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TREND SPOTTING AT SILVERWOODS' PRE-CHRISTMAS SALE

Keen eyed bidders at Silverwoods' Special Sale held on Thursday 15th December were able to spot some emerging national trends in the lively pre-Christmas antiques auction which saw some excellent prices achieved for vendors.

Sevres porcelain is always a popular buy and a pair of 18th century mantel vases depicting courting groups in a pastoral setting shot past their estimate to reach £1,900. A Shelley pottery thirty-nine piece tea service for a twelve place setting decorated with sheep and an extensive breakfast service by Royal Crown Derby in the Olde Avesbury pattern both doubled their estimates, reaching £280 and £450 respectively.

Commented auctioneer, Wilf Mould: "With a number of home-baking and craft programmes on the TV at the moment, we are seeing a real revival in prices for quality traditional dinner, breakfast and tea services – both in our bimonthly special sales and our weekly sales – a trend which we believe will continue into 2012".

Of many finely crafted items in the sale, the star was a beautiful Chinese carved ivory brise fan dating from the nineteenth century, intricately decorated with animals, birds, insects, landscapes and flowers. It went under the hammer for £1,200 against an estimate of £300 - £500. Contd/2

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Two charming and accomplished Victorian needlework samplers by 10 year old Martha Anne Musgrove and Rebecca Bolton (14) both doubled their estimates, achieving £190 and £260.

Jewellery fashionistas will have noticed a recent revival in the popularity of charm bracelets and two attractive gold examples went for near top-of-estimate prices. The provenance of a Victorian bamboo walking cane with the handle as a silver vesta case signed W Thornhill and Co London 1848 was the reason for its eventual £600 price tag. It came to the saleroom with a handwritten note that it was a gift by the Earl of Athlone to his valet and departed to one of many of the day's internet bidders.

A small child's lambing chair – made by an expert craftsman and very much from the Lancashire/Yorkshire dales area of the country was hotly contested by phone and internet towards the end of the sale and doubled its estimate making £1,300. Said Wilf Mould: "Overall, the sale picked up on some other interesting aspects of the current market. Items of small Moorcroft did very well and Whitefriars glass appears to be having a bit of a comeback while Art Deco and Arts and Crafts items continue to be very popular. Quality silver, jewellery and gold will hold onto their high values into the early part of next year and we are seeing pleasing increases in the prices bid for good quality 'brown' furniture, clocks and watches."

Free valuations and intakes for the next Silverwoods Special Sale, which will take place on Thursday 23rd February, will take place from 9.00 a.m – 4.00 p.m on Mondays, starting on 3rd January for two weeks. The popular weekly sales of antique to modern furniture, household goods and collectables takes place every Wednesday starting at 3.00 pm and items for this sale can also be brought in on any Monday (Tuesday in bank holiday weeks) without appointments, Visit www.silverwoods.co.uk or call 01200 423322.

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