



## **Lang's Spring Auctions Set Another Highest Grossing Tackle Auction Record - Topping \$1,181,000.00**

Once Again, High Quality & Rare Items Soar at Lang's April 21 & 22, 2006 Auction in Boxborough, Mass.  
Solid Affirmation of a Dependable & Strong Collectible Tackle Market

**(April, 2006)** The highlight of the Spring Auction was shared by several important collections, each with items that far exceeded expectations: With a very strong showing and multiple far above estimate surprises, The Ongert South Bend Collection had a substantial positive impact on this record auction. Also bringing strong prices that will have a lasting positive influence on tackle collecting in this category was the Linton/Patterson Heddon Flyrod Bait Collection. For the first time, flyrod size lures set major records. Not only was the top auction lot in this category, but the tiny baits were pursued aggressively by many new and established bidders alike. Adding to these were two diverse collections with substantial numbers of rare and desirable lures: The James Abel Collection and the Dr. Jerry Wible Collection. The Sam Husselman Heddon Lure Collection was well received by record numbers of online bidders vying for plastic Heddon lures. With all lots, condition and rarity were certainly the keys to soaring prices as the top lures in multiple categories set records. Exceptional Reels, Rods, Fish Decoys, a collection of Early Sporting, Bobbers, Creels, Flies, Original Art & Company Advertising all added to the record setting final results.

**Lures:** The Top Auction Lot: A Rare Twelve Pack Dealer Box of tiny Trout Oreno Lures realized \$19,250.00. Followed closely by two extraordinary Shakespeare lures in boxes: A Shakespeare A notch prop Wooden Minnow in its picture box, which realized; \$18,700.00 and a very rare Shakespeare Musky Minnow in a Wood Box \$15,950.00. Other notable lure prices include; Musky Charmer Minnow (\$13,310.00), South Bend Truck Oreno in Frog in Box (\$11,000.00), Heddon High Forehead 150 Underwater Minnow (\$9,735.00), 1904 Heddon Underwater Minnow in Wood Box with papers (\$8,360.00), South Bend Truck Oreno in Box (\$7,080.00), Heddon 700 Musky Minnow (\$9,020.00), Shakespeare Musky Trolling Minnow (\$7,080.00), Miller's Reversible Minnow in Picture Box (\$6,195.00), Musky Welch & Graves Minnow Tube (\$4,510.00), South Bend Fly Oreno 12 Pack Lure Box (\$5,500.00), South Bend Truck Oreno in Box (\$6,160.00), South Bend Minnow in Maroon Box (\$7,480.00), Samuel Friend River Lure (\$4,840.00), Heddon Black Sucker Musky Minnow in Box (\$3,186.00), Heddon Musky Crazy Crawler (\$3,190.00), Heddon Musky Vamp (\$2,970.00), South Bend Factory Lure Display (\$4,510.00), Bowersox Wooden Minnow (\$3,300.00), Heddon Killer in Intro Box (\$2,950.00), Charmer Minnow in Box with Papers (\$2,860.00), South Bend Prototype Truck Oreno (\$3,300.00), Heddon 300 Surface Minnow (\$3,520.00), Pepper Baby Roamer in Picture Box (\$1,416.00), Miller's Reversible Minnow (\$2,950.00), Creek Chub Wigglefish in Frog (\$2,805.00), Pepper Roman Crown Minnow (\$2,090.00), Ideal Wood Minnow (\$2,200.00), Heddon Swimming Minnow (\$1,298.00), Heddon 101 Underwater Minnow in Wood Box (\$1,760.00), Pepper Musky Roman Spider (\$1,017.50), South Bend Oreno Teaser (\$1,430.00), Louis Rhead Frog (\$1,347.50), Pepper Minnow in VIM Picture Box (\$1,062.00), Water Witch Lake George Floater (\$1,650.00), Pepper Roman Diving Bait (\$1,416.00), Heddon Blue Scale Vamp (\$1,534.00), CB Dummy Double in Box (\$3,080.00), Shakespeare Musky Revolution (\$1,155.00), Pepper Roman Spider (\$1,375.00), Creek Chub Chautauqua (\$1,485.00), Heddon 01 Minnow in White Box (\$2,640.00), Ackerman Underwater Minnow (\$2,090.00), Creek Chub Baby Sucker (\$1,760.00), Moonlight 5 hook Pikaroon (\$1,375.00), Creek Chub Wee Dee (\$1,412.50), Welch & Graves Minnow Tube in Wood Box (\$2,310.00), Moonlight Single Hook Pikaroon (\$1,595.00), Pflueger Fancy Metal Spoon (\$1,375.00), Heddon Underwater Expert (\$1,770.00), K&K Minnoette in Box (\$1,534.00), Heddon Slate Dummy Double in Box (\$2,750.00), Pepper Revolving Minnow Wood Box (\$1,416.00), Creek Chub Injured Minnow (\$1,158.25), Donaly Jersey Wow in Box (\$1,210.00), Shakespeare Weedless Casting Frog (\$1,100.00), South Bend Fish Oreno Dealer Display Box (\$2,825.00), Howe's Vacuum Bait Cardboard Box (\$2,200.00), Pflueger Surprise

Minnow in Maroon Box (\$1,770.00), SB Christmas 6 Pack Lure Box (\$1,815.00), SB Zane Grey Teaser (\$1,485.00), SB Pike Oreno in Box (\$1,320.00), Bates Serpentine (\$1,062.00), Bite-Em-Bait in Box (\$1,130.00), etc., etc.

\*\*\* Many Auction Price Records for lures were set at this auction, but a new category joined the ranks of five figure lures – **Flyrod Baits**. This category was dominated by Heddon, but there were a few South Bend records as well: South Bend Trout Oreno 12 Pack Lure Box (\$19,250.00), Heddon Wilder Dilg 12 Pack Lure Box (\$8,250.00), Heddon Flyrod River Runtie (\$7,910.00), South Bend Fly Oreno 12 Pack Lure Box (\$5,500.00), Heddon Flyrod Crazy Crawler (\$2,860.00), Heddon Flyrod Vamp (\$2,530.00), Heddon Flyrod Runtie Spook (\$3,277.00), Heddon Flyrod Float Hi (\$1,650.00), Trout Size Heddon Flyrod Float Hi (\$1,045.00), Creek Chub Flyrod Plunker Bass Bugs (\$1,100.00), etc.

**Reels:** Philbrook & Paine Trout Reel realized \$9,020.00. Two very rare and beautiful Holzmann Pearl Side Casting Reels sold for \$6,490.00 each. Other reels include; a Leonard Bi-Metal Trout Reel (\$4,070.00), Hardy Perfect Trout Reel (\$2,090.00), Several Zwarg Salmon Reels all reaching \$1,760.00 - \$1,870.00, a matching pair of Seamaster Mark III & Mark II; \$1,485.00 & \$1,402.00, Funk of Wytheville "Virginia" Reel (\$1,045.00), Mills & Son Fairy Trout Reel (\$1,045.00), E. Vom Hofe Restigouche (\$1,595.00), Fin Nor 6/0 (\$1,003.00), Karr Brass Ball Handle (1,469.00), etc.

**Rods:** Dickerson (\$3,186.00), Payne Spinning Rod (\$1,760.00), Leonard Model 40L Trout Rod (\$1,650.00), Leonard Fairy Catskill 8' (\$1,155.00), Gary Lacy Royal Series Trout Rod (1,652.00), Winston 8' Trout Rod (\$1,760.00) Landman Antique Rod (935.00), Leonard Duracane (\$907.50), etc.

**Fish Decoys:** Top 3: South Bend Decoy in Box (6,490.00) Creek Chub Decoy in Box (\$3,630.00), and Heddon Decoy in Box (\$2,860.00). While most of the scarcest hand carved and painted fish had use wear, they still realized strong prices: Bruning Rainbow Trout (\$2,200.00), Bruning Copper Fish (\$1,180.00), Trombley Perch (\$2,596.00), Mizra (\$1,980.00), Howell (\$962.50), Peterson Walleye (1,180.00), Stewart Turtle (\$678.00), etc.

**Sporting:** A unusual collection of desirable Early Sporting was lead by a Jockey on Horse Bronze \$6,655.00, followed by a Regatta Racing Signal Cannon \$3,630.00, and a great pair of Early Rowing Trophies made from the bow & stern of the racing scull boat in 1927, they realized \$962.50. Lots with Ed Bradden items did well; Bait Casting Medals (\$1,130.00), Ribbons & Photos Group (\$1,100.00) Casting Medals & Pins (\$632.50), etc.

**Art, Advertising & Misc.:** The top art lot was a small but important original pen & ink by Lynn Bogue Hunt of Dolphins which realized \$7,040.00, followed closely by a wonderful Trade Sign painted in oil by Lotti Tuttle for the Tuttle Devil Bug Co. in 1919 realizing \$6,930.00. The popularity of items from this little Old Forge, New York company follows a multi-auction trend of increasing prices. South Bend Advertising realized strong prices; an early Tri-Fold Store Display Sign (\$3,960.00), 1927 Color Lure Display Sign (\$2,750.00), 1920's South Bend Bass Oreno Store Display Sign (\$2,200.00), Oil Painting of South Bend's Founder Ivar Henning's (\$1,121.00), South Bend Company Archive Ledger (2,124.00), Malloch's Fly Reservoir (\$2,006.00), Wing Tip Creel (\$3,955.00), 48" Display Canoe (\$1,980.00), Carved Ivory Horse Head Cane (\$1,888.00), Antique Marine Chronometer (\$2,242.00), Early Nautical Compass (\$1,017.00), 1918 Horton Bristol Goodwin Calendar (\$1,650.00), 1909 Shakespeare Catalog (\$1,770.00), 1885 Orvis Catalog (\$1,888.00), etc.

**\* April 20, 2006 was Lang's Highest Grossing Discovery Auction on record as well, realizing \$95,176.39**  
**\* Prices reflect either a 10% buyer's premium or 18% eBay buyer's premium.**