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Delivering on a promise of offering quality and variety, McMasters Harris held their Mid-Summer Antique Doll Auction on July 19, 2008. The location was their gallery in Cambridge, Ohio, on the Internet at www.MHarrisLive.com and on eBay Live Auctions.

Buyers were encouraged to bid via live gallery, live Internet, absentee or by phone. The auction was well attended and bidding was spirited throughout the day.

As typical for a McMasters Harris event, this auction featured something for everyone. Fine antique French and German bisque dolls were featured alongside china and parian dolls, all bisque, early composition, celluloid, cloth, and an interesting selection of antique accessories.

The highlight of the sale was by all counts a beguiling, all original 27" French Jumeau Triste (long face bebe), who inspired spirited bidding and was finally won by a determined phone bidder for \$16,675. A 14" Jumeau Poupee Peau on a stamped Jumeau fashion body sold to a bidder on the floor for \$1430.

German bisque head dolls of interest included a rare 13" Simon & Halbig 929 with trunk and wonderful provenance that sold for \$570. A 12" Gbr. Heubach 10532 baby with original finish and antique clothing also went for \$570. An early Kestner turned shoulder head (only) with original plaster pate sold for \$430, and a rare and all original 9" Schoenau & Hoffmeister doll that was also a candy container intrigued bidders to a high bid of \$510.

Other German dolls of interest included a beautiful 22" parian with a braided upswept hairdo and pink luster boots that went home to a new bidder for \$570, and several very large child dolls – a 37" Heinrich Handwerck Simon & Halbig (\$1210), a 33" Heinrich Handwerck 109 (\$1080), a 27" Kestner 143 (\$1495) and an adorable 27" Jutta Toddler (\$840). At the other end of the size spectrum, a tiny, early 3" all bisque toddler marked Germany was won for \$360.

More evidence of the variety offered at this auction included two toddlers that sold for \$390 each - an 18" Raynal France celluloid toddler with flirty eyes, circa 1935, and a 24" all original composition Horsman Dimples. A 14" Lenci girl circa 1930 was won for \$660; a paper-covered cardboard suitcase circa 1880, sized for French fashion dolls and holding antique accessories, went for \$255; a small set of yellow depression glass dishes by Houze was sold for \$300. A single pair of marked Bebe Jumeau shoes went to an online bidder for \$360.

These wonderful dolls plus many more – the entire Mid-Summer Antique Doll Auction online catalog with prices realized – can be viewed at www.MHarrisLive.com. Collectors and potential sellers are encouraged to contact McMasters Harris Auction Co., P.O. Box 1755, Cambridge, OH, 43725 or call 800.842.3526. Visit online at www.mcmastersharris.com.

Prices quoted include buyer's premium of 10% for gallery purchases, 15% for MHarrisLive Internet purchases, and 20% for eBay Live purchases.