

Antiques Questions And Answers

Can you advise us on selling the items in the enclosed photos that belonged to my grandmother and great aunt?

Before you can sell antiques you have to have an idea of value. From your photos you appear to have late 19th cen-

tury furniture. Pay a personal property appraiser, preferably belonging to one of the Appraisal societies, such as American Society of Appraisers, listed in the yellow pages under antiques apprais-

ers. Get the appraisal in writing, signed and dated and ask the items be appraised at resale value. (Half of retail). You can always run an ad and do an "estate sale". If the appraiser tries to say your pieces aren't worth anything, but he'll take them off your hands, throw him out. From your photos you have some quality pieces, though not worth thousands.

I have an aluminum tray and waste basket both marked "Wendell August forge" received as wedding gifts in 1936. Where can I find an appraiser?

V.E. - Charlotte, NC

"Horst Auction Center" PUBLIC SALE

ANTIQUES, PRIMITIVES,
HIT & MISS ENGINES,
ANTIQUE TOOLS,
HARDWARE,
BUTCHERING EQUIPMENT,
TOYS, METAL WARE,
EARLY LIGHTING, ETC.

"FROM THE COLLECTION OF
THE LATE BILL LEISEY"

**SAT., DEC. 22, 2001
AT 9:00 A.M.**

(Due To The Similarity Of The Items Being Sold, Just One Auction Ring Will Be Running. The Sale Will Start w/Outside Items, Followed By Garage And Then Main Auction Room).

Sale to be held at the Horst Auction Center, located at the corner of Rt. 322 & Durlach Rd. (approx. 2 1/2 miles west of Ephrata), Ephrata, Lancaster County, PA.

FURNITURE & ACCESSORIES: Wood Chest, Mahogany Floor Model Victrola (VV-215); Antique Floor Radios (RCA); Mahogany Music Cabinet; Standard Talking Machine; Walnut Case Treadle Sewing Machines; Pot Belly Stove; Ornate Parlor Stove; Slag Glass Lamp; Depression Hanging Lamp; Alpine Sun Lamp; Gray Multi-Drawer Cabinet; Parts Cabinet (14 Drawers); Doctor's Chair & Accessories; Early Wooden Display Cabinet (Phila. Museum); Tramp Art; Antique Prints & Frames; Early Leather Bound Books; Beverage Bottles Apothecary Bottles; Canning Jars (Dated); Sauder "Bob-White" Feed Bags; Pocket Watches; PAINTED WOODEN SIGNS - "John Enck Cattle" (w/Steer); "Cigar Factory 623 - 9th District"; Paper Cutter.

METALWARE: ENTERPRISE DOUBLE WHEEL COFFEE GRINDER; #3 Single Wheel Mill; Sm. Coffee Mills (w/Pewter Tops); Iron Tea Kettle; Tin Water Jug; Early Tin Sweeper; Lard Cans; Storage Box; Dutch Oven; Sleigh Bells.

EARLY LIGHTING: Tin Lanterns & Parts; Hanging Store Lamp; Several Antique Hanging Lamps; Post Lamp; Bracket Lamps; Chimneys; Founts.

TOYS: Structo Steam Shovel; Marx Crawler; Hubley Roller & Crawler; Tin Marx Police Motorcycle & Sidecar; Iron Fire Engine; Pedal Fire Engine; Sled; Old Bicycles (Schwinn Majestic; Rambler).

ANTIQUE TOOLS & HARDWARE: Signed Goosewing Axe (Double Stamped); Broad Axes (Stohler, Simmons); Signed Axes; Slicks; Buck & 2-Man Saws; Hand Saws; Bag Wagon; Boring Jig, Tinner's Furnace; Augers; Blacksmith Tongs & Pinchers; Assorted Antique Hardware.

PRIMITIVES & EARLY FARMING ITEMS: Treman/Waterman Corn Sheller; Early Corn Sheller; Walking Plows; Primitive Cultivator; Bacon Mfg. Bean & Seed Sorter; Keystone Corn Sheller; Tobacco Bale Box; Grain Cradle; Straw & Hay Cutter; Leather Harness & Parts; "New Rapid" Ice Breaker; Hand Crank Sheep Shearer; Wooden Boxes & Barrels; Tobacco Lathe; Brown's Mule Plug Tobacco Cutter; Copper Apple Butter Kettle; Kettle Stirrer; Orchard Baskets; Wooden Washing Machine; Wooden Wringer.

EARLY BUTCHERING EQUIPMENT: Enterprise Improved Rotary Beef Shaver; Bone Cutter; Early Meat Slicer, Bologna Cutter; Primitive Sausage Stuffers; Butcher Saws & Knives; Bar Scales; Ice Cream Freezer.

HIT & MISS ENGINES: NEW HOLLAND 1 1/2 H.P. (w/Single Fly Wheel); FAIRBANKS & MORSE 3 H.P. (w/Double Fly Wheel On Cart); ASSOCIATED MFG. "THE CHORE BOY"

And Many Other Items To Be Sold!

*Don't Miss This Second Sale Of Bill Leisey's Personal Collection. There Will Be Many Unique & Unusual Items, Many Of Which Are Not Listed. Be Sure To Come & See What We Find! No out of state checks without prior approval.

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Antique Detective

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be the most expensive flower prints, the engravings from his Temple of Flora (c.1799-1804) number only 35. The first and best printing consisted of not more than 400 copies of each.

These were from the Temple of Flora. Obviously the buyers had done their homework.

Print collecting in general can be a risky business, where old prints are involved. It is certainly a truism that when an antique or

art form becomes popular, fakers won't be far behind. The faking and copying of prints plagued Albert Durer back in 1512, when copies of his works were so widespread that the Nuremberg town council wrote a decree making this a crime. Woodblocks and copperplates made reprints easy even then and is a snap these days.

CLUES: Botanical or floral prints became so popular in the 1920s-1930s, that reproductions were sold even in Woolworth's for a couple of dollars. Printed in great quantities they are still around at budget prices, at garage sales and flea markets.

Prints were hand-colored until about 1850 when they were color lithographed. Since then thousands of re-strikes have been made. There are several ways to identify the early 20th century re-strikes. When a strong magnifying glass or jeweler's loupe is used the print will show an overall pattern of tiny dots. However, since the 1970s the photographic prints are close to impossible to tell. One clue, the handcolored prints will be very slightly raised and have a bit of texture.

If paying a high price, examine the print out of the frame. If they have been cut down, this lowers the price. Often re-strikes will have a copyright date, skillfully hidden under an old frame.

Old prints will have a water mark. This is a translucent identifying mark made during the manufacture of the paper. They can be a crown, monogram or company name; further proof of the print's age.

A facsimile is a photochemical reproduction of a print. Examining it with a magnifying glass can show the pattern of tell-tale small dots. A reproductive print is an original print that is a copy of a painting or drawing.

Among the most valuable prints are those that are in their original portfolio. This is the case or folio and the set of prints that are part of these complete set.

These folios were popular with collectors in the 19th century and many were produced.

However, over the years, many of the folios were separated and favorite prints taken out.

Another reason to examine out of the frame is it could be "laid down," pasted directly on a backing material without hinging. This lowers the value. Removing the backing is a job for professional restorers, and is costly but worth it if you have a rare print.

First you need to know the name of the patterns. Of the many makers of aluminum in the 1930s, 40s, Wendell August is among the finest. Generally his wastebaskets sell in shops from \$150 to \$250. His trays run from \$100 up. Most any dealer can appraise these with a simple Price Guide, once the pattern is identified.

Would you know the value of this small, mahogany cabinet purchased in the 1920s, 30s? The bottom half has a metal interior and once had a humidior. I've never seen anything like it.

L.F. - Miami, FL

This is a humidior, popular with cigar smokers of the 1930s. Today it could fetch over \$2,000 at auction.

This is one of a pair of porcelain Capodimonte lamps, with raised flowers purchased about 50 years ago. I would like to know the value so I can sell them.

R.S. - Coral Gables, FL

While your lamps are very beautiful they aren't antiques. They could sell for around \$150-250 the pair at auction. You might contacting Sloan's Auctioneers Miami, 8861 NW 18th Terrace, Suite 100, Miami, FL 33172. Send clear photos, measurements.

PUBLIC AUCTION MON., DEC. 17, 2001

@ 12:00 PM

Murry Auction Emporium,
23 N Water Street/Lititz, PA 17543
717-626-2636

LAST SALE OF 2001!!

Lots of misc. household items (some new), collectibles, maple bedroom set, PA House table, Oriental chairs and cabinet, small dining room hutch, cherry case phonograph (repro), bedding, kitchen table and chairs, sofas, end tables, small appliances, floor lamps, nice washer and dryer, glass top table w/4 chairs, wicker settee, artificial fireplace, camp stove, gift and craft items (some Xmas, native American, Western), various display cases, toys, baby stroller, kids' books, box lots, coins

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