

## **CARLTON WARE NEWSLETTER #48**

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During September, some lovely items were sold on eBay, the most outstanding and expensive being this 8" vase, shape **457**, in the blue/green **DEVIL** pattern, number **3765**, designed by **Violet Elmer**. The item was listed by a seller in New Zealand and received 13 bids and sold for US\$5,651 (£3,517). This pattern rarely comes up for sale on eBay and it was not surprising that it fetched this price.



A few day's earlier, this beautiful tea caddy was sold. It was listed as a "cracker box" but the biscuit barrel in this series is round, rather than oblong, and is an over all larger item. The pattern is the cream colourway of **BELL**, number **3774**, again designed by **Violet Elmer**. This is an unusual piece and the pattern is well suited for this shape. It

was listed by a seller in the U.K., "Oscarpops", who regularly lists some lovely pieces. The tea caddy attracted a lot of attention and received 20 bids, selling for £1,073.



Earlier in the month, the same seller listed this 10" vase, shape **326**, in the **CHINALAND** pattern designed by **Enoch Boulton**. The vase was in the **ORANGE LUSTRE** colourway, pattern number **2948**. This pattern is always sought after and received 15 bids; however, the selling price of £630 is low for a large vase in this pattern and, from the description, there did not appear to be any condition problems.

Another rarely seen pattern is **EDEN** and this lovely vase, shape number **1695**, was listed by an Australian seller. It measured 5" and was in the **RUBY LUSTRE** colourway, number **4241**. Again, there was a lot of competition for this piece and it received 20 bids, selling for AUS\$685 (£370).



“Oscarpops” listed another rare item with this beautiful **Violet Elmer** designed **NIGHTINGALE** pedestal **REVO** bowl in the **POWDER BLUE** colourway, pattern number **3598**.



This is an impressive piece, decorated both on the interior and exterior and measuring 13” including the handles. There were 11 bids for the bowl and it sold for £300.



Another item from the same seller was this 8” jug, shape **789**, in the **JAZZ STITCH** pattern, number **3655**. The busy pattern is well displayed on this large bulbous shaped jug. Bidding was again brisk with the jug receiving 14 bids and selling for £240.

This beautiful 12½” charger in the **Moonlight Cameo** pattern, number **2946** was listed by a seller from the Midlands. This is a very popular pattern but there was not a lot of bidding, with it only receiving 7 bids and selling for £206; a good buy for the lucky winner!



For a contrast in size, this cabinet piece was listed by a seller in the south of England. The **MELON** shape demitasse in the **Egyptian Fan** pattern, designed by **Violet Elmer**, was in the **RUBY LUSTRE** colourway, pattern number **3695**. It was listed as a “But It Now” item for £189 and was bought for that price. What a jewel of a piece? Imagine how fantastic the complete coffee set would look!



Later in the month, a 12" fan dish was sold by a seller in the northeast of England in the **Secretary Bird** pattern, another of the wonderful patterns designed by **Violet Elmer**. This always popular pattern, number **4018**, is on the **RUBY LUSTRE** colourway and is particularly well displayed on this art deco dish, shape number **1286**. There were 11 bids for this piece and it sold for US\$400 (£250).

A ginger jar in the popular **TUT** pattern, designed by **Enoch Boulton**, was listed by a south coast seller. The 7½" jar was in the **POWDER BLUE** and Gilt colourway, number **2710** and was fought over by 12 bidders placing 17 bids. It sold for £399.



An American seller from Arizona listed this 6½" **CHINESE BIRD & CLOUD** vase, shape number **139**. Pattern number **3275** is in a matt orange ground. There were 10 bids on the vase and it sold for US\$337 (£210).



Finally, at the end of the month this unusual shape jug in the **CHINESE DRAGON** pattern on a dark blue ground, number **3656**, was sold by a vendor from the West Country. The 7" art deco jug is shape number **493** and attracted 14 bids and sold for £359.

On September 26, **Fieldings Auctioneers Ltd.**, of Stourbridge, in the Midlands, auctioned off 61 lots from the collection of **Dr. Czes & Yvonne Kosniowski**. We would like to thank **Dave Forgan**, who attended the sale, for his report on the auction. **Dave** noted that he saw a few other collectors that he recognized in the room. Several lots went to commission bidders who were not in the room. Here are some of the highlights from the sale:



- Lot 366: 20cm (8") lustre blue **KINGFISHER** ginger jar, pattern **2858**, shape **125** - £200
- Lot 350: 26cm (10") matt brown **SKETCHING BIRD** ovoid vase, pattern **3890**, shape **443** - £500
- Lot 353: 20cm (8") gloss cream **SKETCHING BIRD** ginger jar, pattern **3891**, shape **125** - £600
- Lot 371: pair of 27cm (10½") lustre blue **CHINESE TEA GARDEN** vases, pattern **2950**, shape **167** - £700



- Lot 356: pair of 24cm (9½") flow blue & gilt **CHRYSANTHEMUM** vases, pattern **1635** - £270
- Lot 359: 20cm (8") matt green **GARDEN** vase, pattern **3390**, shape **406** - £240
- Lot 380: pair of 22cm (8½") gloss blue **KANG HSI** vases - £380



- Lot 364: yellow & black **Diamond VELOX** bowl, pattern **3678**, sold for £600
- Lot 396: **RUBY LUSTRE Heron & Magical Tree RITA** shaped coffee set, pattern **4159**, sold for £1,400

**Czes & Yvonne** reported that the auction house received several enquiries from prospective buyers requesting condition reports. However, some of these were not received by **Fieldings** until the last two days before the sale, leaving no time for a response. Consequently they probably refrained attending the sale, which would have been a disappointment to both buyer and seller. Part 2 of this sale will be held in January 2010 and we would recommend any interested party to enquire early regarding condition reports.



More recently, on October 14, the **Woolley & Wallis** Salesrooms in Salisbury, Wiltshire held a 20<sup>th</sup> Century Design sale that included some very nice pieces of Carlton Ware.

Lot 876 was a stunning 32cm (12½”) charger in the **Violet Elmer** designed **ANEMONE** pattern, number **3694**, on an **ORANGE LUSTRE** ground. This outstanding art deco pattern is beautifully displayed on this flat surface and sold for the hammer price of £600.

Lot 877 was a 20cm (8”) bowl in the **Enoch Boulton** designed **JAZZ** pattern, number **3352**, on a **RUBY LUSTRE** ground. Another sought after art deco pattern, this piece sold for the hammer price of £480.



Lot 880 was a very pretty 20.5cm (8”) ginger jar, shape number **125**, in the popular **Bluebells** pattern, another **Violet Elmer** design. This piece was in a lovely matt pale blue ground, pattern number **3875**, and sold for £340.



Finally, Lot 881 featured a rectangular footed fruit bowl, a wine cooler, a trumpet vase and another vase, all in the **NEW MIKADO** pattern, number **2728** that sold for £260.



Here is an update on an item from Newsletter 41, when we reported that **Mary in Ontario**, had written to us requesting information about a pair of temple jars, pictured left, which had originally belonged to her great-grandparents in the 1920s. The 14" jars, shape **153**, in the **PARADISE BIRD & TREE with CLOUD**, pattern number **3143** on **RUBY LUSTRE**, now belong to Mary's sister. Along with this pair, her great-grandparents had also owned a bowl and a pair of candlesticks in the same pattern and colourway; these are now owned by Mary's aunt. It was Mary's hope that she could find some similar pieces in the same pattern and colourway for herself.

We are pleased to report that in August, Mary was the lucky winner on eBay of the pair of temple jars, pictured right, along with the lovely rectangular footed fruit bowl. The temple jars, shape **129**, measure 13" high; not quite as high as the pair above. However, the 3 items make a lovely garniture and Mary is very happy to have found these pieces of Carlton Ware for display in her home.



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