



Lang's Fall 2007 Auction Nears \$2.8 Million World Price Records reached in multiple categories. A record total for the 5th consecutive auction

(November, 2007) Extremely Strong Prices realized for Derrydale & Angling Books, American Tackle and Zane Grey owned items at Lang's Auction held in Boxborough, Mass. on Nov. 1, 2 & 3, 2007

It will come as no surprise to most that the Derrydale Press book collection of John Moores, formally the renowned Don Frasier collection, set records, but the heights to which dozens of books climbed at Lang's Fall Sale set individual book price records which should hold for decades. It is clear that book values at the top levels of rarity and condition have never been stronger. A large offering of personally owned Zane Grey lots made an impact for the second auction in a row, with prices showing no signs of abating, setting five figure records for the rarest items. ZG items have never been more celebrated, nor enjoyed such elevated auction prices. This auction brought a great deal of public attention to Zane Grey as an important collectible category in its own right, as the number of absentee and online participants, and Internet watchers, were extremely high and above all expectations. As has been the case for several years in every category and at every price level, the strongest prices were paid for examples in outstanding condition. While rarity and provenance are certainly of major consequence for the highest value items, condition remains the most important factor across the board, especially in the moderate value items. Original Art, Creels, Fish Decoys, Minnow Buckets, and Presidential & Celebrity owned items all added to the record breaking total.

Books: In what most thought was a soft market, Derrydale Press books, and rare books in general, showed they were indeed still an extremely important category fully capable of setting record auction prices. The combination of rarity, quality, condition and the most widely known collection proved a powerful combination for many elite Derrydale Press books. As expected, the top book lot was Preston Jennings Derrydale Deluxe A Book of Trout Flies, which shattered several price records in multiple book categories, realizing \$89,600.00. As if not to be outdone, this milestone price was followed closely by many others: Angler's Club of New York, including 4 membership booklets (\$67,200.00), Charles Phair Deluxe Atlantic Salmon Fishing (\$50,400.00), Eugene V. Connett III Magic Hours (\$43,680.00), William Woodward Gallant Fox, A Memoir (\$67,200.00), Eugene V. Connett III American Big Game Fishing (\$24,640.00), Bigelow A Bigelow Background (\$19,040.00), Paul Brown? Grasslands International Steeplechase (20,160.00), Lynn Bogue Hunt Deluxe An Artist's Game Bag (\$22,400.00), Roland Clark Deluxe Gunner's Dawn (\$16,800.00), Roland Clark Deluxe Roland Clark's Etchings (\$12,800.00), Eugene V. Connett III Deluxe Upland Game Birds (\$11,200.00), William Robinson Brown Deluxe Horse of the Desert (\$10,080.00), Gerald Heywood Charles Cotton and His River (11,200.00), H.B.C. Pollard & Phyllis Barclay Smith Deluxe British and American Game Birds (\$36,400.00), Mark Twain 1601 A Fireside Conversation (\$22,400.00), etc. Even the normally low to moderate value Derrydale books saw strong prices in this sale: Philip H. Babcock Falling Leaves: Tales from a Gun Room (\$1,456.00), William Beach In the Shadow of Mount McKinley (\$2,464.00), Boone & Crockett Club Hunting Trails on Three Continents (2,240.00), Cabot L. Briggs Bullterriers, The Biography of the Breed (\$1,456.00), Nash Buckingham De Shootinest Gent'man: and Other Tales (\$1,232.00), Harry D. Chamberlin Training Hunters, Jumpers and Hacks (\$1,344.00), Roland Clark Stray Shots (\$1,792.00), Roland Clark Roland Clark's Etchings (\$3,472.00), Unknown Author The Fox's Prophecy (\$2,128.00), Jean Dwight Franklin Why (\$2,352.00), George Gibbs The Gibbs Family of Rhode Island: And Some Related Families (\$1,792.00), Frank Gray Griswold El Greco (\$2,240.00), William Hale Harkness Ho Hum, The Fisherman (\$6,720.00), Clarence B. Kelland Not Their Breed and The Forgotten Man (\$3,080.00), Clara C. Lenroot Will You Walk into My Garden (\$1,064.00), Howard Lee McBain The Living Constitution (\$2,240.00), Henry B. McCormick In Memoriam, Mary Boyd McCormick (\$2,520.00), William Milnor Memoirs of the Gloucester Foxhunting Club (\$1,792.00), Rodman L. Page, Jr. War Without Fighting (\$2,800.00), Roland Palmedo, editor Skiing: The International Sport (\$8,960.00), H.G. Pickering Angling of the Test (\$1,568.00), Book A,B & C Records of the Town of Brookhaven (\$2,464.00), Stanley J. Reeve Foxhunting Formalities (\$8,400.00), Reginald W. Rives Deluxe The Coaching Club: Its History, Records and Activities (\$5,600.00), Jerome V.C.

Smith Deluxe Trout & Angling (\$5,040.00), Mary Riley Smith Poems (\$3,024.00), Joseph B. Thomas How to Ride to Hounds (\$1,232.00), Joseph B. Thomas A List of Mr. Thomas's Fox Hounds (\$8,960.00), May C. Wallner Pydie Poems (\$2,464.00), Hugh D. Wisem Col. Tigers of the Sea (\$1,232.00), etc., etc. Other books also did very well including: Paul Schmookler The Salmon Flies of Major John Popkin Traherne (\$4,480.00), Lee Wulff The Atlantic Salmon (\$1,680.00), Norman Maclean A River Runs Through It (1,344.00), Austin M. Francis Sparse Grey Hackle: His Life, His Stories, and His Angling Memories (\$1,456.00), etc., etc.

Reels: Reels were spread throughout the two day sale, with the widest price range and largest number of makers Lang's has seen yet. The star of the reel category was, without a doubt, the Billinghurst Reel in the Only Known Picture Box, soaring to \$40,320.00. The category of early side mount reels is one of the most specialized and rarest of all American reels, only hailing from New York State and made by a handful of makers for a very short time. Fly reels of rarity, quality and condition again, as in many past auctions, enjoyed strong prices: Hewitt (\$16,800.00), Hardy Zane Grey (\$11,480.00), Philbrook & Paine (\$10,080.00), Malleson Multiplying (\$7,280.00), Talbot Ben Hur (\$8,960.00), Unmarked Mother of Pearl Trout Reel (\$7,280.00), Fowler (\$10,640.00), 2nd version Meek #44 (\$10,640.00), Fin-Nor Wedding Cake #4 (\$10,080.00), Kovalovsky 14/0 (\$9,520.00), Clinton (\$7,280.00), Bogdan Anniv Set (\$6,160.00), Lever's Casting Reel (\$5,040.00), Wisner (\$3,640.00), Meek & Milam No. 5 (\$5,980.00), Meek & Milam No. 4 (\$5,488.00), Ustonson (\$4,200.00), Hardy Perfect (\$3,900.00), Fin-Nor Wedding Cake #3 (\$5,824.00), Garcia Mitchell Salesman's Case (\$5,824.00), Walker Model 100 (\$3,000.00), Vom Hofe 1/0 Tobique (\$4,800.00), Vom Hofe Peerless 355 (\$4,200.00), Leonard Bi-Metal (\$5,152.00), Coates 2 Speed (\$4,760.00), Hardy Perfect (\$3,900.00), Bogdan #50 (\$3,000.00), Bogdan Steelhead Model (\$2,400.00), Bogdan #1 (2,280.00), Guy-Ra-Tory Reel (\$2,240.00), Orvis in Walnut Case (\$1,792.00), Vom Hofe 2/0 Tobique 504 (\$2,520.00), etc.

Lures: Dr. Shelton's collection of Expert Minnows started off with what was to be the top lure related lot for Friday's sale: the Clark's Expert Minnow Store Display Box, which sold for: \$7,840.00. The key to company made lures realizing strong prices in today's market was definitely color. In almost every instance, rare colors brought substantially higher prices than estimates. While this auction was not as lure heavy as the past few, there were a good number of exceptional lures, led by a Musky Haskell Minnow, which sold within estimate at \$32,250.00. Smith Minnow (\$11,200.00), Hosmer Frog (\$13,437.50), Wood's Ultra Casting Minnow (\$5,100.00), Miller's Reversible (\$2,400.00), Schoonie's Skooter (\$1,265.00), Pop Dean Frog (\$1,680.00), Clark 5hk Expert (\$2,160.00), Chippewa (\$1,344.00), Wood's Musky Expert (\$1,440.00), Holzworth Minnow (\$1,920.00), South Bend Truck Oreno (\$3,360.00), Wood's 5hk Expert (\$1,680.00) Shaffer-Holzworth Expert (\$4,140.00), Keeling Baby (\$1,020.00), North Channel (\$2,520.00), K&K (\$2,280.00), etc.

Rods: The rod category realized above high estimate for the first time in several years. The top rod lot was the Norris Antique Rod at \$17,920.00, followed by several other rare antique rods and exceptional modern rods: Conroy & Co. (\$9,240.00), Thomas Mack (\$8,960.00), Ustonson (\$4,760.00), Murphy (\$3,575.00), Garrison 7' (\$7,280.00), Dickerson 7' (\$7,475.00), Gillum 7' (\$6,900.00), Carlson 6 1/2' Quad (\$6,300.00), Carlson Thomas 7 1/2' (\$6,440.00), Hawes 6' 9" (\$6,160.00), Halstead 6' (\$4,800.00), Brandin 8' (\$5,600.00), Young 6' 3" (\$5,400.00), Leonard 8' #50 (\$2,400.00), Thomas & Thomas Midge (\$2,760.00), Carpenter 7' (\$4,125.00), Young 8' (\$5,600.00), Carmichael 7' (\$5,225.00), Garrison 8' 206 (\$5,040.00), Payne 8' (\$2,128.00), Leonard Hunt 7 1/2' (\$2,800.00), Aroner 6 1/2' (\$2,800.00), Powell 8 1/2' (\$1,904.00), Leonard Catskill (\$1,904.00), Howells 7' (\$3,240.00), Carlson 6 1/2' (\$5,600.00), Dickerson 8' (\$5,600.00), Payne 8' (\$2,800.00), Gillum 8' (\$5,208.00), Leonard Hunt 7 1/2' (\$3,640.00), Payne 7' #98 (\$3,920.00), Leonard 7' 38H (\$2,185.00), Bradford 7 1/2' (\$2,400.00), Payne 7 1/2' A&F (\$3,360.00), Brandin Hollowbuilt 8' (\$4,480.00), Nevros 7 1/2' (\$1,232.00), etc.

Zane Grey: Unusual "signature" pieces with provenance in this category realized exceptional prices. The most exciting of these being Zane Grey's Fighting Chair and Flags flown from his famous ships. His fighting chair brought a strong price of \$24,640.00. And causing the most active pre-auction response for this category, Grey's 11' Broadbill Flag, which realized \$24,640.00, followed closely by his initial ZG Pennant (\$21,450.00), and a small Shark Flag (\$8,960.00). Other Zane Grey items found similar success: A pair of his Leather Pants (\$9,625.00), Fishing Harness (\$4,480.00), 3 Spool Line Drier (\$8,400.00), Zane's Tackle Box (\$4,800.00), Grey owned Vom Hofe Gaff (\$2,240.00), Scale (\$2,520.00), South Bend Teaser Lure (\$8,400.00), Wading Boots (\$1,650.00), Photo of Capt. Mitchell (\$2,800.00), Record Broadbill Photo (\$2,912.00), Hand Colored Broadbill Photo (\$3,472.00), Kovalovsky Reel Photo (\$3,640.00), Pflueger Adv. Poster (\$2,800.00), Grey Biography (\$1,792.00), Tales of Lonely Trails Deluxe Edition (\$2,400.00), Tales of Virgin Seas 1st Edition (\$4,368.00), 1931 Book of Camps and Trails (\$3,024.00), Romer Grey The Fisherman Under the Southern Cross (\$3,640.00), 1926 Tales of the Angler's Eldorado: New Zealand (\$2,576.00), etc. Art from Grey's Altadena home also brought strong prices: Cooyama Oil on Canvas (\$3,920.00), Painting of Mildred Smith (\$3,248.00), Macdonald Watercolor (\$3,696.00), Frank Stick Oil on Board (\$3,360.00), Lillian Wilhelm Smith Oil on Board (\$2,240.00), Macdonald Marlin Watercolor (\$1,344.00), etc., etc.

Misc: Many categories had exceptional items that brought strong prices: Hardy Fly Chest (\$10,920.00), Quill Gordon Fly (\$7,975.00), Original Watercolor by Fuller (\$4,200.00), Original Fly Art by Burke (\$4,675.00), Cleveland Creel Inkwell (\$2,800.00), FDR Ship's Log (\$1,064.00), USS Potomac Yacht Flag (\$1,900.00), Lee Wulff's Net (\$1,080.00), Pflueger

Store Display Case (\$5,400.00), Kingfisher Poster (\$6,725.00), Bristol Poster (\$3,080.00), Kemp Oil Painting (\$11,50.00), Louis Rhead Oil Painting (\$4,500.00), etc.

*The November 2007 Discovery Auction again set a new total record, realizing \$144,039.00

* all prices reflect the appropriate buyer's premium