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A wonderful variety of antique, vintage and modern dolls, toys and accessories drew buyers to Columbus, Ohio on Monday, October 26th, 2009, as McMasters Harris held their Gateway to the West II antique and modern doll auction. The location was the large multipurpose room at the Aladdin Shrine Center in Columbus and on the Internet.

This well-attended two-ring auction featured the 60-year collection of a Rhode Island doll collector, a selection of fine dolls from other East Coast collections, and more dolls, toys and games from the life-time collection of a prominent St. Louis area collector.

Featured antique offerings included wonderful French dolls, delightful German characters, several rare chinas, all bisque, papier-mache, cloth and wooden dolls.

One highlight of the sale, a diminutive 13" Bru Jne French bebe on a labeled Chevrot leather body, inspired spirited bidding and was finally won by a bidder on the floor for \$8,800. A 16" Portrait on an early 8-ball jointed Jumeau body with straight wrists sold for \$7187, well within the pre-sale estimate.

Two early German china head dolls also captured the hearts of collectors. An extremely rare brown-haired KPM china head with pink tint circa 1840 sold for an impressive \$5500, while a smaller "Lydia" type china head from the same era went for \$1760.

Other German dolls of interest included a beautiful 18" Kestner 171 "Daisy", which sold for \$920, the high end of her pre-auction estimate; an 11" Heubach 6970 character circa 1912 which garnered a high bid of \$2185; a 12" A.M. 353 Asian boy that sold for \$575; and a 28" Simon & Halbig K*R child with flirty eyes that went to a new home for \$632.

Smaller dolls of interest included a 7" Kestner 143 character that sold for \$467 and a 9" A.M. 323 googly toddler that brought for \$460.

A 12" American Springfield wooden doll with original paint, circa 1880, changed hands for \$715, the middle of the pre-auction estimate.

Not quite antique, an endearing 19" Doll VIII "Ilsebill" by Kathe Kruse with beautifully painted cloth head was won for \$1100, the mid-point of the pre-auction estimate.

Modern dolls were also in plentiful supply, including exquisite all-original hard plastic and late composition dolls and desirable modern artist dolls.

A lovely early 15" Dewees Cochran artist doll with hand-painted features in her original labeled box, circa 1948, sold for \$1265, the high end of the estimate, while a 14" composition Mary Hoyer doll in ski outfit with skis, circa 1937, brought \$330, the mid-point of the estimate.

A 14" composition Sonja Henie wearing a tagged skating outfit, circa 1940, sold for \$840, nearly twice the pre-auction estimate of \$300-500. A 14" hard plastic Mary

Hoyer in the original box and wearing a hand-knit skating outfit, circa 1948, brought \$374, while a 19" Miss Revlon in unplayed-with condition, sold for \$440, slightly higher than the pre-auction estimate.

A 7" Vogue Brother & Sister hard plastic duo called Cowboy and Cowgirl, sold for \$605, the high end of the estimate, while an 8" composition Toddles Aviator, also by Vogue, reached a high bid of \$747, slightly higher than the pre-auction estimate.

Vintage dolls by Madame Alexander, always very popular, held their values extremely well during this auction. Two 20" Cissys, wearing only their original teddies, sold for \$1035 and \$920, respectively. A pretty 20" Polly Pigtails went for \$650; a Maggie Skater circa 1950 was sold for \$402, while a Maggie Teenager went to a new home for \$546. An 18" Madeline wearing her original tagged dress, circa 1961, brought \$510 against a pre-auction estimate of \$300-400. Two 7" Alexander-kins in tagged outfits brought \$374 and \$402, respectively.

Desirable modern dolls by artist R. John Wright held their value throughout the auction. A limited edition 17" Bear Lodge "Theo" in box was won for \$1080 against a \$900-1200 estimate. Another R. John Wright favorite, 17" Christopher Robin with 7" Pooh, changed hands for \$960, while 19" Hans Brinker and 18" Gretel Brinker, each went to the same determined Internet bidder for identical bids of \$978.

Prices quoted include buyer's premium of 10% for gallery purchases and 15% for online and absentee purchases. Potential sellers are encouraged to contact Mark Harris at 740-297-0318 or email him at mark@mcmastersharris.com. Visit us online at www.mcmastersharris.com.