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## **RAGO'S DECEMBER 2010 ESTATES, JEWELRY AND SILVER AUCTIONS BRING THE YEAR TO A CLOSE IN SPECTACULAR STYLE**

**Chinese scrolling lotus dish sells at \$115,900. Peridot and diamond suite, ca. 1890 sells at \$158,600**

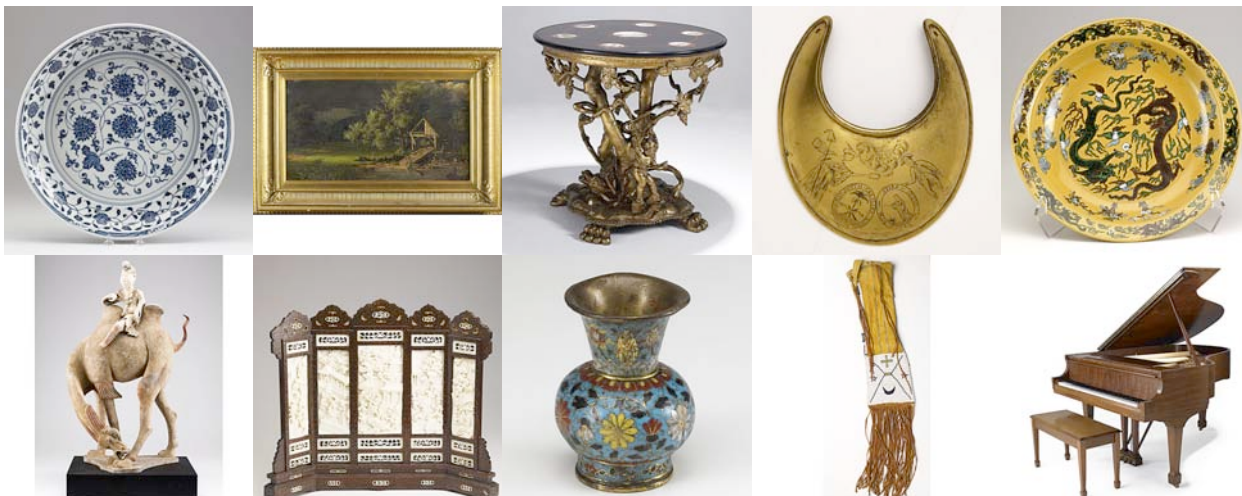
**Lambertville, NJ** Rago Arts and Auction Center ended the year in spectacular style with a two day sale that totaled \$3,269,789 (reflects buyer's premium of 22%.)

- Saturday, Great Estates: \$1,124,358 (11% up from last year)
- Sunday, Jewelry/Silver/Currency: \$2,145,431 (32% up from last year)
- Bidders in-house: 195
- Bidders on phone: 256
- Bidders online: 1249
- # of lots: 1395

"A reporter for a leading trade paper called after the sale just to congratulate us on an Estate auction she said was far superior to those of other houses in Chicago, Boston and New York this year," said Miriam Tucker, the partner in charge of the Fine Art and Estates department at Rago's. "We don't claim to be more than we are. But the truth is that we excel at what we take on and we're being given better and better material all the time because of this. Tom Martin and Sarah Churgin put together sales that were diverse and substantial and included both important and esoteric material. Then, with few exceptions, they sold the heck out of it. I truly believe that anyone with an important consignment who doesn't give Tom or Sarah the chance to pitch for it is missing an opportunity."

### **Saturday, December 4, 2010: Great Estates**

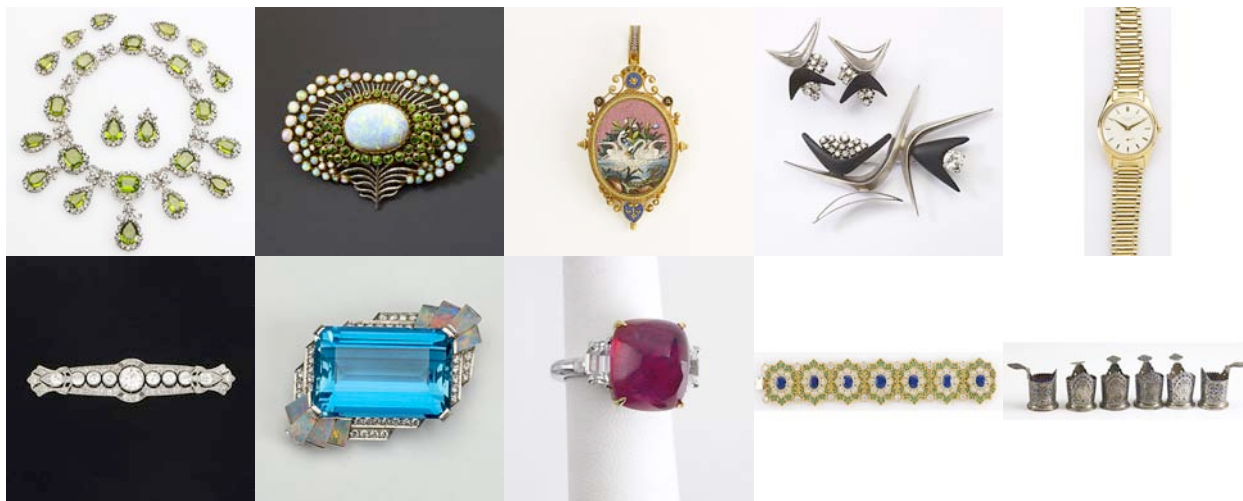
- Hammer: \$921,605
- Hammer + b.p. \$1,124,358
- Top Lot: 119 – Blue and White Dish, Underglaze blue with scrolling lotus pattern, with fitted box, 15" dia.". conservatively estimated at \$10,000-15,000, it sold for \$115,900



1. 119 Blue and White Dish With Scrolling Lotus Pattern \$115,900
2. 113 John S. Jameson Oil on Canvas of a Landscape \$64,660
3. 200 Michelangelo Barberi Micromosaic Center Table \$45,750
4. 441 South Carolina Gorget \$31,720
5. 118 Dish With Confronting Dragons \$30,500
6. 129 Chinese Figure of a Camel and Rider \$24,400
7. 274 Ivory Table Screen \$17,080
8. 243 Ming Dynasty Cloisonné Urn \$14,640
9. 30 Plains Pipe Bag of Arapaho Origin \$13,420
10. 289A Steinway Grand Piano w ith Bench \$13,420

### Sunday, December 5, 2010: Jewelry, Silver, Couture, Currency

- Hammer: : \$1,758,550
- Hammer + b.p. \$2,145,431
- Top Lot: 1453, Magnificent peridot and diamond suite, ca. 1890. Twenty-three bright peridots, octagonal, pear-shaped and coffin-shaped gems, approx. 324 cts. TW, with diamond surrounds and knife-edged diamond arabesque links, OEC and rose cut diamonds, approx. 44 cts. TW. Fully transformable for wear as collar, fringe, girandole and earrings. Peridot elements with fittings for a tiara armature (lost). Silver-topped gold, new earring wires. Largest octagonal gem 33 cts. by formula, transforms to brooch. Unmarked; 16 3/4" as shown", estimate: \$60,000-80,000, sold for \$158,600.



1. 1453 Magnificent Peridot and Diamond Suite \$158,600
2. 1053 Art Nouveau Opal and Demantoid Peacock Feather Brooch \$12,000
3. 1020 Etruscan Revival Micromosaic Gold Pendant \$5,185
4. 1177 Margaret de Patta Diamond and White Gold Suite \$10,370
5. 1343 Patek Philippe 18k Wristwatch \$28,060
6. 1399 F. Walter Lawrence Diamond Platinum Brooch \$11,590
7. 1420a Raymond Yard Aquamarine and Opal Fur Clip \$12,200
8. 1423 11.29 CTS. Ruby and Diamond Ring \$36,600
9. 1439 Buccellati Sapphire, Emerald and Diamond Bracelet \$48,800
10. 1503 Six Russian Silver & Plique-a-Jour Tea Glass Holders \$6,100

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