

Over 350 lots of rare antiquities will be in Ancient Resource Auctions' online-only Discovery Sale on Saturday, April 6

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MONTROSE, CALIF., UNITED STATES, March 28, 2019 /EINPresswire.com/ -- A Roman marble bust of the deity Serapis from the 1st-3rd Century AD, and a lovely Roman bronze lion mask door knocker from the same period are just two expected highlights in an online-only [Antiquities](#) Discovery Sale planned for Saturday, April 6th at 9 am Pacific time by Ancient Resource Auctions, based in Montrose. Over 350 lots will be offered.

The sale will feature a fantastic selection of authentic, museum-quality items from various Roman, Greek, Egyptian, Near Eastern and [Pre-Columbian](#) cultures, plus other [ethnographic](#) and antique items at price points certain to please. Interested parties are encouraged to call with any questions they may have in advance of the auction, at 818-425-9633.

All lots may be viewed and bid on now, via Ancient Resource Auctions' dedicated bidding platform, [bid.AncientResourceAuctions.com](#), and on its bidding apps for both Android and Apple devices. Bidding will also be available on [LiveAuctioneers.com](#) and [Invaluable.com](#).

The Roman marble bust of Serapis depicts the deity robed with a heavy beard, a modius atop his head. His features are carved with narrow eyes, a wide flat nose and purses lips. The bust stands a little more than 6 inches tall. It's an interesting piece that carries an estimate of \$1,500-\$2,500.



Roman marble bust of the popular deity Serapis from the 1st-3rd Century AD, robed with a heavy beard, a modius atop his head, standing a little more than 6 inches tall (est. \$1,500-\$2,500).

The Roman bronze lion mask door knocker is nicely detailed and patinated. It's an attractive example of a decorative door device that persists to this day. They're enormously popular in the UK, where the Prime Minister maintains one. The one in the sale should bring \$1,000-\$1,500.

Another lot to watch is the handsome Egyptian alabaster jar (Ptolemaic, circa 2nd-1st Century BC). Well-carved in semi-translucent stone, the 6-inch-tall jar features a body tapered to a flattened foot, short wide-rim neck and two vertical lug handles. It's estimated at \$1,200-\$2,000.

A Byzantine (or early Fatimid period) yellow-green glass bowl, circa 9th-10th century AD, 4 inches in diameter and of solid construction, with the glass translucent with beautiful color and the interior having a lovely, multi-colored iridescence, should realize \$700-\$1,000; while a Roman pale yellow glass bottle, Eastern Mediterranean and dating to the 4th-5th Century AD, an attractive type with an ovoid body on a flared foot, carries a pre-sale estimate of \$450-\$600.



Roman bronze lion mask door knocker, circa 1st-3rd Century AD, nicely detailed and patinated, an attractive example of a decorative door device that persists to this day (est. 1,000-\$1,500).

A fantastic 21kt yellow gold scarab bracelet, handsomely constructed with seven Egyptian steatite scarabs of similar size and shape, all but one from the New Kingdom (1570-1075 BC), including a sphinx, a crocodile and a lion, should make \$600-\$900. Also, a nice Near Eastern

bronze dagger (circa 1200-800 BC), with the handle and blade cast as one piece, about 13 ½ inches in length and a well-preserved example, is expected to change hands for \$600-\$800.

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A late Hellenistic terracotta figure of a robed woman, circa 1st Century BC, 9 inches tall, with the subject depicted with one knee raised up and wearing an attractive and interesting headdress, is estimated to fetch \$450-\$800. Also, an Egyptian bronze mummiform figure of Osiris, Egyptian Lord of the Underworld, dating to the Late Period (circa 664-332 BC), depicted wearing an Atef crown with

uraeus and false beard, its arms folded at the chest, carries an estimate of \$400-\$700.

A thin-walled and attractive Maya lidded cache tripod vessel from Guatemala (circa 400-600 AD) displays early Xolalpan and Teotihuacan stylistic influences. It's 8 ¼ inches tall, intact, with a 6 inch diameter lid and good mineral deposits overall (est. \$600-\$900). Also up for bid is a Greek guttus (vessel with narrow mouth or neck) with a central face (Magnia Graecia, circa 4th Century BC), the medallion at the center depicting a female face in red glaze (est. \$400-\$700).

A Levantine limestone head of a man – possibly a Pharaoh, with Egyptian features and dating to the 1st Millennium BC – with almond-shaped eyes and an angular nose, just shy of 3 inches tall and mounted on an old black rectangular base, should go for \$400-\$600; while a large Chinesco solid standing figure, made in Mexico circa 100 BC-250 AD, 9 ¼ inches tall, unusual and shown wearing a large elaborate feathered headdress and white slipped pants should also hit \$400-\$600.



Handsome Egyptian alabaster jar (Ptolemaic, circa 2nd-1st Century BC), well-carved in semi-translucent stone, 6-inch-tall, featuring a body tapered to a flattened foot (est. \$1,200-\$2,000).

In addition to live and internet bidding, phone and absentee bids will be accepted. When bidding this way, a 19.5 percent buyer's premium will apply, versus a 24.5 percent when bidding online via LiveAuctioneers and Invaluable, and 20 percent via the Ancient Resource Auctions bidding platform and app. Previews are by appointment. To schedule an appointment, call 818-425-9633.

Ancient Resource Auctions is one of the few specialized auction houses that makes genuine ancient artifacts available to its worldwide client base at reasonable prices. "We are a small operation with a passion and dedication for ancient history," said owner Gabriel Vandervort. "My partners and I have many decades of combined experience working with these fine items."

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