

AMAZING DISCOVERIES

LEARN ABOUT
SOME OF THE
DISCOVERIES
FROM OUR
PREVIOUS
EVENTS AND
HOME VISITS.

At an Antique Appraisal Day in Millbrook, one client brought in a Chinese jade vase and cover measuring only 4 1/2 inches, which sold for over \$91,000.



This rare, signed Louis Comfort Tiffany Cameo Glass Vase purchased at a garage sale for \$3.00, was appraised at \$12,000 at an Antique Appraisal Day in Rhinebeck.



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FINE ART, JEWELRY, ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES
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Stunning!

Legend holds that the Blue Sapphire is an incredibly powerful stone only meant for certain people. For some, it will bring fortune beyond measure, good health, and a lifetime of prosperity. But for others, the stone will immediately cast darkness and chaos.

This impressive oval mixed cut sapphire of 17.73 karats, set in platinum was originally estimated to sell for \$100,000 to \$200,000. However, upon further research, it became clear the Sapphire was far rarer than we had originally thought. The estimate was raised to \$600,000 to \$800,000. The ring sold for a stunning \$1,622,800.



A Real Hot Bed of Activity

Huanghuali is possibly the hottest category of furniture in the world today. Because the wood is nearing extinction, and is now a protected species, supply is very limited. Matched with the rapidly increasing demand for Chinese antiques, prices for huanghuali furniture have skyrocketed over the past five years.

At a home appraisal for a client who came to our Antiques Appraisal Day at St. Lukes in Somers, we discovered several pieces of Huanghuali, including this Ming style, dragon decorated low back bed which sold for \$48,000. The impressive collection surpassed our estimates, and sold for \$144,800.



Emerald Green



Formerly from the collection of the Aleksandr Ivanovich Nelidov (1838-1910) and Olga Dmitrievna Princess Nelidov, this stunning antique five-stone emerald ring and emerald and diamond brooch came from a client looking to maximize their return and was referred to Astor Galleries by one of our past satisfied customers.

Set with five graduated square-cut emeralds, with openwork sculpted gold gallery and hoop, circa 1890, this size 6 ring was sold for \$113,250.

Centering upon a circular cabochon emerald, within an old-cut diamond surround, flanked on each side by a similarly set oval cabochon emerald, the brooch is mounted in gold and sold for \$76,250.

Hidden Treasures



During a New York City estate appraisal one of our appraisers found, buried deep in the back of a bottom dresser drawer, a very rare purse, a ladies handbag made of gold, silk & diamonds circa 1920's. The handmade black bag completed with a clasp topped by a carved figure of a cat, with precious stone scrollwork. The art deco details made this discovery a very desirable item to some of our collectors. Once we had the chance to properly research this unique purse, it was appraised for \$20,000.

Buried deep in the back of a bottom dresser drawer...



On a house call a client wanted to downsize their healthy art and antique collection. We noticed an original Steuben glass plaque, made of lead crystal and mounted on black stone, which sold for nearly \$3,000.



Vintage 1960's Rolex Chronograph men's watch which sold for over \$18,000, discovered at Antique Appraisal Day

Early American History

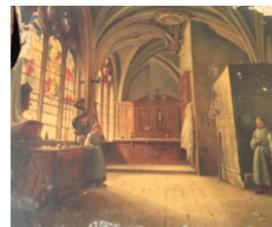
At a September Antique Appraisal Day in New Paltz, a client brought in a coin they found while excavating the foundation of their house in 1968. They stored the coin away thinking some day they would get it evaluated. When they spotted our ad they were inspired to finally get the coin appraised. The coins turned out to be The Continental Currency "Dollar" of 1776. The images on the Continental Currency coin are based on the designs found on Continental Congress fractional currency from the emission of February 17, 1776, which were designed by Benjamin Franklin. The coin was estimated at \$80,000 and was the highlight of that Antique Appraisal Day!



A piece of history from the very beginnings of US history

Artwork Uncovered

On a house call a client had a painting by an unschooled artist which seemed only to have decorative value. As our expert inspected, they recognized the canvas on the back was much older than the artwork on the front. Our expert uncovered a much older and more valuable painting hidden under the visible artwork.



Trash or Treasure?

A family was cleaning out an estate in the Rhinebeck area and anything that was old or dusty was being thrown into a dumpster. One of the other family members who had a good eye for antiques had a hunch and climbed into the dumpster when they went back in for another load. She pulled out a Hiller & Sons English 3-piece bronze and enamel putti mounted clock set that sold for \$3,000.

