2011 NCC Benefit Auction Consignment Procedures

Let's get excited! Once again it is time to submit to the Auction Committee your list of Cambridge Glass to be considered for inclusion in the annual NCC Benefit Auction. The auction will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2011. The *lists only* (no glass) will be accepted from now until the end of September. The lists should be emailed to Jack Thompson (jack1746@roadrunner.com). Please indicate "NCC Auction" on the subject line and include a mailing address and phone number. Lists can also be mailed to Attn: NCC Auction Committee, P.O. Box 416, Cambridge, Ohio 43725. Please include your phone number. Either way, all lists must be received by the Auction Committee on or before September 30, 2010. The committee would like to communicate by email as much as possible to save time and postage, so if you have email, please utilize it with us.

There is no limit to the number of items that can be considered for the auction, but normally the maximum accepted from any one consignor is 20 to 25. We also implore the consignors to inspect their glass carefully for damage, and to only submit quality glass. Please let us know on your list what issues each piece has. This is a benefit auction for your favorite club, and we want to realize as much profit as possible. NCC retains 20% of the purchase price, the consignor receives 80%. This auction does not allow for reserves or minimum prices. Donations are welcome and the entire purchase price of those items goes directly to NCC. Some lower-value donated pieces may be sold in the museum's gift shop, rather than be included in the auction, if the committee feels that will yield a better price. Consignors will be mailed a check for their items as well as a final tally of their consignments within a few weeks of the auction.

In the event that we accept an item based on the consignment list, and it is determined not to be Cambridge Glass, we will hold it for pickup by the consignor, arrange for return, or (in a few cases) offer it for sale through the museum's gift shop.

After the committee reviews all lists, we will notify each consignor by mail (usually by mid-October) which pieces will be included in the auction. If you question why certain pieces are not chosen, it does not mean that they are undesirable, and we encourage you to submit them again another year. It can mean different things: we already have chosen a similar piece from another consignor, or we can only accept a certain number of pieces from each consignor to be fair to all. In any case, all glass accepted, whether shipped or brought in person, must be received in Cambridge by the November Quarterly Meeting on November 6th. The ship-to address is also provided along with the notification. For those consignors able to bring their glass with them while attending the November Quarterly Meeting, you save on shipping charges, avoid potential breakage in transit, and, best of all, you get to attend a great NCC function. The program this year is on the reopening period. Should be excellent!

The committee needs to adhere to all dates mentioned as we only have a few short weeks to properly inspect, identify, and have a completed auction catalog sent to the Crystal Ball Editor so that it can be included in the January issue. We would like to thank all consignors in advance for their timeliness in each step of these procedures.

We encourage you to consider consigning some good quality pieces of Cambridge Glass to this Benefit Auction. We can't wait to see what you have in store for us this year!

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