

Skinner Announces Strong Results for September Fine Jewelry Auction

BOSTON, MA – September 17, 2014 – [Skinner, Inc.](#) achieved strong results for its Fine Jewelry auction on September 9th, grossing a total of \$2.48 million. Highlights included rare Arts & Crafts pieces and signed jewelry by [Cartier](#), [Van Cleef & Arpels](#) and [Tiffany & Co.](#),

Victoria Bratberg, Director of Fine Jewelry at Skinner observed, “We were pleased to see such a high level of excitement and competitive bidding. The results prove once again that really outstanding pieces of jewelry are always in demand.”

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Benefit Auction for Campaign for Catholic Schools

A private New England collection on the block to benefit [Campaign for Catholic Schools](#) brought in over \$400,000 for the organization. **Arts & Crafts** jewelry from the collection proved to be desirable as [three rare pieces of Arts & Crafts Tiffany jewelry](#) inspired heated bidding. A standout from this trio - a stunning [18kt gold, tourmaline, and sapphire necklace](#) – sold for \$54,120.

Mary Myers, Vice President of Development for Campaign for Catholic Schools stated, “We are tremendously grateful to the wonderful couple who donated their beautiful jewelry to help urban children receive a quality Catholic education. Thanks to them, and the people who supported the auction, funds will go toward school improvements, new academics, scholarships and teacher support. We're appreciative of all the people at Skinner, especially Gloria Lieberman, for their role in making the auction a huge success. It's a great day for Catholic Schools.”

Frank Gardner Hale Collection

Further demonstrating excitement for fine Arts & Crafts pieces, the auction achieved excellent results for a superb collection [from the descendants of Frank Gardner Hale](#), one of the most influential figures in the American Arts & Crafts movement. The collection contained 33 lots of rare plaques, panels, jewelry and more. An important [archive](#), encompassing Hale's designs, photographs, notes and models of his works featured among the auction's top-selling lots, fetching \$34,440 and smashing its pre-sale estimate by thousands.

Bratberg observed, “We saw spirited bidding not only for the individual pieces, many of which are extremely rare, but for the archive material as well – a testament to degree of interest in Hale and his work.”

Additional Highlights

More than tripling its high estimate, an [Art Deco Tiffany & Co. Kashmir sapphire ring](#), set with a cushion-cut sapphire, mounted in platinum and gold, sold for \$116,850, emerging as the auction's top lot. Also drawing excitement from bidders was a rare, early [.830 silver and labradorite necklace by Georg Jensen](#), which brought \$20,910.

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About Skinner

Skinner auctions draw international interest from buyers and consignors alike, with material regularly achieving record prices. The company's auction and appraisal services focus on fine art, jewelry, furniture, and decorative arts from around the globe, as well as wine, fine musical instruments, rare books, clocks, Judaica, and more. Monthly Skinner Discovery auctions feature a breadth of estate material. Widely regarded as one of the most trusted names in the business, Skinner appraisers have appeared on the PBS-TV series, *Antiques Roadshow*, since the show's inception. Skinner has galleries in Boston and Marlborough, Massachusetts, as well as in Coral Gables, Florida, with an international audience of bidders participating in person, by phone, and online through the SkinnerLive! online bidding platform. For more information and to read our blog, visit the website at www.skinnerinc.com, find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/skinnerauctions>, or follow us on Twitter @SkinnerInc.

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