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## Norman C. Heckler Auction To Offer 'Opportunity' May 13-22

WOODSTOCK VALLEY, CONN. — An impressive selection of more than 200 antique bottles, flasks and more from several prominent collections will be offered in an absentee auction May 13-22 by Norman C. Heckler & Company. It is being billed as a May Opportunity Auction — digital online only with no printed catalog or call-backs.

Headlining the sale will be bottles from the collection of John April, a broad-based collector and fan of early bottles, and 42 pictorial and historical flasks from the collection of Mike Roberts, an expert on Washington-Taylor flasks and double eagle flasks.

Also offered will be rare antique bottles from the collections of Dr Paul S. Andreson, Ralph Finch, Gary Hatstat and Bernie Robert — all dedicated lifelong collectors. Bidding will officially begin on Monday, May 13, at 9 am and ends May 22, at 10 pm.

"This is shaping up as our most important opportunity auction to date," said Norman C. Heckler, owner of Norman C. Heckler & Company. "Offered will be early glass whiskeys, historical flasks, black glass, bitters, fruit jars, inks, medicines, hat whimsies and more. There really will be something for just about everybody and at price points for all levels of collector."

The Mike Roberts collection will feature a group of eight scroll flasks, all made circa 1845-1860 (probably by Louisville Glassworks, Ky.) and with estimates ranging from \$500 to \$4,000; and a half-dozen cornucopia-urn pictorial flasks, some dating to 1820-40 and a few made by Lancaster Glass Works (N.Y.). These are estimated to bring \$200/800 each.



**Masonic eagle historical flask, circa 1825-35, made by J. Shepard & Co., Zanesville, Ohio, (\$1/2,000).**

**National Bitters figural bottle in the form of an ear of corn, brilliant yellow, circa 1860-80.**

**Blown three mold decanter, circa 1820-40, probably by Keene Marlboro Street Glassworks (N.H.).**

Also from the Roberts collection is a group of three clasped hands/eagle historical flasks made in Midwest America circa 1855-70 (\$300/800 each) and four "Union" clasped hands/historical flasks, all made in Pittsburgh, Penn., in the mid-Nineteenth Century by numerous glass houses and overall quite rare (\$600-\$4,000 each).

A few other selections from the Mike Roberts collection include a summer

tree/winter tree pictorial flask, circa 1840-60, possibly by the Baltimore (Md.) Glass Works (\$1/2,000); a Masonic eagle flask, circa 1825-35 in Zanesville, Oh. (\$1/2,000); and a pattern molded flask with 24 vertical flask, circa 1800-40 (\$1/2,000).

The expected stars of the Ralph Finch collection are fancy and figural cologne bottles, to be offered in multiple lots. All are attributed to the Boston and Sandwich Glass Works

(Mass.), and were made in the mid-to-late Nineteenth Century (\$300-\$1,000 per lot).

The Andreson collection boasts numerous free-blown and pattern-molded glass hat whimsies, by possible makers hailing from the East Coast to the Midwest. A Pitkin Glass Works (Manchester, Conn.) whimsy, circa 1787-1830, features a cylindrical hat form and medium olive amber color (\$600-\$1,200).

Also from the Andreson collection: a blown three mold hat salt (Boston and Sandwich Glass Works, circa 1825-35), in a brilliant cobalt blue (\$500-\$1,000); and a rare and desirable blown three-mold toy hat (probably Boston and Sandwich Glass Works, circa 1830-48), cylindrical and colorless (\$400/800).

The top lots of the entire sale could come from the John April collection. Expected to do well are a National Bitters figural bottle in the form of an ear of corn, circa 1860-80, in a brilliant yellow color (\$2,5/5,000) and a Clark's Superior Record Ink (Boston) master ink bottle, made in New England around 1820-48 (\$2/4,000).

Other bottles from John April will include a blown three-mold decanter, probably made by Keene Marlboro Street Glassworks (N.H.), circa 1820-40 (\$2/4,000); an N. Wood (Portland, Maine) medicine bottle, probably made in Stoddard, N.H., circa 1840-60 (\$2/4,000); and a Newburgh Glass Co. (N.Y.) lettered flask, circa 1866-80 (\$1,5/3,000).

Preview will be April 22-May 21 at Norman C. Heckler & Company's gallery at 79 Bradford Corner Road. For more information, 860-974-1634 or [www.hecklerauction.com](http://www.hecklerauction.com).

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