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Hundreds of incredible vintage Barbie dolls, nearly all wearing original, rare outfits, plus many individual hard-to-find outfits and accessories were featured attractions at McMasters Harris Auction Co.'s "Noteworthy Vintage Barbie Auction" on October 5, 2008.

This auction was Day 1 of the lifetime collection of the late Barbara J. Cannon of New Jersey. A long-time member of the Delaware Valley Barbie Club, Mrs. Cannon was a passionate and informed collector whose love of all things Barbie was evident in the quality and variety of extraordinary dolls, outfits and accessories she treasured.

The location was the Aladdin Shrine Center in Columbus, Ohio. Buyers were encouraged to place bids via live Internet, absentee and in the gallery at the well-attended live auction.

Mod era Barbies and friends were in high demand, as bids for many fine examples in complete outfits soared. A Japanese Francie in a kimono ended spirited bidding at \$1920, while a blonde flip TNT Barbie in rare "Hot Togs", complete with afghan hound, sold for \$907. Stacey wearing #3439 "Wild Things" brought \$480, while a Japanese Francie wearing "Pink Power" changed hands for \$785.

A blonde TNT Barbie wearing 1967 European "Sorbonne" traded hands for \$522. A blonde Color Magic Barbie in "Pretty Wild" sold for \$495, while a similar Color Magic Barbie in her original swimsuit sold for \$345.

Other family and friends that caught the eye of collectors included a Talking Barbie with tag in rare Sears "Golden Groove" from 1969, who sold for \$385; P.J. in very hard-to-find #3481 "The Short Set", who brought \$412; Stacey wearing rare Sears "Stripes are Happening", who went for \$495; brunette Hair Fair Barbie in Sears "Dinner Dazzle" from 1968, who changed hands for \$357, and Truly Scrumptious in her original outfit with wrist tag, who went for \$357.

Pretty Pairs Lori 'n Rori, Nana 'n Fran, and Angie 'n Tangi ended bidding at \$330, as did a blonde flip TNT Barbie in the rare JC Penney "Silver 'n Satin" from 1968. An auburn flip TNT Barbie wearing an extraordinarily rare version of 1972's "Party Lines" also sold for \$330.

Early Barbies were regarded highly by discerning collectors. A brunette standard Barbie in Japanese outfit brought \$2175, while a side-part bubblecut Barbie in the Japanese version of "After Five" brought \$3730. A titian swirl ponytail Barbie in the Japanese version of "Theatre Date", including a very rare previously undocumented hat, ended bidding at \$3480, while a brownette bubblecut Barbie, one of two offered that day, went for \$488.

A Talking Barbie "Pink Premier Set", open but intact, sold for \$1140. The accessory of the day? A #1 black pedestal Barbie stand (only) that sold for an impressive \$1320.

Collectors also appreciated unboxed but complete outfits in excellent condition. Sears Exclusives "Beautiful Blues" from 1967, and "Glimmer Glamour" from 1968, each sold for \$770. "Shimmering Magic" #1664 from 1966 went for \$480, while #3492 "Flying Colors" from 1972 sold for \$385 and a rare variation of #1493 "Fab Fur" from 1969 brought \$400. "Music Center Matinee" #1663 from 1966 was won for \$275. A lot of four coats from notable outfits sold for \$360.

Two NRFB Barbie fashions, #1625 "Modern Art" and #1640 "Matinee Fashion", brought \$747 and \$505, respectively.

McMasters Harris announces their much anticipated Noteworthy Vintage Barbie Collection, Session II, the rest of Mrs. Cannon's lifetime collection, on Sunday, December 14, 2008. This auction will be the second of two doll auctions held at the Columbus Shrine Center on that weekend; Saturday, December 13th will be an "Out

of the Attic” auction of fine antique and vintage dolls. McMasters Harris encourages everyone to visit their website, www.mcmastersharris.com, or call 800.842.3526 for more information about these two exciting auctions.