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Collectors are electrified when they find these glass balls

By Barbara Miller Beem

The glass balls were never meant to be anything more than decorative. When connected to metal spears, they rose high above roofs scattered across the rural countryside. At a time when such "extras" were a luxury for a frugal public, the balls, glistening in the sunlight, lent a quiet beauty to America's landscape. Today, after years of being overlooked, discarded, and misidentified, serious collectors are paying thousands of dollars for the rarest examples of lightning rod balls.

According to Phil Steiner, these glass orbs, each individually made, are "America's greatest secret." But that story is no longer a mystery, thanks to a newly published book, co-authored by Steiner and Randy Parish. Covering every aspect of appreciation for these pieces of Americana, "Lightning Rod Balls: The Complete Guide" explores their humble beginnings and follows through to a time when they are now prized for their historic and artistic worth.

The story begins in the late-1870s, when much of the country was agricultural in

nature. Among other things, traveling

Right: A bright orange "Hawkeye" pendant tha



Above: Lightning rod balls, once perched high atop roofs, now add a splash of color in the homes of collectors.

Left: This orange milk glass "Moon and Stars" ball was recently sold, not for the moon and the stars, but for \$10,000.

s a l e s m e n, crisscrossing the country by rail, peddled lightning protection systems.

They covered territories that extended from the Atlantic seaboard to the Rocky Mountains, reaching north into Canada and stretching southward to the Mason-Dixon line.

These systems were not easy to sell to skeptical farmers, even though they could serve as insurance against potentially а devastating loss, noted Steiner. an Indiana native now living in Florida. If lightning were to strike and set fire to a barn, a corn crib, or even a house, the structure would be rebuilt with help from the neighbors. But, as Steiner pointed out, everything inside of it would be a total loss.

wisdom of purchasing a protection system, the salesman would go one step further: Would you want their neighbors to be the only ones to display a decorative glass ball atop their barn? And wouldn't you want something prettier (albeit a bit more expensive) than what is over at the next farm?

As for lightning rod balls, a number of companies produced them, using a labor-intensive process that began with a glassblower dipping a blow pipe into a crucible of molten glass. A glass balloon resulted, which, in turn, was put into a mold and further shaped. Final steps included cooling and filing; the balls were topped off with glued-on caps.

Although a number of



THE COMPLETE GUIDE



Phil Steiner and Randy Parish

Above: The newly published "Lightning Rod Balls: The Complete Guide" by Phil Steiner and Randy Parish is an invaluable resource for beginners and advanced collectors alike.

looks like a hot air balloon when properly displayed.



Once a farmer was convinced of the



Left: This "Cased Yellow" ball is very rare. Note the lip that appears on each collar.

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NEWS Teco umbrella stand fetched \$6,500 at Just Art Pottery

Teco Arts

BY SUSAN EMERSON NUTTER

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EAST PEORIA, Ill. - The Fall Art Pottery and Decorative Arts Auction presented in late October by Just Art Pottery of East Peoria, Ill., had something for every art pottery collectors' taste and budget. The online only event offered everything from Teco to Roseville with Conover and Van Briggle thrown in for good measure. Such diversity was appreciated by shoppers as prices realized indicated.

Teco Arts and Crafts pottery led the sale with a charcoal, matte green floor vase standing an impressive 20.5 inches tall and being 11 inches at its widest point. According to the Teco Pottery America publication from 1906, this piece is "for umbrellas and sticks." Featuring four, large strap handles, marked 100 on the bottom, and designed by W. D. Gates, this eye-catcher sold for \$6,500. Prices are hammer prices.

Another Teco vase again having a charcoal, matte green glaze, sold well making \$4,000. Designed by Fritz Albert, this architectural Arts and Crafts vase marked 118, was 10.75 inches tall, 3.75 inches wide and had four integral reticulated handles just below the rim.

Art pottery vessels by Claude Conover continue to draw eager followers. Just Art Pottery offered up a large (12.5 inches tall/13 inches wide) example signed on

Crafts and pottery charcoaled matte green floor vase or um brella stand four with large strap handles d e signed by W. D. Gates. Bottom marked 1 0 0 Vase 20.5 inch es tall and 11 inches wide. Sold for \$6,500.

Left:

the bottom by Claude C o n o v e r along with the Mayan name for vase; this being "Ameca." Having a surface decorated with

hand carving and texturizing, this piece is known as "vase 255". It sold; along with a certificate of authenticity from the Claude Conover Archives, for \$6,000.

Just Art Pottery included some background information on the artist in the catalog description stating, "Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Claude Conover studied at the Cleveland Institute of Art. After a long career as a commercial designer, he dedicated himself to the ceramic arts at the age of 55. As a fundamentally self-taught ceramicist, Conover hand-built all his vessels and followed a strategic work schedule allowing for a conscious appreciation of form and decoration. In 1964 he began naming his vessels with Mayan names. The works of Claude Conover are in numerous prominent public and private collections including the Cleveland Museum of Art, Ohio, the Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, New York, and the Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, D. C."

Other vase forms selling well this day were two North Dakota School of Mines examples. A 1927 hand-carved, matte green vase featuring groups of white anemone open flowers and buds around the entire carved body sold for \$2,500. The bottom of the 8.5 inch tall Left: Claude Conover "Ameca" studio art pottery 12.5 inch tall ceramic vessel with hand carving and texturizing. Vase 255. Sold for \$6,000.

Teco Arts and Crafts pottery charcoaled matte green vase. Tall shouldered architectural vase with four integral reticulated handles just below the rim designed by Fritz Albert. Bottom stamped Teco and incised shape number. Vase is 10.75 inches tall and 3.75 inches wide. Sold for

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Civil War uniforms march beyond estimates at McInnis auction

BY RICHARD K. LODGE

NORTH HAMPTON, N.H. – Two Civil War uniforms marched far beyond their high estimates on Nov. 13, leading the way in an auction of artifacts, jewelry, paintings and edged weapons from multiple estates in Massachusetts.

The Union uniforms, which belonged to Capt. Charles Storrow, the leader of Company F of the 44th Massachusetts Volunteer Regiment, each topped \$7,000 in the Paul McInnis auction.

One, a Union Army cape, overcoat and slouch hat, sold for \$7,250 (plus 20% commission), against a high estimate of \$2,000. The second Storrow uniform, consisting of blue pants, a long jacket and two kepis (flat-topped caps with brims), went for \$7,500 plus commission, far exceeding the \$1,200 high estimate. As Paul McInnis summed up after the auction, "The uniforms did exceptionally well."



Left: A Union Army cape, overcoat and slouch hat, sold for \$7,250 (plus 20% commission), against a high estimate of \$2,000.

Right: Although the sword on the left, presented to Major General Alexander Hamilton, brought a final bid of \$7,250 it failed to meet the reserve price. The sword at right, a Model 1860 Mansfield and Lamb, more than likely belonged to Union Army Capt. Charles Storrow and sold for \$700, plus commission.

belonged to Capt. Storrow sold for \$700, well within the pre-sale \$500-\$1500 estimate range. The auction house believes that the sword, which was from the estate of Seth Morton Vose III, is likely the sword pictured in an existing photograph of the captain.

Although they didn't have a connection to Capt. Storrow or the 44th Regiment, a wooden Civil War canteen with iron bands soared past its \$300 pre-sale estimate and went for \$1,800, while an



Born in Boston in 1841, Storrow raised his own company, the 44th Massachusetts Volunteer Regiment, and served as its captain for 14 months during the Civil War. His older brother, who also served in the 44th, was killed in action.

A Model 1860 Mansfield and Lamb Civil War sword that more than likely

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Just Art Pottery

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form was marked with the University of North Dakota School of Mines, logo, date, and artist cipher "DK".

Another North Dakota School of Mines vase, this example dating to 1945 and designed by Flora Huckfield, realized \$2,100. Titled "N.D. Rodeo", the vase was stamped with a "UND" circular ink stamp, "N.D. Rodeo," the shape number "208", and was signed "Huck." It featured a cowboy/rodeo scene complete with cowboys, cacti, and horses.

Speaking of animals... the Carl Walters 1923 studio pottery scenic ceramic bowl with a zebra, birds, ducks, and a town





Above: Newcomb College 1916 Arts and Crafts pottery floral blue 2.75 inch high/8 inch wide bowl. Band of flowers circling the rim. Marked with Newcomb logo, IM 69 and shape number. Sold for \$1,900.

scene was a winner making \$2,800. The hand-decorating of this bowl was special. Done in black on a blue background, the bowl was an attention-grabber. It stood only 4.5 inches tall and was 7 inches wide and was marked with "Walters", the date, and logo on the bottom.

Just Art Pottery included in the catalog listing that "Carl Walters started his career as a painter at the Minneapolis School of Fine Arts, the Chase School, and the Henri School of Art. After seeing the Egyptian ceramic ware at the Metropolitan Museum of Art he become a potter and began to experiment with different modeling techniques and glazes. He joined the arts colony at Woodstock during the 1920s and lived in a log cabin,

Left: North Dakota School Of Mines UND 1945 art pottery rodeo ceramic vase designed by Flora Huckfield. Titled "N. D. Rodeo". Bottom stamped with UND circular ink stamp, N. D. Rodeo, shape number 208, and artist signature "Huck". Vase is 7.5 inch tall; 5.5 inch wide. Sold for \$2,100.

Below: Pewabic art pottery 11 inch ceramic hand-made plate; crackled gray with hand-carved blue dragonflies. Bottom stamped "Pewabic". Sold for \$1,800.



Above: Pine Ridge Sioux Dakota art pottery scenic Mt. Rushmore memorial bowl. Hand-decorated with a scenic display of the Black Hills, Needle Road, and Rushmore Memorial. Possibly made by Julia Mattson as a demonstration piece. Bottom faintly marked with logo and "Pine Ridge". Bowl is 4.5 inch tall and 6.5 inch wide. Sold for \$1,700.

where he created pottery and polychrome sculptures of animals. Mr. Walter passed away in 1955."

Nature is often a theme of art pottery and the Pewabic hand-thrown ceramic plate done in gray with blue dragonflies is a great example. Hand-carved blue dragonflies were featured against a crackled gray background on this 11-inch-wide plate. The plate; stamped on the bottom "Pewabic."sold for \$1,800.

Just Art Pottery is the brainchild of pottery enthusiasts; Greg and Lana Myroth. As they explain on their website, "We

Below: North Dakota School of Mines Art Pottery 1927 hand-carved florals, matte green 8.5 inch tall/4.5 inch wide vase. Bottom marked with University of North Dakota School of Mines logo, date and artist cipher "DK". Sold for \$2,500.



Above: Carl Walters 1923 studio pottery scenic zebra, birds, ducks, house 4.5 inch tall/7 inch wide ceramic bowl. Sold for \$2,800.

started Just Art Pottery in May of 1997 to provide a convenient and safe way for collectors ranging from entry level to highly advanced to find accurately described and fairly priced art pottery. What started as a hobby of collecting Van Briggle pottery quickly grew into a small and thriving business of buying and selling art pottery across the world."

For more information visit www.jus-tartpottery.com.

Below: Roseville 1953 Raymor Artware black, Mid Century Modern, dark brown pottery floor vase 67-21. Vase is 21 inches tall and 8 inches wide. Designed by Ben Seibel. Bottom marked "Raymor Modern Artware by Roseville 67-21". Sold for \$1,700.









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Toys Trains and Other Old Stuff will unmask treasures at December comic auction

By William Flood

FOWLER, Ind. - On Dec. 7, Toys Trains and Other Old Stuff, LLC will host a significant Gold, Silver, and Bronze Age comic auction. The auctioneer is thrilled to present what they consider to be their best comic auction event ever, which will include 140+ CGC-graded books offered live, online, and with phone bidding.

Comic collectors and pop culture enthusiasts will have the chance to bid on 425 lots from three different consignors in this upcoming auction. More than 95 percent of the lots come from the holdings of a previously unknown collector, who passed away in 2020. His collection, which included over 35,000 comics, is being sold in a series of auctions to liquidate his holdings. Auctioneer and owner Wylie Stivers noted, "A large portion of his collection is a pedigree set, which he personally curated over the years. He also purchased other collections along the way." adding, "It's rare to come across a collection like this-it's something you don't see very often."

While much of this collection has already been auctioned over the past couple of years, the December 7 sale will feature 410 of the remaining pieces. Stivers also emphasized, "This isn't the last auction for this collector. We still have one more to go, with some really great items still left."



Above: A copy of Hulk #1 from 1962 is expected to pick up the auction's highest, possibly hitting \$10,000.

Collectors eager to acquire a piece of comic history will find remarkable items from all three consignors, including an Action Comics #13 from 1939 (CGC 0.5, missing its back cover but in otherwise nice condition), a



Above: This iconic shield cover Superman #14 is expected to bid as high as \$4,000.

Hulk #1 from 1962 (CGC 1.5), a Superman #14 (CGC 4.5), and Batman #14 (CGC 2.5).

For Marvel fans, the auction will feature pieces like Marvel Mystery Comics #86 (CGC 4.5) and Marvel



Above: Marvel Mystery Comics #86 hails from 1939.

Tales #108 (CGC 5.5). To capture the ongoing popularity of Marvel films, look for Avengers #2 (CGC 5.0), as well as two high-grade Avengers issues,

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1853 Enfield rifle went home for \$2,500, topping its high estimate of \$2000.

Not all Civil War items fared as well. An Ames Model 1851 general officer's sword, inscribed "Major General Alexander Hamilton, 1861-1864," hit \$7,250 but failed to reach its reserve. The presentation sword and scabbard had low and high pre-sale estimates of \$10,000 and \$20,000, respectively. The sword, which featured a gilded brass scabbard etched with an eagle and floral design, was a single consignment from Hamilton's descendants. It had been carried by Major General Hamilton, the grandson of Alexander Hamilton, who was one of the Founding Fathers and the first secretary of the U.S. Treasury.

An unusual cabinet card taken in 1888 of Union General William Tecumseh Sherman and signed by the general on both the front and back sold for \$650.

A full set of sterling silver flatware created in 1908 at Gov. Fuller's request

sold for \$12,500. The governor's initials were incorporated into the custom design.

A single, rare hallmarked American silver tablespoon that was made circa 1770-1790 by Paul Revere Jr. and monogrammed "D" for Denny, sold for \$7.250.

Elsewhere in the auction, an extensive collection of 500 to 1000 stereoviews from the United States, Europe and the West Indies hit \$6,000, soaring over its \$1,500 pre-sale high estimate. The collection included two stereo viewers as well.

In addition, a 14k gold women's 17-jewel wristwatch sold for \$2,750, eclipsing its \$600 high estimate, while a 14k gold charm bracelet with an assortment of charms went for \$1,700, more than five times its pre-sale high estimate.

As McInnis pointed out, the auction was wide-ranging with items from several estates. He considered it a success, with good prices. For more information visit www.mcinnisauctions.com.



Above: A rare hallmarked silver tablespoon made by Paul Revere Jr. sold for \$7,250 at the November 13 Paul McInnis auction in New Hampshire. (Photos by Richard K. Lodge)

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Sale of coin silver fishing reel from Bingham collection to benefit ORCA

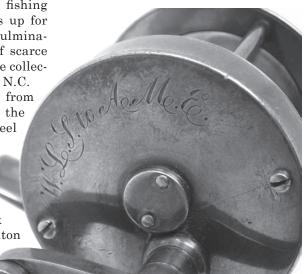
A rare, engraved coin-silver fishing reel from the early 1850s goes up for auction Nov. 29, marking the culmination of the sale of hundreds of scarce reels from the estate of longtime collector Laurie Bingham of Merritt, N.C.

The auction runs on eBay from Nov. 29 through Dec. 9, under the auspices of the nonprofit Old Reel Collectors Association (ORCA), listed as eBay seller oldreelcollector.

This exceptional presentation reel is attributed to pioneer reelmaker J.B. Crook who opened his shop on Fulton Street in New York City in 1837.

The reel, the last of more than 200 reels auctioned has a serpentine handle with stylish script engraving on the front plate that reads "W.L.I. to A.M.E." It has a raised rear housing for the adjustable click and pawl mechanism designed to check the fishing line and keep it from running free. It is 1 7/8 inch in diameter with a spool width of just one inch.

Coin-silver reels are extremely rare, only coming up for auction a few times each decade. They generally command a selling price in the four or five figure range. Coin silver is 90% silver and 10% copper, generally added for strength. It is just a grade below sterling silver. Most early fishing reels



Above: Front of the 1850s coin silver trout or bass fishing from the Bingham estate, reel shows the serpentine handle and engraving.

> A close-up of the engraved initials on this early reel, attributed to New York reelmaker J.B. Crook.

were made from brass or nickel silver, which is a mix of copper, nickel and zinc.

An engraved brass J.B. Crook fly reel

Comic Auctions

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#69 and #104, both graded CGC 9.2. Other notable books include Amazing Spider-Man #21 (CGC 7.0), Amazing Spider-Man #252 (CGC 9.6), and Iron Man #55 (CGC 9.0).

For enthusiasts of DC Comics, there will be a copy of Swamp Thing #1 (CGC 9.0), Justice League of America #75 (CGC 9.2), Green Lantern #76 (CGC 7.0), and Hawkman #4 (CGC 6.0), among others.

In addition to the classic DC and Marvel selections, there are several rarer finds, including Jungle Comics #148 (Fiction House), Moon Girl #6 (EC), and Strange Worlds #3 (Atlas). The sale also includes more modern titles, such as Zap Comix from the 1960s and Spawn from the 1990s.

Below: A copy of Batman #14 from 1943 (CGC 2.5) is expected to bid into the four-figure range.

Stivers expects certain comics to stand out as the top sellers. Hulk #1 is projected to fetch up to \$10,000, while Action Comics #13 isn't far behind, with pre-auction high estimates of around \$9,000. Batman #14 and Superman #14 are expected to see bids in the four-figure range, as are about a dozen other titles in the auction. Given the large number of CGC-graded books from the Golden, Silver, and Bronze Ages, Stivers noted, "This is going to be a \$100,000 auction."

For bidders interested in attending in person, Fowler, Indiana is about 1.5 hours from Indianapolis and about 2 hours from portions of Chicago.

Toys Trains and Other Old Stuff, LLC is a family-owned business operated by Wylie and Christine Stivers, who have been actively involved in the buying and selling of toys, trains, and other pop-culture collectibles since

Below: One of the older books in the auction is an Action Comics #13 from 1939. While it's missing the back cover, it is in otherwise nice condition.

The raised housing on the back of the reel, which covers the adjustable click mechanism.



from the Bingham estate sold recently on eBay for \$6,278, and two nickel silver J.B. Crook multiplying reels sold for \$6,225 and \$5,785, respectively.

The Binghams-Laurie and her husband Ted-were historians and authors as well as avid collectors of saltwater fishing reels. Laurie Bingham, who died last April, did extensive patent research on fishing tackle. She was the author of "Float Hopes, An Illustrated Guide to US Patents for Bobbers, Buoys & Bait-casting Devices," published in 2008. She had comprehensive

Right: A Transformers #1 is one of the newer offerings, published in 1984.

1998. Their long-standing experience in the industry has fostered a deep passion and a wealth of knowledge in these specialized categories

The December 7 sale will be followed by two more live/simulcast auctions later in the month. On December 14, the auction will feature a variety of vintage and pressed steel toys, including Marx, tin wind-up toys, Redline Hot Wheels, action figures, and other collectibles from the 1940s to the 1990s. Then, on December 21, the company will showcase a collection of vintage model trains, featuring American Flyer and Lionel prewar standard and "O" gauge trains, many with their original boxes.

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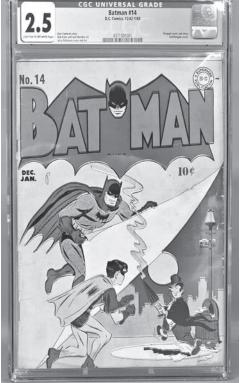
knowledge of New York-made fishing reels and was a fixture, along with her husband, at antique fishing tackle collecting shows dating back to the 1990s. Ted Bingham, who authored of the book "The Celebrated Reels of Edward vom Hofe," died in 2010.

A portion of the hammer price of the upcoming coin silver reel auction will support ORCA's educational efforts; the bulk of the proceeds will go to the Bingham estate.

For more about the organization: orcaonline.org.



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OHIO, Neapolis, Day After Thanksgiving Auction 10am Whalen Realty & Auction tel: (419) 875-6317

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MASSACHUSETTS, Beverly, Annual Thanksgiving Auction 11am KaminskiAuctions.com

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NEW YORK, Clarence, 3 Day Antique Estate Auction Day 3 of 3

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Auction to be held at the Kaminski gallery at 117 Elliott Street, Rte. 62, Beverly, Massachusetts.

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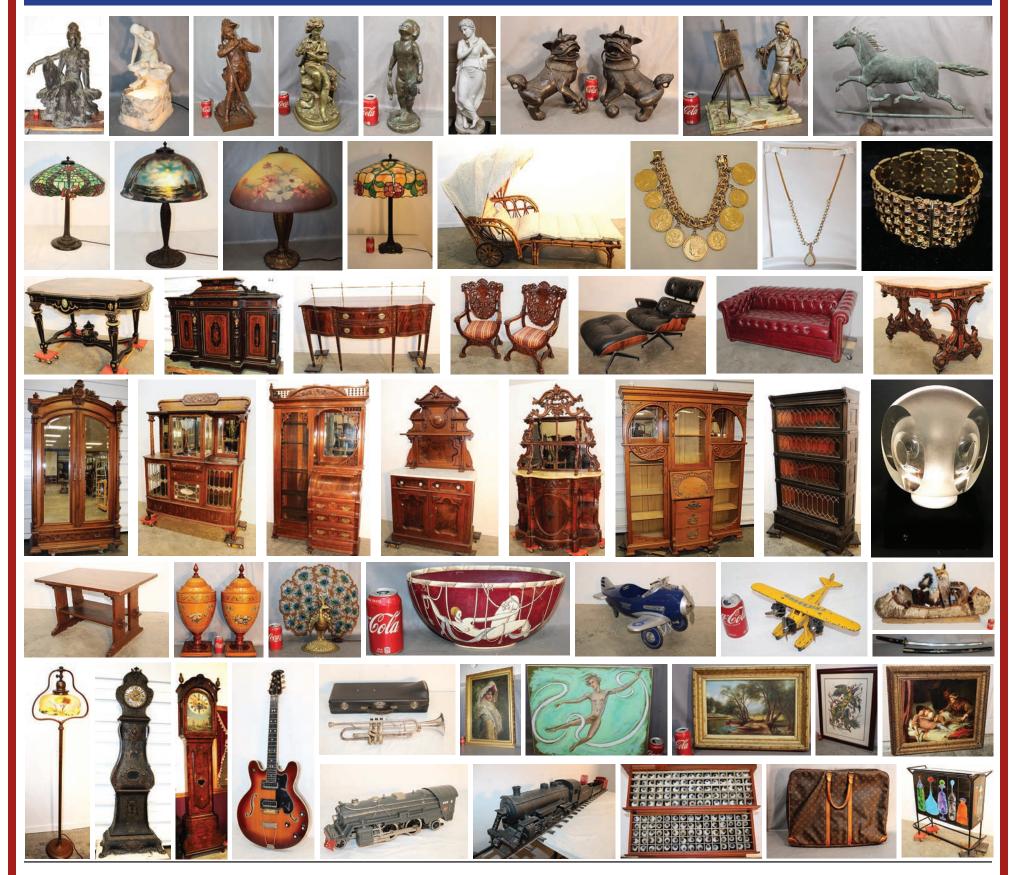


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INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. - Items from the estate of George McGinnis (1950-2023) an ABA and NBA Hall of Fame basketball player and one of Indiana's most celebrated athletes – will come up for bid in an auction slated for Saturday, Nov. 30 at Ripley Auctions, based in Indianapolis.

The auction is live online, but the Ripley Auctions gallery will be open to in-person bidding.

'George McGinnis was not just a basketball player; he was a legend who embodied the spirit of Indiana basketball," said Dan Ripley, CEO of Ripley Auctions. "We are honored to present this collection that spans his remarkable career and life."

The auction will offer basketball enthusiasts and collectors a rare opportunity to own pieces of basketball history from one of basketball's brightest stars. Featured will be an impressive array of McGinnis's personal effects and career memorabilia.

Highlights will include two ABA championship rings; a Hall of Fame ring; a 1975 ABA MVP trophy; a 1969 State Championship ring; a personalized Rolex watch; a 1975 Game Presentation basketball; a 1971 Indiana University letter jacket; a Hall of Fame induction jacket; signed basketballs and photographs; and personal awards and trophies.

The ABA championship rings are expected to be of particular interest to collectors and fans.

George McGinnis died in December of last year at age 73. He left an indelible mark on the sport of basketball. His illustrious career included two ABA championships with the Indiana Pacers and All-Star selections in both the ABA and NBA.

McGinnis was a true Indiana basketball icon, from his days as Indiana Mr. Basketball to his stellar career with the Indiana Pacers. His contributions to the sport were recognized with his induction into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2017.

George McGinnis was born in Alabama but he grew up in Indianapolis, where he attended Washington High School. His team went undefeated (31-0) in 1968-1969 and won the state championship. McGinnis set an Indiana state tournament scoring record with 148 points in his final four games and he was named Mr. Basketball for the state of Indiana that year.

At Indiana University in Bloomington, McGinnis became the first sophomore to lead the Big Ten in scoring and rebounding, and averaged 29.9 points per game. It was good enough a season to launch his basketball career, as he joined the Indiana Pacers in 1971 and became one of the marquee players of the ABA.

McGinnis made his NBA debut in 1976 with the Philadelphia 76ers, where he played alongside Julius Erving and Caldwell Jones and was selected to two All-Star games in his three seasons with the team. He went on to play with the Denver Nuggets (1979-1980) and then again with the Indiana Pacers (1980-1982), where he finished out his outstanding, 11-season career. In addition to the Ripley Auctions website, online bidding will also be available at LiveAuctioneers.com, Invaluable.com and Auctionzip.com. Phone and absentee bids will also be taken.



Above: 1969 George McGinnis Indiana high school State Championship ring

Below: 2017 George McGinnis Basketball Hall of Fame ring.





Above: 1971 George McGinnis Indiana University letter jacket.





Above: 1972 George McGinnis Indiana Pacers ABA Championship ring.



Above: 1973 George McGinnis Indiana Pacers ABA Championship ring.

Marathon Auction Sales "ON-SITE - ONLINE ONLY" "Lionel & Williams Model Trains, **Pressed Steel Construction Toys by Do**epke etc., Early Woodworking Tools & Assorted Antique Items Auction" SUNDAY - DECEMBER 8th - 5:00 PM Bid Now on Hibid at: Marathonauction.hibid.com

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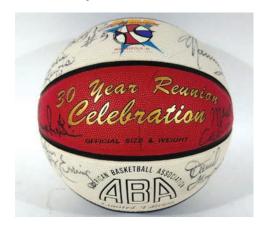
Also offered in this sale will be several nice wood working molding planes and other tools, along with a very nice original pine carpenter's Work Bench with Vise & End Stop. Included as well is a nice Shop Smith with some accessories and more. See My Hibid Site at Marathonauction.hibid.com for details!!

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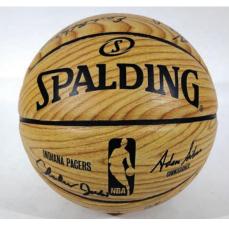
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Below: Mutli-signed ABA 30th Year Reunion money ball.



Above: George McGinnis Hall of Fame induction lacket.

Below: Indiana Pacers multi-signed logo wood grain style basketball.



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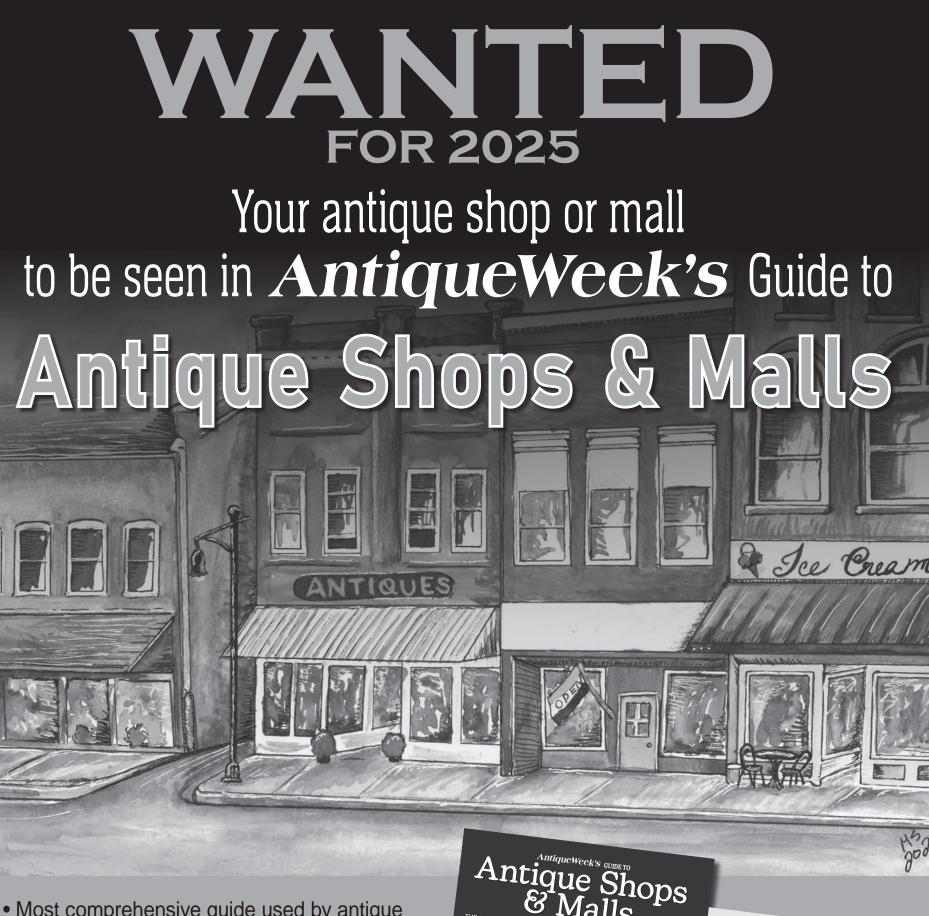
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And then there's the fact that lightning rod balls were often used for target practice.

Fortunately, the story of lightning rod balls does not stop there. In the late 1940s, linemen began collecting them, recognizing their beauty as they serviced electrical and telephone poles. In the 1950s, two early collectors. Valek and Dale Frazier, A.J. transitioned from collectors to dealers as well. Frazier wrote a "little book" in 1973; although it lacked a lot of information, it was a start. Today, copies of that early publication are collectable for its historic value. Gradually, more and more collectors

began looking for lightning rod balls in antique shops. Measuring between $3\frac{1}{2}$ and $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter, the lightning rod balls could easily be mistaken for witch's balls, Christmas ornaments, or sprinkler bottles (used when ironing).

Above: A clear green mercury "Quilt" pendant, made to complement the "Flat Quilt" lightning rod ball.



Above: A set of original "Plain" pendants, often the choice of middle-class working families.

Left: An "exotic" cobalt "Burgoon" ball, credited to Clark Nelson of Crawfordsville, Ind. Collectors have dubbed this pattern "Dot and Dash."

All the same, "it is really easy to start a collection." A retired Steiner's teacher, advice for those new to the hobby is to "educate yourself." He recommends visiting the "Lightning Rod Collectors" Facebook group, home to more than one thousand enthusiasts. "Read the book," he said, meaning the one he and Parish co-authored, an extensive spiral bound text with more than 350 pages featuring more than 575 color photographs. "Visit a show."

Beginners to lightning rod balls should expect to pay \$35 for a "common one." After collecting six of them, Steiner said, "you're addicted, and the \$100 ones won't satisfy your appetite." Serious collectors agree on a "top ten" list of the most desirable balls and are willing to pay up to \$15,000 for extraordinary examples. As both a collector and dealer, Steiner owned his favorite "find," a gray milk glass "Moon and Stars" ball, for 20 years. As an aside, colorful descriptive names have been assigned to specific patterns by collectors, not the manufacturers.

There are a number of factors that can affect the value of these glass orbs, in addition to rarity. Some lightning rod balls are cross collectibles: Steiner noted that because of glass collectors who specialize in cobalt blue glass and

Below: A silver "Flat Quilt" lightning rod ball, of particular interest because it is new old stock.



Below: Collec recreating the m lightning rod b viewed.

Left: Cobalt lightning rod balls are c r o s s

collectable, sought by general glass collectors who favor all things blue.

milk glass the value of some lightning rod balls is often elevated. For the most part, the most common colors for lightning rod balls are blue and white, and these are generally among the least expensive examples. Some, but not all, balls are marked.

Flaws that affect values include "crazing," "sickness" (which might be a sign of weathering), "acid burn," and chipping. To the serious collector, "condition is critical," Steiner continued. "Collectors are exacting and will not accept chips or cracks. It has to be perfect," which, considering the age of the balls, how they were used, and how they were subsequently tossed aside, is "hard to do."

Lightning rod balls can be enjoyed by displaying them in a number of ways. Steiner suggested placing them on lightning rods and "putting them on top of an icebox or Hoosier cabinet," showcasing them in the living room "where the light will shine through them," or storing them in china cabinets or on shelves. Collectors maintain glass balls by dusting them "very carefully."



Above: A short copper tube lightning rod acts as a support for three lightning rod balls, as well as a five-pointed Crown Point tip and a cast iron Milcor directional.

Below: Collectors often enjoy recreating the manner in which their lightning rod balls were originally viewed.



On the other hand, he added with a chuckle, "I know a woman with \$40,000 worth of balls in her backyard."

Working together, Steiner and Parish continue to research, write, and revise information about their favorite collecting category. Speaking from his home in Indiana, Parish said lightning rod balls are intriguing to collect because the search never ends. "There is the challenge of finding, and hopefully obtaining, ones with a better design or color," he concluded, adding "The ones found atop houses and barns are dwindling, but they are still out there. It makes drives in the country even more enjoyable."

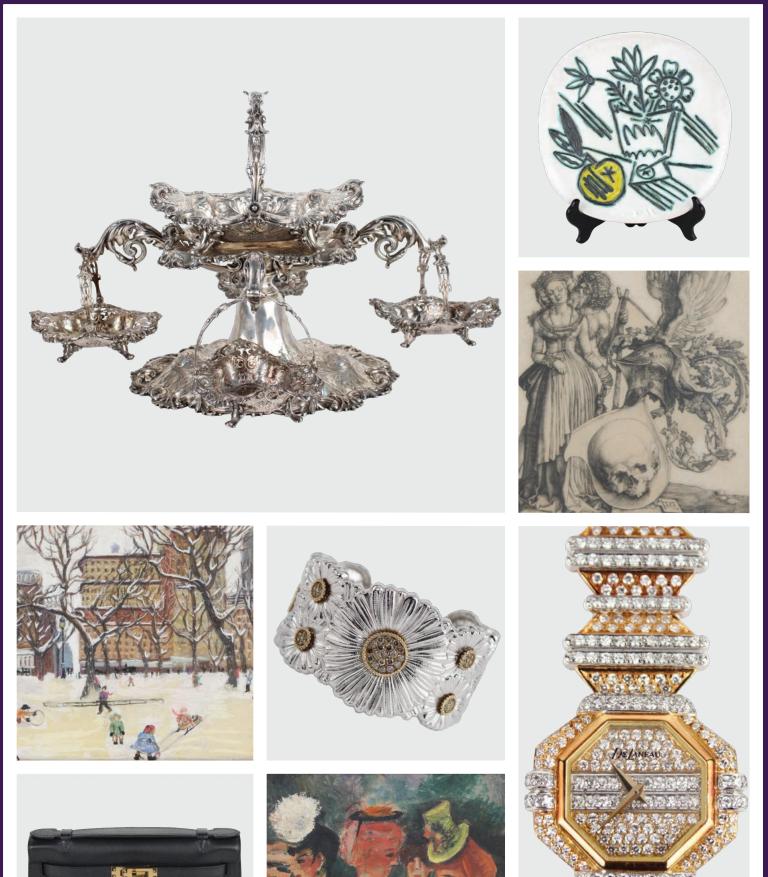
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Right: Overlooked, discarded, and misidentified for years, lightning rod balls are appreciated today as handsome one-of-a-kind artwork.



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