

Bertoia's Nov. 12-13 Annual Fall Auction offers spectacular selection of antique toys, trains, and holiday antiques with impeccable provenance

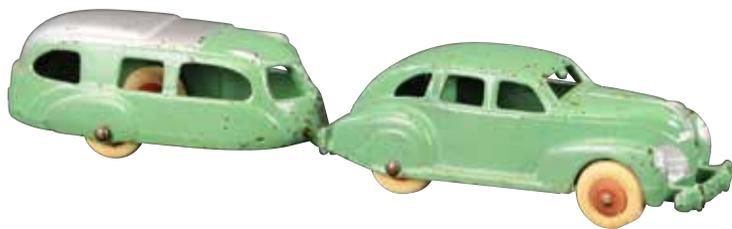


Featured: Bob Merck Halloween collection, Karyl Newman Christmas antiques, Bill and Wendy Jones' prized doorstops & banks, Midwestern collector's fabulous mechanical music machines



VINELAND, N.J. – Collectors wait all year for Bertoia’s Annual Fall Auction, and for good reason. Its unfailing reputation for quality and rarity make it one of the premier highlights of any toy, train, doorstop or holiday buyer’s calendar.

This year’s edition is bigger and better than ever before. As of press time, cataloging was in full swing, with last-minute consignments arriving just in time to make the deadline. “We were ready to wrap up the catalog to send to the printers, but then shipments of toys came through the door that were so exceptional, we knew we had to take the extra time to get them into this sale,” said Michael Bertoia, president of Bertoia Auctions.

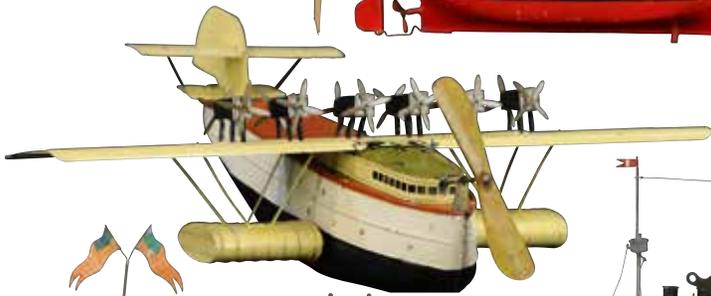
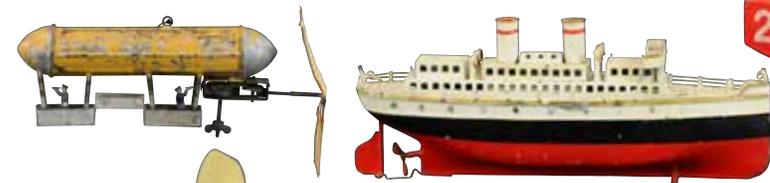
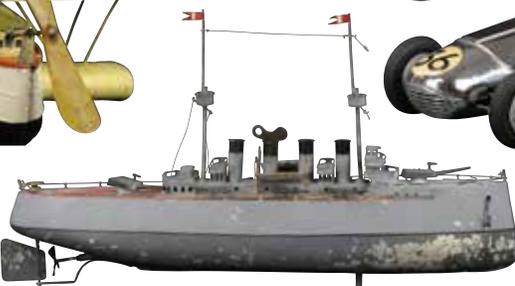
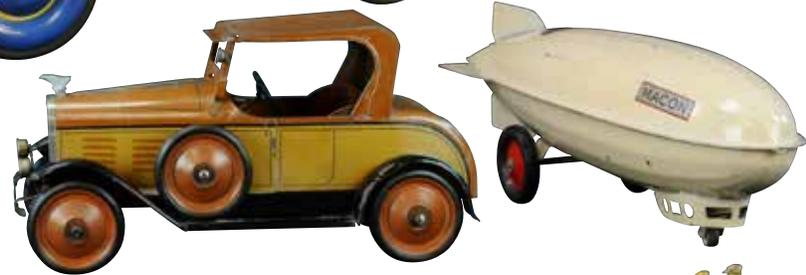




An array of fine Christmas antiques from the late Karyl Newman will add whimsy and holiday spirit to the sale. Karyl was a member of the Golden Glow of Christmas Past and amassed a beautiful collection of Santas, belsnickles, nodding reindeer, ornaments and other Christmas delights. "Previous consignments from Karyl's collection were very popular with collectors. We think they're going to be very pleased with this selection, as well," Michael observed.



A very nice grouping of pressed steel vehicles from Ohioan Jay Schoedinger includes Buddy 'L,' Sturdito, American National and other sought-after brands. From the West Coast comes a collection of Japanese cars, including an Atom Jet Racer, a boxed Alps Cadillac convertible, and Packard sedan. European tin windups are topped by a coveted Martin Roller Skater, while the Continental automotive toys, which are in pristine to near-mint condition, are led by a superb Carette limousine with figures, and an Alfa-Romeo racer. A fleet of European nautical toys includes a large Bing battleship, a Marklin clockwork ocean liner, and a Fleischmann pontoon seaplane.





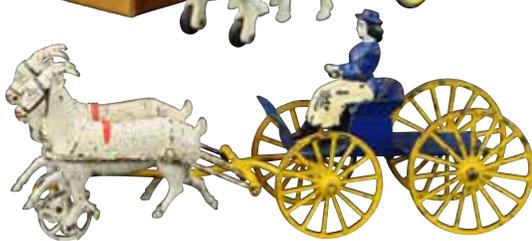
Both American Lionel and German Marklin trains will be powering their way through the gallery. Highlights include a Lionel 2 7/8-inch powered gondola and trailer (from the late Norm Schaut's collection), plus a Marklin Congressional Limited passenger set and several stations.

Comic character toys include Mickey Mouse and Popeye favorites, and a rare and very desirable Gunthermann Felix the Cat Merry-Go-Round in gorgeous, all-original condition (estimate: \$10,000-\$15,000).





The early American toy section features a Jerome Secor Banjo Player, a rare Ives Columbus egg toy in pristine to near-mint condition, and a Carpenter cast-iron Burning Building toy. A very nice collection of horse drawn toys has been consigned by ATCA member Larry Brethauer and includes pristine, rare, and very desirable examples from varied makers.





All forms of bidding will be available for the Nov. 12-13, 2020 Annual Fall Auction, including live via the Internet through [Bertoa Live](https://www.bertoia.com/live) or [LiveAuctioneers](https://www.liveauctioneers.com). Auction seating will be available by reservation only and in accordance with CDC safety guidelines. Previews start on November 2 by appointment only, with one person at a time allowed inside the gallery. For additional information on any item in the auction, to book a phone line, or to make a seating or preview reservation, call 856-692-1881 or email toys@bertoiaauctions.com. Online: www.bertoiaauctions.com.

