

Quality Desks 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

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



Annex Highlights

The first item offered at Michaan's April Annex Auction is a **Contemporary Desk**, which could have sold for only \$1 as Lot 2073 in our sale. Featuring a wide working surface with evident wood grain, this desk is simply and durably constructed with solid legs that enclose the side and back beneath the desk. Just beneath the surface is a thin drawer that extends

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most of the way across the front of the desk, providing ample space for stationary, writing utensils, and other materials, while not taking up any significant proportion of the area for the user's legs. The table is overall a simple, effective design that will hold up for years of use and fit within the design of almost any bedroom or office.



If you're interested in a desk with a more distinctive design, consider the **Victorian Mahogany Knee Hole Desk with Leather Inset Top**, which sold for \$20 in our most recent Annex Auction. This desk features the classic knee hole design which places two

cabinets on either side of the sitting position, maximizing storage space. This is further augmented by the thin drawer located in the center, which is placed just below the surface, providing even more storage space. The desk is constructed of beautifully finished mahogany wood and features a green insert top with golden decorative trim. The drawers each feature two premium metal hardware handles and the entire desk is in excellent condition, with plenty of years remaining on its lifespan.

In comparison, options from IKEA and Ashley Furniture cost significantly more and lack either the character or durable quality of construction embodied by the options available at Michaan's Auctions. One such option, the IKEA Besta Burs, selling for \$249, is of similar design to the **Contemporary Desk** offered at Michaan's April Annex Sale. Not only is

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it over 250x the cost of our option, but the desk is made with a design that renders it much less durable. Featuring two sets of paired thin legs, the small surface is perched high above the ground, rendering it easy to tip, while the glossy white surface lacks character. Another option, the Roanhowe 68" Home Office Desk selling for \$779 from Ashley Furniture maintains the storage capacity and stability of the **Victorian Mahogany Knee Hole Desk with Leather Inset Top** but lacks the beautiful character of mahogany wood and classic design of the Michaan's Auctions option.

Next Sale

As you can see, Michaan's Auctions Annex Sales 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 May Annex Auction is being held Monday, May 13th; Tuesday, May 14th; and Wednesday, May 15th. 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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