

Cigar Daisey wood duck tops Barfield's "Sportsman's Auction"

A RARE, possibly one-of-a-kind wood duck by Delbert "Cigar" Daisey sold for \$5170, the top lot at Barfield's annual mid-winter "Sportsman's Auction" on February 26-27, 2016 at their auction facility in Hallwood on Virginia's Eastern Shore. One of Cigar's coots brought \$880.

Barfield holds three sportsman's auctions a year, offering a selection of vintage and contemporary decoys, firearms, oyster collectibles and related hunting and fishing collectibles. Between Friday evening and Saturday he offered 474 lots to online bidders and hundreds of other items that were only available to those in attendance. And the best part of this sale is that one never knows what might end up on the tables.

A pair of canvasbacks, signed and dated 1963, by the Ward brothers of Crisfield, Maryland brought \$4840. A pair of their 1960s goldeneyes, with a poem on the bottom of the hen, sold for \$2750. A larger than usual snow goose miniature brought \$1980. A pair of pintails with near-mint scratch feather paint by their neighbor Lloyd Tyler sold for \$2200 and one of his black ducks brought \$605.

From Virginia, a sculptural pintail by Ira Hudson of Chincoteague with some overpaint, possibly by Lem Ward, sold for \$3960. A Hudson yellowlegs brought \$1540. A pair of pintails by his neighbor Doug Jester sold for \$2200.

A Canada goose with a large metal keel, which obviously served as a handle, by Otis Bridges of Bozman, Maryland sold for \$1320. A canvasback attributed to Ed Parsons of Oxford, Maryland - some thought it was by Tom Parsons - sold for \$660 and a bluebill by Ed Parsons brought \$633.

There were numerous lots by Madison Mitchell of Havre de Grace, Maryland, including a pair of sleeping canvasbacks that sold for \$743. There were also a large number of lots by Charlie Joiner of Chestertown, Maryland, including a pair of canvasbacks at \$825. A pair of wood ducks by George Strunk of Glendora, New Jersey brought \$770.

A miniature swan by Bob McGaw of Havre de Grace sold for \$495. A miniature blue jay by Eddie Wozny of Cambridge, Maryland brought \$413. And an old Upper Bay style cast iron miniature canvasback sold for \$284. We're no expert on oyster collectibles, but a rare Garden State can sold to a phone bidder for \$3190.

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two-day sale that it seems like just about everyone was able to buy something. Barfield's actually used four different auctioneers to move the items. Quite a number of dealers who attend these events use them as an opportunity to add inventory. One Maryland collector, who must have bought 30 decoys, was intending to sell them at the upcoming East Coast Decoy Collectors get together in St. Michaels, Maryland in April.

In summary, the two day sale grossed nearly \$200,000. No estimates are established and only a few items are sold with a reserve. All prices include a 10% buyer's premium. At the end of the sale on Saturday Barfield's offered a complimentary pig roast with beans and coleslaw. Most of those in attendance took the opportunity to chow down before hitting the road.

