

Two centuries-old English chambers -- the so-called Schenley Rooms -- will be auctioned October 18 by Burchard Galleries

The rooms served for a time as executive dining rooms for Schenley Imports Company, the former New York City-based liquor company, in the Empire State Building.

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA., UNITED STATES, October 12, 2020 /EINPresswire.com/ -- A pair of handsome, centuries-old chambers that served for a time as executive dining rooms for [Schenley](#) Imports Company, the former New York City-based liquor company in the Empire State Building, and then later exhibited at the St. Petersburg Museum in Florida, will be part of a massive, 600-lot auction slated for October 18th by Burchard Galleries.

The Sunday auction event, starting promptly at 12 o'clock noon, will be held live in the gallery (with social distancing and other protocols in place), at 2528 30th Avenue North, St. Petersburg. Internet bidding will be provided by [LiveAuctioneers.com](#) and [Invaluable.com](#). Telephone and absentee bids will be accepted. Many photos can be viewed now, at www.burchardgalleries.com.

"This is the best auction in the 35-year history of Burchard Galleries," said Jeffrey Burchard, owner of Burchard Galleries. "We're offering lifelong collections of important treasures, plus the contents of a Lake Hollingsworth mansion in Lakeland." The catalog is jam-packed with [Tiffany](#) art glass and lamps, Steuben pieces and Russian sterling silver objets de vertu including Faberge.

The list continues with important paintings, prints and sculptures by listed artists, to include [Anthony Thieme](#) (Dutch, 1888-1954) and Peter Max (German-American, b. 1937), plus vintage



Full paneled Georgian Room from the installation at the St Petersburg Museum of Art, originally from the Bull Inn (London) and later housed in the Schenley World Headquarters as an executive dining room in the Empire State Building, New York City. Circa 1

lamps and lighting, two large Stella music boxes, European porcelains, Galle, Moser, Baccarat, Lalique, Sevres, Dresden, Meissen, Capo-di-Monte and even a 1901 Stieff/Shaw grand piano.

Also offered will be antique Chinese carved jade, snuff bottles, important grandfather clocks, elegant 1920s French dining and bedroom furnishings, KPM porcelain plaques, Asian bronzes, Mougins Brothers French pottery, miniature clocks, vintage Victorian and Deco purses, African masks, sterling silver services, estate Oriental carpets, diamond watches and palatial chandeliers.

But the auction's undisputed headliners are the so-called Schenley Rooms, which came into existence in England long before the company was founded. They are true gems of English Georgian and Jacobean décor. The historic chambers were painstakingly taken apart, crated and brought over to the New World, to typify what company officials called "Schenley elegance."

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The Jacobean Room from the St Petersburg Museum of Art installation. 1600's architecture from a gabled house in London and later housed in the Schenley World Headquarters in the Empire State Building in New York City as one of the executive dining rooms.

One of the rooms, called the Georgian Room, was built during the Georgian period (1714-1830), during the reign of the Georges. The circa 1740 room is fully paneled, with a fireplace mantel, and surrounds a 560-square-foot area. It was originally from the Bull Inn, Guild Hall, London.

The Jacobean Room dates to the Jacobean Age, which began in 1603 with the death of Queen Elizabeth I. The 350-square-foot room, with stained glass windows and a fireplace, dates to 1610 and undoubtedly came from a typical early Jacobean, many gabled house, in the heart of London.

Around 1960, when Schenley moved its headquarters from the Empire State Building to new quarters in Rockefeller Center, the decision was made to not provide space for the new rooms. That's when Theodore "Ted" Wiehe, Schenley vice president, approached officials at the soon-to-

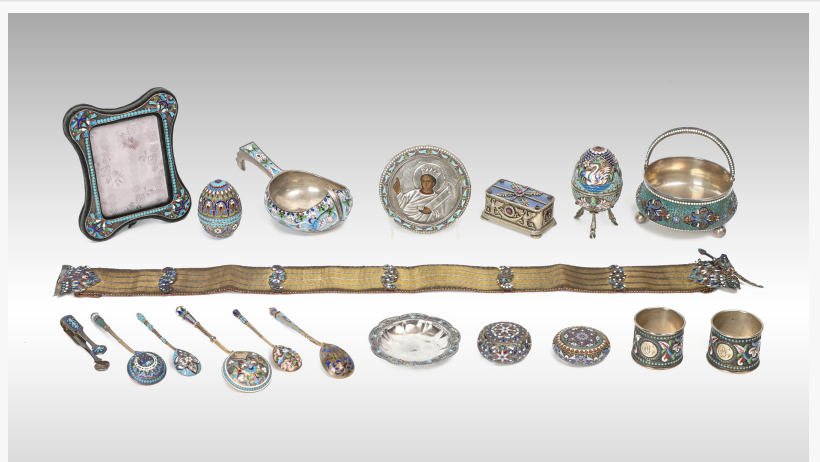
be-built St. Petersburg Museum if they'd like to exhibit the rooms, and they quickly agreed.

The rest of the auction catalog may not have as colorful a back story as the Schenley Rooms, but they're no less important. The 15 art glass lamps include wonderful examples by Tiffany & Co., Handel, Duffner & Kimberly, LeGras, Schneider, E. Miller and others. Also offered will be Satsuma porcelains, Ginbari cloisonne and more than 100 perfume bottles and large factices.

The list of noted, listed artists is lengthy and includes names like Robert Butler, Jim Carson, Ted Coconis, Henry Robertson Craig, Edward Curtis, Herbert Laurence Davidson, Pierre De Belay, Robert Elwell, Vassily Grachev, Patrick Hennessy, Eugene Lancerag, Nikolai Lieberich (bronze bear), Josef Lorenzl, Pierre Jules Mene, Alphonse Mucha, Walter Schott and Syd Solomon.

Other artists include David Stribbling, David Tutwiler, David Wilkie, David Bruno Zach and others. The more than 75 pieces of fine estate jewelry will feature diamond brooches and rings, Mexican and Southwest Indian jewelry, Orianne gemstone jewelry, an emerald and diamond bracelet and more. Also sold will be Russian icons, Japanese watercolors and Asian bronzes.

Previews will be held by appointment only, from Wednesday, Oct. 14, thru Saturday, Oct. 17, from 12 noon to 6 pm in the Burchard Galleries showroom. Watch the website for an upcoming gallery tour video, at www.burchardgalleries.com. To make an appointment, call 800-520-2787.



A fine collection of more than 80 pieces of Russian silver will be offered, to include examples by Faberge.



Art glass lamps will include examples by Tiffany, Handel, LeGras and more.



The major art glass collection in the sale includes outstanding pieces by Steuben, Tiffany, Galle and LaVerre Francaise.

Burchard Galleries is always accepting quality consignments for future auctions. To consign a single piece, an estate or a collection, you may call them toll-free at 800-520-2787; or, you can send an e-mail directly to Jeffrey Burchard, at jeffb@burchardgalleries.com. To learn more about Burchard Galleries and the Sunday, October 18th auction, please visit www.burchardgalleries.com.

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