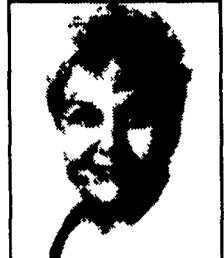


## THE ANTIQUE DETECTIVE

Anne Gilbert



**Painted Tinware Can Be Pricey**  
Would you pay more than a thousand dollars for a paint decorated tin coffeepot? Or more than \$2,000 for a small, paint decorated tin trunk?

Somebody did at a recent Skinner Americana auction. I do have to confess these aren't the type of tinware you'd find at your supermarket. These were among several early 19th century pieces of charmingly painted American tinware, which are not easy to come by these days. The auctioned pieces are one of three types of painted tinware sought by collectors. The others are "Tole" that was first popular in 15th century England, France, and Japan, when pieces were brought to Northern Europe from China.

No matter the name or the way it is finished, tinware begins as sheet steel, coated on both sides with a thin layer of tin. The painting technique and forms used determine its descriptive name. The older the piece and the more interesting the art, the higher the price.

The craft of Japanning became popular in England in the mid-15th century and was an imitation of the fashionable, Oriental lacquerware. The art subjects were Chinese landscapes, figures, and floral motifs.

French examples, known as "Tole", which translates into "sheet tin" is known for a more formalized, highly skilled artwork. It was avidly collected before there was any interest in American painted tinware. When 18th to early 19th century pieces come to market, they sell for several thousand dollars.

In Colonial America, painted tinware was imported from England and very expensive.

In 1749 the English parliament passed a law prohibiting rolling and plating mills in the Colonies, so American tinsmith began producing it. By 1750 large quantities were being made. Peddlers traveled from town to town, selling it far from its origins. The first pieces were decorated with brushes and oil paints. The backgrounds were dark and Japanned.

Surprisingly many of the artists were women. Among those documented are Mary Ann Buckley, and Ann and Minerva Butler.

**CLUES:** Today, many of the early tin artists such as Zachariah Stevens can be recognized by their style. Stevens (b.1778) created boxes, flower

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## Public Auction

of Valuable  
Furniture; Antiques; China;  
Glassware; Coins; Tools; Lawn Equipment

### Saturday July 20, 2002

Auction Time: 9:00 A.M.

**Location:** 190 Cooper Avenue, Landisville, PA. From Main Street Landisville turn south on Cooper Ave to property on right.

**Oak bow front china closet** w/claw feet, gate leg drop leaf table w/dove-tailed drawer, oak bowed glass china closet; dovetailed blanket chest, marble top washstand, (6) decorated half spindle plank bottom chairs, marble top coffee table, (2) drop leaf tables w/dove-tailed drawers, Kohler & Campbell piano, 9 pc. dining room suite-hutch, server, table, (6) chairs; Cedar chest made by John Buffenmyer, Florin, PA. 4 pc. bedroom suite, wooden church benches, wash stand, decorated chair, dresser, Singer treadle sewing machine, Keystone kitchen cabinet, wooden benches, oak book case, chifforobe, Estey electric keyboard, (2) 4 drawer file cabinets, misc. chairs, video cabinet, 2 pc living room suite, wooden rocker, Victor safe, wooden porch rocker, wooden harness horse, Electrolux vacuum, microwave oven, floor & table lamps

**S. Thomas Shelf Clock**  
Slag glass table lamp, Moravian star, kerosene lamp, market basket, (2) lanterns, shaft bells, crock, (20) leather postcards, J.E. Brubaker saffron box, 1940 E. Hempfield school banner, 1935 Mt. Joy school banner, brass butcher bell, Noritake sandwich set, glass basket, Fostoria glassware, China dinner set, SS flatware, W.R. & Community silverware, cut glass bowl, (4) hobnail vases, Crystal water set, Carnival berry set, Carnival bowl, Germany & Bavaria serving dishes, hen on nest, pedestal bowl, (12) cup and saucers, China & glass bells, (12) salts, Salunga Bicentennial plate, Austria cake plates, cream & sugar, cruet, Correl ware set, Pyrex mixing bowls, Pyrex baking dishes, Fire King glassware, Stem ware, tumblers, kitchen utensils, kettles, coffee maker, blender, deep fryer, toaster, meat slicer, Erie skillet, Family scale, toaster oven, roasting pans, milk bottles, Moore, City Dairy, Meadow View Farm, C.M. Herr & Son Mt. Joy, Turkey Hill milk box.

**Patchwork Quilt**  
Comforters, bed spreads, table cloths, blankets, braided rug, Yo Yo pillow, afghan, horse blanket, (2) lap robes, doilies, buttons, ladies Hamilton watch, Elgin watch, (2) Elgin pocket watches, costume jewelry - necklaces, bracelets, pins, earrings, etc.; Child's wooden settee, min. child's table & chairs, child's wooden wheelbarrow, games, books, *Happy Days at the Farm* book, song books, Stars & Stripes newspapers, Yank magazine, 80+ Morgan & Peace silver dollars, silver halves, misc. coins, wooden nickels;

**1976 Kawasaki Sno Jet SST 340 snowmobile**  
1977 Kawasaki Astro 340 snowmobile, 2 sled snowmobile trailer, Yardman 6 hp 20" cut lawnmower, used 2 yrs; Shp rototiller, Reo reel mower, lawn seeder, 1 1/2 ton floor jack, Honda 70 motor bike, Mantis garden tiller, lawn edger, B&D router, B&D sabre saw, floor jack, Creeper, bench vice, drill press, (2) screw jacks, Jack stands, miter box, crosscut saw, log chains, brake riveter, aluminum ext. ladder, wooden ext. ladder, stepladder, car ramps, post jacks, Craftsman paint sprayer, Snap-on tool chest, ext. cords, Holstein air pumps, Sears battery charger, 3/8" cordless drill, Craftsman ratchet, Billings socket set, plane, drill bit sharpener, C clamps, hand tools, shredder, garden tools, sledge hammer, electric string trimmer, Craftsman blower, market scale, flatirons, wash baskets, pitcher pump, tobacco spear, lantern, hedge trimmers, lawn roller, misc. wrenches, hammers, shop tools, plus other useful items.

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