

AUCTION THIRTY

Exceptional, Unusual, Important Coins, Tokens, Medals

A SALE WITH NO BUYER'S FEE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011

5:00 P.M. US Central Daylight Time for telephone bidding

9:00 P.M. US Central Daylight Time for faxes and emails

Welcome to our 30th auction. When we began writing auction catalogs in 1993 the technology was far more cumbersome. Typesetting was done at night in a printing plant that allowed Marnie to run the typesetter while I used the light tables and photo masks to prepare the Polaroid black and white pictures we had cut out individually and pasted down.

Our practices and goals in these sales have not changed. Our realistic estimates are on the low side of the market. We still do not charge a buyer's fee. We consistently reduce more than a third of the bids. If you want to discuss a lot, you will talk to one of the two of us who have put this sale together.

We seek out interesting coins in appealing condition, pieces you will enjoy owning. In addition to technical grade, we look at style and surfaces and color and historical context and whether we just plain "like it." The demand for high quality coins in the past three or four years has caused prices for better material to more than double in a short time. This does not mean that only those with deep pockets can collect. In this catalog you will find some very appealing coins, including some important rarities, estimated at accessible levels.

We have searched for interesting, worthwhile and rare pieces to offer here. Some exceptional pieces for you to look at include: the three hammered gold pieces that begin the sale; the early transitional Athenian owl of spectacular style and huge flan; offerings from the definitive BCD Thessaly collection recently auctioned in Zurich; the group of Corinthian staters and the beautiful fine style portrait Otho denarius, among many interesting Ancient Celtic, Greek and Roman pieces; the Viking pieces including the very rare St. Peter's coinage example depicting the sword of St. Peter and hammer of Thor; the exceptional portraits of Harold II and Stephen; all three dates of Edward VI crowns from an old collection; some exceptional Charles I Civil War issues, followed by exceptional crowns of the Commonwealth and Cromwell; a rare George I Maundy set; a smattering of choice Scottish silver and Irish gunmoney; some fascinating and exceptional mint state Spence tokens, and rare and spectacular silver proof tokens from the late 18th century in England...and much more.

We have enjoyed these coins, tokens and medals and we hope you do as well.

Thank you for your interest and participation. We look forward to hearing from you.

Allan & Marnie Davisson

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Cold Spring, Minnesota. We can arrange appointments with bidders to view lots in Cold Spring, Minnesota. Please contact us.

Overnight mail. A limited number of lots can be viewed by clients known to us via overnight mail, United States addresses only. Charges will be based on the quantity and value of the material. Our insurance applies both to and from U.S. addresses.

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All emails acknowledged; if you do not hear back, we did not get it.

