

# Kovels On Antiques & Collectibles February 2021 Newsletter Now Available

*Kovels' February newsletter features railroad collectibles, mechanical banks, Fausto Melotti ceramics and paperweights, all with photos and prices.*

CLEVELAND, OHIO, US, February 5, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- It was "All Aboard!" at the Indiana auction of railroad collectibles that's featured in a sale report in [Kovels On Antiques & Collectibles February 2021](#) newsletter. Stay on-track with prices and information about railroad signs, lanterns, locks, bells, and other items from many railroad companies, including the top price steam whistle from a Grand Trunk Railway train that sold for more than \$2,500.

Collectors love old cast iron coin banks, especially the clever mechanical ones made from the late 1800s to the beginning of World War II. See some classic (priced, of course) examples in Kovels' February issue—the Magician, Circus, Speaking Dog, Trick Pony and others—that auctioned in Illinois. Readers can also learn about reproduction banks made from the 1950s to 1980s.

Intricate glass paperweights are beautiful and useful whether they are more than 100 years old or less than 40. Kovels' latest newsletter pictures antique paperweights by Baccarat and other significant makers along with a few more contemporary examples that all sold in Chicago, along with their prices and a list of "terms to know" for the new collector.

Midcentury design enthusiasts will enjoy viewing the ceramic creations of Fausto Melotti that sold at auction recently in Milan, Italy. The sculptural forms with simple shapes and bright colors brought very high prices, ranging from \$9,000 to more than \$70,000. Don't miss the examples in



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**All Aboard! Railroad Collectibles**  
Railroad signs, lanterns, locks, builder's plates, train whistles and bells from many railroad companies were featured in a recent sale in Indiana. To stay on-track with the prices and information, including this antique steam whistle, chug on down to page 63.

**Colorful Italian Ceramics Stand Out**  
Midcentury ceramic pieces by famous Italian sculptor Fausto Melotti are distinctive and dramatic, with multiple colors, simple lines and intricate forms. Many pieces, including this 1950 blue vase, sold for high prices in a recent sale in Milan, Italy. Travel to page 65 for more prices and examples.

**Vintage Mechanical Banks: Moving Experiences**  
Cast iron mechanical banks from 19th and early 20th century have been popular collectibles since the 1950s. Now, even refurbished and re-painted banks are selling for high prices, including this restored 1887 Mason bank. For more prices, pictures and descriptions of how they work, go to page 68.

**Have Coach Purse, Will Travel**  
A collection of never-used Coach purses, many in boxes with the tags still attached, attracted buyers at a recent auction. This vintage, green leather bucket duffel sac is one of the iconic styles included in the sale. Pick up and go to page 64 for prices, many examples and the history of Coach bags.

**Vintage and New Glass Paperweights**  
The first glass paperweights were made in 1845 in Italy. Since then, the glass weights with intricate designs have been desirable collectibles in the United States, Italy, France and England. A recent sale featured vintage and newer paperweights in many styles and colors. See this 1968 Baccarat millefiori paperweight and others, and learn terms, prices and styles on pages 66-67.

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And you don't have to be a "collector" to love vintage purses. An Ohio auction offered Coach bags and totes, most never used and still bearing original tags. Some were leather, some were canvas, and a wristlet even resembled a can of Campbell's Tomato Soup! Buyers loved the prices—from \$24 to \$224. Kovels' latest issue pictures an assortment.

Don't miss Terry Kovel's reflections on Valentine's Day cards, and the February Dictionary of Marks that lists examples with hearts and arrows. The illustrated Collector's Gallery answers readers' questions about a French ceramic jar, horse's head hitching post, stoneware jug, and Nippon tea set. And more than 70 antiques and collectibles are listed in the February Buyer's Price Guide.

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Terry Kovel and Kim Kovel provide collectors and researchers with up-to-date and informed information on antiques and collectibles. The company was founded in 1953 by Terry and her late husband, Ralph. The Kovels have written over 100 books, including their annual Kovels' Antiques & Collectibles Price Guide, now in its 53rd edition, as well as dozens of leaflets, and three series about antiques for television.

[Kovels.com](#), online since 1998, offers a bird's-eye view of the market through latest news, advice, and more than 1 million prices. Readers will find auction reports, answers to thousands of readers' questions, a marks dictionary, and antiques & collectibles identification guides covering antiques from 1750 to 2010. Also included is the digital edition of Kovels On Antiques & Collectibles Newsletter including 46 years of archives. To stay in touch, subscribe to Kovels' free weekly email, Kovels Kommentare, at [Kovels.com](#).

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