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June 4, 2013 Newsletter update---and farewell to Graves Country Gallery as we know it!

This is a very difficult letter to write but as you know due to the tumor in my head I must say farewell to the gallery and most of the items I have collected over the past 35 to 40 years.

I want to tell you where my personal collection and the gallery items will be auctioned.

First, here is what is being auctioned plus many more items from my personal collection:

<http://www.gravescountry.com/>

One of the best auctioneers in the country is auctioning the items: The auction is June 9th in LeGrand, Ca (southeast of Merced) by Hewlett's Auction.

<http://www.hewlettsauctions.com/june9thart.html>

Here is Live Auctioneer info:

http://www.liveauctioneers.com/item/17582970_whites-utica-stoneware-crock

This auction has the best of Early American antiques, Decorated Stoneware. Duck Decoys, Weathervanes, Whirligigs, Antique Paintings—you name it

And Contemporary folk art by the best of the artists including, Jack Savitsky, Reverend Finster,

Reverend W.C. Rice, Jimmy Sudduth, Bernice Sims, Levent Isik, Steven Chandler—Georgia Red Mud, Louis Vuittonet, Mose Tolliver (with provenance), Annie Tolliver, David Padworny, Bernice Sims , James Buddy Snipes, and Kelly Moore, plus others.

There will be several pieces in the auction by D.L. Marian (Donna), She is considered one of the leading Macabre Artists in the country. You will love her dolls!

Huge sculptures by John Abduljammi, others by Ralph,Griffin and others.

Face Jugs and stoneware by Michel Bayne, Jason Mahlke (The Yankee Potter), Jerry Brown, A.V. Smith, Chester Hewell, Joe Lenzo (son of renown potter Peter Lenzo), Tammy Leigh, and others---You cannot afford to miss this one!

So as a go-out with a bang I have the following items that will be given away



Capt Mike (Mike Mellott) is opening one of the largest art galleries in the country in Lockeford, Ca, The bottom floor is 3000 square ft. of art, wonderful art. He hopes to have his grand opening the 2nd or 3 week in July. He has donated a painting by Nicolas Ayalo, a Cuban artist. It is 10” x 13 ¾ on art paper.



Two absolutely great snuff bottles have been donated by Louis Vuittonet. The Snuff bottles are Louis way of saying “Good Bye O’l Roff. They are painted on all four sides. Heck, I wish he’d painted me one!

Please check out Louis' website: <https://www.louis-vuittonet.com/>

I personally am donating the following two books: Museum of American Folk Art- Encyclopedia of Twentieth-Century American Folk Art and Artists by Chuck and Jan Rosenak.---Note: This is an exceptional book! And Contemporary American Folk Art---A Collectors Guide by Chuck and Jan Rosenak

So here is how you win send an email with your name and I will have a drawing next Saturday. On your email you must have June 9th, That all. The prizes will be given in the order I have listed (First prize is the painting, etc.) I will notify the winners by June 10th. Anyone may participate.

Last winner was Kathy Thomas of New York. These prizes are given away.

If you still want to be on my mailing list please let me know. I will be cutting it drastically. Also I will maintain my same email address but everything else will be changing.

Thank you so much for being the best of everything a man could hope for. I love each of you and will miss you.

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