

NEWS 05/2015



Preview in the Watch Museum of Glashütte



The fourth and last station of Auctioneers Dr. Crott's series of international previews took place on May 10th during the "2nd Glashütter Antik-Uhrenbörse" at the German watch museum in Glashütte. After the previews in Basel, Hong Kong and New York the event in Glashütte called the devotees of fine Glashütte

precision watches from all over Germany and the Czech Republic to the museum - another occasion to promote

The Art of Precision Timekeeping

The "2 Glashütter Antik-Uhrenbörse" opened with speeches by Mayor Markus Dressler and Reinhard Reichel of the German watch museum; after a gun salute by the shooting club Schützengesellschaft Glashütte e.V., the museum



doors swung open to admit the large number of guests. The stand of Auctioneers Dr. Crott was crowded very quickly when the collectors took the opportunity



to look at rare masterpieces of outstanding quality and craftsmanship. Alongside the fine precision timekeepers by Breguet (lot 578), Emery (lot 541), Arnold (lot 540), Smith (lots 704 and 705), Pellaton (lot 645), Dent (lot 567) and Girard Perregaux (lots 683, 684, 685 and 687), a large section of the exhibition was devoted to the master makers of Saxony. Important pocket watches of singular quality by

Johann Heinrich Seyffert (lot 710), Friedrich Gutkaes (lot 711) and Fridolin Stübner (lot 723) as well as two famous and unique school watches - one created by Heinz Wassermann (lot 724), the other by Heinz Oestreich (lot 725, certainly one of the highlights of the 91st auction) - made the col-





lectors' hearts beat faster. The display cases presented the finest selection of pocket watches by A. Lange & Söhne, most of them highly unusual pieces featuring the most interesting complications. A special mention should be given to the rare and unique hunter watch with chronograph (lot 716), a gentleman's pocket watch with jumping seconds at the centre (lot 717) and two extremely fine astronomical gold hunters (lots 62 and 63). The visitors were also duly impressed by a rare and formidable half-second deck chronometer (lot 722) by A. Lange & Söhne.

Hartmut Knothe (director of the Lange Uhren GmbH from 1995 to 2006) too came to the stand of Auctioneers Dr. Crott, where a very fine and extremely rare lady's hunter



watch with its unusual case decoration (lot 60) caught his particular interest. Sibylle Gluch, curator of the exhibition „Einfach – Vollkommen“, and restorer Johannes

Eulitz (Staatliche Kunstsammlung Dresden) were equally fascinated by these amazing timekeepers of museum quality.



Pocket watches by Julius Assmann (lots 25, 28, 30 and 708) and Union Glashütte (lots 8, 10 and 12) were also part of the selection, which comes back to Mannheim on May 10th - only to set out again shortly after on their journey to the Sheraton Frankfurt Airport Hotel for the 91st auction. On Friday, May 15th (starting at 5 p.m., lots 1 to 474) and on Saturday, May 16th (starting at 2 p.m., lots 501 to 725), nearly 700 lots are waiting to take their places in the collections of the many passionate lovers of fine timepieces who come to the auction from all over the world. From Thursday, May 14th on the exhibits can be previewed at the Sheraton Hotel; the preview will continue from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and on 8.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. on Saturday. A celebration of 40 years Auctioneers Dr. Crott at 12 noon on Saturday will kick off the anniversary auction starting at 2 p.m., which will be the high point of this auction weekend in Frankfurt.

At the end of their series of international previews Auctioneers Dr. Crott expressed their gratitude to the many visitors who had come to Basel, Hong Kong, New York and Glashütte to see the fine precision timekeepers waiting to be auctioned - Auctioneers Dr. Crott is looking forward to seeing everyone again at the 91st auction in Frankfurt!

