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Hundreds of beautiful and rare vintage Barbie dolls, including #1, #2 and #3 Ponytail Barbies, an abundance of never-removed-from-box outfits for Barbie and friends, plus rare early accessories were in high demand as McMasters Harris Auction Co. presented their "Spring Premier Vintage Barbie Auction" on June 17, 2008.

The location was the Holiday Inn KCI Expo Center in Kansas City, MO. Buyers were encouraged to place bids via live Internet, absentee and in the gallery at the well-attended live auction.

Early Ponytail Barbies proved popular, as bids for many fine examples soared. A brunette #1 Ponytail Barbie, all original in her box with stand and booklet, went to a determined gallery bidder for \$7700. An all original blonde #2 Ponytail enjoyed equally spirited bidding that ended in the gallery at \$6600.

One brunette #3 Ponytail brought \$1080, another \$720, each won by Internet bids. A platinum swirl ponytail Barbie in the original box garnered a winning high bid of \$935, while a #6 titian Ponytail wearing American Airlines Stewardess" sold for \$357.

A lovely brunette American Girl in original swimsuit changed hands for \$935 and a Sidepart American Girl brought \$840.

Friends and Family were favored by collectors, as well, as a rare black Francie in original swimsuit sold for an impressive \$1610. A blonde Francie in the original box went for \$420. A boxed Twist-n-Turn Stacey went home with a new owner for \$600, while her friend Twist-n-Turn Christie was won for \$345. Bendable-Leg Midge sold for \$330.

Early Barbie and friends outfits, some boxed, others sold as separates, were regarded highly by bidders and held their value throughout the auction. "Gay Parisienne" #964 from 1959, unboxed but complete, brought \$935. Two outfits from 1965, a never-removed-from-box "Student Teacher" #1622 and a complete "Barbie Learns to Cook" #1634, sold for \$357 and \$180 respectively, while "Tweed-Somes" #1286, fashion for Francie, was won for \$302.

Several lots of vintage "odds & ends" sparked interest, as 24 pairs of Barbie shoes, including 11 open-toed pairs marked "Japan", sold for \$220. Four black pedestal stands brought \$330.

The entire wonderful collection of vintage Barbie & Friends dolls and accessories, of the "Spring Premier Vintage Barbie Auction" online auction catalog – can be viewed at www.MHarrisLive.com.

McMasters Harris is accepting consignments for upcoming fall and winter doll auctions. Collectors and sellers are encouraged to contact them at P.O. Box 1755, Cambridge, OH 43725 or call 800.842.3526. Visit online at www.mcmastersharris.com.

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