

Quality Home Goods for Less



Welcome to our blog series which highlights some of the great finds available at Michaan's Auctions monthly Annex Auctions. In this series, we will highlight a few examples of furniture and other home goods recently sold at Michaan's Annex Auction and compare them with their supposed equivalent from a big retail option such as IKEA, Wayfair, and others.

Luckily quality options from years past are still available at Michaan's Annex Auctions. Every month, we sell hundreds of gently used furniture pieces, each featuring a unique and beautifully crafted design that will last decades longer than the modern alternative. Better yet, gently used furniture from Michaan's Auctions

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regularly sells at much lower prices than in-store options.



Annex Highlights

First up is a **Collection of Japanese Imari Porcelain Plates, and Stand**, which sold for \$80 in Michaan's Auction's February Annex Auction. This collection would form a great start to any household and includes many of the most used and popular dishes to begin hosting friends and family for dinner. This lot included two serving bowls and two sets of plates, totaling eleven dishes. The porcelain is

in excellent condition and boasts fine details, with elegant floral elements and bright glaze which contrast sharply against the white porcelain background. It also includes two stands for storing and displaying serving bowls when not in use, a thoughtful inclusion that makes these an even more excellent bargain for the careful buyer.

Second is an **Aynsley China Service**, which sold for \$160. This service includes a significant number of items, making it perfect for those who are looking for a complete matching set that will serve them over the long term. This set includes both small and large plates, as well as soup bowls, and thirteen teacups and saucers. It includes several serving bowls, including two with covers, two platters, and three gravy boats. All the items have matching blue rims with golden embellishments which lend elegance to the purposeful

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design on display. Each of these items is in excellent condition and will undoubtedly provide valuable service for years to come.

Finally is a **Set of Wedgwood Ascot Tea Cups, Saucers, and Plates**, which brought in bids reaching \$110 on the second day of our February Annex Auction. This lot featured eight teacups and saucers, six of which feature a widening lip, and two with the traditional vertical finish. Each cup features elegant handles that curve up at the end, allowing for easy handling. The lot also includes several salad plates, entrée plates, and extra saucers. Each item in the lot is in excellent condition, with a thick gold gilt edge that matches perfectly with each of the small golden rings at the center of the plate. This lot would be an excellent base for, or in addition to, a family's hosting dishware.



The items compare quite favorably against housewares from large retailers. A ten piece tea set will easily sell for over \$200 from a manufacturer of genuine porcelain such as Jonathan Adler. Meanwhile, a porcelain dinner dishware set will go for \$300 or more, especially if it features ornamentation or design work, and this does not include the cost of serving platters such as was included in several lots at Michaan's Auctions.

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As you can see, Michaan's Annex Auctions can offer a higher quality item for a lower price than major retailers. Registration and bidding are intuitive processes and can be done 100% online! You don't even need to watch the auction, simply submit an absentee or online bid, and check back at the end of the sale to see if you've won the item.

The March Annex Auction is being held Monday, March 11th; Tuesday, March 12th; and Wednesday,

March 13th. This venue gives collectors a wide variety of jewelry, fine art, decorative arts, furniture, Asian art, stamps, and coins to choose from. The auction includes over 2,500 lots, most estimated under \$300.

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