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CHRISTIE'S TO OFFER THE CONTENTS OF SUNSTONE THE EPITOME OF DÉCOR AND STYLE

Created by Renowned Architect Robert A.M. Stern and Designed by Acclaimed Interior Decorator Albert Hadley, Sunstone is Full of Undiscovered Treasures

“...the interiors were clear and colorful, combining many things of great style and value, often with minor notes of personal charm and wit.”

-Albert Hadley commenting on the design of Sunstone

**Property from Sunstone sold to benefit the Norman and Susan Ember Foundation
April 5 and 6**

New York, NY— Christie's *House Sale* on April 5 and 6 features *Property from Sunstone sold to benefit the Norman and Susan Ember Foundation* from the Ember house in Quogue, Long Island. Sunstone house was designed by the famed architect Robert A.M. Stern and decorated by the acclaimed interior decorator Albert Hadley, and was filled with fine furniture, decorative objects, paintings, silver and porcelain. Proceeds from the sale will benefit their foundation, which supports lung and emphysema research.

The design of Sunstone set a precedent for architecture in the Hamptons with its shingle style and maritime theme, reflecting its seaside location on the peninsula. The Embers sought the talent of Stern and Hadley, and together, they created a house infused with style and sensibility that captured the wit and imagination of the couple, which was described as “aesthetically fearless.”

The house brimmed with color, geometry, pattern and silhouettes, featuring octagonal rooms and details that evoked the elegance of a grand yacht. The objects displayed throughout the interior captured their whimsical style and personality while reflecting his sailing enthusiasm and their passion for traveling.

Highlights

Albert Hadley's work is defined by a keen sense of architectural detail and proportion, carefully edited decorative schemes, a sustained sense of tradition, and an inexhaustible curiosity for the new. Carefully chosen by the designer is a William IV style cream painted and parcel gilt king side bed with hangings (estimate: \$2,000-3,000), which was custom designed for the Embers.

Hadley shared a flourishing business with Sister Parish, the legendary American interior decorator, and her taste is also present in the sale. Charming examples include a wrought iron and painted wood bird form trade sign (estimate: \$2,000-3,000) and a blue and white upholstered armchair, 20th century (estimate: \$400-600).

Norman Ember's love of sailing is exemplified in an English polychrome-painted carved-wood ships figure head with base, affectionately nicknamed "Humphrey," 20th century (estimate: \$6,000-8,000). The couple also collected wonderful examples of Chinese Export porcelain including a lacquer and mother of pearl inlaid low table with glass top (estimate: \$1,200-1,800), a pair of porcelain elephants, mounted as lamps (estimate: \$500-700), and a scarlet lacquer decorated circular box and cover (estimate: \$800-1,200).

Other examples of the Embers' impeccable taste include a contemporary Neoclassic style faux-painted commode (estimate: \$2,000-3,000), a Continental wrought iron and parcel gilt decorated chandelier (estimate: \$3,000-5,000), and a set of eight Russian Neoclassic parcel-gilt and ebonized mahogany dining chairs (estimate: \$10,000-15,000).

Auction:	<i>Property from Sunstone sold to benefit the Norman and Susan Ember Foundation</i>	April 5-6
Viewing:	Christie's Galleries at 20 Rockefeller Plaza	April 1-4

More information about Christie's sale of *Property from Sunstone sold to benefit the Norman and Susan Ember Foundation* can be found on www.christies.com. All lots from the sale can be viewed online along with full catalogue descriptions on Lotfinder®, which also allows clients to leave absentee

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