

Holabird Western Americana Collections, LLC

WESTERN AMERICANA SAFARI

- ◆ Major Mining Collections: California and the Gold Rush, Inyo, San Bernardino Pieces
 - ◆ Colorado Mining postcards
 - ◆ Rare California and Nevada Maps
 - ◆ Native American; Baskets, Rugs, Jewelry, Pottery
 - ◆ Mint State Mexico 20th Century Coin Collection
 - ◆ Harts Coins of the Golden West
- ◆ American and African Taxidermy Mount Collection (100 pieces)
 - ◆ Nevada Embossed Bottles
- ◆ California Colored Soda Bottle Collection (All pre-1900)

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PREVIEW
Thursday, December 8, 10am-5pm
or By Appointment

Live Auction
December 9, 10, & 11, 2016—9am, PDT

LOT PICKUP

Starting Monday after the sale,
during normal weekday office hours or by appointment

AUCTION LOCATION

HWAC Office
3555 Airway Drive Suite #309
Reno, NV 89511

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All items sold for their collectible value only; they have no securities whatsoever.

Bid online at FHWAC.com or call 775-851-1859

Bidding

You can bid live at the sale, absentee by submitting bids by mail, email, fax or phone. You can also use an agent. We can recommend several. **If you bid absentee in advance, please call to be sure we received your bids.** There is a 24% Buyers Premium and insurance added to all bids and purchases. 3% discount for cash or check. Local sales tax will also be added unless you provide a current valid Nevada Resale Permit.

Phone Bidding

If you really want a lot, and can't attend the sale, sometimes the best way to ensure acquisition is to **be on the phone with us during the sale.** Please call our office in advance of the first day of the auction, and we can arrange a phone line at no extra charge. We call you a few minutes before the lots comes up, so be ready to bid.

Online Bidding Process

There are five live internet bidding platforms:

ICollector: this is the main platform and has **no cost to you.** It is accessible through our web site, FHWAC.com, or through ICollector (Holabird auctions). This platform allows you to watch and participate in the auction on a real time basis. Its like a Reality Show, only with you in it.

Invaluable: Invaluable owns three separate and distinct live auction platforms. When you are searching the web for things you like, these things might come up under any of the following three companies, allowing you to bid there. ***There is a separate fee attached that goes to the online company, generally about 5%.***

These bidding platforms increase visibility by thousands of people:

Invaluable

AuctionZip

eBay (live)

AuctionMobility: This is the most modern Ipad and Iphone application available, and is simply fantastic.

You can register to bid with any of these services, or you can call our office and we can walk you through the process, it is really simple. **775-851-1859**

You are responsible for inspecting each an item prior to purchase. We also welcome phone calls for detailed verbal descriptions. You may also request additional photos posted online.

Wildlife Taxidermy Mounts

This sale has more than 100 Wildlife Taxidermy mounts. These are wall mounted shoulder mounts, full body mounts, etc. Each of these lots has been reviewed by the US Federal Fish and Wildlife Service in Reno. ***A number of the lots are subject to the Endangered Species Act, and are so identified in each lot description. These lots can only be purchased by Nevada residents, and will require proof of residence at purchase. There are, and will be, no exceptions. A further agreement that the items will not be transported over Nevada State Lines must be executed at the time of purchase.***

Consigning with Holabird Western Americana Collections

We've sold many fantastic collections over the years and we're always excited for more great material! Consign with us and enter into a lasting and beneficial partnership.

Why should you consign with Holabird Western Americana Collections?

We combine the elements of historically researched descriptions, professional photography, artfully designed catalogs, and a team of specialists to consistently produce record prices. Consign your items to the experts and let us help you realize the most for your collections.

What do you get when you consign with us?

Holabird Live: Live internet auctions put your material in front of a larger audience than ever before. Our internet presence has opened up the market to a whole new generation of bidding. Not only do we offer live online bidding at no additional charge, but we also offer phone bidding and have live agents readily available to secure bids on all platforms. Never before has bidding in one of our auctions been so easy.

Historically Researched Descriptions: Our team of research writers craft colorfully written historical descriptions that tell the stories behind the items we sell. Through these accurately written descriptions we paint a picture for the collector and create a need and desire for your items.

Professional Photography: Colorful, vibrant, high resolution photographs tell a story all their own. Our expert photographer will give your items the attention they need to make them look amazing both online and in print.

Cataloging: Full color, high quality, artfully designed catalogs put your collections on the coffee tables of collectors worldwide. Our print catalogs are more than a just a catalogue of goods for sale, they've become historic reference works that our clients have come to know and love.

Marketing: We market extensively to advanced collectors through online advertising, national print advertising, trade shows, and direct proprietary marketing among other publicity. We're seasoned marketers so you can rest assured knowing your material will get the recognition it deserves.

Superior Customer Service: At Holabird's Western Americana Collections, we pride ourselves in offering a high level of customer service that you can count on. Our commitment to you is what sets us apart from the rest. You want someone you can trust, and we are by your side every step of the way.

Our knowledgeable and friendly staff will help guide you through this simple process so you can see your hard-earned collections meet the right hands for the right prices. Contact our office for more information or for a consultation. Here at Holabird's Western Americana Collections, we don't only achieve record-breaking sales prices—we create legends.

The Process:

Appraisal & Inspection: We begin the process with an informal inspection of your item(s). We can do this in person or through photographs and descriptions, via email, fax, mail, or telephone. Once we have the opportunity to evaluate your items, we will then provide you with a professional opinion of value.

Submit your photographs & descriptions to:

Holabird's Western Americana Collections

3555 Airway Drive, Suite# 308 Reno, NV 89511

Email us at info@holabirdamericana.com

Call us toll free 844-HWAC-RNO (4922-766) or send us a fax 775-851-1834.

Consignment: Once we've determined that your material is a good fit for us and one of our upcoming sales, we will discuss the perfect venue for your items and spend some time with you to go over reserves, estimates, and sellers commission. Our commission rates are highly competitive and all inclusive. We have no photo or cataloging fees, no insurance fees, and no other hidden charges or gimmicks.

Estimates & Value: We use decades of sound experience and judgment to assign estimates. We market extensively through national advertising and participation in trade shows, and we find that most items sell for premium prices. There are, however, unpredictable times when items sell for less than expected. This is usually balanced by items selling for premiums. We cannot predict market prices or conditions and, ultimately, our buyers set the prices.

Shipping & Transportation: There are many ways to get your material to us for processing. You can arrange to bring your material directly into our Reno office, we can arrange to pick up your collection, or you may ship your items to us.

Note: First Time Bidders

Please don't forget, if you anticipate spending over

\$25,000, you must be pre-approved for bidding.

We request two references—Bank or Auction House

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Terms and Conditions

This is a Live Auction conducted by Holabird Western Americana Collections, LLC (HWAC).

1. **The placing of a bid shall constitute the bidder's acceptance of these terms of sale.**

2. **BUYER'S PREMIUM & INSURANCE:** There will be a 21% Buyer's Premium added to the sale (hammer) price of each lot, which includes a 1% fee for insurance that covers your purchase during transit. This is our base premium for transactions paid with cash, checks, money orders or wire transfers. All other forms of payment are not subject to the 3% discount and the Buyer's Premium will be calculated at 24%. **In order to expedite billing and convenience of payment, all initial invoicing will be calculated at 24%. Please call our office if paying by cash, check or money order and we will gladly recalculate the premium prior to payment.**

3. **COINS, CURRENCY AND PRECIOUS METALS:** Premiums will be calculated at a Buyer's Premium of 17.5% (including insurance) for transactions paid with cash, checks, money orders or wire transfers. All other forms of payment are not subject to the 3% discount and the Buyer's Premium will be calculated at 20.5%. **Coins and currency shall be defined as any regular Federal issue circulating coins and currency.** Tokens are not considered coins. Precious metals shall be defined as ingots, silver or gold rounds, bullion items, gold nuggets. Mineral specimens are not considered under the precious metals category. Commemorative items such as metals and ribbons are not considered coins of precious metals. However, lots that consist entirely of gold or silver of high purity, including commemorative metals, are considered precious metals. Please contact our office if you need clarification on a specific lot.

4. **SALES TAX:** Sales tax will apply, according to Nevada State law, for any items that ship to or are picked up in Washoe County, Nevada (7.725%) unless a current, valid resale certificate is faxed to us at 775-851-1834 *before* bids are placed.

5. **SHIPPING & HANDLING:** Shipping and Handling will be estimated prior to invoicing, based on the size and weight of your purchase. **All shipping is subject to a minimum charge of \$19.00.** If additional shipping and handling costs are required, the buyer will be invoiced for the balance due. Items are not shipped until the invoice is completely paid. Many buyers purchase a number of lots. Every effort will be made to include all lots in a single shipping charge calculated to cover the weight and size of the package(s). NOTE: Some shipments (of unusual size, dimension, or weight) may require special handling for which individual costs will be calculated and applied to the shipping charge on the invoice. The buyer is responsible for arranging and paying for shipment of large or special items. The customer is responsible for all shipping charges. Purchases will be shipped via our approved, insured carriers: Federal Express or the US Postal Service. All items shipped Federal Express or USPS will be insured for the full value determined at auction by HWAC, which is included in our buyer's premium. Pick up is available from our Reno office the next business day after the auction.

6. **LIVE (FLOOR) BIDDING:** Please arrive a few minutes early to check in and receive your bidding paddle. We will open lots with more than one bid at the current high absentee bid or 50% of the low estimate at the auctioneer's discretion. Please be sure to bid on the correct lots during the live auction. Our auction progress is at a rate of between 60 and 200 lots per hour. **An item is not sold until the next lot is announced.** (We cannot be responsible for Internet bids that arrive late.) The auctioneer will identify the successful bidder by number and announce the winning bid amount. If you are not sure whether you won the lot or not, it is your responsibility to ask for clarification **immediately, prior to the start of the next auction lot.** Auctioneer reserves the right to reopen the lot in the case of an immediate dispute at the actual time of the sale.

7. **TELEPHONE BIDDING:** Telephone bidding requests MUST be scheduled prior to this auction. If you do not schedule in advance, and choose instead to call on the day of the auction to request a line for bidding, you may find that we are unable to accommodate your

request. **Please limit your telephone bids to items of value greater than \$500, or to a string of items with a similar total.**

8. **LIVE AUCTION ABSENTEE BIDDING:** Mail or FAX Absentee bids for the live auction MUST be received by 5pm Pacific Time the day before the auction. Bids accepted after the cutoff time will be represented live only if an agent is available and will not be considered absentee or given first priority as such. It is your responsibility to submit all lot numbers and bid amounts accurately. **Absentee bids MUST be equal to at least 50% of the low estimate if an estimate is provided.** Bids on "No Lots" or "Withdrawn" Lots are considered no-bids. Bids made in amounts that do not conform to the bid increment table in item 8 below will be automatically rounded up or down by the computer, or rounded to the nearest proper bid increment at the discretion of the auctioneer. Absentee bids are entered into a computer that will bid live on your behalf at the auction. Absentee bids will compete live against other absentee bids, live Internet bidders, floor bidders and phone bidders.

9. **INTERNET BIDDING:** Both Absentee and Live Internet bidding are available through our live auction networks. If you wish to bid LIVE via the Internet, you MUST pre-register. A live feed is generally accessible during the auction for those bidding via the Internet. Online bidding remains open through the live auction, and online absentee bids may be placed anytime. Live bidding will open when the auction starts. Internet bidding is offered as a convenience for those who cannot attend the live sale. Please note that there may be delays or interruptions in Internet connectivity that are beyond our control. Attending the live auction or arranging for an agent is the most reliable way to secure your bids.

10. **NEW BIDDERS:** Bidders unknown to us, who anticipate an expenditure in excess of \$20,000, must provide commercial references or a deposit of 25% of the amount to be bid in order for the auction staff to execute bids. Deposits will be credited towards lots won and any balance will be refunded within 10 business days after the auction has concluded. New bidders will be given a spending limit at their initial request to participate. In order to increase this limit, you may be required to provide a letter of authorization from your bank in addition to providing references. Please contact our office at any time if you have questions regarding spending limits or references required to bid.

11. **AGENT BIDDING:** There are numerous professional agents available to assist you should you require this service. Please contact the office for a list or to arrange for representation on the floor during the live auction. HWAC is not responsible for any acts or omissions by agents acting on behalf of bidders at our auctions.

BE ADVISED: Auction participation through the live Internet bidding site is not 100% foolproof. The technology for this process is always changing, and the operation of it and the corresponding Internet connectivity issues are far beyond our control. Some folks have attempted to use the live Internet bidding process as their primary method of bidding, and have been quite successful. Others have failed completely. Depending upon your computer, server, host, and other factors, Internet signals may be delayed, such that bids may not be received in time. We cannot be held responsible for these delays, or for the lack of placed bids in a timely manner, or any other factors leading to unaccepted bids that are far beyond our control. Bidders should always have a backup plan for lots they highly desire. Live participation is best, followed by phone participation. We will not reopen lots for missed bids.

12. **RESERVES:** Most of the lots in this auction are unreserved. Gold is generally reserved at or near spot, though it could be slightly below spot.

13. **BIDDING INCREMENTS:** All bids must be submitted in U.S. dollars and in whole dollar amounts only in the appropriate increments as outlined below. If you choose to submit bids in an increment not listed below, your bid will be rounded to the nearest increment and you will be expected to pay the amount to which the bid was rounded should your bid be the winning bid. If you have any questions about an appropriate bid amount, please call us.

14. **BID REDUCTION:** All winning absentee bids will be reduced, if necessary, to the next bidding increment up from the last competing bid, as long as the minimum bid requirement has been met. For example, if you submit an absentee bid of \$1000 and the next highest

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From:	To:	Increment:
\$1	\$95	\$5
\$100	\$190	\$10
\$200	\$475	\$25
\$500	\$1,450	\$50
\$1,500	\$3,400	\$100
\$3,500	\$9,750	\$250
\$10,000	\$30,000	\$500
\$30,000	up	\$1000

competing bid is \$250, then you will win the lot for \$275.

15. **BID INFORMATION:** Collectors often ask in advance the price level of a particular lot. We will give out the current competitive high absentee bid until we close the day before the live auction. You may also view absentee bids online at www.holabirdamericana.com. While we try to update the absentee bids as often as necessary, bids received close to the bidding deadline might not be reflected online, and we disclaim any responsibility for any bids made in reliance upon inaccuracies on our website, which may be beyond our control. We do not own any of the live Internet bidding platforms, and thus many aspects of the Internet technology are out of our control.

16. **BID CANCELLATION:** If you wish to cancel or change a bid after you have submitted your bids to us due to an error, you MUST PHONE us to advise us of this. Bid cancellations through mail, email, or faxes are not advisable. Errors are easy to make. Please call us if you have any questions on this.

17. All stock certificates, checks, warrants, and other financial documents sold herein are sold as antiques, and have no financial, securities, or public trading value whatsoever.

18. We reserve the right to reject any bid we feel is not made in good faith.

19. **INVOICING:** Shipping charges will be added to all invoices. Invoices are mailed or emailed within two business days after the close of all portions of the sale. Within 15 calendar days of receipt of invoice, payment is due in full to Holabird's Western Americana Collections, 3555 Airway Dr., #308, Reno, NV 89511. LATE FEES MAY BE ADDED IF PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOT MADE WITHIN THOSE 15 DAYS. Sales tax will be added to all sales picked-up after the auction or shipped to Nevada addresses, according to Nevada State law, unless a resale certificate is provided.

20. **PAYMENT:** We accept Visa, Master Card, American Express, Discover, Money Order/Cashier's Check, Personal Check or PayPal. Customers wishing to pay by check or money order MUST contact our office for an invoice total before sending payment. All returned checks are subject to a \$25 fee. Cash received in amounts greater than \$10,000 is subject to the filing of IRS form 8300, as required by law.

21. **SHIPPING & HANDLING:** Shipping and Handling will be estimated prior to invoicing, based on the size and weight of your purchase. **All shipping is subject to a minimum charge of \$19.00.** If additional shipping and handling costs are required, the buyer will be invoiced for the balance due. Items are not shipped until the invoice is completely paid. Many buyers purchase a number of lots. Every effort will be made to include all lots in a single shipping charge calculated to cover the weight and size of the package(s). NOTE: Some shipments (of unusual size, dimension, or weight) may require special handling for which individual costs will be calculated and applied to the shipping charge on the invoice. The buyer is responsible for arranging and paying for shipment of large or special items. The customer is responsible for all shipping charges. Purchases will be shipped via our approved, insured carriers: Federal Express or the US Postal Service. All items shipped Federal Express or USPS will be insured for the full value determined at auction by HWAC, which is included in our buyer's premium. Pick up is available from our Reno office the next business day after the auction.

22. **NON-PAYMENT:** HWAC reserves the right to cancel any invoice not paid in full within 15 days. A cancelled invoice does not relieve the bidder from their obligation to pay seller fees and buyer's premiums compensating HWAC for its services in conducting the auction. Interest shall run on all outstanding balances at the highest rate permitted by law. HWAC shall have a lien against the merchandise

purchased by the bidder, and any other of bidder's property then held by HWAC or its affiliates, to secure payment of the invoice, and with respect thereto HWAC shall have all the rights of a secured creditor under the Nevada Commercial Code, including but not limited to the right of sale. HWAC may sell the lot(s) securing the invoice to any underbidders in the auction that the lot(s) appeared, or at subsequent private or public sale, or relist the lot(s) in a future auction conducted by HWAC. A defaulting bidder agrees to pay for the reasonable costs of resale (including a 10% seller's commission, if consigned to an auction conducted by HWAC). The defaulting bidder is liable to pay any difference between his or her total original invoice for the lot(s), plus any applicable interest, and the net proceeds for the lot(s) if sold at private sale or the subsequent hammer price of the lot(s) less the 10% seller's commissions, if sold at an HWAC auction. If HWAC refers any invoice to an attorney for collection, the bidder agrees to pay attorney's fees, court costs, and other collection costs incurred by HWAC. **Any bidder who fails to follow the terms of payment will be reported to iCollector and may be barred from participating in future Holabird's Western Americana auctions.**

23. **CONDITION:** We strongly recommend that you attend the live preview to see lots in their entirety. Conditions are not always noted, and large lots may not be itemized due to catalog restraints. For questions, detailed information, or additional images of any lot please contact our office at 775-851-1859. Bidders are responsible for understanding the condition of items. Conditions noted are subjective, and may differ in the opinion of different people or collectors.

24. **RETURN POLICY:** All items are guaranteed to be authentic unless otherwise noted. If authenticity is challenged, please call our office for assistance. You may return any piece that was significantly inaccurately described by calling our office within 15 days of receipt of item(s) and notifying us of the error and reason for return. **We do not refund postage or insurance.** We have attempted to describe the items and their condition accurately. If no condition is given, assume average. Please call us if you require a more specific condition report. Any items that are returned must be returned in the exact, unaltered condition. NGC certified tokens that are returned must be original, unaltered NGC holders. Any tokens removed from the original NGC/NCS certification holders or items returned in an altered condition are deemed not returnable under any circumstances. **When we receive your bids we will assume you have read the description in the catalog, viewed the image of the item, have contacted us regarding any questions you may have on any lot and/or have previewed the lot in person.** Therefore, returns are only accepted if prior approval is given by Holabird's Western Americana Collections.

25. This sale is being held under the laws of the State of Nevada, without reference to choice of law rules.

26. HWAC shall not be held responsible for any problem due to the bidders failure to follow the rules, terms and conditions of this sale, or any failure to bid due to the loss of the online auction process provided by any of the online auction networks; or missed bids, changed bids or cancelled due the bidders failure to follow the proper bidding procedure outlined herein.

27. **By placing a bid or otherwise participating in the auction, Bidder accepts these Terms and Conditions, and specifically agrees to the dispute resolution provided herein.**

28. HWAC shall not be responsible for consequential damages, incidental damages, compensatory damages, or any other damages arising or claimed to be arising from the auction on any lot. Bidder's sole remedy for any proven act or omission shall be rescission of sale and refund of the amount paid by Bidder.

29. Any claim, dispute, or controversy in connection with, relating to and/or arising out of the Auction, participation in the Auction, award of lots, damages of claims to lots, descriptions, condition reports, provenance, estimates, return and warranty rights, any interpretation of these Terms and Conditions, any alleged verbal modification of these Terms and Conditions and/or any purported settlement shall be exclusively heard by, and the parties consent to exclusive in personal jurisdiction of, the Superior Court of Washoe County, Nevada. **THE PARTIES EXPRESSLY WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY.** Any claim must be brought within one (1) year of the auction from which the claim arose or the claim is waived. In every case, the prevailing party shall be entitled to an award of its attorney's fees and costs.

Holabird Western Americana Collections

aka “HWAC” and “FHWAC”

Holabird Western Americana Collections was founded in 2012 and morphed into a new company in 2014 to fill the needs of Americana collectors looking for rare and unique collectibles below the minimum lot prices of most larger auction houses. The goal of the company was to put the fun back in collecting and bring an array of noteworthy collectibles to Americana aficionados with all budgets.

The Holabird name in the title of the company draws its roots from Fred Holabird, company advisor, co-founder and the fun spirited auctioneer we’ve come to know and love. Fred managed Holabird-Kagin Americana from 2006-2014 and headed up the production team that produced dozens of fixed price and auction catalogs with sales in excess of 16 million.

When Holabird-Kagin Americana closed the Reno office in May 2014, Holabird’s Western Americana Collections expanded their operations into the former HKA building and are excited to now bring some of the best and rarest collectibles at all price points to meet the needs of collectors everywhere.

HWAC is devoted to bringing collectors only the greatest Western Americana rarities, with an emphasis western Americana mining collectibles, gold rush collectibles and numismatics. Under the leadership and

direction of Fred Holabird—and assisted by the hardworking Reno HWAC office—we combine our efforts to bring you a unique piece of western American history in every item we sell and in every catalog we publish. It is our goal to ensure our clients the most accurate, detailed item descriptions and well-researched, historically factual backgrounds.

We specialize in buying, selling and appraising western Americana, numismatica (coins, ingots, banknotes), exonumia (pioneer minor coinage/trade tokens), western antiquities, and railroad/mining goods. Our auctions typically feature wide selections of coins, tokens, stocks certificates, documents, photographs, assay certificates, postcards and other antiques and collectibles relating to western history, numismatics and mining, dating from c.1800 to c.1930. We hold several Americana and numismatic auctions each year inclusive of some of the greatest rarities extant, working personally with our clients to help them build significant collections. We have become known for our well-researched histories on the mining companies, historical figures, and mining districts of the items we sell. Here at Holabird’s Western Americana Collections, we not only set record-breaking sales prices at our auctions, but we create legends.

Meet the Team



Fred Holabird has been active in the mining industry for more than 25 years. He began his career as a mineral exploration geologist, and quickly moved into a position as Mine Geologist at a producing gold mine. Always interested in the historical side of the mining business, Holabird has invested

in mining related documents and books for many years. At one point, he headed a large-scale business dealing in collectible Americana, culminating with the marketing of the Atocha treasure at Caesar’s Palace.

Fred is well published in both technical as well as hobby related mining and western publications. He has been responsible for discovery and production at two Nevada gold mines, also overseeing their operations. Since running his last gold mine (which also involved the cleanup of extensive mercury tailings and cyanide left by former operators), he has been involved in a lengthy EPA-related mine and mill site cleanup in Colorado.

Part of his current work involves consulting to many sectors of the mining business. Recently, he consulted for the Treasure of the SS Central America, a ship that sunk in 1857 with tons of gold on board. The ship has been recovered and was the subject of a Discovery Channel documentary.

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Uwe Nikoley is our photographer and imaging expert. With an academic background in electrical engineering, Uwe has brought the latest technological advancements and efficiency to his position at HWAC. His long hours, dedication, perfectionism, and determination have been an invaluable asset and continue to improve the quality of our catalogs.



Joe Elcano is an advocate for the importance of history to the world we live in today. As a former educator for 36 years, he understands the importance of bringing that history to life. As he likes to say, "It is all about the story!" Born and raised in Reno, he is a serious Nevada history buff and collects anything from Nevada with a story! He has chosen to work with the fine people at Holabird Western Americana in his retirement for the excitement of learning new things and finding new stories!



Travis Lord comes to us with a background in graphic communication, ties to the jewelry industry, and is a Navy veteran with roots in the gold country of Northern California. He currently contributes to the production of our auction catalogs as researcher, photographer and image editor. An avid rock hound/pro prospector and futbol aficionado.



Katrina Lasko is our graphic designer. She also writes descriptions, does photography, and exhibits. She is an contemporary artist and uses unusual, often recycled, materials in addition to traditional paint. Her work often crosses between painting and drawing and sculpture. When not in the studio she likes walking and exploring new places and things.



Grant Peterson joined the Holabird team in 2014. He was lucky enough to grow up in South Lake Tahoe, California and fell in love with the Sierra Nevada and (adjacent) Nevada mining history when he was ten years old. He completed his undergraduate education at University of California, Davis and a graduate education at University of Nevada, Reno. His previous experience includes teaching writing at the university level in Reno, Lake Tahoe, and Colorado. Grant works as a researcher, describer, and editor for our catalogs and publications, as well as helping with marketing and auctioneering. He currently lives in Boulder, Colorado, and acts as an agent for the company. He also travels to Reno to help run each auction.



Ariana Patmas began working with the fine folks of Holabird in the summer of 2010 and has been trying to quit ever since. Ariana received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from University of Nevada, Reno and enjoys the focus on history that HWAC brings to each auction. When not at the office Ariana works full-time at Lululemon Athletica, and trail running around Reno and Auburn, CA. Unfortunately, Fred and Uwe have been a bad influence and Ariana has participated in several ultra-marathon trail races since 2015, with hopes of completing a 100k in 2017.



Bret Allen has been working at HWAC over the Summer before school starts again helping to get this killer auction off the ground. Cole is my older brother and we are going to college in the fall at the University of Nevada. Keeping it real since day 1.



Pepper is our office manager and master herder. She makes sure that all of our work is done in an appropriate timely manner and is key to keeping Uwe focused on his tasks.

ABSENTEE BID SHEET

Holabird Western Americana Collections

3555 Airway Drive, #308, Reno, NV 89511 Tel: 775-851-1859 Fax: 775-851-1834
 Email: info@fhwac.com website: www.FHWAC.com

Name: _____

Company _____

Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Are you a dealer? _____ Reseller Tax ID # _____

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Bidder #	
Entered by	
Date	

Bid Increments

From:	To:	Increment:
\$1	\$95	\$5
\$100	\$190	\$10
\$200	\$475	\$25
\$500	\$1450	\$50
\$1500	\$3400	\$100
\$3500	\$9750	\$250
\$10,000	\$30,000	\$500
\$30,000	up	\$1000

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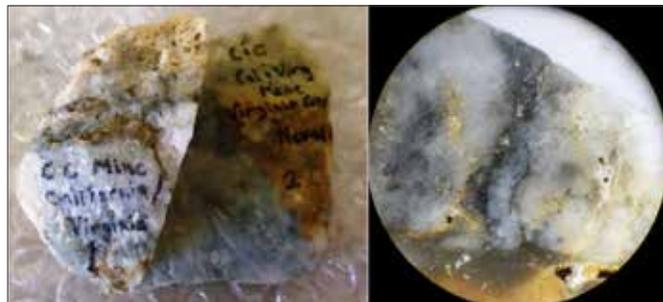
Comstock Ore Specimens

We received a number of fine high grade Comstock ore specimens from many of the prominent mines. These hand specimens have been carefully cut with a rock saw to expose high grade precious metal minerals, especially gold. They were collected by one of the Nevada exploration geologists who specialize in gold, and are part of a larger collection of high grade specimens collected during his career. These are the types of specimens that every collector desires, especially those who collect specimens with native gold from specific mines.

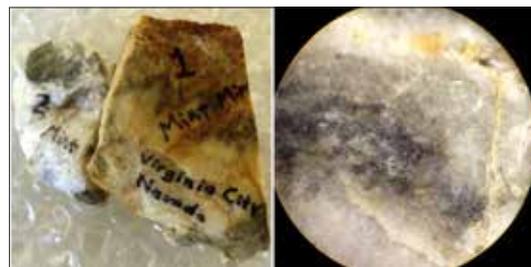
The Virginia City and the Comstock Mining District yielded enough gold and silver to shake the world, affecting European monetary policy and helping to keep the federal government solvent during the Civil War.

The first big strikes in 1859 signaled the discovery of some of the richest ore ever found. It was the largest single ore deposit yet found in the world. For example, the 1873 discovery of the 'Big Bonanza' was a massive ore body composed of nearly solid silver and gold.

The Comstock Mining District produced over 8.25 million ounces of gold, 250 million ounces of silver, a combined amount over \$400 million at the time, rendering a massive influx of cash into the American financial system. The price of gold at the time was \$20.67 per ounce and silver was approximately \$1.29 per ounce. At today's metal prices the dollar figures produced from the District would be in the multi-billions.



The principal silver ores were in the form of sulfides and sulfosalts, including argentite, polybasite, stephanite, and pyrargirite. Native silver was also present, but not abundant. Gold was found in free form, as well as, disseminated in quartz. Pyrite was also common in the ore. The Ophir and Gould and Curry bonanzas contained some galena, sphalerite, antimony, and copper sulfides. The ore from the Gold Hill section, in contrast, was almost free from base metals.



Much of the bullion produced from the mines was shipped to the United States Mint in Carson City, built in 1869. Because a spur of the V&T (Virginia City and Truckee) Railroad led directly to the Mint, it was possible to ship bullion securely from the mill to the Mint. Although the U.S. Government purchased most of the gold and silver mined in the District, the 'CC' mintmark is coveted by coin collectors due to its relative rarity and the fact that the metal came from the world famous Comstock Lode.

References on the Comstock abound. Early works discussing the ores include Guido Kustel (1860's) and George Becker (USGS, 1880's). Many later works deal with social history and financial history, summarized by Grant Smith with new material by Joseph Tingley. *The History of the Comstock Lode, 1850-1997*. Reno: Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology in association with the University of Nevada Press, 1998; R. & S. James, *Images of America: Virginia City and the Big Bonanza*. Charleston: Arcadia Publishing, 2009.