

Rare Antique Louis Vuitton Leather Steamer Trunk will Headline Converse Auctions' April 23rd Sale

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Summary

Offered will be Chinese jade jewelry, sterling silver, gorgeous china and crystal sets, Depression glass, mid-century ceramics, glass and aluminum, fine art and African artifacts.

Message

Paoli, PA, USA, April 13, 2022 -- Converse Auctions will greet the new season and warming temperatures with a huge Spring Spectacular Sale on Saturday, April 23rd, starting promptly at 12 o'clock noon Eastern time. Bidders can travel the world from the comfort of their armchairs to Asia, Africa, Europe and the Americas in this online-only auction that's loaded with over 600 premier lots. The catalog is both diverse and tantalizing. Offered will be Chinese items (including an antique rose medallion punch bowl and jade jewelry); a rare Louis Vuitton leather steamer trunk; sterling silver (including a Reed & Barton flatware set and candelabras); an antique German pewter wedding plate; and gorgeous china and crystal (including Lenox, Wedgwood, signed Orrefors and Waterford). Also up for bid will be lots of Depression glass; mid-century ceramics, glass and aluminum (to include Homer Laughlin Harlequin and Fiesta); fine art (including Rembrandt etchings, an Art Deco portrait, a Van Hoople work, a portrait miniature and an Antonio DeVity painting); African artifacts; furniture (to include Japanese Obi chairs); books and other items. While the event is Internet-only, with no in-person gallery bidding, online bidding is available at LiveAuctioneers.com, Invaluable.com and ConverseAuctions.com. Live previews will be available by appointment only in Converse Auctions' gallery at 1 Spring Street in Paoli, Pa., near Philadelphia. To set up an appointment, call 610-722-9004 or email info@converseauctions.com, or use online scheduler at www.converseauctions.com. With a pre-sale estimate of \$2,000-\$8,000, the antique Louis Vuitton leather steamer trunk, made circa 1875, is an expected top lot of the auction. The trunk boasts an interior quilted lid and shelf, and all hardware is included (buckles, latches, casters and tacks, marked with LV branding). The label reads, "I. Rue Scribe, Paris, Louis Vuitton, 149, New Bond St., London, numbered 155631." The large, 19th century Chinese rose medallion punch bowl is nicely painted with good detail and features alternating panels of flowers and birds with panels of human figures. It has a resounding bell sound when pinged (est. \$600-\$800). Also sold will be a vintage crystal Isabella bowl by Orrefors, with a label on the rim and signed on the bottom. It's estimated to finish at \$100-\$200. The 18th century Reed & Barton sterling silver service for eight comes with many serving pieces, for a total of 47 pieces. It's new in the wrapping from 1992, never been used, and includes a two-level silver chest (est. \$2,000-\$4,000). The antique German pewter wedding plate, engraved "Gluck Zum Ehe" (Happy Marriage), should bring \$100-\$200. An etching on Arches paper attributed to Rembrandt titled The Card Player (not authenticated by Converse, but with a certificate of authenticity from Bateby's, 21 3/4 inches by 21 1/2, has an estimate of \$200-\$400, as does a fine old Chinese hand-painted fan painting on silk, signed by the artist upper left corner and featuring immortals, children and cranes in bold, vibrant colors. Two very different oil paintings have identical estimates of \$200-\$400. One is a large portrait of a gentleman smoking a Fatima cigarette, with a painted Fatima logo and the tag line, "A Sensible Cigarette, Liggett (sic) & Myers Tobacco Co. 1921", signed "Charles" with an indistinct surname and dated on the back, unframed. The other is an oil on board depiction of boats in a harbor by Van Hoople (American, b. 1934), who previously worked as a set painter for Paramount Studios. A vintage pair of Japanese Obi slipper chairs in button tufted raw silk upholstery, purchased by the consignor's family in 1957 outside of Tokyo, should make \$100-\$200. Also, a copy Eighteen Songs of the Nomad, The Story of Lady Wen-Chi, a book about the 14th century, 11-foot-long scroll, given to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in 1973, is estimated to command \$100-\$200. A large Chinese jade carved and pierced bi disc, 13 inches by 9 inches, carved with dragons and phoenixes and archaic designs, should hit \$600-\$900; while a pair of green jade bangles in a lacquer dragon box, the inner diameter of the bangles 2 1/4 inches, should realize \$400-\$600. A large service for twelve with serving pieces by Wedgwood in the Columbia pattern, including eight Leigh-shaped cups, six Avon cups, a soup tureen with handles and an unmatching ladle, has an estimate of \$500-\$800. Also, a Baccarat crystal yellow frosted Caprille fish, marked "Baccarat France" in the bottom, 5 1/4 inches long and visually striking, should go for \$300-\$500. A bronze goddess statue shown standing atop a human figure, wearing jewels, a headdress and holding a vajra, 7 1/2 inches tall and marked on the base, is expected to achieve \$400-\$600; while a carved wooden African fetish statue of a seated woman, 13 inches tall, should hit \$100-\$200. Two lighting-related lots have estimates of \$200-\$400. The first is an antique wrought iron Gothic Revival pendant light, hexagonal form, with twisted columns and decorated with flower and bud ornamentation. The second is a pair

of sterling weighted convertible candlestick candelabras, marked "Empire 676" on the bottom, weighing 4.5 lbs. Two antique Yankee whaler baleen walking sticks, each one 34 1/4 inches long, made of alternating colors of baleen with an abalone center on the handles, should garner \$200-\$400. Also, (Co., France) poppy planter, featuring hand-painted flowers with gold trim, 11 inches in height, is estimated at \$100-\$200. For more information about Converse Auctions and the Spring Spectacular Sale scheduled for Saturday, April 23rd, please visit <https://www.converseauctions.com> Updates are posted frequently. About Converse Auctions: Converse Auctions is always accepting quality consignments for future auctions. To consign a single item, an estate or a collection, you may call them directly, at (610) 722-9004; or, you can send an e-mail to info@ConverseAuctions.com; or, you can schedule an appointment through www.converseauctions.com. All inquiries will be held in the strictest confidence. To learn more, please visit <https://www.converseauctions.com>



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