


## THE ANTIQUE DETECTIVE

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### Women Illustrators Rate High With Collectors

In the early 20th century while women were fighting to find their place in the business and art world, the field of illustration offered some of the earliest opportunities.

Now, women illustrators are not only accepted on an equal par with their male counterparts, but their work commands top dollar. At the May 11 Illustration House auction, specializing in original illustrations, a Good Housekeeping magazine cover in charcoal, gouache and oil, by Jessie Willcox Smith (1863-1935) sold more than the \$10,000/15,000 estimate for a whopping \$30,000.

A Rose O'Neill (1875-1944) illustration for Harper's Bazaar, c. 1909 brought \$2,200. O'Neill, is best known for her "kewpies." Western artist Thomas Hart Benton considered her to be "the world's greatest illustrator."

Many of these women illustrators, long forgotten, are being rediscovered and turn up at the Illustration House auctions. An example is Rhoda Holmes Nicholls (1854-1938). When one of her watercolors was offered at auc-

tion it brought \$1,600.

Adding buyer interest was that she taught watercolor techniques under artist William Merritt Chase.

Grace Drayton (1877-1936) won recognition for her Dolly Dingle, Dolly Dimples cartoons. They became popular paper dolls in the 1930s. More familiar are her chubby-cheeked children created for Campbell Soup ads. Her original watercolor, pen and ink drawings for paper dolls can sell for more than \$2,000.

Another pioneer illustrator was Fanny Young Cory (Coony) (1877-1972). She illustrated stories for the children's magazine, St. Nicholas. Her illustrations used humorous line and wash drawings. At auction her work can sell for \$400 to \$2,000.

If you visit the Capitol building in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, you can see the large murals done in 1902 by Violet Oakley (1874-1961). Examples of illustrations done for magazines are rare. When discovered her charcoal sketching and drawings can sell at auction for several thousand dollars.

By 1915 women had moved into humor. Jessie Willing Gilles-

pie (1888-1972) was an early satirist whose work can sell for more than a thousand dollars. Many of her illustrations for children's books were black and white silhouettes. Better known is Peggy Bacon (1895-1987). Her humorous illustrations appeared in The New Yorker, Town and Country, and Vanity Fair. Her work is still modestly priced from several hundred dollars to more than a thousand. A popular satirist for The New Yorker magazine in the 1930s was Helen Hokinson (1893-1949). Her pen, ink and watercolors can sell for \$2,000.

By the 1930s-1940s, women illustrators branched into fields other than children's subjects and humor. Martha Sawyers began her career illustrating her travels to China and Indonesia. An exhibit of those paintings brought her to the attention of the Collier's Magazine art editor who sent her to the China-Burma-India area during World War 11 as an artist-correspondent. Few of her illustrations appeared in the marketplace till the 1988 Guernsey's auction. When examples do sell at auction prices range from \$600 to several thou-

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Magazine cover designed by Jessie Willcox Smith for "Good Housekeeping," April, 1926. Sold at auction for \$30,000. Photo: Illustration House, New York, N.Y.

## PUBLIC AUCTION

### ANTIQUES, TOYS, COLLECTIBLES, FURNITURE, COINS, MT. JOY ITEMS, 125+ LONGABERGER BASKETS MON., JUNE 3, 2002 1:00 P.M.

Located at Shaffner Auction Gallery, 977 West Main Street, (Route #230) Mount Joy, PA 3 Miles from either Rheems or Manheim/Mount Joy exits of Route #283 midway between Lancaster and Harrisburg, PA.

Blue spatter peafowl plate, blue spatter rose teapot (handle missing), soft paste Adams rose plate, sm Turk's head mold, 15+ pcs Early carnival glass - some Northwood, blue willow tureen, pink luster cups & saucers, early pottery bird whistle, yellow ware bowl, cut glass vase, Fostoria, flo blue plate, oil lamps, Jadeite bowls & shakers 20+ peanut butter glasses, Katz's shot glass (Lancaster), 1858 AMBER pint Mason jar, Fire King apple bowls, jardiniere, crystal chandelier, lg figural lamp base, other lamp fixtures, brass ship lantern, grat agate coffee pot & milk pail, Pepo Worm syrup & Laverty's Family Linament pharmacy signs, Fox print, other prints, paintings & frames, shadowbox frame, Brainerd & Armstrong 2 drawer spool cabinet, Grey Iron merry-go-round bank, 1914 Budweiser adv Tray, Hubley paperweights copper wash boiler, 1926 Peters calendar, lanterns, embossed milk bottles incl Hinkle's (Marietta) & Mumper's (E-town), early unopened cigarette packs (Egyptian Afternoon & Rameses), Griswold #14 pan, 12 string guitar, tobacco sizers, crocks, Oriental rugs (new), photo albums, scrap books, children's books, French Breakfast coffee bin, platform scales, 1 horse plow, hooked rug, cider press, grindstone, CAR literature & brochures from 60's & 70's TOYS: nice selection of tin wind-up & batt op toys w/original boxes, pedal tractor, jointed Ferdinand the Bull, Mickey Mouse sled, cap pistols, Roto-Top (Weaver Manuf E-town), Roy Rogers lunch box, other toys & games, 14K masonic ring, set of Black postcards & other cards incl Penryn COINS: 1803 1/2 cent, silver dollars, silver dimes, wheat pennies, etc MOUNT JOY ITEMS: EXCEPTIONAL OFFERING TO INCLUDE Lg solid brass Florn Foundry plate, 1899 Plan of Florn blueprint, Stager 4 color coverlet, 1794 indenture, Freymeyer die-cuts, 1893 Bube Brewery ins Policies, German Pike Bridge plate, Rockford Watches tip tray S Miller, 1925 Bernhart plate, 1919 WWI photo Post 185, Masonic badges - other badges & ribbons, Civil War re-union badge, J Stamm scribe, Dearbeck political piece w/Bryan & Taft, Mt Joy bell, pre-1900 by-laws, LARGE AMOUNT EARLY ADVERTISING CARDS, LETTER-HEAD, BLOTTERS, BUSINESS & BILLING RECEIPTS FROM MANY LOCAL BUSINESSES, BANKS, MERCHANTS, ETC. FROM LATE 1800's & EARLY 1900's, ALSO MANY LOCAL STORE & MERCHANT PROMOTIONAL ITEMS community picnic posters, 1860 Harrisburg/Lancaster RR stock certificate E-town/Marietta elec Co stock certificate pennants, Mt Joy Star & News children's books, H S Kraybill wooden therm, car banks, org glass printing plates for Empire Cigar boxes, maps from early atlases, also E-town, Marietta & Maytown items 125+ LONGABERGER BASKETS (Starting at 5 p.m.) 9 J W Collection baskets incl 1986 2 pie 1987 bread & milk, 1988 gathering, 1989 banker's waste 1990 berry 1991 corn 1992 cake 1993 Easter, 1994 umbrella, other baskets incl Cisco all-American 1993 lily of the valley 1991 rose, 1994 jungle bell 1984 holly 1996 collector's club charter member, other collector's club, 1988 Christmas hostess, 1998 barn raising, 1985 cookie, 1986 candy cane, 1995 & 1996 pumpkin, & MANY MANY MORE!! LONGABERGER cookie molds incl 1990 Father Christmas first casting FURNITURE (approx 7 PM) 1 bucket bench, marble top washstand grained lift top commode 2 pc secretary desk oak stands, mahogany loveseat mortised benches school desks wood boxes wooden ringier & tub stand, etc MORE! Preview 11:00 AM 10% Buyers Premium, Visa/MC

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**SUNDAY JUNE 9th**  
9:00 A.M.

PREVIEW SATURDAY JUNE 8TH 12 TO 4 P.M.  
**KIMBERTON FAIRGROUNDS**  
**KIMBERTON PA.**

DIRECTIONS: From PA Turnpike Exit 23, to Route 100 South 1/2 mile to Route 113 North, 6 miles to KIMBERTON Fairgrounds on the left.

**ANTIQUE FURNITURE:** Ten Piece Mahogany Banded Dining Room Suite w/Double Bowed Door China and Table w/Five Boards, Fabulous Walnut Victorian Bombayed Bed w/Pierced Carving, Cherry and Tiger Maple Three Drawer Federal Chest w/Backsplash, Fancy Victorian Ladies Desk w/Pierced Carving and Gallery, Victorian Platform Rocker, Two Matching Queen Anne Style Wing chairs in immaculate condition, Oak Claw Foot and Figural Carved Wood Box, Walnut Drop Leaf Table, Tea Table, Empire Dresser, Mahogany Armoire, Queen Anne Cherry Table w/four matching chairs by Henredon, Painted Two Door Oak Wardrobe w/Drawer, Nine Pc Kling Cherry Dining Room w/Two Pc Breakfront, Kling Bed Room Suite, Several Cherry Tables and Accessories, 1939 World's Fair Porcelain Five Piece Dinette Set in Mint Original Condition w/Worlds Fair Emblems, Red Painted Blanket Chest, Federal Reeded Library Table, Empire Washstand, Oak Bowsided China, Several Mahogany Bedroom Suites, Many Old pieces, Trunks, and Wooden Boxes from the Regar Homestead, Large Victorian Wall Mirror, some old Walnut Pieces, Mahogany Side Tables, the Rest of Regar Barn ...!!!!

**SLOT MACHINES:** Mills 5 Cent Watermelon Slot retaining Pristine Original Paint, Mills 25 Cent in Orig. Paint

**LAMPS:** Two Outstanding Paneled Table Lamps one signed Salem Bros., Collection of Gas Lamps from Regar Homestead to include: Hanging Lamps, Decorative Wall Bracket Lamps, Many w/Original Shades, many parts, fonts, etc. Other Decorative Lamps, and more

**OIL PAINTINGS:** Unusually Large 4 Ft. x 6 Ft. Chris Shearer Painting in Heavily Gilded Original Frame, Landscape in Strong original Condition a Real Museum Piece, Victor Shearer Barn Scene, Several Early Oils.

**ANTIQUES:** Twenty Two Piece Luncheon Set of Chintz China with rare Three Piece Teapot, Two Complete Haviland Limoges Dinner Sets, a Large Amount of Limoges Dishes, all sizes and shapes, Hand Painted, Butter Pats, Seafood Servers, Silver Plate, Silver Overlay, Decorative German Plates, and Other Decorative Pieces, Austrian Plates, Floral Platters, Sets of Glasses, Fostoria, Carnival Glass, Capo-di Monte, Cut Glass Collection over 50 Pieces Some Antique, Vases, Bowls, Sets of Glasses, Figure Collection to include Lladro, Lenox, Royal Doulton, Depression Glass, Outstanding Nippon Vases, Painted Victorian Beautiful Vases, Varying Array of Pattern Glass, all types of Colored Glass, Boxes of Costume and

Victorian Style Jewelry Sterling and Carnelian Necklace Set, Good Selection Dr. Puri Estate, many Watch Bracelets, Lockets, etc. Also Hundreds of pieces of Fine Quality Costume some in original Boxes Old Saddle, Civil War Bag and Bayonets, Victorian Fencing Equipment, Stauton Military Academy 1900's Uniform with Hat, Many Pieces of Vintage Materials, and Clothing, Laces, Boxes of Fine Linens, some in Original Boxes, White Table Linens, Runners, etc, Blue Ridge Dishes in Original Box, Plastic Black Salt and Peppers, Old Records, Five Boxes of Old Piano Rolls, Bust, Christmas Decorations, Boxes of Decorative Paintings and Prints from the Old Sacks Fifth Avenue Store,

**BOOKS AND PAPER:** From Regar Homestead Several WWI Poster, one by Christy, A wide variety of Signed Prints and Lithos and many pieces of Architectural Drawing from U of P, along with many boxes Of early Architectural Digest dating from 1900 to 1920, Unique Hand Painted Invitations from 1900s relating to dinners for Sir Thomas Lipton, White House Invitation, Most from Philadelphia and Atlantic City Areas, Old Newspapers one from 1803, Boxes of Old Books, and Outstanding Children's Victorian Books w/Color Plates to include: Peter Pan By Flora White, Under the Window by Kate Greenaway, Early German Children's Books, Arabian Nights by Tuck, Pa Atlas, Faust By James Arnold, Many Large Early Books, Post Cards, Scraps, Photos, Family Histories, Leather Books, Many other Topics, we will sell the entire library.

**TOYS:** MCI Fire Ladder Truck in Mint Original Condition, Over 100 10 Cent Comics: Mickey Mouse, Mighty Mouse, Felix the Cat, etc, Wonderful Selection of Hardy Boys Books in Dust Jackets Mint Condition and Almost a set, Nancy Drew Books, Games, Fire Truck Pedal Car, Tin Dishes, Gum Cards: Beatles, Batman, Dark Shadows, Zorro, Monkeys, Mod Squad, Annette Items, Signed Photos of 1950's Philadelphia TV Personalities, Paper Dolls Children Records, Dolls, Gum Balls Trinkets, Coloring Books, 1960's Promo Cars in Original Boxes, Steiff Monkey, Pins with Beatles, Batman's, Boxes of 1950's toys! **SPECIAL NOTE:** Dr. Puri of Temple Medical Center Entire Wardrobe of Fine Designer Clothing to be sold in Lots, Incredible Shoes, Ties, Coats, etc. Bolens Shredder and Chipper 8 HP, 50 hrs.

**AUCTIONEER NOTE:** This Auction promises to be one of our most exciting Auctions, The Regar Homestead is overflowing with wonderful Early items, from Paper to Civil War, We are also selling for a Philadelphia Executive Who is retiring to the South and their home was one of the Grandest Victorians in the City. In addition we have Dr. Puri Estate from Temple Medical Center, and Several Other fine Main Line Estates...this is a Full, Fun, Day!

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