

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2023 SPRING AUCTIONS

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This year marks fifty years of HCA auctions. A truly great accomplishment for our organization. We have finished cataloging the items for the 2023 Spring HCA Auctions. You should have received your catalog by now (it was sent to all HCA members). We will again have two different auctions. On Saturday, April 8 we will have our third semi-annual Heisey Heritage Auction which will be an on-line only auction using the HiBid platform. On April 14 and 15, we will have the more traditional All-Heisey Spring Benefit Auction which will be both in person and on-line (HiBid). These auctions represent the full range of production of the A.H. Heisey & Company from its beginnings until the doors closed in 1957. There is something for everyone in these auctions from the standard production items to true rarities that you seldom are given a chance to buy.

### HEISEY HERITAGE AUCTION

This auction offers 372 lots with a wide selection of Heisey glass. The auction has at least 15 punch bowls in different patterns, many Heisey animals, lots of 507 Orchid and 515 Heisey Rose, as well as many pieces of 1252 Twist in Flamingo. Check your catalog for other items. Our experience with on-line only auctions has been very positive and all those who have participated have been happy with how easy it is to take part in the events.

### ALL-HEISEY SPRING BENEFIT AUCTION

This is the auction to come to if you would like to start a collection, find the ideal wedding gift, or if you are a long time collector needing to add a special piece to your collection. I am sure you will find a treasure or two among the 907 lots being offered. The auction abounds in those old standbys of 1503 and 5003 Crystalite, 1540 and 5004 Lariat, 1567 and 5067 Plantation, 507 Orchid etch, 515 Heisey Rose etch, and many examples from Heisey's colonial lines.

The animal collector will not be disappointed with the wide array of offerings including a 104 Gazelle (Lot 408), 101 Tropical Fish on the bust off (421), 2 Clydesdale on the bust off (404), and 1 Flying Mare in Amber (418). The Flying Mare is not in perfect shape, but it is still a rarity. There is a 1540 Plug Horse in Amber (186) and two lots of 1 Sow with piglets (296 + 407). There are two 1 Minuet Girl figurines (96 + 398).

There is great representation among the old patterns. In 160 Locket on Chain there is a 8" nappy in Emerald (329) and a spooner with ruby/gold décor (42). You rarely see pieces in 9 Single Slash and Panel, but we have a beautiful rose bowl (175) to offer you. Lot 515 is a 315 Paneled Cane oil. Lots 663 – 675 offers a great selection of 325 Pillows pieces including mustard (666) and celery vase (672). Lots 606 – 611 are pieces of 337 Touraine all decorated with the same ruby band. One of the most outstanding offerings in this auction has to be the 433 Greek Key hotel ice tub with cover (700).

Barware collectors will not be disappointed. There are several pieces of 517 Winchester etch throughout the auction. Among the many interesting bar glasses are 4052 National with 1003 Ivy cut (142), 2052 Great Scott with 480 Normandie etch (144), and 8070 Triple Band (526). Lot 678 is a stunner: 3417 Atkins decanter with 815 Japanese Boat Scene cutting. If tumblers are your thing, we have a great assortment of them in this auction. A small sampling: 123 Caned Waffle (444), 130 Diamond Sunburst (446), 114

(504), 121 Fancy Square (507), 8044 Lake Villa (536), 120 Caned Flute (649), 112 (651), and 435 Juniper (653).

There are a great variety of candlesticks and candelabra in this auction. Some of the interesting ones are a pair of 140 Crocus (559) and a single Moongleam 104 Bertha (561). Lot 112 is a pair of elaborately cut (shades and base) 301 Old Williamsburg electric lamps.

Other interesting pieces include 1536 Military Cap ashtray elaborately cut (98), 1183 Revere 8" plate with Ultronic George Washington bust (111), 1512 Stippled Rococo plate (149), a pair of 57 Eiffel salt and peppers (262), 300 Peerless footed tumbler in Flamingo (336); 341 Puritan sherbet Flamingo (337), 6006 Hourglass sherbet (354), 4085 Kohinoor bottle stopper (539); and 985 Greek sherry (574).

There are many large lots with a variety of items in them. These are perfect for the beginning collector. But if there is something in the lot you really want, the rest of the items will make good gifts or you can consider donating them back to the Museum for our fund-raising efforts.

Space limitations prevent me from going on, but as you can see there is plenty for offer in the auction. I hope you will be able to join me and all of your Heisey friends for this great event. I look forward to seeing you April 14 and April 15, as well as on-line on April 8.