



*Three Antonio Jacobsen Ship Paintings, Andy Warhol's Desk & Penguin Vase*



## Nye & Company Sale Focus Is On Twentieth Century Decorative Arts

BLOOMFIELD, N.J. — The current auction at Nye & Co. consists primarily of Twentieth Century decorative arts, comprising large amounts of Art Nouveau, Art Deco and Modern furniture, lighting and tabletop articles. The collection was formerly located in Florida. Of the 600-plus lots, the Twentieth Century works comprise the bulk of the auction with conservative estimates and reserves.

The sale is currently posted to and open for bidding on [www.liveauctioneers.com](http://www.liveauctioneers.com) until July 7. Nye & Co. will be closed for its annual July 4 hiatus the week of the June 29 but will reopen for the exhibition and for public viewing until the auction closes. Specific dates are posted to [www.nyeandcompany.com](http://www.nyeandcompany.com). Those wishing to see the

items in person can visit the galleries July 5–8 (noon to 4 pm). The public is welcome and encouraged to attend the exhibition. Condition reports and additional photographs are available to people unable to make it to Bloomfield.

Andy Warhol's personal desk is included in the auction from a Hoboken, N.J., collector. The desk was a gift to him from fashion designer Halston and is accompanied by paperwork from Stuart Parr Gallery attesting to the provenance. Another piece from the Warhol estate is an Orrefors free-blown blue glass figure of a penguin. It was part of Sotheby's Warhol auction in 1988 and is accompanied by the Warhol catalog from that auction.

Paintings by Antonio Jacobsen provide an opportunity to

see how his ships portraits progressed over a 30-year period. The earliest of the group, 1889, shows a ship in distress in stormy seas. The most detailed ship portrait is from 1912. Finally, the sailing steamer *Sandy Hook* is dated 1917 in the lower right.

A New Jersey widow consigned numerous bronzes, primarily of animals but also including figures, inkwells and skulls. She described her husband as an incurable collector. "He couldn't leave the house and not come home with something," she said. "I was just glad that I tended to like what he brought home." The Tiffany desk garniture and bronze inkwells were some of his favorite items.

There are numerous examples of chic lighting, including bronze chandeliers and exotic



table lamps. Several pairs of club chairs, bedroom suites and wall cabinets are set off by the unusual single item, such as a hall tree, center table or children's furniture.

Traditional forms can be found in the auction, too. Biedermeier commodes and cheval glasses, pier mirrors, side chairs, desks and center tables are some of the Nineteenth Century European fur-

niture. There are some English items, but the American pieces may be the most interesting. For example, there is a near pair of Pembroke tables, a pair of Federal games tables and an unusual Federal inlaid lady's writing desk.

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