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Collectors can easily set sail with a model ship

BY BARBARA MILLER BEEM

Countless paintings, scores of songs, and numerous literary works: When it comes to artists and dreamers, the sea has long been a source of inspiration. This comes as no surprise, considering the fact that nearly three-quarters of the earth is covered with water. But not everyone has an ocean in their backyard, nor the opportunity or means to own their own seaworthy craft. And so it is that model ships continue to intrigue collectors, just as they have for thousands of years. Just ask Peter Seibert.

Seibert has seen for himself the fact that model ships date to Egyptian times, or maybe even earlier. Thinking back to New York City in 1978, Seibert recalled, "As a boy, I remember seeing the model ship at the King Tut exhibition at the Met," that being the final stop of "Tutankhamun: His Tomb and Treasures."

Today, Seibert serves as president of the Independence Seaport Museum, located in downtown Philadelphia along the Delaware River. And it is in this capacity that he witnesses, on a daily basis, the enthusiastic reaction of the public to the many model ships on display there.

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created it in the 1870s.



Above: The best way to describe the "Anna Marie," as seen in this Philadelphia story? It's "yar."

said. Just as dollhouse enthusiasts prepare their dream home, model ships provide the opportunity to "live vicariously as the captain." Drawing

Below: "Tugboat Lizzie," called a "tour de force of the model makers' craft,"

was made of brass, copper, and silver. Philadelphia jeweler John Dene Benton

"We love miniatures in general," he on the some 100 examples in the museum's collection, Seibert pointed to a realistic model of the steamer "Priscilla," which has inspired sailors, both young and old, for more than a

> Below: This unidentified British frigate is representative of those made entirely of bone by French prisoners who were held in the Dartmoor Prison.





Above: The Independence Seaport Museum in Philadelphia is home to the exhibition, "Small But Mighty: Models, Toys, and Miniature Ships."

century and a guarter. Constructed of chromolithographed paper attached to a wooden frame, it remains in pristine condition. Clearly, the only seas it has sailed were wooden parlor floors, having navigated the dry space on wheels, he said with a chuckle.

But according to Seibert, "It's not just boys and their toys." Some miniature ships have served a practical purpose, including those intended as a three-dimensional plan for a yet-to-be built full-size vessel. These "half hulls" provided a "visual representation from which to work."

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Page 2 NEWS U.S. military troops helped make living photos during World War I

BY MARK SUTTON

With another Memorial Day right around the corner, it is worth remembering and celebrating the historic "living art" patriotic photography of Arthur Mole and John Thomas.

Born in Britain Arthur Mole (1889-1983) immigrated to the United States in 1901 and ultimately became a photographer. Through his involvement with the Zion, Ill., Christian Catholic Tabernacle Church, he met John Thomas who was the director of the choir. Together the two began a partnership that produced iconic works of photographic art using people as their medium. With Arthur and camera mounted atop a 70 to 80 foot tall wooden tower, Thomas directed the placement of people down below and they staged their first group photos. The Zion Shield was created in 1914; and later in 1917, a more elaborate image of the church pastor, Reverend John Alexander Dowie was produced.

But in 1917 when the United States joined the Great War, Mole was commissioned to make images



at various military bases using the thousands of troops available to cre-

Below: This photo shows Mole and Thomas actually engaged in the staging process with the observation stand towering over the troops who were forming the Eleventh Lafayette Division insignia at Camp Meade, Md



ate his "living art." Intended to patriotically promote and popularize American participation in the war, the photographs would also hopefully boost troop morale.

However, as proud as many soldiers and sailors might have been with their participation in the final product, the actual production of those works of photographic art often required them to stand closely compacted in uniform for hours on end in the hot sun. Because of the perspective required to produce the desired image, thousands of troops were necessary. While those figures posed closest to the tower are usualLeft: Easier to display than the original 11 by 14 inch gelatin photographs, the promotional postcards make a striking collection.

Below: Postcards publicizing Mole and Thomas' living art were usually done in black and white as were their original gelatin photographs. But they also colorized some of these advertising postcards and they are scarcer.



UNITED STATES SHIELD officers and men, 30,000. Taken a Creek, Michigan, Brigadier Gener ch Com'd'g. Length of stars, 190 ft. of stripes, 120 ft.; distance across bo 0 ft.; distance across top of shield part, 90 ft.; distance across top of Shield, 580 ft.; to length on the ground, 675 ft. Copyright 1918, Mole & Thomas, 915 Medinah Bidg., Chicago, Ill.

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Trooper school crossing sign commanded a \$2,900 bid

BY WILLIAM FLOOD

SHINNSTON, W. Va. - On May 3, Joe R. Pyle hosted a live auction packed with antiques and collectibles. It was filled with over 400 lots of the kinds of merchandise auction attendees love scuh as advertising memorabilia, antique furniture, collectible glassware, vintage toys, and even a few classic vehicles. Though held face-to-face, the auctioneer also welcomed online pre-bidding and live simulcast participation for those who couldn't attend in person.

One of the largest categories was antique advertising and signage. A standout was a massive 96-by-102-inch Miller Beer outdoor clock that hailed from old Cumberland, Md. Despite its weathered state, it brought in \$100. Hitting much higher was a 75-inch double-sided "Drive Carefully" wooden sign shaped like a state trooper. Showing just age-related wear, it fetched \$2,900. Its 61-inch metal counterpart - featuring a female trooper, also in good condition --finished at \$1,025.

Over 60 more signs changed hands, including a 95-by-53inch double-sided porcelain American Gas Amoco sign that reached \$1,275. A 96-inch-tall, vertical Fisk Tires sign hit \$825, while a double-sided porcelain Mobil Gas piece made it to \$550.





Other petroliana included a project-grade 1940s Texaco Fire Chief gas pump, that while rusty, with damaged paint SEE JOE R., PYLE PAGE 5 Above: Several classic vehicles were offered, including this 1929 Ford roadster that got \$7,000 in bids but didn't meet its reserve.

Left: This school crossing sign patterned after a state trooper hit \$2,900. A similar one reached \$1,025.

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Living US Military Photos

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ly easily identifiable as military personnel, those in the back just appear as microdots. The photograph titled U.S. Shield required the most participants with 30,000 closely compacted officers and men.

The patriotic World War 1 images Mole and Thomas created included: the American flag, the Statue of Liberty, a son in service flag, a combination of the flags of the Allied Nations, President Woodrow Wilson, the U.S. Shield, machine gun insignia, the Liberty Bell, American Eagle, Marine emblem and Uncle Sam, to name some of the most popular.

After the war Mole resumed his photography business but rarely produced any more of the living art photographs.

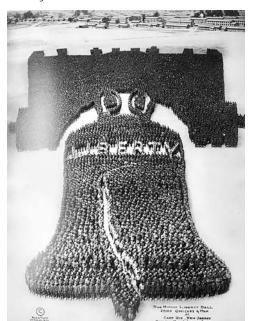
While the images have been reproduced, the century-old original 11 by 14 inch photographs can be found sometimes going for less than \$100, up to a few hundred dollars, depending on the image. And some of these antique examples were even marked by participants to show their exact placement in the formation.

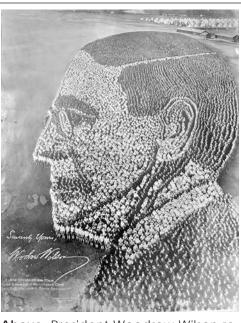
In addition to the actual period photographs, Mole and Thomas produced postcards advertising some of their works. Most often these postcards were produced in black and white. But they were also colorized. The postcards generally sell from \$10 to \$50.

Louis Kaplan produced a marvelous book entitled "Photographic Patriotism: Arthur Mole's Living Photographs" that runs about \$45 if you can find it.

Right: The Statue of Liberty positioned 18,000 officers and men at Camp Dodge, Des Moines, Iowa.

Below: The Liberty Bell required 25,000 officers and men at Camp Dix, New Jersey, in 1918.

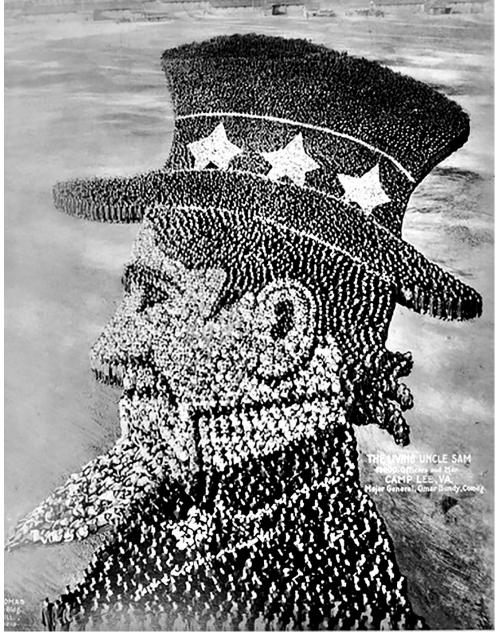




Above: President Woodrow Wilson resisted committing U.S. troops to World War I, but once the U.S. entered 21,000 officers and men created this striking likeness of their Commander-in-chief at Camp Sherman in Chillicothe, Ohio, in 1918.

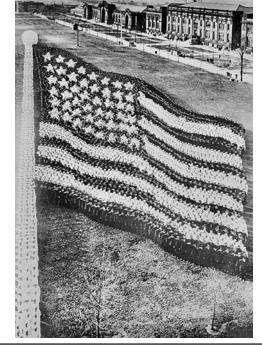


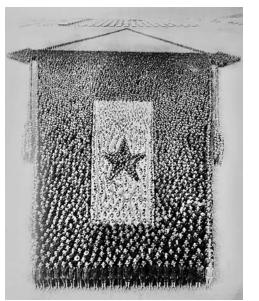
Below: The finished product of the La-fayette Division insignia.



Above: Camp Lee, Virginia, was the site to produce the Living Uncle Sam with the assistance of 15,000 officers and men in January of 1918.

Below: No image is any more stirring and patriotic than the American Stars and Stripes and this one was produced with over 10,000 Blue Jackets in 1917 at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station in Illinois. **Below:** The patriotic son-in-service flag was created during World War I for proud patriots to display from their home windows as notification that they had a family member in military service. This image of those banners was produced at Camp Funston near Ft. Riley, Kan., with the assistance of 10,000 officers and men.







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and missing parts, still landed \$900. Later, a gravity-fed Richfield High-Octane pump, partially restored for indoor display went for \$500. To go with those the pumps, selling for \$220, was a 24-inch-tall Texaco oil can with pump, topped by a 44-inch service attendant mannequin in a Texaco uniform.

A 1950s child-size Tin Lizzie, in good running condition, found a buyer at \$1,450. Other vehicles included a 40-inch Casey Jones pedal car that rode off for \$350, a late-1800s Spring Surrey with its original top in restorable condition for \$250, and two 1950s minibikes in working order that brought \$180 and \$160.

Transportation memorabilia extended to several lots of railroadiana. Among the items were two locomotive whistles hailing from Cass, W.Va. One, a 17-inch Lunkenheimer had provenance to West Virginia



nequin (\$220)

Above: Petroliana Above: Great finds included this oiler for garages inpaired with a man-cluded this restorsporting able Texaco Fire a Texaco uniform Chief pump that grabbed \$900.



Above: Great items sold across all price points, like this 1950s cobalt bar set that went for just \$25.

author Roy Clarkson and sold for \$375. The other, dating to around 1915, went for \$210. A \$90 bid took home a 29-inch Gettysburg Railroad sign paired with a framed CSX train picture. Another rail sign, a 19 by 19inch Railway Express Agency sign printed on heavy cardboard made it to \$80.

A different vein held dozens of lots of traditional antiques and Americana. Among those offerings were several pieces of antique furniture, including a 73 by 68-inch antique corner cupboard, taken home for \$225. An early 20th-century tiger maple four-drawer chest, measuring 42 by 41 by 19 inches, came in at \$190.

Antique smalls also garnered some substantial bids, including the \$1,100 offered for a 10-inch hand-decorated crock featuring eagle stenciling. Another hand-decorated crock, measuring 11.5 inches, with marks indicating 2-gallon capacity, closed at \$200. History lovers found a real treasure - a 45inch wagon wheel, reportedly recovered in the early 20th century from a riverbank near Burkesville, Md., believed to be a relic from the Antietam campaign of the Civil War, got picked up for \$130.

Collectors of antique firearms had options, too, with four antique long rifles on the block. A U.S. Springfield Model 1853 .58-caliber musket with its ramrod led the

Below: Four antique long guns were on the block, selling from \$150 to \$525.



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Above: Many vintage toys sold for under \$50, including this Japan-made HAJI windup horse and cowboy that strode off for \$40.

group at \$525. A Model 1825 .69-caliber percussion conversion with visible inspector's marks earned \$450. A bid of \$200 scored a .45-caliber Pennsylvania-style long rifle with conditional issues, while \$150 won a Middle Eastern Jezail-type flintlock musket also with conditional issues.

Antique toy collectors had plenty at their disposal, including pieces like a black early Buddy L pickup truck that realized an impressive \$230. An antique four-piece tinlitho train, with a 16-inch engine, two 12inch passenger cars, and a 9-inch coal car, sold for \$190, as did a 15-inch red unsigned stamped-tin toy car. Meanwhile, a Popeye plane by Louis Marx in its box pulled \$140.

Bidders looking for home decor found items like a Craftsman-era Bradley and Hubbard stained-glass lamp (\$250), a 9.5-inch-wide cast metal sculpture of Pickett's Charge (\$60), and a 1950s Cobalt glass decanter and tumbler set with six glasses (\$25)

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Above: Once part of Cumberland, Maryland's streetscape, this building clock sold for \$100



Above: A restorable, mid-19th-century surrey was snagged for \$250.

Below: Bidders interested in railroad artifacts had lots like this Gettysburg Railroad sign and CSX train picture combo that came in at \$90.





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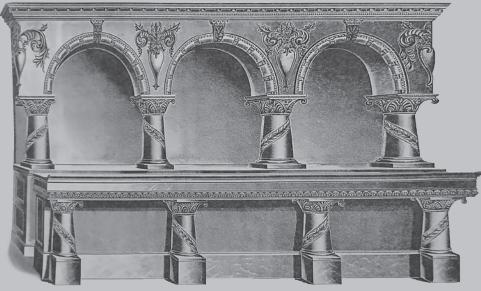
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May 20, 2025 Page 10 1904 Mills lung tester roared to \$184,500 at Morphy offering

Coin-Op & Antique Advertising Auction in Las Vegas offered collectors nearly 2,000 lots of high-quality arcade, music and gambling machines, and exceptional antique signs from businesses and products of a bygone era. The lively, well-attended sale totaled more than \$3.5 million, inclusive of buyer's premium.

The king of the jungle also became the king of Las Vegas as a circa-1904 Mills "Lion Lung Tester" made its formidable appearance on the auction block. Standing 103 inches tall, the iconic coin-op machine distinguished by its deeply-carved three-dimensional image of a lion with a fearsome expression and mouth agape was well known to collectors. Twenty-four years ago, it was chosen to grace the front cover of the inaugural issue (March 2001) of the Coin Operated Collectors Association's COCA Times magazine.

The machine's action is thrilling to watch. When a penny is deposited, the giant cat's eyes illuminate, and when a patron blows into the tester, the beast emits a spine-tingling roar. A continuously running clock displays how many seconds each player can keep the lion roaring, hence an assessment of how strong their lungs are. The auction example is believed to be one of only two surviving machines of its type, with a line of documented ownership going back more than 50 years. It made its auction debut in fine style, selling within its lofty estimate range for \$184,500.

Rare and magnificent, a circa-1900

Below: Outstanding Campbell's Soup (Camden, N.J.) single-sided porcelain thermometer in the shape of a tomato soup can. Working thermometer gauge embedded at middle reads 'On so many days - Soup is just the thing!' Sold for \$45,510



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LAS VEGAS – Morphy's April 30-May 3 Mills Novelty Co., Violano Virtuoso was described in the auction catalog as one of fewer than 20 known to exist. Presented in its beautiful guartered-oak cabinet with handsome tiger-striping and a wonderful Art Nouveau bow-front window, this musically gifted entertainer had been fully restored at some point in its past. It conveyed with all of its keys and six musical rolls, selling within its estimate range for \$79.950.

> Anyone who has ever visited Chicago's bustling central business district would have been amused by an outstanding circa-1900 reverse-painted glass sign advertising C.P. Kimball & Co., Carriage Builders, Michigan Avenue. It featured a large, impressive graphic of a quaint, early horse-drawn coach with well-dressed passengers, and additional depictions of the company's manufacturing facilities. In beautiful condition with crisp, bright lettering, it was graded a condition 9.0 and sold for \$54,120.

> The product that would single-handedly launch the pop art movement, Campbell's Tomato Soup, was colorfully presented in a 12-inch-high, single-sided porcelain thermometer that had survived many decades in working order and outstanding condition. An all-American advertising piece that was AGS-graded 93 and certified #11976, it served up a winning bid of \$45.510.

> A very rare circa-1931 International Mutoscope "Shootomatic Merchandise Vender" 5-cent arcade prize-dispensing game, a variation on a "digger" machine, had been extensively restored, with a

Right: Circa-1904 Mills Novelty Co., 'Lion Lung Tester' penny arcade machine, a model so iconic it was chosen for the front cover of the inaugural issue (March 2001) of the Coin Operated Collectors Association's 'COCA Times' magazine. Lion's eyes illuminate when penny is deposited. Beast roars when patron blows into tester. Continuously running clock measures how many seconds player can keep lion roaring. One of only two known specimens, it was the auction's top lot selling for \$184,500.



quartered-oak cabinet and new plating applied to its mechanical components. Fully operational, with keys and a nice selection of prizes included, it landed near the midpoint of its estimate range, at \$28,290.

A circa-1900 Yuengling's Beer, Ale & Porter single-sided self-framed round tin sign was a classic representation of the famed Pottsville, Pa., brewery. The artwork at its center depicted a mighty eagle atop a rocky summit, protecting a barrel of Yuengling's brew. Measuring nearly two feet in diameter and graded a condition 8.0, it surpassed its high estimate to settle at \$15,990.

Another popular entry was a circa-1900 embossed tin sign advertising Kabo Corsets with the phrase Kabo Corsets Have No Brass Eyelets and the image of a young lady in an elaborate hat, tying a corset around her waist. Exhibiting exceptional artistic quality, the sign commanded \$13,530.

As visuals go, one of the most outstand-

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Above: Very rare circa-1931 International Mutoscope 'Shootomatic Merchandise Vender' 5-cent arcade prize-dispensing game. Design is a variation on a digger machine. Extensively restored, with quartered-oak cabinet and new plating to mechanical components. Sold for \$28,290.

Left: 78 in-tall cigar store American Indian figure attributed to Thomas V. Brooks (New York, 1828-1895), who was known for his carvings of ships and shop figures, especially Native Americans with distinctive V-shape headdresses: Sold for \$24,600.



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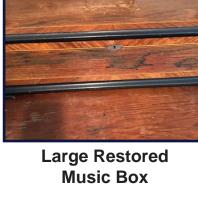
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CROCKERY: 4 gal. ES&B jug; 3 gal ES&B crock; | wingback chairs; two door string inlay storage cabinet; | triple dresser; Kittinger three drawer night stand; Mission style hutch; Thomasville side chair; round table/(4) chairs; hickory rocker; camouflage recliner; oak ice box; Cochrane oak bedroom suite; baker's cabinet; waterfall cabinet; jelly cupboard; cedar chest; oak corner cupboard; oak round claw table w/(5) chairs; oak kitchen cabinet w/slag glass doors; (3) oak bar stools; assorted recliners; oak roll top desk w/chair & more. VINTAGE/DÉCOR/COLLECTABLES: Approx. (50) finger lamps; parlor lamps; flower basket door stop; Lance jar; Mr. Peanut jar; machinist chest; spongeware; cylinder butter churn; wall telephone; milk bottles; RR lantern; quilts; "Rotz" wooden fork; approx.. (75) Longaberger baskets; spice boxes; large tea caddy; natural ranch mink coat; and more.





ladies" cane with Gettysburg motif **ADVERTISING/AUTOMOTIVE:** Plymouth primer









MOUNTS: Fox; deer heads; goose; coyote; elk antlers and more.

FURNITURE: Mahogany w/tiger inlay buffet, hutch, server, table (brass paws), (4) straight chairs, (2) arm chairs; Council Classic four drawer cabinet; (2) Council Craftsman drop leaf end stand w/string inlay; ovid brass paw council craftsman inlay coffee table; (2) Kittinger

FRANK FEATHER CANE: Highly carved "possibly

school (3) poster set; Pepsi clock; Prestone thermometer; enamel Gulf & automotive signs; advertising clocks; square gas/oil pumps; Atlantic Grease wood box; hood ornaments; license plates; soap box derby car and so much more.

VINTAGE CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES: mink collars; vintage hats; 1920s cloche hat; dresser; shoes; purses; feathers; costume jewelry; full length fur coats; leather jacks and more.

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blue/green paint; Ig early oval wooden bowl in orig dry surface; early cherry dvtld hng slant lid candle/spice box; early hng | asstd grease lamp; early 2 part hng grease lamp; early handmade tin student adj candle lamp; early round 12 tube candle mold w/crimped top; 54 tube wood & tin candle mold; plus other early lighting. FORGED IRON: 2 rare mina 4 pc forged iron & copper utensil sets sgnd H.W. Dietrich; 7 pc forged iron & brass cooking utensil set sgnd F.B.S. Canton, O. Patd Jan. 26, 1886; many utensils incld dippers, ladles, spatulas, fireplace toasters, etc; hand forged cast iron whimsical figure of folky deer w/antlers; sm early cast iron trough w/paint décor; early forged iron combination fork/spatula w/3 cutout hearts; rare mina tasting ladle sgnd H.W. Dietrich 8"l; early penny foot hndld trivet w/center heart; fireplace trivet w/brass handle; g early spatula w/ram's horn handle & cutout heart; rare early fireplace poker w/heart shaped top/handle sgnd J.E., M.E. ग 1876; early branding iron w/heart symbol "CL"; 4 leg trivet w/dbl heart center. EARLY TINWARE: Early handmade cylinder asher churn: 5 fireplace cooking shields: 2 early farm dinner horns: early handmade gooseneck coffee pot: early suga haker/nutmeg grater w/pie crimper wheel having orig brass label "American Agency, London"; early punched cylindrica hinged lid hng candle box w/stars; wonderful & unusual early handmade 9 pc wine/liguor set; early handmade cake mold w/ punched lid having heart, stars & M.S.; early handmade 52" trumpet field/dinner horn w/handle; other early tinware (funnel w/nutmeg grater handle, punched heart shape mold w/orig press down lid, punched diamond shape mold, hinged d spice box w/nutmeg grater, embossed sugar shaker, sheath of wheat mold, round cricket/bait container, toy pump, etc) COLLECTION OF 79 HANDMADE EARLY TIN COOKIE CUTTERS w/rare examples from extra large sizes to miniatures to partially incld standing bear 12 1/2", standing Pilgrim woman 12", standing Pilgrim man 12", squatting man 8", standing horse 8 ½" x 6"h, rare Indian on horse 11"h x 10 ½", man in moon w/star 6", running deer 11 ½", standing man 10", folk rooster 8"l x 5 1/2"h, pr hatchets 10 1/2"l, standing Santa w/pack 10 1 /2"h; 11 miniatures ranging from 1 1/2 -3 1/2" (incld 3 fish, dog, birds, pistol, apple, etc); many regular size cutters to incld horses, pine tree, fish, key, goose, rifle, bears, rabbit, hand bell, figurals, birds, roosters, squatting man, cats, hearts, boot, star, eagle, guitar, other animals, hatchet, pig, elephant, whale, hatching chick, etc. TOLEWARE: 3 lg gooseneck coffee pots; mustard painted lidded canister; 3 document bxs - lg med & sm; syrup; sugar bowl w/lid; 12" tray; tea caddy: lq red tole floral décor tray 20"l: etc. PANTRY & SHAKER TYPE BOXES: Over 20 early lidded boxes incld fine examples w/fingers, orig paint & décor, etc. 30+ EARLY BASKETS: To partially incld wood swing hndl in orig green paint; Ig dbl bentwood hndl in orig It green paint; hndld type in orig dk red paint w/black hndl & trim; lidded hndld in dk blue/green paint; dk gray hndld; Ig hndld multi colored green/blue/red/brown; early split hickory hng key basket in dk green paint: split hickory buttocks basket in old dry red paint: plus other painted styles: 10 early mina baskets. 30 PCS EARLY SPATTERWARE: Red peafowl platter: blue thistle rect bowl: tri color plate: red/ blue rainbow teapot w/sm knicks; 3 scarce red plates w/peafowl; two blue plates w/peafowl; purple teapot; star in star red plate: sm blue pitcher/bowl set; blue sugar bowl w/red tulip; handleless cups & saucers (rare red w/standing deer, rare ellow/red/green rainbow drape, child's yellow/blue rainbow, red/green rose, red/deep blue rainbow, purple/blue rainbow, plus other cups & saucers): Stick spatter plate w/crowing rooster: 2 Gaudy Dutch plates: Soft Paste pcs (early brown transfer US Historical squatty milk pitcher "The Tyrants Foe. The People's Friend" & verse on reverse. In 5 color milk pitcher, strawberry lidded sugar, 9 1/2" strawberry in basket plate); plus other early soft paste & porc items. FLOW BLUE: 176 pc set of FLOW BLUE "Touraine" pattern: rare 12" urn shape oil lamp w/musical scenes (conv to electric). octagon form pcs; 2 fruit bowls by LaBelle China w/gold; LaBelle 13" chop plate; Ig early 12" floral ladle; set 6 early Histor ical blue 9" plates "Winter View of Pittsfield"; 5 asstd sz Hist. blue plates (9" Darrington Hall, 9" Landing of Lafayette, 6" Park Theater New York. 7" Winter View of Pittsfield Mass. 5 1/2" Cannon Yorkshire). GLASS: Early Zanesville root beer amber chestnut ribbed flask w/finished rim; scarce olive amber flask "Success to the Railroad"; 5 early Zanesville gls pcs (2 aqua flasks, bottle, 2 flint diamond ped ftd open master salts); early Pittsburgh pillar mold tall syrup w/pewter top; pr Sandwich whale oil lamps w/orig pewter dbl spout burners; pr Sandwich urn w/ovals whale oil lamps w/orig pewter spout burners; Sandwich 7" blown flint flare lip milk pitcher w/applied handle; 3 pcs Stiegel type enamel decorated glassware (5 " flask w/horned bull & verse, 4 ½" flask w/urn of flowers & verse, 4" tumbler bar glass w/bird & floral motif): Sandwich cobalt piano form match holder; rare Findlay Onyx cinnamon red w/white toothpick holder (heat firing hairlines in base); deep root beer amber glass 9" figural bottle "Van Dunck's Genever Trade Mark Ware + Schmitz"; early olive Keene 3 mold blown glass inkwell; plus other early gls pcs. CHRISTMAS & SEASONAL ITEMS: Incld VINTAGE CHRISTMAS items to incld 2 early German Christmas feather trees (31" & 51"); elec light up 14x25" oval chalk Santa head w/red bulbs; many lg to sm Santas incld sev celluloid: over 100 early blown glass ornaments incld figurals/fish/fruit/ boat/birds/buildings, plus many more w/great examples; Christmas buildings; tree fence; snowmen; celluloid & composition animals; ca 1900 standing Santa in orig red satin suit 25"h; vintage Halloween décor in jack-o-lanterns. TOYS & CHILDREN'S ITEMS: Pip squeak toys; Steiff Scottie dog; early pull toy; doll sz one horse carriage in orig red & blue paint w/stencil décor; Lone Ranger & Silver in orig box; Tonto & Scout in orig box; Donald Duck Camera in orig box by Herbert George Co, Chicago, IL; sev German bisque dolls: celluloid wind up rabbit: wdn circus wagon w/animals: wooden cannon marble game in orig paint wooden farm incld house, outhouse, well, barn, windmill, corn crib, silo, fence, animals, etc; plus other early toys & children's items. STERLING SILVER: Over 100 pcs STERLING SILVER to incld 9 1/2" ftd bowl; oval celery tray; 86 asstd fla

> ware pcs LANCASTER MOTELS: Hampton Inn, 740/654.2999; Baymont Inn, 740/654.5111; Holiday Inn Express, 740/654.4445.

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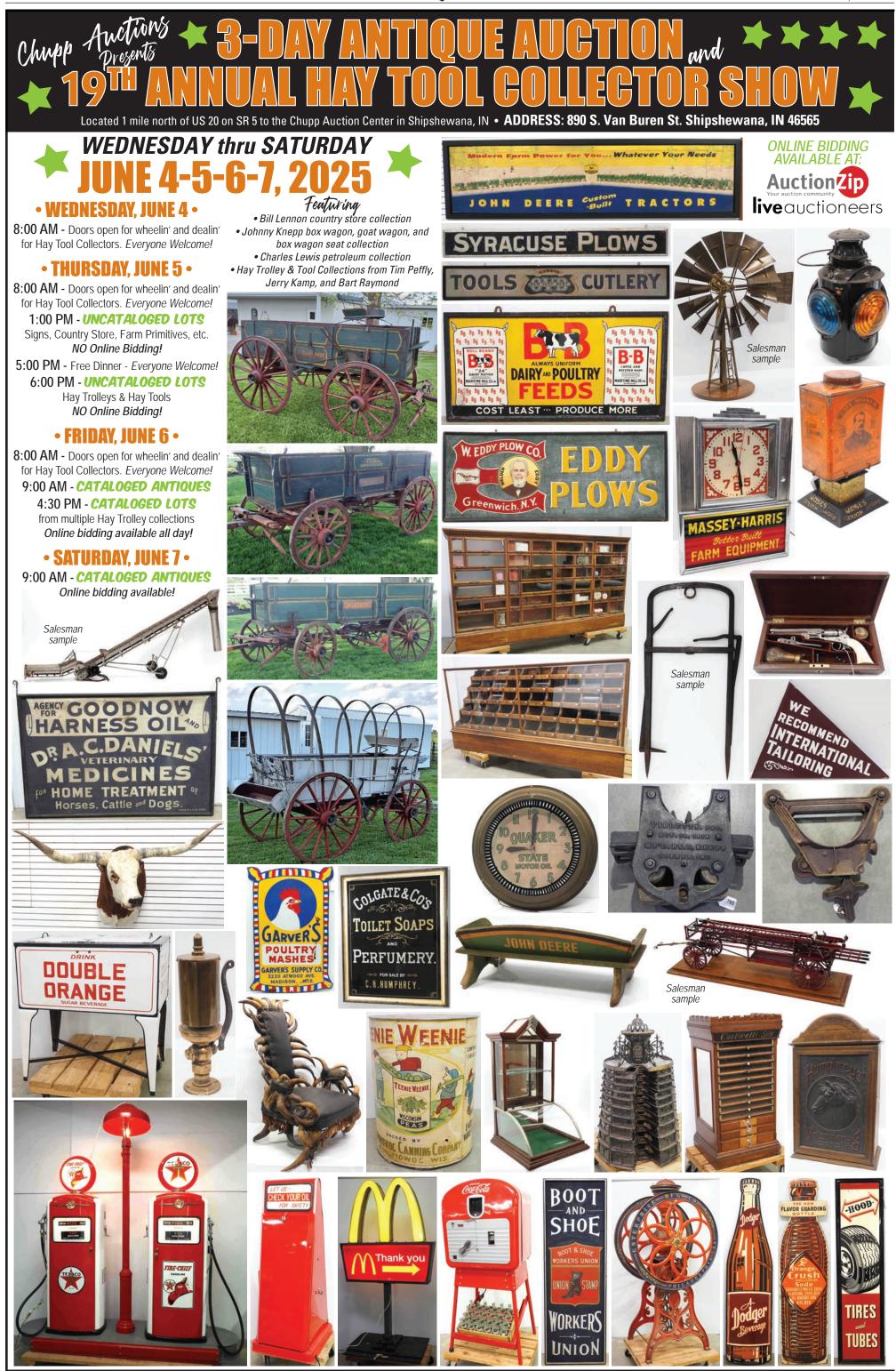
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(2) Owensboro -one is one of the best original wagons I've seen!; John Deere with John Deere seat; Leudinghaus; Quincy; Weber; Grand Detour; <u>OTHER</u> <u>HORSE-DRAWN VEHICLES</u>: pony size stagecoach -WOW!; CSA military wagon; scale model covered wagon; <u>GOAT WAGONS</u>: RARE Hickory; (2) Studebaker Jr; The Badger; Birdsell South Bend; Yale; Harvard; RARE Tennessee; John Deere from the 1980's (dealership wagon); <u>50 BOX WAGON</u> <u>SEATS</u>: The Bain; Charter Oak; Deere & Weber; Wheeler & Son; RARE Tennessee; Moline Plow; Coquillard; John Deere; Mitchell; Rock Island; Studebaker; Owensboro; RARE Emerson Brantingham; Davenport; RARE battleship gray New Ebbert; Newton; Old Hickory; more box wagon seats plus a variety of goat wagon seats;

SALESMAN SAMPLES: Wooden National 9000 Car Line Co. Hammonds Dressed Beef, Pork and Mutton refrigerated railroad car used for transporting meat, WOW! One of the best samples I've seen! • Harris hay fork with April 23, 1867 patent, WOW!; horse-drawn Waterous Engine Works fire ladder wagon, WOW!; Sam Mulke Mfg. electric hay elevator, works!; Samson brass windmill -WOW!; Adams road grader; wood & brass walking plow; Dempster hay stacker; hand-crank butter churn;

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SIGNS: (12) John Deere Farm Implements, all with different dealer names; (9) different John Deere thermometers; wood & sandstone signs include Eddy Plows -Awesome!, Dr. A.C. Daniels Veterinary Medicines, OVB Tools and Cutlery, Syracuse Plows & more; die-cut Keen Kutter with hanger; B&B Dairy & Poultry Feeds; DeLaval Cream Separator with DeLaval frame; seed corn signs; Meadow Gold Ice Cream; Massey Harris clock; lighted Ford; plus more; CAST IRON WARE: <u>GRISWOLD:</u> #20, #14, #8 French Waffle iron, corn stick pans, #240, plus more; <u>WAPAK:</u> #8, #9 & #10 skillets;

MISC ITEMS: *5hp New Holland hit & miss engine on cart -all original!; Slade & Rexford cast iron stagecoach hitching post with 2 steps for entering stagecoach -RARE! • Colt 1849 revolver, serial #188565 -WOW!*; Oliver plow share store display stand; Dr. A.C. Daniels vet cabinet; Humphreys vet cabinet; Surge Milker store display stand; milking cow weathervane; Hunters hand-crank size 000 sifter/mixer; wooden butter churns; all kinds of stockyard collectables;

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PETROLEUM • GAS PUMPS: Texaco island with (2) Bennett pumps & light; Tokheim 300P gas pump; double Mobiloil Lubrite; Bennett lighted oil can rack; gas globes; (2) Mobiloil bottle racks

MISC ITEMS: (7) Pedal cars; 10-cent coin-operated Champion ride-on horse; Vendorlater Model 27 Coca Cola pop machine; Coca Cola bottle cooler; (2) Schwinn Sting Ray bikes; Crouse lighthouse beacon light; set of Ryan Newman racing uniform & helmet, all autographed; horn chair; (2) ticker tape machines for fire calls; railroad lights; (8) brass steam whistles;

NOTICE: This is a VERY abbreviated listing!

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ing signs in the sale was the circa-1910 advertisement for Kemp & Burpee's (Syracuse, N.Y.) Success Manure Spreader. The main image depicted the farm implement in use, adorned by a cartouche with the company's attractive lion's-head trademark. Its gold self-frame continued the leonine theme with ornate lion graphics around its outer edges. It rose to \$11,070.

Advertising with a Native American theme is always sought after. Two lots, in particular, found favor with bidders. A circa-1900 Old Sleepy Eye Flour (Sleepy Eye, Minn.) single-sided tin sign featured a central graphic of Chief Sleepy Eye of the Sisseton Dakota tribe in an oval cartouche. Additional vignettes around the perimeter depicted various Native American scenes. A strong condition 8.5, this gorgeous example of a coveted sign sold for \$17,220.

A handsome 78-inch-tall cigar store American Indian figure was attributed to Thomas V Brooks (New York, 1828-1895), who was known for his carvings of ships and shop figures, especially Native Americans with distinctive V-shape headdresses. The auction figure was designed with a cluster of cigars in one hand and leaning



Above: Wonderfully modeled bronzewrapped Bull Durham Tobacco countertop display depicting the company's bull mascot. Seldom seen in such high (8.75+) condition it sold for \$15,990



Above: Circa-1900 Old Sleepy Eye Flour (Sleepy Eye, Minn.) single-sided tin sign with central graphic of Chief Sleepy Eye of the Sisseton Dakota tribe in an oval cartouche. Sold for \$17,220.



Above: Circa-1910 Kemp & Burpee's (Syracuse, N.Y.) Success Manure Spreader sign, 191/2in x 28in single-sided tin with nice graphic of the farm implement in use and cartouche with lion-head trademark, self-framed with ornate lion's-head graphics around outer edges. Sign manufactured by Mayer & Lavenson Co., N.Y. Sold for \$11,070.

on a post with the other hand. Restored and boasting extremely attractive colors, it sold for \$24,600.

Wonderfully modeled and well executed, a bronze-wrapped Bull Durham Tobacco countertop display depicted the company's bull mascot in a "muscular" three-dimensional form. The base was embossed "For Three Generations the Standard of Smoking Tobacco" and its sides were marked "Genuine Bull Durham." Seldom seen in such a high (8.75+) condition, it finished at \$15,990.

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Above: Circa-1900 embossed tin sign advertising Kabo Corsets with the phrase 'Kabo Corsets Have No Brass Eyelets' and image of a young lady in an elaborate hat, tying a corset around her waist. Sold for \$13,530.

Right: Magnificent circa-1900 Mills Novelty Co., Art Nouveau bow-front Violano Virtuoso, one of fewer than 20 of its type known to exist. Older full restoration. Beautiful guartered-oak cabinet with handsome 'tiger' striping. Deep, rich violin tone, perfectly-tuned piano. All keys and six rolls included. Height: 691/2in. Sold for \$79,950.



Above: Circa-1920s single-sided tin sign for Francisco Auto Heaters with cutaway graphic showing the interior of an automobile with well-dressed passengers and emblazoned with the text 'June Warmth in December' and 'Fresh Air Heat at the Start of the Motor.' Sold for \$20,910.





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Below: Yuengling's Beer, Ale & Porter single-sided self-framed tin sign, circa 1900, Pottsville, Pa. Beautiful eagle graphic at center. Size: 231/2in diameter. Condition: 8.0. Sold for \$15,990. All images courtesy of Morphy Auctions





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Lion bangle, snake necklace take bids of \$4,250 each

By Karin Milliman

YPSILANTI, Mich. - Schmidt's March Gallery Auction was a resounding success. This grouping from estates and local collections included some amazing pieces that caught more than one bidders' eye.

Jewelry was in great demand. Two pieces competed for the top-selling item and they came out evenly matched with both receiving a final bid price of \$4,250. One was a Grecian 18 carat gold bangle bracelet. It had diamond accents. This yellow gold bracelet had a lion head featured at each end with what looked like diamond collars around the neck. It had a type of blue swirls of enamel around the bracelet, adding to the beauty. It was marked "750 Greece 3.37" and had a total of 58 grams. It showed a bit of minor surface wear. It measured about 6 inches around the interior.

The other piece of jewelry that matched the \$4,250 selling price was a snake necklace. This piece was a heavier-looking necklace, dating back to the 19th-century Victorian period. It was made of 14-carat gold, set with tourmaline and diamonds to enhance its appearance. The snake's head had a clasp that featured a bezel-set of purple and pink tourmaline cabo-



Above: This Victorian tourmaline and diamond snake necklace could have gone home with you for a bid of \$4,250.

chons, measuring approximately 10 by 14 millimeters. It was surrounded by round-cut, bezel-set diamond accents, measuring approximately 3.75 mm, with Tourmaline eyes and blue enamel detail. It was still in the original fitted "Poile & Smith" case. This piece was unmarked, but the head and chain both tested at 14 carats. The tongue tested gold-filled. There were some small holes to the gold underneath the head. The tourmaline had some inclusions and showed wear to the surface,

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Above: Consisting of 106 pieces, this Gorham sterling flatware set in the Chantilly pattern was sold for \$2,300.

and was enameled. It measured $16\frac{1}{2}$ enamels, and one hinge was slightly inches in length.

A 14-carat gold book bracelet was a popular piece. This bracelet featured floral enameled segments that folded into a "book", with red gemstone accents. It had a separate 14-carat gold slide clasp with a hanger. It was unmarked and weighed 56.3 grams. There were some minor losses to the

loose. It measured around 8 inches long when open. This piece brought in a bid price of \$2,100.

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Above: Gold and diamonds made this necklace glitter with a selling price of \$2,600.



Above: Sparkling with rubies and diamonds, this bangle was eight-carat and sold for \$1,700.



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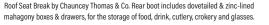
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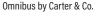


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Above: This Zia Earthenware dough bowl was still in impressive shape and sold for \$1,900.

Below: If lions are your thing, this Grecian bangle was 18-carat gold with diamonds and tied for the highest selling price of \$4,250.



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Selling for \$1,700 was a beautiful 18-carat gold, ruby, and diamond bangle bracelet. This piece was a hinged bangle featuring graduated channel-set square-cut diamonds and rubies. It was made of 18-carat gold and weighed a total of 32.4 grams. There was some minor wear.

A vintage 18-carat gold and diamond necklace was highly sought after. It was custom-made by Cary Stefani, from Birmingham, Mich. It consisted of openwork in yellow gold with a twisted design all around. It featured 22 pear-cut diamonds, bezel set in white gold. It was estimated to weigh eight carats and featured a central glass simulated diamond. It was dated 1987 and was approximately 16 inches when open. This gorgeous necklace brought a final bid price of \$2,600.

An early 20th-century Acoma Pueblo earthenware olla had a geometric polychrome decoration. It showed signs of wear to the decoration and had some surface flakes. It also had a deeper flake near the foot of the piece. It measured approximately 12 by 11 inches. The final bid price on this piece of history was an impressive \$3,750, making it the top-selling piece of earthenware.

Selling for \$2,500 was another early 20th-century olla. This one was a Zia Pueblo earthenware piece, and it also had a polychrome geometric design with an added bird decoration. There were two chips to the rim and some wear to the surface and the decoration. It measured approximately 16 by 14 inches high.

Coming in right behind was a Zia Pueblo earthenware olla for a bid of \$2,000. It had the typical olla shape with the same polychrome geometric and bird decoration. There was some minor repair at the rim and some wear to the decoration, which had been touched up with paint. It also had a few burst air bubbles and measured about 12 by 12 inches overall.

A Zia Pueblo earthenware dough bowl was a bit different. It had a wider opening at the top and tapered to a smaller base. It had the same polychrome geometric decoration all around, with some wear to the design. It also had a few burst air bubbles. This one measured approximately 17 by 9 inches. It garnered a respectable bid price of \$ 1,900.

A four-piece Mexican sterling silver tea set was beautiful. All pieces had lobed bodies with floral decoration. It included a teapot, creamer, covered sugar dish, and an open waste bowl. The teapot was marked "Sterling Mexico." The creamer and sugar were marked with "Plateria Alameda Juarez" and "Sterling/Mexico." The complete set weighed in at 70.48 troy ounces. There was some surface wear, and the teapot had minor damage at the spout and a bent hinge. The covered sugar bowl had a loose finial. This set sold for \$1,700.

Bringing in a high bid of \$2,300 was a set of 106 pieces of Gorham "Chantilly" patterned sterling silver flatware. This set featured 12 complete fivepiece place settings with each including hollow handle dinner knives, butter knives, dinner forks, salad forks,



Above: This unusual "book" bracelet attracted attention with a final bid price of \$2,100.

Below: An Acoma Earthenware Olla brought a bid of \$3,750, making it the top-selling piece in the earthenware category.





Above: This Chinese Coromandel screen was very decorative and sold for \$1,700.

oval soup spoons, , teaspoons, and iced tea spoons. There were also 23 pieces of additional flatware and serving utensils. All pieces were impressed with the Gorham maker's marks and "Sterling". Weighing a total of 106.31 troy ounces, the set showed some wear and tarnishing. Many of these items were monogrammed, and there were some instances of mismatched styles and sizes.

A 62-piece set of flatware also performed well. This set was the Whiting "King Albert" pattern. It featured 12 four-piece place settings and also included 11 additional flatware and serving utensils. There was a hollow handle spreader knife, butter knives, dinner forks, and teaspoons. Each piece was impressed with the Whiting maker's marks and 'Sterling". The set showed some wear and weighed 52.16 troy ounces, excluding the hollow-handled spreader knives. It brought a final bid price of \$1,300.

A very unusual 19th-century Chinese Coromandel screen sold for \$1,700. The molded rosewood frames showcased six panels decorated with hand-carved vine and floral motifs on both the upper and lower panels. The black lacquer center panels featured hand-painted gold landscapes and carved jade and hardstone details, including waterfowl and foliage. There were also hand-painted gold landscape designs showing off mountain villages along a river on the black lacquer panels. The entire piece measured in at approximately 108 by 85 inches. This type of Chinese lacquerware was named "Coromandel" because it was made for export and shipped to European markets via the Coromandel coast of south-eastern India.

A Loetz Cytisus art glass vase generated some interest. This piece featured a bulbous form in an enjoyable, mottled, May green to orange glass. This vase had linear decoration and some minor surface wear. It stood about 7 inches high. Loetz was a premier Bohemian art glass manufacturer during the Art Nouveau era, spanning approximately 1890 to 1920. This company became known for its innovative techniques, organic forms, and bold use of color.

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Above: This vase is a Loetz Cytisus art glass piece, beautifully crafted. It sold for \$1,800.

Below: Selling for \$2,500, this Zia earthenware olla was a gorgeous display piece.



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Model Ship Collectors

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Made as aids to shipbuilders, they now take their place on display, a testament to the skill of their makers.

Other times, the motivation was of a sentimental nature. A miniaturized keepsake for the owner of the full-size vessel, it could be appreciated at home or in the office. Sometimes, a model served as a souvenir of a memorable cruise. And for the sporting set, models were made for sailing on a favorite pond or lake.

Just as there are varied reasons as to why model ships were created, so also are the circumstances of the people who made them. Unlikely model shipbuilders include prisoners, according to Seibert. For example, he noted the representation of a Napoleonic War-era British frigate, the work of French prisoners held in Britain's Dartmoor Prison. Made by hand with limited access to materials, models such as this one were crafted using cow bone. Stateside, Seibert continued, inmates at the Eastern State Penitentiary are known to have made models that were sold, with proceeds used for prison privileges.

And then there are the toymakers, maritime engineers, and hobbyists: Whether for profit or personal satisfaction, their work ranges from primitive to models that were "painstakingly built" and are "breathtakingly detailed.

"The levels of accuracy vary," depending in large part on the maker, Seibert said.



Above: Made in Germany by Märklin and Company, this model of the U.S.S. Baltimore was sold in a Philadelphia toy store. Designed to be enjoyed by an adult and not a child, it was self-propelled, thanks to a wind-up mechanism.

As for the materials used in the creation of model ships (other than animal bones), they range from wood and glass to a variety of metals, including brass and nickel. Most of the models housed at the Museum are from scratch, not a kit, he added.

Just because a boat was meant to be a toy does not mean that it is any less spectacular. As an example, Seibert offered what was considered to be "the best of the best among tin ship toys," a representation of the battle cruiser "U.S.S. Baltimore," the original of which was in service during the Spanish-American War and World War I. Made by Märklin and Company in Germany, and sold in a Philadelphia toy store, this wind-up model was marketed as a toy for wealthy adults.

In some instances, the history of the

original vessel contributes to the value of its model. Such is the case with the heavy cruiser "U.S.S. Indianapolis." After delivering the bomb that ended World War II, this ship was sunk by a Japanese submarine. The crew fought for survival in shark-infested waters, and their story was made famous in the motion picture "Jaws." As for the model, Seibert said it is impressive, measuring 12 feet long and 17 inches wide. But the story does not stop there, as the model, built by German immigrants, was exhibited to raise money for war bonds.

And then there are those model ships found in a bottle, as well as ones that are presented as part of a diorama.

On the subject of condition, Seibert conceded that it can be "touch and go." Many model ships prized by collectors have survived decades, if not hundreds of years. But rigging and sails are fragile, and, if improperly stored, the ships might exhibit mold and mildew. Above: A half hull model for a city ice

Furthermore, sailing models, because they have been subjected to the elements, are found in different condition than those that have been kept on a bookcase. Whereas many model ships are passed down from one generation to another, fine examples can be collected, thanks to specialty sales conducted by auction houses.

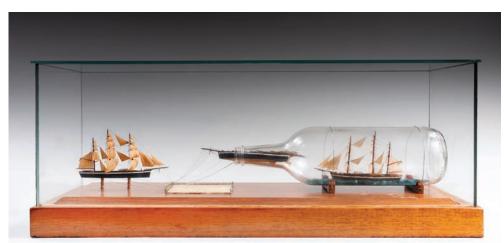
The sea sirens continue to call. Seibert talked about the challenges that model ship collectors face, which are different from those of other transportation collectors. Automobile buffs can enjoy their cars on weekend jaunts. And model train enthusiasts can fill a room with their layout. But not so for those who appreciate model ships. "They're harder to play with."

But now, there is a way to appreciate model ships, in all their glory: "Small But Mighty!: Models, Toys, and Miniature Ships" is a new exhibition at the Independence Seaport Museum. Some 50 model ships, each with a story to tell, have been gathered together and are on display, with another 15 scattered throughout the rest of the museum. Many of those vessels "Small But Mighty!" have not been seen by the public for more than 35 years. And for those visitors to the museum who are so inspired, they can create their own model, dipping into a stash of those popular plastic bricks that hurt when you inadvertently step on them.

For more information visit phillyseaport.org.



Above: The real-life story of the U.S.S. Indianapolis was retold in the movie "Jaws." And the backstory of this model is remarkable as well. Images courtesy of the Independence Seaport Museum





Above: How did they do it? This ship, "docked" inside a bottle, is attributed to Robert S. Kram (1915-2004).

Below: A souvenir from a gracious time, when passenger liners like the "Monarch" sailed the ocean.



Above: A folk art rendering of a steam dredge, charming in its own right.

Below: An exquisite example of a beautifully crafted toy: The steamer "Priscilla," in excellent condition, illustrates the beauty and grace of late-19th century ships.



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