

Fine Art & Antiques At Capo Auction Feb. 25



A Nineteenth Century American gilt ceremonial sword by Ames Mfg. Co., inscribed to Captain Richard French by the La Fayette Fusiliers 12th Regiment, 4th Brigade, New York, June 21, 1850, has a figural grip depicting liberty. The etched blade is 32½ inches, overall length 40 inches (\$6/8,000).

LONG ISLAND CITY, N.Y. — Capo Auction will present fine art and antiques at its midwinter multi-estate auction on Saturday, February 25, at 11 am, at its newly renovated auction galleries, 36-01 Queens Boulevard, just over the 59th Street Bridge from Manhattan.

The auction will feature a large and varied selection of



Bill Barrett (American, b 1934), sculpture (\$8/9,000).

items from multiple estates with fine art, modern furniture, antiques and even a Nineteenth Century American gilt ceremonial sword by Ames Mfg. Co. (\$6/8,000). The highly decorated sword is inscribed to Captain Richard French by the La Fayette Fusiliers 12th Regiment, 4th Brigade, New York, June 21, 1850. A figural grip depicts liberty, and all over military, acanthus and scroll decoration. The 32½-inch blade is etched with similar decoration and is accompanied by a matching scabbard.

Fine art highlights include a sculpture by Bill Barrett (b 1934), an American artist best known for his metallic works (\$8/9,000); a Pablo Picasso (1881–1973) lithograph, "Figures with Bull," pencil signed, sight size is 8½ by 6 inches (\$2/3,000); an oil on canvas board, "Deer in a Forest Clearing," by David Johnson (American, 1827–1908), signed lower right, 10½ by 8 inches (\$3/4,000); and a color lithograph, 63/70 by British artist Graham Sutherland (1903–1980), is 25 by 19 inches (sight size) and is signed in pencil (\$2/3,000).

A pair of Ludwig Mies van der Rohe (1886–1969) Barcelona chairs in tan leather have a Knoll label (\$1,2/1,800), and an armchair by T.H. Robsjohn-Gibbings (1905–1976) is in orange upholstery and was made for Widdicombe



Limoges enamel plaque signed V. Decatte D'Apres G Courtois, is 18 by 12 inches (\$4/6,000).

(\$450/650).

Other interesting items will cross the block such as a Limoges enamel plaque of a woman wearing a rose colored robe, signed V. Decatte D'Apres G Courtois (\$4/6,000), and three large etchings by Giovanni Battista Piranesi (Italian, 1720–1778): "Veduta interna del Tempio della Tosse," sight size 25 by 18⅓ inches; "Dimostrazioni dell' emissario

del lago Albano; Tartaro dell' acqua," sight size 16¼ by 25½ inches; and "Prospettiva della Scala della conserva d'acqua..." sight size 16 by 11¼ inches (\$1,500/2,000 for all).

Previews will be conducted Wednesday, February 22, 10 am to 7 pm, Thursday, 10 am to 6 pm and, 10 am to 5 pm.

For additional information, www.capoauction.com or 718-433-3710.

Barrington Antiques Auction March 3 To Feature Ship Models

WARREN, R.I. — A visit to local Barrington, R.I., estate resulted in the acquisition of a group of Nineteenth Century ship models, in storage for more than half a century, that will cross the block at The Arts and Antiques Company of Barrington's Saturday, March 3, auction.

The models were acquired by the consignor's grandfather, who was a merchant marine, in the period 1880–1900. One of the models is a Nineteenth Century Chinese war ship, made for coastal China and rivers. Items in this sale were assembled from estates in Little Compton and Barrington, R.I., and Boston.

A Nineteenth Century Polynesian canoe paddle, possibly Manuae, from the Cook Islands, in old red paint and measuring 57 inches long, will



Also crossing the block will be this large scale Japanese junk, gold gilt removable panels, through hull construction with ribs and supports, Japanese "Mon" throughout, 85 inches long. The model was brought back from Japan in the 1880s–90s.

be offered early in the auction. Other half models include a vintage sailboat model by Model Boat Works, Stamford, Conn., of a coastal sailer, which measures 18½ inches long. It appears to be in original green and white paint, and retains its label.

A Portuguese Canal wine boat

A period Chinese war junk with complete hand carved and painted crew with cannon, boarding arms, coiled line and paddle, 28 inches long, came out of a private estate in Rhode Island, and was collected in 1880.

with barrels in the hold, measures 15¼ inches long, is part of the collection assembled in the late Nineteenth Century. Other ships to be sold include the Chinese Nineteenth Century model of a sand-pan, complete with wood carved sailor, which measures 18 inches long. A Nineteenth Century Chinese junk complete with a warlord, two sailors, and original sails, 28½ inches long, was also part of the extensive collection found in the local estate.

A completely original Chinese war junk has hand carved and painted crew with cannon, boarding arms, coiled line and paddles. A bone carved flag and a painted transom, complete with soapstone carved stands with monkey and birds, 28

inches long, will be offered.

A large Japanese junk, with original gold gilt removable panels, measuring a substantial 85 inches long, will be offered early in the auction. A group of shipwrights models, from the Nineteenth Century, from three to eight lifts, are being offered midway through the auction. A Burmese ships model, a half model of a shipwrights ocean-going ship, made in the Nineteenth Century and measuring 38¼, is part of the collection to be offered.

Other antiques crossing the block include a late Eighteenth/early Nineteenth Century bed warmer with ornate punchwork on the lid of copper



pan and a burl handle; a collection of cast iron door stops, including a Punch figure in original paint; and a bronze sculpture of a woman, signed "Baron."

Rounding out the sale will be a circa 1720–60 pine hutch table found in a local estate, a collection of swivel toasters and grills dating from the Eighteenth Century, oil paintings, fine art prints, cut glass and period pewter.

Preview will be Friday, March 2, 5 to 9 pm, and on auction day from noon to 2 pm at 91 Main Street. For more information, www.artsri.net or contact owners Ken and Amy Shaw at 401-741-1257.



Life size architectural cast zinc figure of Lady Liberty, dating from around 1875.

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