

# LOST & FOUND

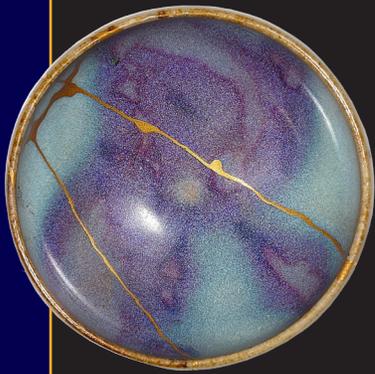


**[Left]** Judge Ends One Man's 11-Year Quest to Recover \$765 Million in Bitcoin by Digging Up a Landfill. Since 2013, James Howells has been hoping to recover his laptop hard drive that he says contains the private key for cryptocurrency which he says he mined in 2009. The value of a bitcoin has just passed \$1,000, making 7,500 bitcoins worth \$7.5 million. — *Wired*



**[Above]** A 4,500-Piece Hot Wheels Scale-Model Car Collection sold this past January for \$19,911. The collection of scale-model vehicles was assembled by the seller over the course of 30 years and featured approximately 4,500 Hot Wheels models. The diecast vehicles are primarily rendered in 1:64 scale and depict hot rods and customs as well as vehicles from BMW, Bugatti, Chevrolet, Ford, GMC, Lamborghini, Nissan, Porsche, Toyota, and Volkswagen. A selection of slot cars was also included, and the majority of the models remain in manufacturer's packaging. — *Bring A Trailer*

**[Left]** Rare and Superb Junyao Purple-Splashed 'Bubble' Bowl Jin Dynasty. The Craftsmanship of Kintsugi: The Golden Veins Running Through Japanese Objets d'Art. Translated as 'golden seams', the centuries-old Japanese art of Kintsugi breathes new life into broken ceramic objects by piecing them back together with gold. Originating in the 15th century, this mending technique is not just a craft but a philosophy and metaphor for life itself. Kintsugi makes the broken beautiful and encourages us to contemplate the value in imperfection as well as seeing flaws as something to celebrate. The bowl sold for \$750,000 in Hong Kong.



**[Below Left]** NEW FIND S 30.5 BBs3 update: In from Brian Shultis: A labeled Sanford, Chamberlain, and Albers Stomach Bitters from Knoxville Tennessee. Recently purchased by my Brother (Brad Shultis) on Facebook. Extremely rare, and only labeled example I have seen.

**[Below Left]** A woman who purchased a candle holder for just \$4 was delighted with her purchase, but she was left completely stunned when she discovered its real value. The white porcelain candle holder that she bought at a Salvation Army store on December 26 is a simple design featuring a pebbled texture with small circular vents to create a warm glow when a candle is lit inside. The 43-year-old from western Massachusetts, said she bought it because she "thought it was a cool looking candle holder." It offers an elegant design. Not to mention, it was only \$4 so she couldn't go wrong with that. However, when she got home, she looked up the name of the brand that was printed on the underside of the candle holder. She had no recollection of it, Korallen-Windlicht, a German company selling porcelain goods. But she was stunned to see the same item listed for \$1,903 on a resale site. — *Newsweek*

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[Left] Milestone's Jan. 4 auction of Dr. Jim Reynolds Buddy 'L' toy collection featured rare factory samples and prototypes. The 450-lot auction lineup represented one of the most complete assemblages of early Buddy 'L' trucks ever to come to market. One of the standout pieces was this Buddy "L" Insurance Patrol truck sample with headlights and bumper. The example retains the factory prototype tag reading '205C 1928 9LBS.' All original, 27in, with NM paint and decals, and pullcord. Estimate: \$10,000-\$20,000 – *Antiques and the Arts Weekly*



[Left] Hello, you posted a blog on *Peachridge Glass* on the 12th of June 2012 titled "From Texas – Wm. Radam's Microbe Killer." You were very informative with some pictures I had never seen. My reason for this inquiry is about the shaving mug at the end of the blog, which you said was from a collector friend of yours. Well I now own the mug and have been trying to find a bit of history on the person named on the mug, "Ben J. Kister." Was the collector friend then owner a Keith Estep? That is who I purchased the mug from several years ago and he thought the mug owner was a drug salesman? If someone other than Keith was your friend and owner could you inquire to him if he knew the history. We believe that this is a one of a kind shaving mug and no other had William Radam's logo on it. I would be very appreciative of any information you could give me or point me to your collector friend. Thanking you in advance for your time, Eric Loori.

[Below Right] One of the most desirable of Louis Comfort Tiffany's creations, a rare and extraordinarily beautiful Venetian table lamp, claimed top-lot honors at the upscale gallery event. Although diminutive by comparison to other Tiffany lighting, the 19-inch-tall lamp was one of the New York firm's most expensive productions in the early Twentieth Century. This was due to the time and painstaking effort it took to create the Venetian pattern from a profusion of small, delicate pieces of glass. Both the shade, which retained its attractive original "gold" heat cap, and its correct filigreed and jeweled "gold" base were signed. In excellent condition and with provenance that included a 2003 purchase from the Macklowe Gallery, it sold for \$114,000 against an estimate of \$60/80,000. — *Morphy's December 17-19 Fine & Decorative Arts Auction*



[Below] This wonderful striated purple-amethyst Pattern Molded Creamer has 16 vertical ribs and is 4 1/8" tall. It is Midwestern and probably blown at a Pittsburgh District Glass House, Ca. 1790-1820. Ex. George McKearin, Mrs. Frederick Fish and Anthony Picadio. This same object is pictured as #3 on plate 23 of the McKearin's "American Glass." Plate 11 in *American Antique Glass Masterpieces*.



[Left] Hummel, *Signs of Spring*. This piece is extremely rare as it has four posts in the fence, which the girl is leaning on. The normal piece has three posts. The Hum No. 203 is inscribed by hand. Backstamp "(c) W Goebel, RIM (painter) and full bee." Hummel measures approx. 5 1/4" tall, TMK-2, Hum 203. From the estate collection of Donald Deeks (1931-2020) of Venice, Florida, who assembled what is purported to be one of the most important collections of rare Hummel figurines in existence. Blackwell Auctions was commissioned by his family to sell the entire collection of about 2,000 pieces, many of them either unique or nearly so. The piece sold for \$5,500 in January 2021. — *Invaluable*

