Gavels ‘n’ Paddles – 2022

Recent auction results from near & far

By Ken Hall

Alphonse Mucha poster, $96,000, Poster Auctions Int’l
A poster by Alphonse Mucha titled Fox-Land Jamaica Run (1897) sold for $96,000 at Rare Posters Auction #87 held July 12th by Poster Auctions International in New York City. Also, a poster by an anonymous artist titled Buffalo Bill’s Wild West / I Am Coming (1906) changed hands for $26,400; Leonetto Cappiello’s La Caisse Simon / Huîtres exchanged hands for $26,400; Leonetto Cappiello’s La Caisse Simon / Huîtres sold for $19,800 at a Premier Collectible with engraving by Cuno Helfricht’s shop, also a Colt Model 1861 Navy revolver, manufactured in 1863, brought $18,600; and a replica Colt 1861 Navy .44-caliber gun used by Clint Eastwood in the Western film The Outlaw, Joeye Wales hit $17,400. Prices include the buyer’s premium.

Presidential presentation set, $17,500, Bruneau & Co.Auc.
A set of presentation items sent to Eleanor Roosevelt following the death of FDR in 1945, from King Abdul Aziz al-Saud of Saudi Arabia, to include a traditional Arabian robe, headdress, scarf, daggar and belt sold for $17,500 at a Historic Arms & Militaria auction held July 21st by Bruneau & Co. Auctioneers in Cranston, R.I. Also, a World War II USMC Johnson Model 1941 rifle and bayonet (missing the scabbard), circa 1941, .30-.06 caliber, hit the mark for $9,038. Prices include a 20.5 percent buyer’s premium.

Queen Anne style secretary, $25,000, Andrew Jones Auctions
A 20th century Queen Anne style parcel gilt ebonized Chinoiserie decorated secretary bookcase sold for $25,000 in an At Home auction held July 17th by Andrew Jones Auctions in Los Angeles. Also, a French first standard silver 6-piece tea and coffee service with two-handled tray (Fanniere Freres, Paris, 1888) settled at $18,750; and an English lacquered cabinet on a giltwood stand, the cabinet first quarter 18th century and the stand late 17th century, also gavelled for $18,750. Prices include a 23 percent buyer’s premium.

Colt .41-caliber Army revolver, $19,800, Milestone Auctions
A pearl-handled Colt .41-caliber Army revolver used by Josey Wales in the Western film The Outlaw, Josey Wales sold for $19,800 at a Premier Collectible Firearms Auction held June 17-18 by Milestone Auctions in Willoughby, Ohio. Also, a Colt Model 1861 Navy Revolver, manufactured in 1863, brought $18,600; and a replica Colt 1861 Navy .44-caliber gun used by Clint Eastwood in the Western film The Outlaw, Joeye Wales hit $17,400. Prices include the buyer’s premium.

Tiffany ‘Poppy’ table lamp, $541,200, Morphy Auctions
A rare, circa 1905-1910 Tiffany Studios ‘Poppy’ leaded-glass table lamp sold for $541,200 at a Fine & Decorative Arts Auction held June 5-10 by Morphy Auctions in Denver, Pa. Also, a pair of circa 1920s Cartier Art Deco platinum and diamond drop earrings in the original display-case box, with a total diamond weight of 4.68 carats, fetched $29,100; and a circa 1780 Connecticut Chippendale cherry slant-lid secretary bookcase sold for $14,580 in an At Home auction held July 21st by Andrew Jones Auctions in Los Angeles. Also, a French first standard silver 6-piece tea and coffee service with two-handled tray (Fanniere Freres, Paris, 1888) settled at $18,750; and an English lacquered cabinet on a giltwood stand, the cabinet first quarter 18th century and the stand late 17th century, also gavelled for $18,750. Prices include a 23 percent buyer’s premium.

Colt No. 5 Paterson revolver, $38,188, Rock Island Auction
A cased Colt No. 5 squareback “Texan” Paterson percussion revolver hit the mark for $38,188 at a Sporting & Collector Firearms Auction held June 22-24 by Rock Island Auction Company in Rock Island, Ill. Also, a U.S. Ainsworth inspecting Colt Cavalry SAA revolver nearly doubled its high estimate, finishing at $10,575; and a U.S. Rock Island Arsenal model 1903 sniper rifle also surpassed estimate to achieve $10,575. Overall, the auction grossed $7.059 million. Prices are inclusive of the buyer’s premium.

Staffordshire platter, $14,580, Jeffrey S. Evans
A Staffordshire American historical transfer-printed ceramic platter featuring the Arms of Pennsylvania sold for $14,580 at a Premier Americana Auction held June 23-25 by Jeffrey S. Evans & Associates in Mt. Crawford, Va. Also, a blown-molded GII-6 deep bowl in an unusual brilliant yellow green, probably made in Kent, Ohio around 1830, realized $39,487; and a pair of Charles Peale Polk (American, 1767-1822) portraits of Gerard and Margaret Briscoe from 1799 rang up $72,900. Prices include the buyer’s premium.

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