

Come & pick your holiday surprises at Bertoia's Nov. 13-15 auction featuring 2,000+ Toys, Trains, Dolls and Christmas Antiques



Everyone loves holiday surprises, and there will be many from which to choose at Bertoia's Nov. 13-15 auction featuring 2,000+ lots of fabulous toy and train rarities from pedigreed collections. One of the more diverse sales of recent times, Bertoia's Holiday Surprises auction goes beyond basic categories to delve into the various subcategories that so often produce exciting crossover items – specialty areas like penny toys, biscuit tins, figural cast-iron doorstops, and holiday antiques. In keeping with the very popular tradition they established years ago at their major fall sale, Bertoia's will devote most of the Sunday session to Christmas and Halloween collectibles.



ARCADE "WHITE" GASOLINE TRUCK
possibly the finest condition ever found

Collectors can take part by phone or on-line through LiveAuctioneers, or to leave absentee bids. "During the opening session on Friday, we're featuring the final Part II of the late Michael Cann's collection together with the late Jim Crone's collection.





MARKLIN 'O' GAUGE RAILWAY STATION YARD
extremely rare example, in Near Mint Condition



REED'S DING DONG BELL TOY

They were very involved in the hobby and extremely well liked by their peers." As luck would have it, a late consignment that arrived at Bertoia's gallery adds a crowning touch to the grouping – an estate collection of rare, high-quality Marklin train accessories. "More good news for collectors!" Bertoia said.



IVES OVERSIZED HOSE REEL
Extremely rare and done in very impressive scale

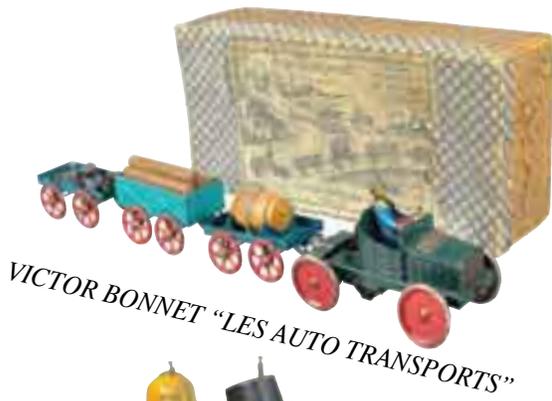
In total, 338 trains will be offered. There are many Marklin 0 and 1 gauge trains of the type produced in the 1930s, some with 19-inch passenger cars. Among the hand-painted rarities are two examples of the Congressional Limited and several early Marklin sets with hand-painted cars, including the Pennsylvania Railroad model. Along the same lines, there will be a PLM coach by Carette. For those collectors who may be in need of a nice Marklin PLM engine, several will be available, together with desirable tin accessory buildings.



BASSETT-LOWKE 4-6-2 DUCHESS OF MONTROSE



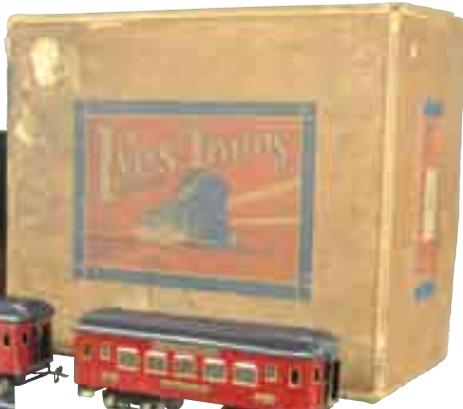
MARKLIN 4-6-4 TANK LOCOMOTIVE



VICTOR BONNET "LES AUTO TRANSPORTS"



GUNTHERMANN MUSICIANS
All original condition



IVES CAVENDISH SPECIAL TRAIN SET



In the American railroad yard there are a few Carlisle & Finch productions and an American Flyer set that contains 3250, 3251, 3252 and 3253 cars. Lionel is represented by a green State set – the largest set Lionel every produced – and a Blue Comet set. A boxed Ives Cavendish set, some later but very well detailed Fulgerex trains, and one of the most complete boxed Lionel Auto Race Games ever to come to auction round out this section.

Friday's session is brimming with European toys, including a beautiful collection of penny toys. Highlights include examples that haven't been seen in the marketplace for quite a while, such as the jockey in a sulky pulled by an ostrich, two boxers, and a large stage with performers, and men on motorcycles. The piece de resistance, however, is the Santa Claus pulling a sleigh – "a penny toy worth many pennies," Bertioia said.

An unusually broad selection of Gunthermann hand-painted tin toys includes classic minstrels, many performing clowns and clown musicians, dancing couples, a lady with broom chasing a rat, and a lady pushing a pram with baby.



An enviable fleet of European automotive toys is led by a very rare 1903-1910 JEP tin "old timer" clockwork open auto with Buffalo Bill driver figure – a piece featured in David Pressland's Great Book of Tin Toys but rarely ever seen for sale. Accompanying Buffalo Bill in the automotive section are several Carette open tourers and other autos by Martin, Gunthermann, Hess, Bing, Fisher and other premier German manufacturers of the golden era of toys.

Sprinkled throughout the European section are "some real knockout surprises," said Bertoia. "There are several great live-steam fire pumers – one of them unfired – and a Japanese painted live-steam motorcycle with molding effects probably taken from an Indian cycle, Nautical choices that include Bing boats and battleships, and ocean liners from multiple German manufacturers, such as Fleishmann and Carette."



PRE-WAR LIVE STEAM CYCLE
Japan, extremely rare example, 10.5"



NEARLY 40 NICE PEDAL CARS



AUTOMATIC TOY WORKS GIRL SKIPPING ROPE
exceedingly rare, reportedly only 10 known examples





ARCADE "REO" ROYALE COUPE
All original condition



A small but very nicely curated selection of figural biscuit tins, mostly old acquisitions that have been away from the public eye, they include a fire engine, double-decker bus, and several variations of Crumpsall Cream Cracker trucks.



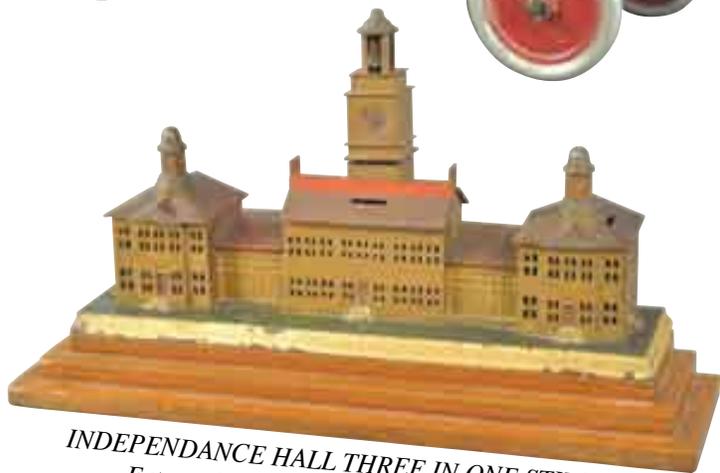
GUNTHERMANN EIGHT MAN SCULL
A very elusive and fascinating toy find



Cast-iron motorcycles will fly the colors of a variety of most-wanted manufacturers, like Vindex, Globe and Hubley, e.g., Crash Car, Traffic Car and more. Also from Hubley comes a superbly preserved blue Penn Yann speedboat with driver and two passengers.



The quality and charm of early American toys is typified in a horse-drawn Ives Blakeslee Dog Cart, a Carpenter Tally-Ho, and a small sampling of bell toys, including two by Gong Bell: an Elephant, and Boy Seated on Goose. Another prize that displays tip-top condition is the Hubley white sleigh with Santa figure, pulled by two reindeer.

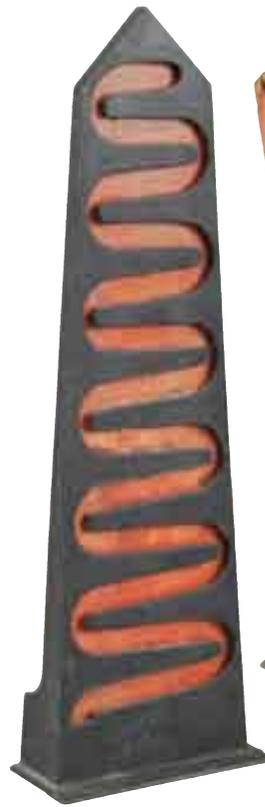


INDEPENDANCE HALL THREE IN ONE STILL BANK
Extremely rare example, less than ten known

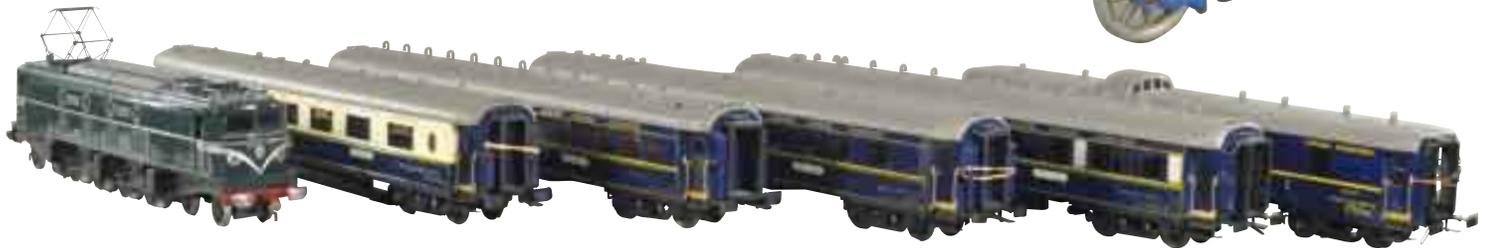
American fire toys will be on the ready, starting with a handsome Dent hose reel, oversize Ives hose reel, and three Dent Fire Patrols, two with blue wagons and one with a white wagon.

The 150-piece offering of pressed steel is highlighted by Metalcraft pressed-steel advertising trucks from the Bill Moody collection Part II and also contains exceptional examples for collectors at all levels from Buddy 'L,' American National, Structo, Kingsbury, Sturdito and Smith-Miller. There are work vehicles, ambulances, moving trucks, dump trucks, ice, cement and Outdoor Railroad trucks. "It's a very striking lineup. I think when viewed in the catalog, the pressed steel group will inspire collectors to join us at the auction," Bertoia said.

A Colorado estate collection containing 35 fantastic pedal cars was consigned to Bertoia's in time for the November sale. "The owner was a very private collector who was not known to most in the hobby," said Bertoia. With this collection, we definitely see both quality and quantity – by the time it was finished loading up for the trip back to our gallery in New Jersey, the collection had filled a 40-foot trailer."



*THE BUNKER HILL
MECHANICAL BANK
Extremely rare example,
less than five known*





FRENCH GAUTHIER DOLL



LIVE STEAM ROAD ROLLER
modeled after the Aveling & Porter roller

The cast iron bank session will include an extremely rare, just found, Bunker Hill bank, a very rare painted Independence Hall bank, the very elusive Shoot The Hat bank, and a nice selection of mechanical and stills forming nearly 100 examples for all levels of collectors.

In a category of its own is a painted Independence building that was a window display for many years at the beloved Haddonfield, New Jersey shop The Owl's Tale. It is the first of many toys that Bertoia's will be auctioning from the renowned antiques establishment, long known for its genteel environment and sumptuous inventory.



Also on Saturday, bidders will find a selection of 169 lots of comic character toys, literally from A to Z – Amos & Andy to Zilotone. Happy Hooligans made of composition, tin and majolica will join Popeye in various activities, some including Olive Oyl. A full complement of bands and performers includes Li'l Abner, Howdy Doody, Dapper Dan, Jazzbo Jim, and the Marx Merry Makers. From straight out the funny papers come Charlie McCarthy and Dagwood in their cars, as well as a huge assortment of dipsy cars, joyriders and cops.

Artful cast-iron doorstops, with their appealing colors and subject matter will make an appearance in Saturday's session. As always, the selection has been personally curated by Bertoia's owner, Jeanne Bertoia, who authored two important reference books and is an acknowledged expert on the subject.



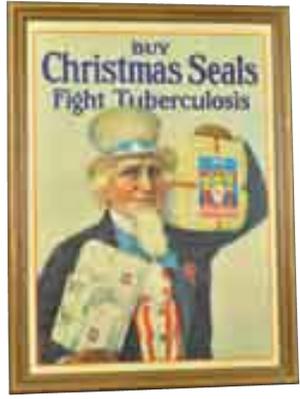
OVER 100 FIGURAL CAST IRON DOORSTOPS



NEARLY 150 TIN COMIC CHARACTER TOYS BY MARX, CHEIN, LINEMAR



GEORGE WASHINGTON CLOCKWORK TOY



Large, superior examples of Bradley & Hubbard's Rabbit and Turkey are at the forefront of the doorstep grouping, along with animal forms from other manufacturers, such as an imposing Elk garden display, a Pink Flamingo, Halloween Cat and many types of dogs. Doorstops simulating people include: Mexican Guitarist, Golfer, Man Sitting on Cotton Bale, Guardsmen, and several bathing beauties and ladies. Additionally, there are florals, cottages and other designs to keep doorstep collectors' bidding paddles busy.

More than 250 lots of Christmas antiques have been cataloged for Sunday's closing session, from popular glass kugels to whimsical three-dimensional novelties like Santa driving a large wicker car. There are three examples of a robed Santa figure pulling a sleigh, as well as a Santa riding a reindeer that pulls a moss-covered sleigh profusely laden with toys. Many other Santas – cloaked, bearded and usually holding a feather tree sprig – appear as candy containers, belsnickles and display figures.





OLDSMOBILE PEDAL CAR
All original condition



MARKLIN 'O' GAUGE SUSPENSION BRIDGE

The old-fashioned Christmas atmosphere becomes even more festive with a very rare and colorful Game of Merry Christmas, an Erzgebirge table display, Christmas lanterns, Santa heads, Christmas tree stands and 75-100 glass ornaments. Those who collect Dresden ornaments will love the 50 pieces on offer, including depictions of animals, autos, jockeys, equestriennes, champagne bottles, hats and musical instruments.

Collectors of Christmas antiques also like animal figures on platforms, Bertoia said, describing the menagerie of hand-painted and stuffed sheep, horses, elephants and dogs. They form a natural affinity group with the paper-over-wood toys, Noah's Arks and Schoenhut animals in the sale. Standouts among the Schoenhuts include a hyena, reindeer, gorilla, circus performers and Teddy Roosevelt safari figure.





Sunday will also be the day for Halloween enthusiasts to try their luck bidding on some great pieces. Lanterns, compositions candy containers and table decorations are just a few of the items set to bewitch collectors, with a wide range of estimates making it easy to take part.



Also waiting to cross the auction block on Sunday are 25 antique and vintage teddy bears (mostly Steiff), and 35 fine dolls. Within the upscale doll trove are Queen Annes, an 1890s Bebe Reklame, a Carl Bergner three-face doll, a rare Faulck and Roussel BeBe, and an all-original pre-Greiner boy doll.



Bertoia's Holiday Surprises Auction will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 13, 14 and 15, 2015 at Bertoia Auctions' gallery, 2141 DeMarco Dr., Vineland, NJ 08360. All forms of bidding will be available, including absentee, phone, on-line or live via the Internet through LiveAuctioneers.

Start times are 11 a.m. (Eastern Time) on Friday, 9 a.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. on Sunday. Preview: Regular business hours during the week leading up to the auction, one hour before any of the three sessions begin, or by appointment.

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