

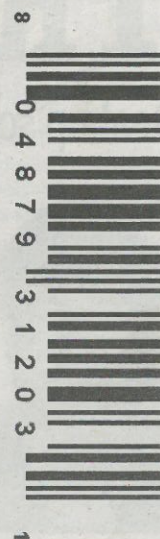
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## Potter & Potter's June collectibles sale a huge hit

Auction sales hit \$220,000 and had a 96% sell-through rate.

This marathon, nearly 1,000 lot event offered an A to Z listing of top-tier temptations from collecting categories including coin-op, premiums, cards, toys, comics, popular culture, and others.

Chicago, IL, June 29, 2020 — Potter and Potter's comprehensive Eclectible Collectible Auction promised something for everyone, and truly delivered! After a nearly 10 hour sprint to the finish, 93 lots realized between \$400-1,000; 24 lots realized between \$1,001-2,500; and 4 lots broke the \$2,501 mark. Prices noted include the company's 20% buyer's premium.

Coin-op machines, including gaming and jukebox examples, took several of the top slots in this exciting sale.

• Lot #355, a Mills 5 Cent slot machine in the likeness of Ulysses S. Grant made \$2,640. This astonishingly realistic 72" tall figure was bearded, wore a black hat, and carried a sword much like his namesake.

• Lot #362, a c. 1940s era O.D. Jennings Club Chief 5 Cent slot machine realized \$2,400. This fantastic example featured its original, electric light-up mechanism and retained its original cord, plug, and keys.

• Lot #371, an AMI Continental 2 jukebox, model XJHA-100, brought \$2,040 on its \$1,000-1,500 estimate. This unrestored machine was

recovered from long-term storage and was sold for parts or restoration.

This auction's fine offering of ephemera and paper collections also caught the eye and interest of collectors worldwide.

• Lot #600, an archive of c. 200 pieces of jazz, blues, ragtime, and African American sheet music from the 1900s-50s timeframe was estimated at \$1,000-1,500 and delivered \$3,600. This collection featured subjects, songwriters, and composers including Scott Joplin, Billie Holiday, Louis Armstrong, Lena Horne, Duke Ellington, Nat King Cole, and numerous others.

• Lot #731, a group of Walt Disney / Disney memorabilia traded hands at \$2,160 — over 8 times its high estimate. The collection included a Walt Disney signed album leaf; two pieces of 1930s Mickey Mouse sheet music; Snow White sheet music; and a few clipped advertisements.

• Lot #714, a 1970s Sex and the Vampire Poster for an English release of the French vampire/sex film realized \$540 on its original \$60-90 pre-auction estimate.

• Lot #945, a framed Harry Potter and the Deathly Hollows cast signed movie poster cast its spell at \$900 on its \$100-200 estimate. It was autographed by Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, and Emma Watson, among others, and included a



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COA from Art of Music.

Collectible sports and entertainment cards also held the upper hand in this auction.

• Lot #412, a complete set of 55 Topps Batman Black Bat cards from 1966 made \$840 on its \$100-200 estimate. This nice, clean set consisted of the first 40 in soft sleeves and card saver holders and the remainder in soft sleeves.

• Lot #428, a complete set of 50 Superman Primrose Confectionery trading cards from 1967 scored \$960 on its \$100-150 estimate. This crisp



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Tom Sawyer postcards by Mary Jane Lamphier

### Quote of the Week

"You always have to work hard and keep the faith."  
— Olivier Giroud

# Repair & Restoration

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# BiState Vintage Radio Repair, LLC's Master Craftsman

Gary Streeter is the owner and technician at BiState Vintage Radio Repair, LLC. He has a favorite story that illustrates his interest in bringing tube radios and other antique electronics back to life. In the late 1940s television was just beginning to gain popularity. A young boy was asked the preferred radio or television, the interviewer expecting to hear excitement about the newest medium. The boy answered, "radio because the pictures are better."

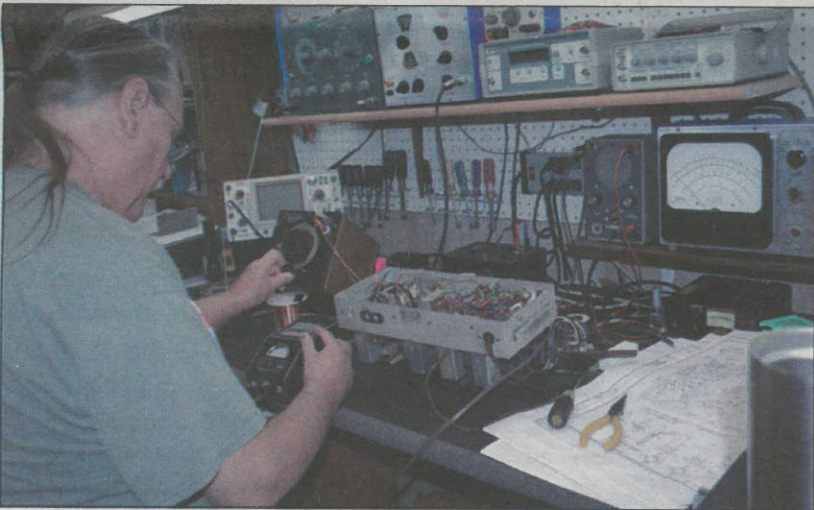
Over 50 years ago, Streeter was fascinated by radio kits and did lawn mowing and odd jobs around the neighborhood to earn money for weekend trips to Radio Shack. As a freshman in high school, he was given a derelict ham radio. His mom drove him to the repair shop, and the owner, Thomas

Webb, recognized Streeter's keen interest. "He asked me if my mom could bring me to his shop a couple afternoons a week after school," Streeter reminisces. "I thought he would let me look over his shoulder as he made repairs on my

radio. Instead, Mr. Webb handed me pliers and a soldering iron and showed me how to fix my old Hallicrafters radio. I still use that radio regularly." Streeter remains grateful for the knowledge and tricks of the trade Mr. Webb was able to teach him.

Streeter continued to repair and restore radios for himself and others for decades before turning it into a full-time job. He chuckles as he says, "When I thought about starting a full-time

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business, I worried about having enough business to support it." Now he is so busy he can barely keep up and maintains a lengthy waiting list for his meticulous attention. BiState Vintage Radio Repair, LLC, is a mom-and-pop business in the true American tradition of entrepreneurial spirit. Streeter is the only technician performing this dying art in his shop, and his customers express their gratitude regularly that he is here to provide this service.

Streeter is a proud member of the Quarter Century Wireless Association, an exclusive organization for people who have been amateur radio [ham] operators for 25 years or more. Streeter is honored to also be a member of the Radio Club of America, the oldest, most prestigious group of wireless communications professionals in the world. Its members are dedicated to the wireless art and science for the betterment of society, and they must be elected and vetted to be granted membership.

BiState Vintage Radio Repair primarily services the greater St. Louis, Missouri, metropolitan area, but will consider mail-order services. Each repair or restoration is unique and requires unique service. Streeter has the experience and integrity to



return these heirlooms to their original glory. He notes, "When these radios and phonographs leave here, they will be better than new. When they were new, they were built on an assembly line. Here I will give each piece individualized tender loving care."



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been ordered early on but when the business shutdown hit because of the COVID-19 virus the supply chain put the brakes on for completion. Finally I got a call from the glass company that the glass was being shipped. YEAH! All of the items needing attention were in place and done. Installation was completed after the glass arrived.

Now the realization that all of this work took two and a half years. I also had limited time to work on the piece because of my wife's health issues. Finally all was completed and the customer was delighted. A very patient customer I might add. Rome was not built in a day nor was a china buffet in need of extensive repairs and refinishing.

We are all happy that this was a good result and another family heirloom saved.



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