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ACROSS THE AUCTION BLOCK

Tiffany inspired lamp turned on a \$4,400 bid

BY WILLIAM FLOOD

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — The estate of Richard and Deanna Freeland — best known locally for their long-standing Pizza Hut franchise operation — came to market in a multi-part, online-only

sale hosted by Wiegmann Auctioneers. The opening portions of this impressive sale ran from Nov. 19, 2025, to Jan. 15 attracting buyers interested in both the quality of the offerings and the story behind the collection.

Beginning with a sin-

gle Pizza Hut location in 1972, the Freelands expanded their business to more than 45 stores across Indiana and became prominent figures in Fort Wayne. The contents of their well-known residence were offered, including fine art, antique and period

Right: While possibly a reproduction, a Tiffany Studios-style “Bird Skeleton” bronze table lamp, with an Art Nouveau glass dome, marked “Tiffany Studios New York #1537,” sold for \$4,400.

furniture, bronze statuary, and even a signed Tiffany lamp. Together, the items reflected decades of collecting and the personal tastes of this locally significant family.

The first session ran from just before Thanksgiving to the edge of the Christmas holidays, offering the public a first look at 600+ pieces from the home. Interested bidders were greeted with an appealing assortment of fine art and decorative items, crystal and glass-



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Above: During the second session, period furniture performed well, like this 19th-century Renaissance Revival carved walnut desk that sold for \$600.

FEATURE

Lehmann toys still inspire the young at heart

BY LARRY LEMASTERS

Ernst Paul Lehmann founded Blechspielwaren-Fabrik von Lehmann & Eichner in September 1881. Founded in Brandebourg, Germany, the company was later

called Brand Ernst Paul Lehmann Patentwerk, which, thank goodness, evolved to the simple name Lehmann for which the company is famous.

Originally, Lehmann Toys manufactured metal kitchenware and tinplate wares. The company soon

began making games and game sets for adults and children alike. Later, in 1888, the company became known for its clever, simple, and well built toys, becoming best known for its painted, highly-valued windup clockwork toys.

Lehmann’s “Lehmann-Gnom,” a small windup toy that could walk forward in a waddling motion was the company’s most popular toy. This toy sold so well Lehmann adopted the toy’s image as the company’s logo and trademark, placing it on many of Lehmann’s products.

Lehmann was also famous for expanding its line of toys, so by the 20th century, the company’s line included airplanes, cars, trains, and trucks

Right: This Lehmann “Tut Tut” windup car, circa 1903, has wear appropriate to a 122-year-old toy. This car is valued at \$1,025.

— just about every form of transportation that moved. Nearly all of these toys ran under their own power, using intricate windup, clockwork type, mechanisms.

Using windup mechanisms, some of Lehmann’s best selling toys were the “Ikarus” airplane, the “Rigi” railway, the “Tut Tut” automobile, the “Autobus,” and the “Dancing Sailor.”

In the early 20th century, Lehmann manufactured lightweight, highly detailed tin toys during a

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Rare, Lehmann Toys tin litho “Ostrich Mail Cart” bank that is missing a wheel. This car is valued at \$775.



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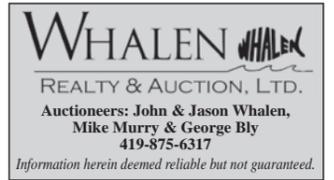
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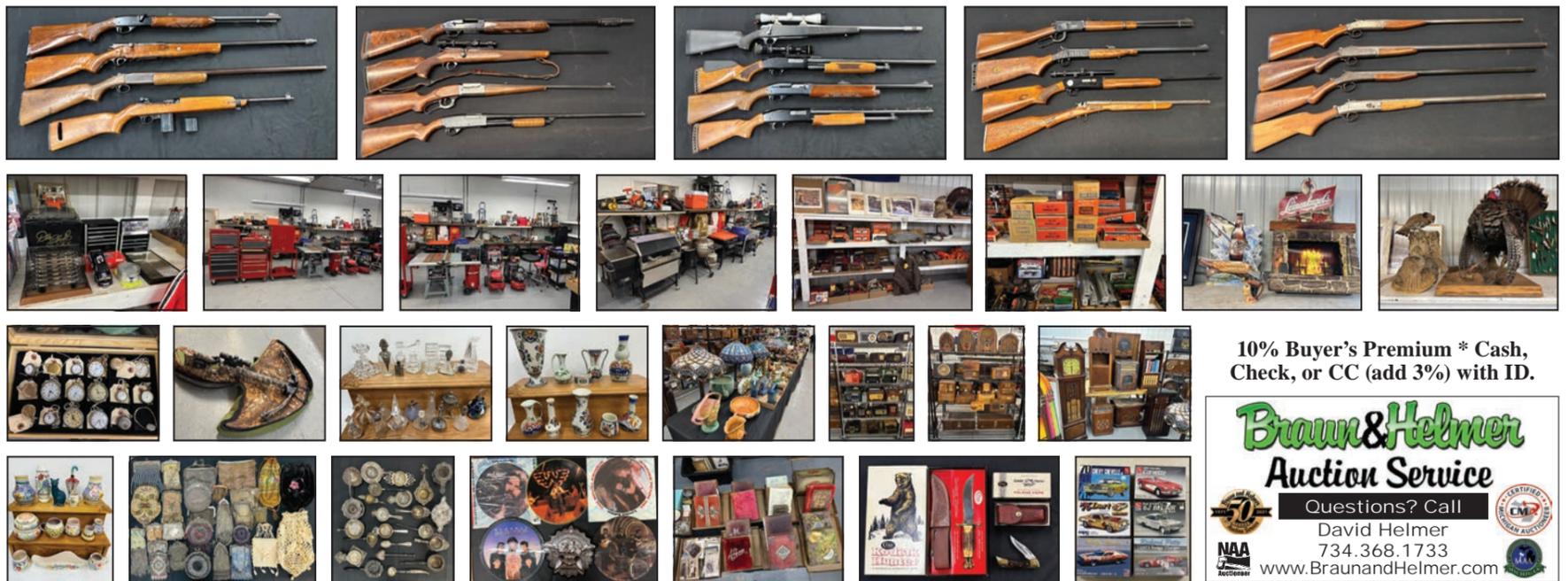
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Pensive & Blythe; Costume jewelry; 1882 German Family Bible; Asst. wall metal artworks; Blue & white ceramics.
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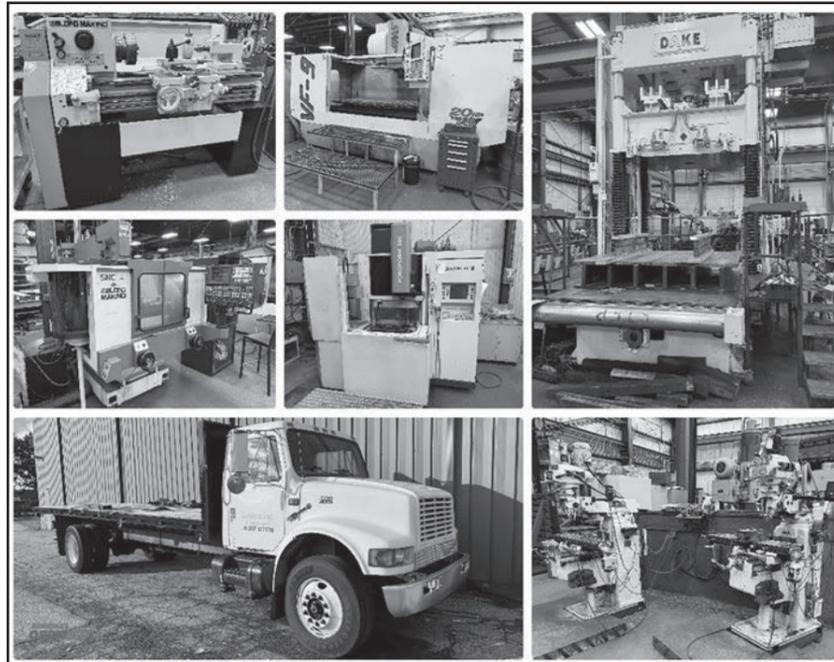
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Lamp

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ware, silver, Victorian furniture, and sculptures, alongside a variety of collectibles, including Pizza Hut-related items that lent a personal tie to the event.

Participation remained steady throughout, underscoring buyers' confidence in the quality of the offerings and their appreciation for the Freeland's connection. That enthusiasm pushed select lots into higher territory, including a 17 1/2-inch Art Nouveau Marguerite bronze sculpture signed by early 20th-century artist Luigi Baliani, which realized \$2,650. Another standout was a sterling silver bird by the renowned Italian silversmith family Buccellati, which sold for \$1,051.

Several additional lots



Above: Collectible offerings were as varied as this vintage Louis Vuitton Pullman suitcase, won for \$340.



Above: Two-dimensional art included this oil on linen by Mary Betzenderfer, entitled "Swimming Lessons," which brought \$710.

pushed into the event's upper-tier. A 19th-century Anglo-Indian porcupine quill writing box, complete with its key, climbed to \$1,725, while a signed 6-inch McCarty Pottery covered bowl in a hippo motif realized \$1,400. Leaning more nostalgic than decorative, a working 1930s Watling Manufacturing Co. (Chicago) five-cent Blue Seal slot machine, miss-

ing its key, followed closely at \$1,000.

Attention eventually turned to the estate's furniture, which ranged from elegant to whimsical. A Theodore Alexander boot-legged piano stool with a leather seat drew \$630, its playful design contrasting with the more traditional furnishings. A Victorian-era tufted chaise lounge, measuring 42 by 24 by 37 inches and framed in carved wood, followed at \$235, while a vintage French Louis XVI-style walnut armchair with a cane balloon back reached \$195, each offering a glimpse at the home's elegance.

Several categories highlighted in pre-sale promotion drew eager attention. Leading the way were more than 40 creations from the Jay Strongwater series, known for its lavish home accessories and jewelry. A Strongwater holiday frame with its original box, bag, and tags commanded \$540, while a tray from the same collection realized \$320. Sports memorabilia, including a pair of Pete Rose and Jackie Robinson bats, traded at \$540. Over a dozen pieces of Waterford crystal, led by an 8 1/2-inch by 10-inch compote, went home for \$350, and an 81-inch-tall, 19th-century Napoleon III-style artist's floor easel saw inter-

est at \$330.

Kicking off just before Christmas and running through mid-January, the second installment presented 201 additional lots. Standouts included a Tiffany Studios lamp, 18th- through 20th-century antique furniture, more statuary, folk art, and an array of decor reflecting the Freeland family's eclectic tastes.

The round's standout was a Tiffany Studios-inspired "Bird Skeleton" bronze table lamp base, which commanded \$4,400. The 31-inch-tall lamp featured a 22-inch-wide Art Nouveau glass dome - and although identified as a possible reproduction - was marked "Tiffany Studios New York #1537." Also exceptional was a 63 by 56-inch gilded mirror in Rococo or Hollywood Regency style. Despite minor cracks, the ornate mirror achieved \$1,000.

Furniture continued to draw strong interest in the second round, with its similar mix of elegant and distinctive furnishings. A 21 1/2 by 12 1/2 by 43 1/2-inch French burl wood semainier lingerie chest with ornate brass mounts hammered at

\$930. A 70 by 37 by 31-inch 19th-century Renaissance Revival carved walnut desk with lion legs scored \$600 despite minor wear. Bidding then hit \$413.33 on a 75 by 26 by 36-inch vintage hand-painted folk art bench, featuring a carved seat and spindle legs.

Sculpture, popular in the first round, once again attracted attention. A 29 by 28-inch bronze statue of a jockey on horseback, in the style of Isidore Bonheur, changed hands for \$800. Another bronze on a marble base, roughly 25 by 16 inches and titled L'Accolade by Pierre Jules Mène, 1863, rose to \$710, while a 33-inch-tall Art Nouveau

pendulum clock with a female sculptural figure, signed "A. Moreau," hit \$350.

Plenty of other eye-catching treasures drew attention during the session. A 24 1/2-inch-long wooden carved duck decoy-topped box went home for \$315, while an antique-style floor brass telescope on a tripod came close at \$300. Offers reached \$260 for a 15 by 15 by 29-inch early 20th-century hand-carved and hand-painted toy chest, featuring charming folk art scenes, helping close this segment and hinting at lots still to come.

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Above: Bidding during the first session took this gilded artist's floor easel to \$330.



Above: This Art Nouveau piece by early 20th-century artist Luigi Baliani rose to \$2,650.



Above: There was a handful of folk art pieces, like this early 20th-century hand-carved, hand-painted toy chest (\$260).



Above: Competition was strong on this 43-inch-tall French burl wood lingerie chest, eventually landing at \$930.



Above: This bronze sculptural clock, standing 33 inches tall, scored \$350.

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 Sat., May 2, Bob's Coins Auction, Coin, *Athens, MI*

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 Thu., Feb. 12, Polk Auction Co., Ag, Construction, *New Paris, IN*

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Country Spirit Show regroups after unexpected venue change

BY WILLIAM FLOOD

ARCOLA, Ill. — What do you do when you're a show promoter, and you lose a venue after you've already started advertising? First, you hit the pavement looking for a new place. Then you get very, very busy.

That's the road Jill Mattingly is traveling as she prepares for the upcoming Country Spirit Show in Arcola, and recently added Tuscola, Ill. Mattingly started the popular Americana and



Above: The Illinois Country Spirit show will offer a variety of shopping venues March 6-7.

early country show about 15 years ago in a single building. Over the next few years, the show grew from one space to three, eventually requiring multiple locations. For the past eight years, the biannual event has filled three buildings in the small town of Arcola, Ill.

One of those buildings had been the local Masonic Lodge, whose large open meeting area was an ideal fit. However, after the November 2025 show, officials from the Masonic Lodge opted not to renew, because they were no longer handling commercial events.

By that point, Mattingly had already begun marketing the March 2026 show and had printed 5,000 advertising postcards, as well as other advertising about the event. With no time to spare, she began searching for a replacement space. With help from Arcola's city manager, she canvassed

the town, but no suitable option surfaced. That search eventually led her about 10 minutes north to Tuscola. "Not ideal, but we are rolling with it," she jovially said to the new tack.

A solution appeared just off Interstate 57 in a sparsely tenanted outlet mall. The new venue will be in a retail space near the fairly new Sweet Petunia Antique Mall, which has also taken over part of the old outlet complex.

While the location works, the change has caused some confusion — and a bit of a stir. Shoppers will be traveling between two towns, and that part of east-central Illinois is known for several well-established antique shows that are often identified by location rather than by name. Tuscola, in particular, has long been home to the popular Rural Life show. Mattingly has expressed concern about



Above: The popular Illinois Country Spirit Show returns in March in three venues: two in Arcola and one in Tuscola. (Photos courtesy Country Spirit Show)

unintentionally stepping on a colleague's territory, but landing in Tuscola was an unplanned detour driven by necessity, not choice.

To help keep all the logistics clear, Mattingly has creatively spun March's show theme as: "3 locations, 2 towns, 1 show, 1 ticket." One ticket will be valid for both days and all three venues.

For anyone interested in attending, the March 2026 Country Spirit

Show will run Friday and Saturday, March 6-7. It will take place at the following locations:

In Arcola: The Arcola Center, 107 W. Main Street -and- The Best Western Plus Conference Center, 917 Green Mill Road (Exit 203 off I-57)

In Tuscola: Tuscola Outlet Shops, 400 Tuscola Blvd. (Exit 212 off I-57)

Show hours on Friday will be staggered by

location. The Arcola Center will be open from 1-4 p.m., followed by the Best Western Plus Conference Center from 5-8 p.m. The Tuscola location will be open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. On Saturday, all three venues will be open from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

For more information, contact: Jill or Mark Mattingly at Countryspiritshow@gmail.com; or (312) 957-1065.

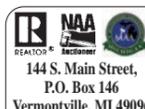


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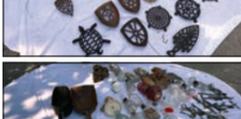
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tion of wood planes, including Stanley & others; braces, wood bits; wood shaves barrel shaves, spoke shaves, vintage carpenter tools of all discriptions; mallets, hammers, axes; broad axes; Adze's wedges; log tongs; Miners lanterns & tools; Yankee screw drivers; rare wood moisture scale; Selection of vintage pocketknives; Lots and lots of iron tools and wall hanger items; many unidentifiable; Items; banjos; fish spears; Cast-iron ship made by Titus Foundry Coldwater Michigan, (NOTE: Will be sold in the February 21st sale); **AUTO PARTS:** Hub caps; car manuals; Brass items; vintage key collection; surveyor chains; pic. Of 1900 Chevrolet Factory; other vintage framed pictures & prints; framed vintage stock certificates; many other items.

PLEASE NOTE: Pictures in this ad and on the website will represent both Feb. 21st and the Feb. 28th Auctions. Pictures of exact offering for each auction will be posted after set up 2 days prior to each auction.

Mr. Byers was a collector of all things. If you are interested in smalls, this offering merits your attendance.

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& roaster; log cabin advent calendar w/animals; brass barometer mounted on wood; Seiko mantel clock; Collection of Harbor Lights Michigan Lighthouses (approx. 35); wicker chairs; bookcase; treadmill; Fisher speakers; vintage doctor bag; LG Flat screen 50" TV; large Norman Rockwell print; various metal banks; quart oil cans- un opened; metal Western Union sign; tea cart; many brass pcs.; powder boxes; **LARGE COLLECTION OF**



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Win Cross "Road Way" Truck MIB, Chinese Checkers w/Boxed Bulls Eye Marbles, 1910 Howell's Rook Beer Brownie Toy, Bradley Time Mickey Mouse Wrist Watch NIB, Old BB's Ammo Winchester/Western/Federal, Advertising Yard Sticks, Walking Sticks, 3-Lladro Figurines, Waterford Crystal, Hull Pottery, Jack In Pulpit Vases, Victorian Castor Set, Brown Panther TV Light, Old Stoneware Crocks, Wood Bucket Ice Cream Maker, Artist Signed Loon Decoy, Police Patches, Pyle 4 Sided Train Caboose Marker, 1938 Auto Makers Union Pins, Vintage U of M and Tigers Yearbooks, 2023 Topps Series One & Two Unopened Baseball Packs, Opened Boxes of Bowmen Chrome Basketball Cards, 4-Boxes of Mixed Collector Cards, Obsolete Police Badges, Magazines to Include; 1940's/50's Movie, 1920's/30's Collier's, 1960's Ebony, 2-Fortune 1960's, 1940's Life/Look/Post, Large Scrap Book of A & P Butcher Item Plus Other Scrap Books Military & More, GM Car Manuals, Vintage Powder Compacts & Purse Compacts, Vintage Perfume, DeLonghi & Eden Pure Heaters New in Boxes, Bose Stereo System, Plus Many Many Other Items too Numerous To Mention!!! Large Auction Hall Will Be Full Don't Miss This Auction!!

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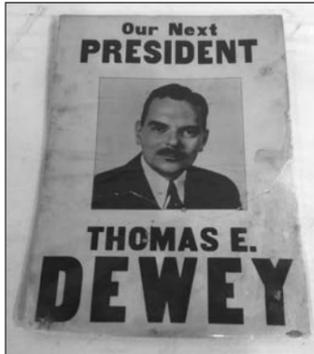
1920's Wicker Ladies Desk w/Chair



Pressed Steel Dayton Hill Climber Toy



1854 Montcalm Reflector Newspaper



Thomas E. Dewey For President Poster



Victorian Hanging Oil Lamp w/Blue Shade



13-Drawer Porcelain Knobs Storage Box



Carved Ivory Sailors Snuff Container

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Catalog Online by February 10th

Featuring select items from the collections of Judie Huth Reynolds, Harold Mailand, Martha Weaver Estate, and others. This auction includes a variety of Antiques, Textiles, Persian Rugs, Paintings, Furniture, and More.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE: Coverlets and Quilts: Indiana Coverlets; 1853 Matthew Rattray, 1842 Cockefair Mills, 1849 Charles Adolf, 1860 Joshua Slaybaugh Kosciusko Co.; 1853 John Rogers; John Cranston 4 color with American Eagle on the corner blocks; 1839 Jacob Armbruster Miami Co., OH. Wonderful collection of Indiana Mennonite and Amish Quilts. **Blue Decorated Stoneware:** Cake Crocks, Jugs, Wax Sealer Jars, Advertising Jugs, early Egg and Spinach slip decorated bowl, and others. **Primitives & Country:** Painted candle box, painted high-back dry sink; 18th-century tiger maple slant-front desk; tea tables, step-back cupboards, early dovetailed chest of drawers; unusual 1/3-scale Sheraton 4-drawer chest with rope-twist columns in cherry; walnut Kentucky sugar chest; paint decorated mule chest; Jacobean style desk with 2 hidden drawers; 3 highly carved Japanese Dragon pieces in Hinok wood, has the original receipt from 1913; U.S. Springfield Civil War Musket. **Advertising:** Purina Chow double bubble clock; Napiana Feeds Clock, Miami, IN; Wayne Feeds Clock; porcelain Mail Pouch Chew thermometer. **Music Box:** Porter Baroque Music Box, plays 1 1/2 inch disc, includes several discs, sounds amazing. **Antique Rugs:** Sarouk, Turkish, Persians Mahal; Caucasian style; Baluch Tribal rug; Qashqai Tribal rug; Bidjar style, some have original receipts and tags.

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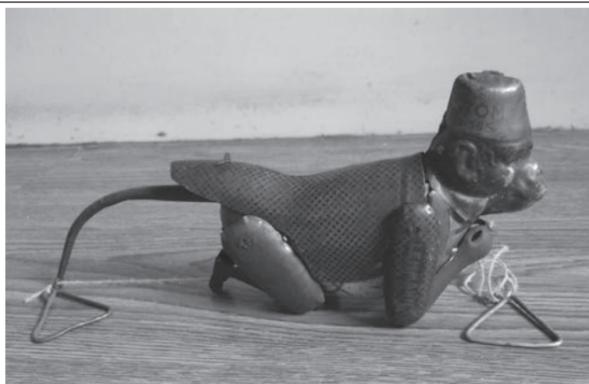


Lehmann

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period of time that other toy companies still manufactured heavy, cast iron toys. Lehmann offered the youth of the world vibrant toys in colors, due to the lithographic process, not possible on cast iron toys, making Lehmann, at that time, the toys of the future.

Lehmann Toys continued making toys, but the company changed when Ernst Lehmann died in 1934. Ernst's grandson, Johannes Richter, who had joined the company in 1921, took over as president of the company upon Ernst's death. Not long after Richter's rise, Germany started World War II, and Lehmann and other toy companies



Above: Lehmann produced this climbing toy in the early 1930s. This toy is in working condition and is valued at \$355.

lost all of their resources as tin, metal, wood, and electrical resources were all used in war production.

Following World War II, Germany was divided East and West, and Richter found himself and his toy company living in East Germany, where exports and materials remained difficult.

Under Soviet occupation, Lehmann Toys, along with all other companies, was nationalized by the Communist regime. In 1948, Richter escaped to West Germany where he set up a small, modest in comparison, toy factory. In 1956, Richter died, but his family wanted the Lehmann legacy to continue, so in 1959, the

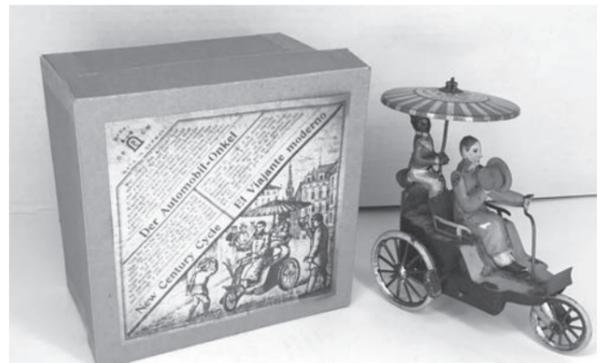


Above: Lehmann offered this beautiful, tin "EHE & CO" truck in 1910. With its windup mechanism in working order, this truck is valued at \$700.

Richter family built a new toy factory outside of Nuremberg, Germany.

Following years of expansion around the globe, including the United States, Lehmann Toys celebrated its 125th anniversary of toy production in 2006. Shortly thereafter, in 2007, a non-family interest acquired Lehmann Toy Company, and the Lehmann family and its relatives lost all control of the company. Lehmann brand toys continued to be made and sold, many collectors considered the change in ownership to be an end to an era of toy making; although, many collectors believe the original Lehmann Toy production ended with World War II, so these collectors focus Lehmann collections on pre-World War II toys.

Vintage Lehmann toys usually have Lehmann's mark, consisting of an old style press with the initials EPL (Ernst Paul Lehmann) as a monogram. Variations of this mark and monogram are common, especially on toys exported to other countries, such as the United States. Also, novice collectors often mistake the number "1881," which appears on many of



Above: Offered on eBay for \$450, this Lehmann "New Century Cycle" tin litho toy is in excellent condition. It is valued at \$450.

the toys, as the production date. It is not. "1881" indicates the year that the company was founded.

Collectors need to use caution when searching for original Lehmann toys. Chinese reproduction and knockoff windup tin toys sometimes bear the mark of Lehmann Toy Company. The new toy vehicles bearing Lehmann's mark are often copies of original Lehmann toys, sometimes making reproductions difficult to spot.

One field test to judge if a toy is original or a reproduction is to turn the toy over and carefully inspect the windup mechanism. Antique toy mechanisms always show some rust, produced by mois-

ture and time, around the mechanism. If the mechanism looks to be in mint condition, it is most likely a reproduction.

Lehmann toys originally sold for mere pennies, making them affordable to all middle class and some lower class families. Today, however, original Lehmann toys, in good condition, are highly sought after collectibles.

For more information on this exciting line of collectible toys, look for Lehmann Toys History, 1881-1981 by Jürgen Cieslik. This book, by New Cavendish Press, details 100 years of the history of Lehmann toys from its creation. It is routinely offered on the Internet for around \$15.

STEVEN GALLIMORE ESTATE AUCTION SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 10:00 AM

LOCATION: 3097 SECTION RD.

DIRECTIONS: From Nashville: E on Reed St. 9 to Nashville Hwy, continue to Mason Rd, south on Mason Rd 5 miles to Kalamo Hwy, .3/10 mile east to Section Rd, south to the sale. From Lansing area take I69 to the Cochran Rd exit #57, south on Cochran Rd 7/10th mile to W 5 Point Hwy, west on 5 Point Hwy 10.8 miles to Section Rd, north 1 mile.

NASHVILLE, MI 49073 zone 4

The following estate will be sold at public auction:
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Viennese enamels: Collecting life in miniature

BY DONALD-BRIAN JOHNSON

You know what they say: “good things come in small packages.”

Really small packages.

During the 1800s, the master artisans of Vienna re-created life in miniature. Must-haves of elegant living, from clocks to chairs to carriages, were re-imagined as elaborately decorated miniatures. Their enameled panels, with tiny, finely detailed renditions of classic scenes, were affixed to frameworks of gold, silver, copper, bronze, and other precious metals. Sought-after from the start, Viennese enamels continue to dazzle today’s collectors, transfixed by their elegant styling and meticulous intricacy.

Although continually fresh in its use of vivid coloration, enameling actually dates back at least 3,000 years, to ancient Greece. While advancements have been made throughout the centuries, the enameling process still remains one that the Greeks would find familiar: enamel, essentially glass tinted with metallic pigments, is fired and fused to metal. For proper coloration, kiln timing is paramount. Colors such as red, which requires a higher firing heat, are the first to be painted. Others are added down the scale, until the complete palette is assembled.

The enameling art had its first heyday during the 16th century. During the glory days of the Italian Renaissance, the interplay of light and dark became an important factor in artistic expression, adding depth and dimension. In the 1800s, Renaissance-inspired art re-emerged, now billed as “in the cinquecento manner.” That term was shorthand for *milcinecento* or ‘1500’: in other words, the Italian Renaissance. Art, architecture, and literature of the period were all comfortably



Above: Cobalt and bronze etui, for manicure necessities. 4" h. x 2" d., 1800. \$2000-3000.

ensconced under the cinquecento umbrella. This simply meant that the artist had browsed through the finest elements of Renaissance art, selected those elements of greatest interest, then reinterpreted them for contemporary admirers. Among the most prolific exponents of the cinquecento manner: the enamel craftsmen of western Europe.

Geneva led the way in enamelwork of the early 1800s, specializing in finely detailed casings for watches and jewels. Though exquisitely realized, Geneva enamel pictorials were generally painted against a white background, the overall effect a chilly one. Viennese artisans opted for tinted pink or yellow backgrounds, creating a greater illusion of reality, particularly important in popular scenic depictions. However, the shades which give Viennese enamels their fabled warmth were also the most difficult to achieve. Just a few extra moments at high heat could cause a fading of colors, resulting in a lessened contrast with

the remainder of the illustration.

Viennese enamels soon attracted recognition at international exhibitions, and sales boomed throughout Europe, as well as in the United States. Buyers appreciated the visual appeal of the varied structural elements utilized in the enameled creations, as well as the permanence of the glazes, which kept the colors of painted panels fresh and unfaded. Emerging from the massive shadows cast by the Renaissance Masters, Vienna became a source of inspiration in its own right.

Among the earliest of the Viennese enamel artisans embracing original design was James Bodemer (1777-1829), who specialized in jewel caskets and trinket boxes outfitted with decorative enamel plaques. Equally celebrated was Hermann Ratzersdorfer, prominent in the city from the early 1840s well into the 1880s. When his first gold-mounted enamels proved too pricey even for Vienna’s elite, Ratzersdorfer moved on to silver and enamel casings. His work often incorporated the use of rock crystal, as well as painted enamel designs silhouetted against a gold background, a direct echoing of Renaissance frieze decoration. Ratzersdorfer’s luxurious pieces, with their solidly classical underpinnings, became prize-winners at exhibitions in London, Paris, and, of course, Vienna.

While aping the Renaissance in overall style, the pictorial representations on Viennese



Above: Ready for Cinderella: Viennese red and gold coach, 3" h. x 6" l., circa 1800. \$1000-1250.

enameled panels were very much of the 19th century. Pastoral vistas abounded, with lush greenery, bountiful floral groupings, peaceful burbling streams, and sun-kissed clouds setting the scene. At the center of things were the leading players: statuesque maidens, in gauzy (but never too revealing) gowns, and their suitors — always uniformly dashing, whether wandering shepherd, or tastefully-chest-baring nobility. Attendant nymphs watched on approvingly, and even the occasional Cupid took wing, completing the idyllic portrait.

With their romantic images, Viennese enamels proved ideal accents for the 19th century drawing room. Their subtle shadings, with occasional eye-popping bursts of brilliant color, provided the perfect complement to the era’s similarly-hued furnishings and wall hangings. The enameling technique was initially applied to usable objects, such as bowls, trays, and vases, of normal, or even enhanced size. Whopping floral urns, over 3 feet in height, were not unusual. These grabbed the focus of a room and never let go. But the artisans of Vienna came to realize that “anyone can do large.” Their enameled pieces became smaller and smaller, as did any realistic functions the objects might once have served. Exquisite, and impossibly tiny, scent and snuff bottles were now gazed at admiringly, rather than actually put to their intended use. Miniature “jewel chests,” adaptations of Renaissance “curiosity cabinets,” were equipped with artfully designed pullout drawers, just the right size to hold. . . well, nothing, really. Wee trinket and dresser boxes might,

if put to the test, store a button or two. And, while those ornate, Lilliputian-sized clocks, hidden within diminutive musical instruments, could reasonably be expected to keep time, that was not their primary function. The focus had moved to the purely ornamental — and the more ornament, the better!

The use of copper frameworks, rather than the previously in-vogue crystal, allowed designers greater leeway in shaping even the smallest pieces, emulating the slightly out-of-proportion dimensions and spindly fragility of actual period antiques. On the enameling front, the Renaissance revival had been transformed. It was now the Renaissance in miniature.

Perhaps the most fascinating (and certainly the most complex) of Viennese enamel miniatures are the “novelties.” These serve no purpose other than to leave us gasping over the wonder of it all. Most work their intricately detailed magic within just a few inches. Even Tom Thumb would find himself hard-pressed to squeeze into a 7-inch-long Viennese chariot, or a 3-by 6-inch Viennese coach.

Viennese enamel miniatures are, in effect, the

tinest of theatrical props, waiting to make their appearance on some elfin stage. Supreme art and artifice have gone into their creation. Look closely at those minutely detailed paintings. You’ll find much of that “detail” is actually an illusion. The artist’s effective, yet minimal use of line and color, merely suggests a scene, leading us in the direction he wants us to go. Our eyes fill in the blanks, completing the picture, just as they do when we view a theatrical presentation.

Avid buyers continue to seek them out, as worthy investments in both beauty and heritage. Collectors value Viennese enamels not only for what they are — sumptuously realized objets d’art — but also for what they represent. Artwork “in the cinquecento manner” celebrates the past by melding it with the future, a worthy goal for art in any age. Good things. Small packages. An unbeatable combination.

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Below: Interior of ivory and bronze jewel casket, displaying enameled illustrations. 1850s, 7" h. x 6" w.



Below: Blue enamel coach, circa 1850, 3" h. x 4" l. \$500-600.



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