

ART AND COLLECTIBLES



Ben Thompson: English-born Ben Thompson had a long and notorious career on both sides of the law, including serving as marshal of Austin, Texas, in 1881. According to the writing on the cabinet card, the portrait of Thompson was taken in Austin, Texas, in 1879.

Est. \$25,000-\$35,000

“Charles M. Russell Collection.” The “Charles M. Russell: The Women in His Life and Art” was launched at the C.M. Russell Museum in 2018 before traveling to Western Spirit: Scottsdale’s Museum of the West. The Russell Exhibition and Sale, March 21-23, 2019, is one of the West’s most important art events of the year. CMRussell.org

READERS’ CHOICE:

Buffalo Bill Center of the West’s Whitney Western Art Museum, Cody, WY

BEST PIONEER HISTORY COLLECTION

Old Sacramento, Sacramento, CA

Western history buffs should put Sacramento on their bucket-list as California’s capital city will simultaneously celebrate the 170th anniversary of the Gold Rush and the 150th anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad in 2019. Visitors to the historic old town will discover the Old West at the Sacramento

History Museum, California State Railroad Museum, the Delta King Riverboat and Wells Fargo History Museum. Historic rides and tours include the Gold Fever! Tours, Old Sacramento Underground Tours, the Sacramento River Train, Sacramento Southern Excursion Trail and river cruises on the *Capital Hornblower*. OldSacramento.com

READERS’ CHOICE:

Harold Warp Pioneer Village City, NE

BEST OLD WEST COLLECTIBLES AUCTION

Heritage Auctions, Dallas, TX

Heritage Auctions in Dallas is an internationally recognized leader in selling Western Americana, Texana, art, movie posters and collectibles. Major Western artists’ originals auctioned in 2018 included pieces by Frank Tenney Johnson, Olaf Wieghorst, Gerald Harvey Jones, O.E. Berninghaus, Edward Borein, Walter Ufer and Joseph Henry Sharp. HA.com

READERS’ CHOICE:

Brian Lebel’s Old West Auction Santa Fe, NM, and Mesa, AZ

BEST OLD WEST ART AUCTION

Scottsdale Art Auction Scottsdale, AZ

Since April 2005, a consortium of leading American art dealers—Mike Frost (Bartfield Galleries of New York City), Jack A. Morris, Jr. (Morris & Whiteside Galleries of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina) and Brad Richardson (Legacy Galleries of Scottsdale, Arizona; Bozeman, Montana; and Jackson Hole, Wyoming)—have held a Western art auction in Scottsdale. The world renowned Scottsdale Art Auction is currently accepting consignments and will hold its next auction on April 6, 2019. ScottsdaleArtAuction.com

READERS’ CHOICE:

Heritage Auctions, Dallas, TX

BEST OLD WEST FIREARMS AUCTION

James D. Julia, Inc., a division of Morphy Auctions, Denver, PA, and Las Vegas, NV

In 2017, Jim Julia merged his highly regarded 50-year-old company, James D. Julia, Inc., with Dan Morphy’s Morphy Auctions, which was founded in 1997. Both companies are well known and highly respected by collectors worldwide for their rare firearm divisions and annual auctions of guns, edged weapons, armor and militaria. Morphy will hold a Gold Rush, Western and Native American collectible auction in Las Vegas, Nevada, on March 24, 2019.

MorphyAuctions.com

READERS’ CHOICE:

Rock Island Auction, Rock Island, IL



Bat Masterson: Cabinet card by Vancil & McDonald, of Dodge City, Kansas, 1885. Bat Masterson was Ford County sheriff in Dodge City, the most famous end-of-trail cowtown.

Est. \$15,000-\$25,000