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**Works by Artists of Pennsylvania - Coppedge, Rosen, and Sword - Headline
Rago's Sale of 19th and 20th C. Art on February 10th**

Lambertville, NJ – On Saturday, February 10, 2007 at 12 pm, the Rago Arts and Auction Center will host an important auction for serious collectors of the works of artists from the Delaware River Valley in a larger sale featuring artists Orrin White, Hermann Herzog, William Lee Hankey and Granville Redmond.

February's sale opens with a session devoted to the Pennsylvania area artists. The cover lot "Side Wheel in the Rondout" by Charles Rosen (\$12,000 – \$18,000) is a large (32" x 40") landscape that carries a superb provenance and exhibition history. Owned by a member of the Rosen family, it was one of the finest pieces at the James A. Michener Art Museum's recent exhibition "Form Radiating Life: The Paintings of Charles Rosen" (moving to the Samuel Dorskey Museum of Art in New Paltz in early 2007).

A fresh-to-market work by Fern Coppedge is also a high point of this sale. "Summer on the Delaware" came to Rago's through descent in a local family from the artist herself. Estimated at \$12,000 - \$15,000, this is a view from New Hope to Lambertville across the Delaware.

Pennsylvania Impressionist works include (among others by the artist) an untitled Harry Leith-Ross landscape descended in the Leith-Ross family (\$9,000 - \$12,000); six works by Walter Baum, and the work of Alfred Nunamaker. The Pennsylvania Modernists and Contemporaries are well-represented. There are a number of works from Lloyd Ney, among them a fine abstract painting (\$3,000 and \$5,000) and a charming (and uncharacteristic) figural work depicting two women taking their ease at "Mrs. Neale's Tea" (now Havana's) in New Hope, PA. Other Modernists represented: a large (20" x 26" sight) Nordfeldt landscape entitled *An Island* (\$4,000 - \$6,000); two Meierhans watercolors in artist-made frames; and works by Rosen, Franz Josef Ponstingl, Richard Christ, Paul Keene, George Sears Greene as well as contemporary work by Russell W. Recchion and Joseph Barrett among others.

Also in the first session are fine works by artists of the Pennsylvania Academy featuring James Brade Sword's *The Narrows at Lake George* (\$10,000 - \$15,000); two watercolor seascapes by William Trost Richards, and Martha Walter's *Untitled (Gloucester Scene)* estimated between \$5,000 and \$7,000.

The second session of the auction features works by American and European artists including Antoine Bouvard, Austin Wooster, Edward Hopper, Max Kuehne and Abraham Walkowitz. Notable among these is the Herzog, *Moonrise in Florida*, estimated at \$25,000 and \$35,000; Orrin White's oil on board *Untitled* (\$8,500 - \$12,500); and William Lee Hankey's *The Riviera near St. Raphael* (\$6,000 - \$8,000).

"The cultural heritage of the Delaware River Valley and the vibrancy of its artist community make my work as Director of the Fine Art department here at Rago's enormously exciting and rewarding," says Meredith Hilferty. "The artists whose work we are privileged to represent are extraordinary. The families we meet have connections to these artists maintained for generations. This auction is a great opportunity to see and buy works that have never been offered for sale."

Exhibition Preview: Saturday, February 3 – Friday, February 9, 2007 from 12- 5 pm and by appointment. Doors open at 9 a.m. the morning of the sale.

Print catalogue is \$35 by calling (609)397-9374 or ordering at ragoarts.com. An online catalogue, bidding forms, and directions are also available 24/7 at www.ragoarts.com.

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