


THE ANTIQUE DETECTIVE

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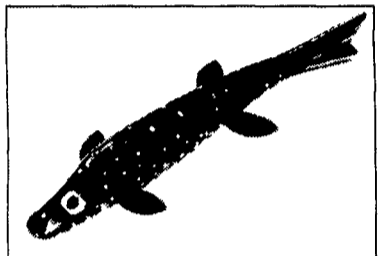
Casting For Fishing Collectibles

You hear a lot about duck decoys but less about fishing collectibles. Yet, just as with duck decoys, there are examples of fishing lures by skilled craftsmen.

Not only lures but also tackle are being collected. Some can be costly. But, for the most part, depending where you find them, they can be bargain priced. Some of the most expensive lures are those that are considered a form of folk art. For the dedicated fisherman it's simply a matter of collecting something that is reminiscent of a favorite pastime.

Call it a lure or a decoy, several factors determine the value.

Craftsmanship, condition, materials, and rarity make the dollar difference between a few dollars



Handcrafted spearfishing decoy, 1930s, is from the collection of Ron Adamson's Classic Fishing Lures and Tackle.

or several hundred.

While age is important, mid 20th century lures that can be attributed to a known artist get top dollar. Among some of the most important, working in the 1930s to 1950s are Hans Janner Sr., Abraham Dehate, and Andrew Trombley — all of Mount Clemens, Michigan.

Many folk artists, such as Oscar Peterson of Cadillac, Michigan, not only carved lures but also fish-related items, such as plaques and advertising signs. Peterson, considered one of the "greats" by collectors, delivered quality and quantity. A landscaper by trade, he used his carvings for added income. Collectors believe that there may be nearly 2,000 of his works waiting to be discovered. One way his pieces can be identified is by his use of bright primary colors. The late Hans Janner Sr. has the distinction of being considered "the best pure carver of fish decoys who ever lived."

Bavarian born, he later settled in Mount Clemens, Michigan. His early pieces were not usually painted and the carving was simplistic. Collectors search for decoys done in the 1940s and 1950s, when they became highly stylized. They can be identified by their full bodies, broad tails, and by center identification and subtle colors.

Ice-spearfishing decoys were among the earliest forms. It is thought that the first decoys were made by Eskimos. Ancient artifacts and more recent pieces show how the hunting ritual re-

quired making "killing implements" things of beauty.

Carved of bone and antler, they outlasted wood. Hundreds of years later, in America, they were painted in colors to attract the fish. In the 20th century, contemporary materials were added to all types of fishing decoys.

They included not only wood but glass beads, wire and even pieces from tin cans. In New York State the tails were often of leather. Bits of fish skin were also attached.

The jackknife and drawing knife were the tools of choice in the 20th century. White pine, tulipwood or basswood were carved out and lead added to help them sink. While many of these lures weren't painted, those that weren't didn't necessarily attempt to imitate nature.

Fishing rods and reels are also serious collectibles. Quality reels were made in the mid 19th century by Austrian emigrants, the Vom Hofe family. Collectors also look for late 19th century mass-produced reels.

When interest in big game saltwater fishing became popular around 1910, reels were made to

meet the demand. By the 1920s the Pflueger Company offered the Templar reel.

CLUES: Unfortunately there are lots of fake fish decoys around. Copies of the Peterson

decoys are being made. However, as another category, beginning collectors might consider them, since they are well made. Also faked, are the new York State fish with leather tails.



PUBLIC AUCTION

ANTIQUES, FURNITURE
TOOLS, COINS
HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

SAT. JULY 12, 2003, 9:00 A.M.

Located at the Florin Fire Station, 134 N. Market Ave., Mount Joy, PA. Just off of Main Street (Route #230) 1 Mile West of Route #772

50+ Chicken on nest collection, Imperial Carnival water set, early bone-handled cutlery w/ box, blue agate tea kettle, agate lunch pails, 6-gallon New Brighton crock, brown sponge bowls, Hubley cap pistol, Lionel train set & accessories, football & baseball cards - 60-70's including stars & rookies, Superman quito set, other toys & games, peanut butter tumblers, bullet & advertising pencils, oil lamp, Florin & Mt. Joy fire department badges, local advertising items, postcards, Valentines, cast-iron dogs, banks, Scottie candy container, Aunt Jemima bank, character spoons & glasses, Belgian soup bowl, tobacco spears, dated jars, quilts, lap robe, cruets, mug collection, assorted cast-iron miniatures, bracket lamp, pink depression, ironstone, milk glass, buttons, Blue Willow, assorted framed coin sets, Hoosier jars, Fox print, other prints & frames, butchering tools, baskets, 3-prong wooden fork, wash boilers, collector plates, cups & saucers, colored glassware, pressed & patterned glass, salt & pepper shakers including Mr. Peanut, Hoak's milk can, blanket chest, oak plant stand, Boston rocker, pressed back rocker, 6 DECORATED BOOT JACK plank bottom chairs, upholstered furniture, clothes tree, child's rocker, porch furniture, trunk, outdoor swing, wheelbarrow, egg baskets, hand & garden tools, bench grinder, MTD chipper shredder, Yardman snow blower, John Deere S82 riding mower, 2-man saws, sander, paintbrushes, bag wagon, digging iron, fishing rods, Stihl chain saw, sprinkling can, Nice Maytag refrig & Magic Chef refrig., kitchen & house wares, Roto Hoe rear tine tiller, box lots, and much more. Coins: Morgan & peace dollars, bulk silver halves, quarters, dimes, Buffalo nickels, wheat pennies, etc. **Coins at NOON**

Auctioneer's Note: Due to Sam & Mary's long time commitment to the Florin Fire Co the family has requested the auction to be held there.

Visa/MC, GOOD FOOD

Auction For: **Mary (Betty) E. Ober & the late Samuel Ober**

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REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY PUBLIC AUCTION

SATURDAY, JULY 19 - 8:30 A.M.

The following Personal Property of the Vernon Lehr Estate (Former Owner of the Pixie Restaurant & Motel) & Margaret Stough Estate will be sold on site - 313 Abbottstown Street, East Berlin, PA.

Directions: Approx. 1/3 mile, south of East Berlin on (Rt. 194) on right.

12:00 NOON REAL ESTATE 12:00 NOON

All that certain tract known as 313 Abbottstown Street situate in the Boro of East Berlin, Pa., Adams County improved with a Stone Rancher. The home contains approx. 2581 total square feet of living space, 1848 on the main level and 733 on the lower level. Total lot size is 1.10 acres more or less. (There is a family room w/2 built-in corner cupbds, kitchen, DR, 3 bedrooms, utility room, and a living room with a fireplace on the main level). The lower area has a full basement w/family room, utility room, rec room with a built-in cedar bar with 9 nice bar stools that will convey w/property. There is also a large workshop with ground level walkout. There is a 9x15 attached side sun porch. There is a concrete circular driveway to the rear. The home has a 1 car attached carport in the front. The home is heat w/gas HWBB. The home is in very good condition. Annual taxes are \$1219.82. House will be open for inspection. (Sunday, June 29 - 1 to 3 P.M.) and (Sunday, July 13 - 1 to 3 P.M.) For a private showing call (717) 632-9293 or (717) 633-5272.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

1954 FORD TRUCK

16' FIBERGLASS BOAT

40+ SETH THOMAS MANTEL CLOCKS

LX178 JOHN DEERE RIDING MOWER

Magnavox 51" big screen TV; 2-5 pc. mod. dinette set; Modern desk; 1960s 8 pc. wal. dining set; Apt. size refrigerator; Mod. brass dble bed; Sofa & chair; Recliner; Single bed; 3 pc. coffee table set; Upright jewelry cab.; '50s dresser/C.O.D.; Microwave; Kenmore dehumidifier; Set for 8 Christmas Fairfield china; V.N. set for 12 Reba craft gold color flatware; Office chair; Mod. meat grinder; Pattern punch bowl set; Pr. Aunt Jemima S&P; 8x25 binoculars; Sm. wet/dry vac; 78 pcs. of ruby glassware; Hoover upright vac; Cookware; 2 drawer file cab.; 2 wood decoys; Add machine; 40+ Seth Thomas mantel clocks; Seth Thomas key wind & electric; Seth Thomas elec. banjo clock; Some Winchester chime other strike clocks; Many in mahog. cases some enameled w/fancy mountings include columns and lion heads; Most all working as Vernon Lehr worked

on clocks; Watchmaker toolbox w/tools & keys; Many clock cases & parts; Lot of books: "Battle of the Bulge," East Berlin Bicentennial; War planes; Military; WWII; 30+ Danielle Steele books; Newer & Older books; Encyclopedias; Handyman books; Art & artist of our time by Clarence Cook 1888 copyright, Approx. 300 Jim Beam & other decanters include: Lion Stone figural whiskey decanters; Old Crow 32 pc. decanter chess set on table; Political; (Bottles beautiful by Cesare 1970 made in Italy sewing machine decanter); Real art glass fish; Animals; People; Birds; Indian; Apollo; Rebel; BPOE Spirit of St. Louis; 1970 Preakness; 1971 Churchhill Downs; Green Fox; 1963 Doe; Barsottini figural; Sharp electronic cash register; Car cover; 125+ old piano rolls; Milk can; Child's wagon; 16mm movie projector; Royal typewriter; Christmas decorations; Ceramic tree; Cooler; Audio & video editing effects mixer; Nib; Sm. ice cream maker; 2-6' folding tables; Seli microscope 80x-1200x in case; 8 fishing rods & reels; 6 Jim Beam ducks unlimited decanters; Craftsman mower; 70 AMP arc welder 3 in 1, lg. pipe threader; Gas weed eater; Wheelbarrow; 2 battery chargers; 6' ladder; Mower: John Deere LX178 riding mower w/V twin engine & 48" mower deck; Craftsman riding tractor; Pull yard cart; Pull lawn roller; Mud pan; 5' mower deck; Boat: 16' fiberglass boat w/60 horsepower Evinrude outboard motor & nice trailer last registration date 2001, 1954 Ford F-100 pickup truck completely restored-red paint; 66,752 miles; Chrome & oak bed; Beautiful white wall tires; 1956 Farmall Cub tractor w/mower deck, etc.

Sale order: Auctioneer #1 - (8:30 A.M. - Box lots then books), (10:30 A.M. - Clocks), (12:00 - Real Estate), (12:30 P.M. - 1954 Pickup truck, 16' fiberglass boat, John Deere mower then furniture)

Auctioneer #2 - (9:00 A.M. - Jim Beam & other Decanters then Misc. Smalls).

Attorney: Henry Heiser III

Real estate terms: \$10,000 down sale day - Balance in 45 days

Personal property terms: Cash or approved check. Out of state checks must be accompanied by a letter of credit from bank or current bank statement unless prior customer

Auctioneer:

Randy L. Hilker 717-633-5272

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Food Stand at Sale



AUCTION

SAT. JULY 12, 2003 @ 9 AM

LOCATION: 20607 Old York Rd. White Hall, Balt. Co., MD; I 83 to MD Exit 36, E on Rt 439, 2 mi, sale on L

TRACTORS, FARM EQUIP, CARS

IH 656D hydro utility 5K hrs - very nice; 7275 compact Cub Cadet 4x4, loader, mower, pallet forks - like new; Farmall 130 w/cultivators - nice; TO 20 Ferguson; Ford 8N; Hines H1600 (like Allis G) w/mower, cultivators, plow; JD A Cyclone; AC WD45 wide front - nice; JD 110 lawn tractor; JD 246 3 pt corn planter - nice; 3 pt 1 row transplanter; Powell pumpkin planter-nice; Demco 3 pt high-boom sprayer; MF 8' 3 pt disc; JD FBA grain drill w/grass seeder; JD cultivators for A; JD #5 mower; JD transport disc; JD 2 btm trailing plow-hyd; 7' 3 pt rotary mower; Woods M5 rotary mower; 24' transport auger; NH 358 grinder/mixer w/26" mill; Var 2 wheel trailers; Fory 7' 3 pt rotary mower HD; JD 3 pt 2 btm plow; JD wagon gear; Heat houser for 656; Potato hiller; Ford 2 btm plow; Ford sickle mower; 3 pt cultivators; 8' weeder; Cultipacker; Post hole digger; Loader for JD 2020; Earthway seeders; Pick-up water tank; Fert pump; 76 Chrysler New Yorker - leather interior, 24K, 1 owner; 51 Buick Special - 4 door, flat head straight 8, 50K.

TOOLS, ETC.

HD magnetic drill press; Floor mod drill press; Hyd press; B&D hammer drill; 1/2" elec drill; HD power saws; Port-a-power; 1" socket set; Lg wrenches; Chain hoists; Air greasers; Stihl 051 chainsaw; Impact wrenches; Tire cage; Var toolboxes; Pallet jacks; RR & screw jacks; Chains; Binders; Cables; Sand blaster; Tire chains; Tires & wheels; Hand trucks; Old cabinetmakers tools & work bench; Hoist for dump truck; Cast imp seat; Grain cradle; Old tools; Fuel tanks; Barrel stands; Cash register; Ladders; Truck tarps; Truck parts; Farm equip parts; Sign cart; Milk cans; Trailer axles; Var pipe; Hyd hoses, fittings, nuts & bolts - many new; Rock baskets; Wood brooder; Long handle tools; Var hand tools; Planet Jr planter; Wood bar clamps; Old wood square; Misc lumber; File cabinets; I beams & var steel; Barn hinges; Fence stakes; Wood barrel; Crates; SS hopper; 9' x 7' steel overhead garage doors; Var doors & windows; Chicken feeders; Sing & dbl trees; Hay fork; Butcher kettle w/stand; Picnic tables; Western saddles - full sz & pony.

ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES, HOUSEHOLD

Old vanities w/mirrors; Oak bed & dresser; 40s Poster beds; DP style end tables; Maple sofa; Oak rolling pin BR suite; Occasional tables; Head boards - some brass; Oak library table; Oak plant stand; Wall mirror; Hartenstein mirror; Church quilting frame; Rolling top child's slate; Metal lawn chairs; Old phonograph & radios; Oriental rugs; Zither; Trumpet; Clarinet; Sax; Old pic frames; Old chandelier; Cast beam pots; Walking sticks; Glass butter churn; Camelback trunks; WWII plane puzzles; Little Big books; Lots books; Plaster pic frames; Old metal bowling game; Tin toys; Set Bing Crosby, Gene Autry & other records; Bob Hope books; Grims & Mother Goose books - 1890; Presidents History book to Harrison; Currier & Ives book; Cut-out art work; Lots old sheet music; Chalkware dolls; Dress form; Westmoreland milk glass; Depression glass; Carnival glass; Set Homer Laughlin VA Rose; Blue Willow plates; Frige dishes; Flatware inc Rogers; Ash trays; Blue jars; Candle holders; Bottles; Store scale; Christmas dec; Kero lanterns; Metal detector; Golf clubs; + lots more.

AUCTIONEERS NOTE: Selling with 2 Auctioneers.

TERMS: Cash or good check. Not responsible for accidents. Refreshments provided. Tent in inclement weather.

Auctioneers:

Kenneth Kenny (AU2797L)

717-993-3448

Marlette Thomas (AU3251L) Paul Miller (AA2823L)

OWNERS:

Stan Stull

Vernon Chenoweth