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IMPORTANT AMERICANA

LIVE AUCTION: 20 January 2023



PROPERTY FROM THE ESTATE OF ANNE AND GILBERT HUDSON
Possibly J.L. Mott Ironworks, New York, 1880-1900
A Molded Zinc And Copper Goddess Of Liberty Weathervane
32 1/4 in. high, 26 1/2 in. wide
Estimate: \$100,000-200,000

New York – Christie's is pleased to announce **Important Americana**, a live sale taking place at Christie's Rockefeller Center on 20 January 2023. The cornerstone of Christie's Americana Week, this year's sale features a number of works unknown to the field prior to this sale, including: **a previously unpublished portrait of George Washington** by early America's leading artist, Gilbert Stuart; **a 1792 clock made by the Dominy craftsmen** in East Hampton, New York, property of descendants of the original owner; and **an exquisite Newport Queen Anne dressing table**.

The sale features strong offerings in a wide variety of categories. Illustrating the height of Chippendale design from 18th-century America's major style centers, the furniture is headlined by: **a magnificent Salem high chest; a pair of Newport chairs** by the celebrated cabinetmaker John Townsend; **a boldly gadrooned New York card table; and a masterfully carved Philadelphia card table**. The folk art section is strong in New England portraits with works by some of the most renowned artists in the genre, such as **The Beardsley Limner, John Brewster, Jr., Ammi Phillips, and Sturtevant Hamblin**. The delight in color and form of American folk art is also seen in **a colorful camel carousel figure, a carved eagle by Wilhelm Schimmel**, and a dramatically posed **Liberty weathervane** (see above). This season's American silver section includes exquisitely chased works by illustrious American firms such as Tiffany & Co., Whiting Mfg. and Gorham Mfg. Highlights include **two silver and mixed-metal Tiffany pitchers, a rare canoe-form ice bowl by Whiting, and a Tiffany "Intemperance" Tankard**. There is an extremely rare group of Colonial and Federal gold including, a **ring by Myer Myers, a cane handle made for Andrew Jackson**, and five gold and enamel examples **of the Order of the Cincinnati eagles**. Finally, there is a curated selection of vibrant Chinese Export, led by **a pair of massive soldier vases**.

AMERICANA WEEK

Americana Week totals four live auctions from 18–20 January, starting with **Outsider and Vernacular Art** on 18 January. This sale highlights artistic pioneers from **Henry Darger** to **Bill Traylor**, in addition to substantial works by **Thornton Dial** offered in **Things Grow in the United States: Works from the Collection of Jane Fonda**. Next up on 19 January is **From Peale to Peto: American Masters from the Pollack Collection**, which spotlights the exemplary still-life paintings and portraiture of the Peale family's artistic dynasty and explores the immense continent as Western art by **Frederic Remington** and **Albert Bierstadt** leads into Hudson River School landscapes by **Martin Johnson Heade** and **Thomas Moran** at the **19th Century American Art** auction also on January 19. The week concludes with the Important Americana sale (discussed above) on 20 January.

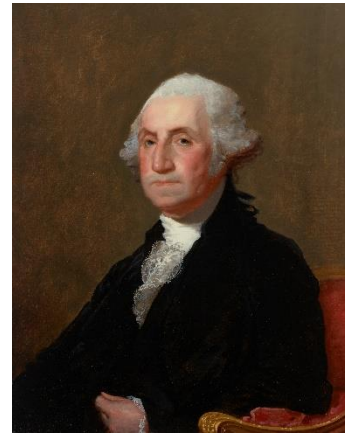
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In addition to the Americana Week offerings, collectors may be interested in a strong group of Americana in the Printed and Manuscript sale taking place online, 13-27 January. Highlights include: One of the greatest of all Lincoln rarities, the earliest separate printing of **The Gettysburg Address**, preceded only by newspaper printings; a superb letter from **Benjamin Franklin quoting an adage from Poor Richard's Almanac**; and **an early draft of the Civil Rights Act of 1964** signed by Lyndon Johnson. Other highlights include elephant folio prints by **Audubon** as well as a **beautiful chromolithograph** of the Grand Canyon after Thomas Moran.

SELECT IMPORTANT AMERICANA HIGHLIGHTS



JOHN BREWSTER, JR.
Portrait of a Boy
18 ¼ x 15 ¾ in.
Oil on canvas
Estimate: \$100,000-150,000



GILBERT STUART
George Washington
32 x 25 ¼ in.
Oil on panel
Estimate: \$500,000-700,000



A PAIR OF CHIPPENDALE CARVED MAHOGANY
SIDE CHAIRS ATTRIBUTED TO JOHN TOWNSEND
(1733-1809), NEWPORT, 1765-17859
38 in. high each
Estimate: \$60,000-90,000



THE CAPTAIN ABRAHAM GARDINER FEDERAL
CHERRYWOOD TALL-CASE ALARM CLOCK
WORKS ATTRIBUTED TO NATHANIEL DOMINY IV
(1737-1812); CASE ATTRIBUTED TO NATHANIEL
DOMINY V (1770-1852), EAST HAMPTON, NEW
YORK, DOCUMENTED TO 1792
92 3/4 in. high, 19 in. wide, 9 ½ in. deep
Estimate: \$20,000-30,000



A RARE AMERICAN SILVER ICE BOWL
MARK OF WHITING MFG. CO., NEW YORK, CIRCA
1870
13 1/2 in. (34.3 cm.) long
49 oz. (1,523 gr.)
Estimate: \$20,000-30,000

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