "EDL" and date "1912." It's 54 inches high, 34-inches wide and 16 inches deep.



personal items he had in his collection for decades. "I'm semi-retiring, so everything goes," he said. "I still love to pick, but the road has just become too much. I'm going to take it little easier now."

Although he has traveled throughout the country, Auerbach has concluded he found his best treasures in Norteast Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. And he believes the "good stuff" still abounds. "Last year I found more good things than I have ever seen. It's out there. You just have to look."

Among the items that Auerbach has cherished and refused to sell until now, are several paintings by outsider artist Eugene Bell. "I was in a Chicago downtown mall and saw two of his paintings, and just loved them. The color the style of painting, everything. He was self-taught, a Black man in his late 60s, working as a truck driver. While I was buying the paintings, the clerk mentioned he was having an art show in a couple weeks.

"Dan and I went back to the art show, met him and we talked quite a while. I bought 12 paintings from him. I thought they were just great. That was back in my younger years. But I've never offered those paintings for sale. I loved them so much. He had the paintings mounted on some plywood, and I added new plywood to hold them together better. But they are some real strong outsider art."

Another favorite is a 25-inch doll from the late 19th American century. The first lot to sell in the auction, which starts at 10 a.m., the doll is an all cloth body with wonderfully detailed tweed pants and jacket, with button eyes.

The sale will be live and in person, with absentee and phone bids accepted. The event will be simulcast by LiveAuctioneers, HiBid and BidSpirit. Previews are available between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Oct 23-Oct.1 27.

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Below: Again, attesting to the sharp eye of Chuck Auerbach is an 18-inch- tall advertising trade sign for a tinsmith. Attributed to Ohio, the second quarter-19 century illustrates the form of a coffee pot and snips, while including a wide variety of tinsmith





Above: One of the many stars of the Auerbach collection, to be sold by Andrew Richmond of Meander Auctions on Oct. 28 at its gallery near Whipple, Ohio is a magnificent 50-inch Folk Art Chest made of mixed woods. Crafted by railroad worker George Hutchinson Pratt (1969-1944) as a gift to his son, Corwin S. Pratt (1901-1965) An inscription in the back dates the completion of the piece on July 11, 1937, in Ceredo, West Virginia.



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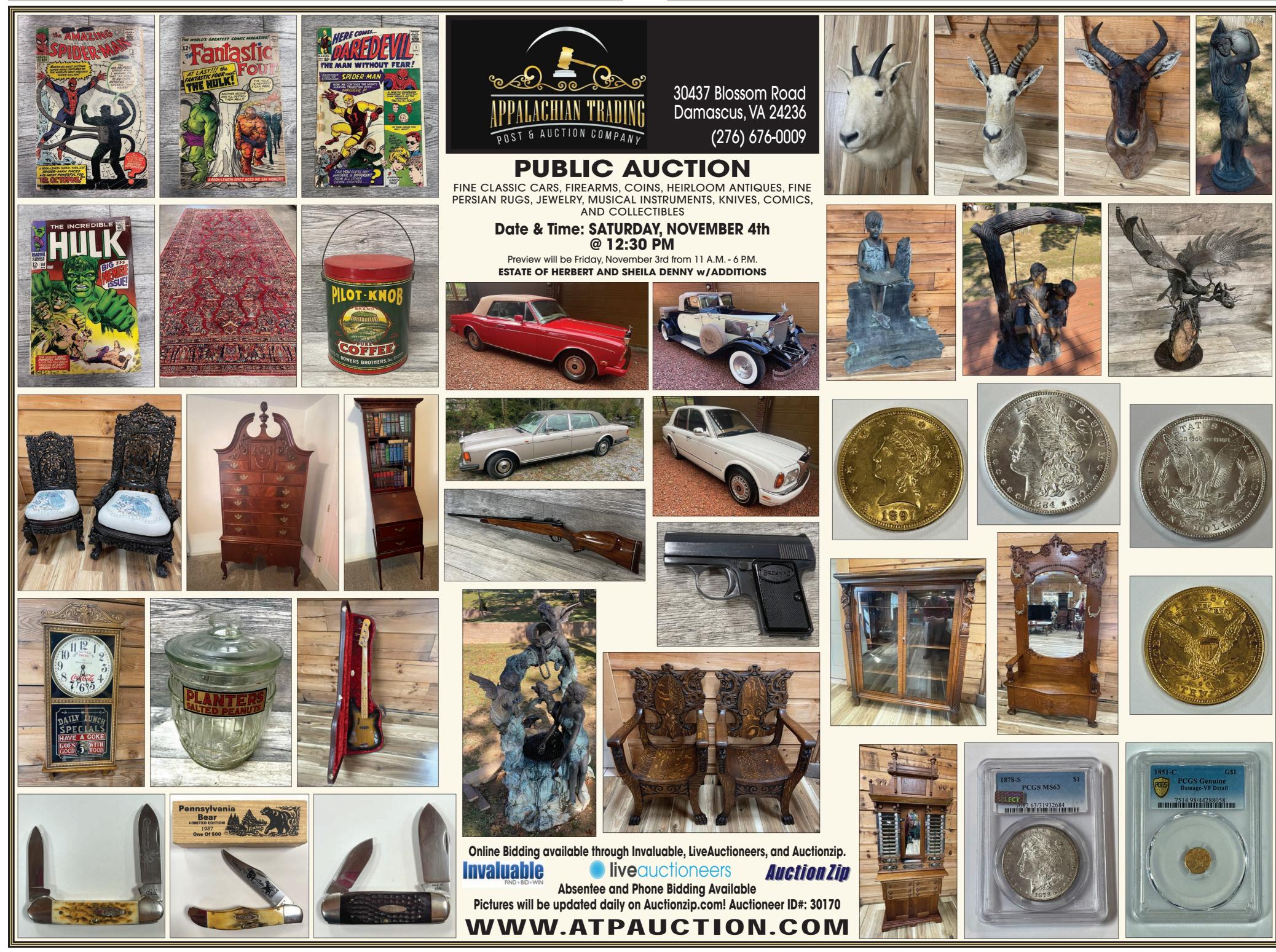
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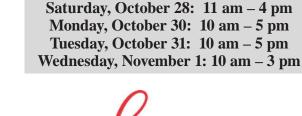
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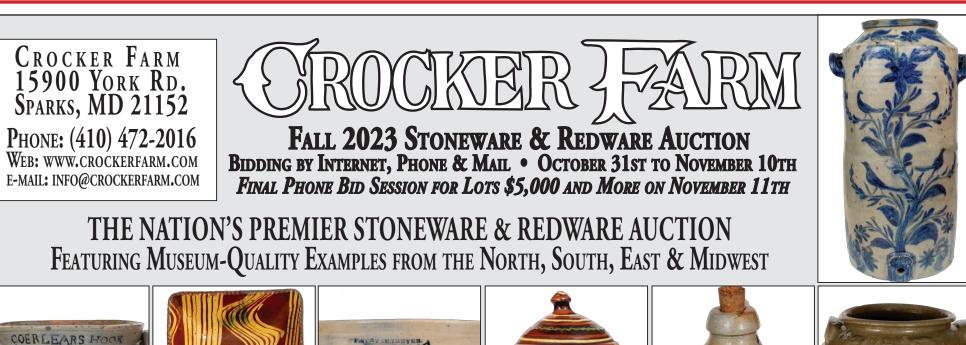




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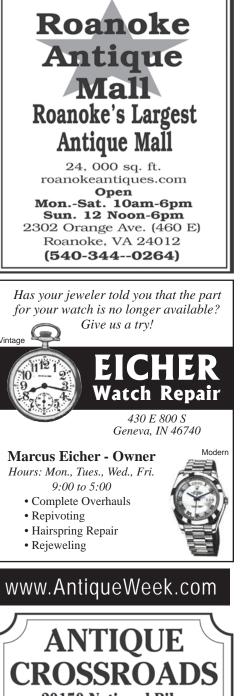




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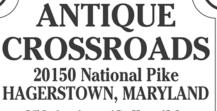
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Ino Schaller Halloween products a delight

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Ino Schaller, of Germany, has been making papier-mâché candy containers since 1894. Carl Schaller, founder of Ino Schaller, laid the foundation stone for his family-owned papier-mâché company, originally called "Schaller." The company focused on making one product and making it right-papier-mâché figurines that could be filled with candy. Almost overnight Schaller's candy containers proved highly successful, now, almost 130 years later, Ino Schaller still produces candy containers, although some of them are now made of plastic.

Schaller designed and produced all of the templates for his candy containers. Then his family, including his youngest children, helped hand paint and decorate the containers in bright, eye-catching colors. In the early 1940s, Carl's son, Ino took over the family business, renaming the company Ino Schaller after himself.

Following World War II, with Germany in shambles, Ino Schaller looked to the future of candy container production. By the early 1950s, the company had discontinued using papier-mâché to manufacture candy containers. Plastic was the wave of the future in the 1950s, and Ino Schaller jumped on the plastic bandwagon and began casting candy container figurines using plastic injection.

For roughly 40 years, Ino and his son Dieter Schaller produced plastic candy figurines. Then, in the 1980s, Thomas Schaller rediscovered the old papier-mâché molds that had lingered, stored and forgotten. The beautiful old molds along with the knowledge of how to produce papier-mâché figurines quickly resurfaced in the Schaller factory.

Dieter and his son, Thomas Schaller, became fascinated by the history of papi-



er-mâché in their family's company, and they once again started producing brightly colored papier-mâché candy figurines.

The new papier-mâché figurines, especially Halloween figurines, are more popular now than they were 50 years ago. Collectors, both here and in Europe, love the vintage papier-mâché containers best; however, the newer Ino Schaller papier-mâché candy containers are also hot collectibles since even new papier-mâché containers carry an air of nostalgia with them. New containers are stamped, "This limited production 'Papier-mâché' is hand-made in the original antique mold in Germany by INO SCHALLER."

Ino Schaller is one of the few papier-mâché manufacturers to still be in business. The company has existed though four generations of family employees, and as long as new Schallers are born, there is no end in sight. The company is headquartered in Meilschnitz, Bavaria, near Neustadt where all production takes place. In an attempt to keep the entire production local, Ino Schaller purchases raw materials from local businesses throughout the region. The company proudly claims, "Our products are 100 percent 'Made in Germany."

Whether papier-mâché or plastic, the secret of the company's beautiful candy container figurines is the attention to detail that each employee gives. This high quality detailing allows Ino Schaller to sell its figurines around the world.

While the company's Christmas containers, such as Santa Claus, are very popular with collectors, Ino Schaller's bestselling line of papier-mâché and plastic candy containers has always been its Halloween line. The company offers a full range of pumpkins, jack o lanterns, ghosts, spirits, spooks, devils, skulls, owls, black cats, and iconic Halloween witches. While all Ino Schaller's Halloween Papier-mâché containers are collectible, the most popular Halloween items produced by the company are its papier-mâché witches and jack-o-lanterns.

Ino Schaller still uses the company's original papier-mâché recipe, which originated in the late 1800s, to produce its entire line of papier-mâché candy containers. The company began by using a mixture of flour and glue in its production process, but in the 1920s, the process was greatly refined.

The company's papier-mâché recipe is

Left: Ino Schaller green jack-o-lantern candy container. This papier-mâché pumpkin was created in 2022, and it is valued at \$114.

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In the 1850s, to help meet demand, the Maryland legislature allowed the use of dredges, which produced significantly higher yields than tonging. With dredging came the two-masted Chesapeake Bugeye, crewed by up to six people who would dredge while under sail. In the 1880s came the iconic singlemasted Skipjacks that were even more efficient during the harvest.

Meeting the demand for oysters put immense pressure on oyster beds and the people who worked them. Oyster catches grew from approximately 1.5 million bushels annually around 1850 to nearly 20 million by 1880. Poaching was rampant and oyster pirates raided vessels to steal the harvests. Oyster wars erupted. The overharvesting took its toll; nearly three-quarters of the Chesapeake's oyster beds were exhausted by 1920.

Yet, all that supply awaited an insatiable market and needed processing. Just in Crisfield Maryland in the 1880s, 16 packing houses employed over 600 workers - mostly immigrants and former slaves - who shucked, cleaned, and packed nearly a half-million bushels of oysters each year.

Early on, oysters were packed in cedar barrels laden with ice, eventually loaded on railcars, steamboats, or wagons. It was not the safest method for handling and shipping shellfish that quickly expired. In the early 1900s, a series of typhoid outbreaks attributed to spoiled oysters caused demand to plummet and ultimately led to an overhaul of the industry. The outbreaks helped Congress enact the Pure Food Laws of 1906, which addressed concerns like conditions at packing houses, shipping methods, safe storage, and proper labeling.

The situation prompted an industrywide switch from bulk barrels to individual sealed oyster cans. To help reinstill consumer confidence, cans were stamped with the packers' certification number and imprinted with specifications like the size and count of the oysters within. Accompanying verbiage emphasized the freshness and purity of the product.

To help their product stand out in a crowded field, canneries soon added alluring graphics like sailors, boats, and aquatic scenery. Packers with sufficient resources had custom cans designed that edified their location and added catchy names like "Mermaid Oysters" to catch buyers' attention. Packers with fewer resources relied on stock can makers with choices that, while attractive, were the same from vendor to vendor.

By the late 20th century, the oystering industry began to decline drastically, Overharvesting, pollution, and disease almost brought Bay oysters to extinction. WWW.ANTIQUEWEEK.COM



Above: Tony Faust's in St. Louis was one of thousands of oyster parlors supplied by the oystering industry in the late 19th-early 20th century.

Below: The hard, manual work of oyster shucking and packing was most often performed by immigrants, former slaves, and even children.



of Natural Resources, by the mid-1990s, harvesting had dropped to less than 100,000 bushels annually; by 2001, oyster beds in the Chesapeake had all but collapsed.

The demise of the Bay's oyster industry gave rise to interest in its once-thriving culture. Relics of that culture became sought-after, particularly oyster cans, which were tangible records of the hundreds of packing houses lost to time and change.

When collecting oyster cans first ignited in the 1980s and 90s, they were often "barn finds." The path for most cans was, naturally, to get discarded after being opened. It's amazing that so many survived. Those that stuck around were usually relegated to garages and basements, filled with old nails and screws. Nobody paid much attention to them before the collecting bug bit.

For collectors, rarity and condition are the biggest drivers of value. Stock cans and more recent ones can still be had for around \$20-\$30. However, those custom-commissioned ones and truly rare survivors can easily sell in the hundreds of dollars. There are numerous instances of prices reaching into the thousands, particularly for examples without rust or dents.

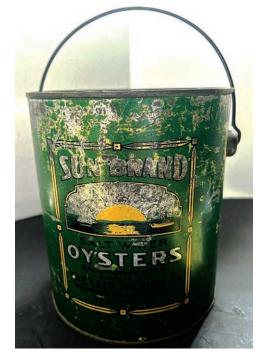
Many of the existing cans are now 100+ years old, although age is not **Below**: Woodfield's cans are fairly common and make a good start to a collection. The marina where they once operated is now home to a bridge and pier contractor.

necessarily a big determinant of value. The oldest (called tins) date to the 1800s. They are often rectangular and stamped rather than embellished with imagery. Round oyster cans came later and are found in pint, quart, and gallon sizes. Gallon cans with handles were made in the 1920s-1930s. The most coveted cans hail from approximately 1920 to 1950 when color tin lithography was popular and the graphic arts work emblazoned the tin. After the 1950s, less impressive but cheaper paper labeling became more common.

Prices surged during and after the Covid pandemic. Today, good examples often have price tags exceeding \$100. The owner of Heart of Dorchester Antiques in Cambridge, Md., said wholesale and auction prices for good cans often eclipse \$100. Worth noting, the popularity of authentic oyster cans has spawned makers of reproductions.

Regional events like the Eastern Waterfowl Festival held each November, are known for hosting oyster can dealers.

You can see one of the country's largest collections of antique oyster cans at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels, Md. There you can also learn about the Bay's oystering heritage and efforts by local entities including watermen - to re-establish the oyster ecosystem.



Above: The handle on this 1-gallon can dates it to around 1920-1930.

Below: This good-condition H&B pint can, with its lid and bearing little rust, opened on eBay at \$60.



Below: This good-condition "Tilman Brand" can is actually a modern reproduction.



the market for related collectibles seems to grow with it. Harkening back to their roots, some modern packing houses are even issuing limited-edition cans that

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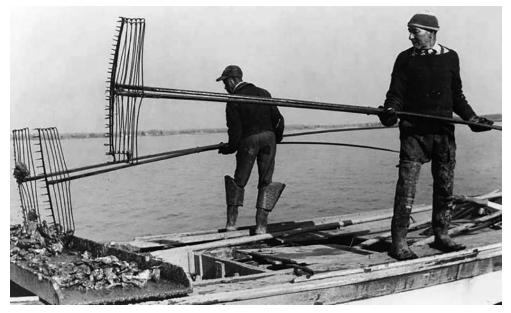
Below: Despite its attractive graphics, this was a stock can used by numerous packers.

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As the oystering industry rebounds,

may be worth holding onto. That bodes well for original vintage cans that should continue to harvest good value.

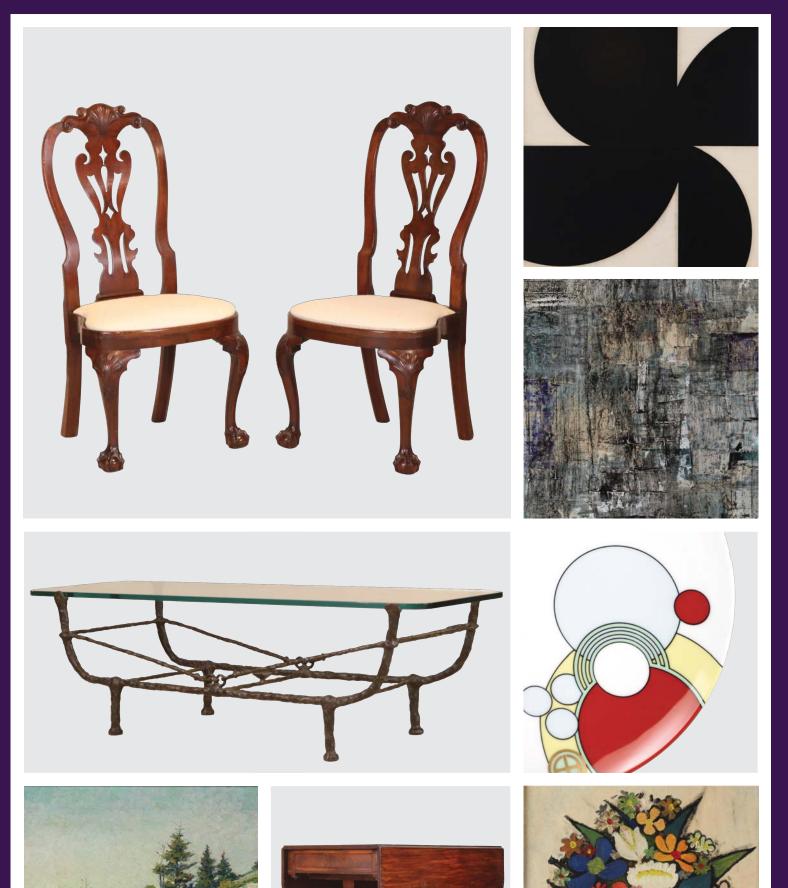


Above: This 1940s picture shows tongers working the waters of the Potomac River.



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