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Auction:  
Rare U.S. Coins from the Estate of Barbara Hussey Riggins  
March 6

Previews:  
February 28 – March 1 & 6  
and by appointment

Location:  
Michaan's Auctions  
2751 Todd Street  
Alameda, CA 94501

### **Estate of Barbara Hussey Riggins Coin Collection** **Marches into Auction**

Michaan's presents its first ever stand-alone coin auction on March 6, 2015, featuring pieces of excellence from the estate of Barbara Hussey Riggins. The sale contains over 300 fine coin lots from the estate, with selections spanning high grade, U.S. platinum and gold pieces. The coin collection, which Ms. Riggins started amassing in the early 1950s, has now been sorted into sale lots with an approximate cumulative low estimate of \$500,000. The rare and desirable collection highlights U.S. Liberty Head gold coins such as an 1878-S \$20 MS63 (\$12,000-15,000), an 1887-S \$20 MS63 (\$10,000-12,000) and an 1875 \$20 MS64 (\$10,000-12,000). Michaan's Coin and Stamp Specialist Mr. Michael Rosenberg commented on the aforementioned pieces, stating, "The grading on these coins is very rare; their condition is exceptional, pristine. To find low mint pieces such as these in this condition is undoubtedly a collector's treasure."

Additional price points at auction include two lots of 1914 \$2 ½ Indian Head gold NNC MS64 coins at estimates of \$5,000-7,000 each. These coins are also of a very low total mintage at 240,000. An offering of 3 lots of China Panda Gold and Lunar premium sets will also make an appearance at auction at \$4,000-5,000 each. Also of note is a 1754 Pillar Mexican 8 Reale MS61 silver coin, recovered from a shipwreck at an estimation of \$3,000-5,000. Previews for this auction will be held on February the 28 to March the 1<sup>st</sup>, as well as the day of sale, March 6, 2015. For more information on this specialty auction and/or to arrange a private preview, please Mr. Michael Rosenberg at

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(510) 227-2502 or e-mail at [mrosenberg@michaans.com](mailto:mrosenberg@michaans.com). Michaan's Auctions continuously seeks quality coin consignments at a negotiable seller's commission. Michaan's Auctions is located at 2751 Todd Street, Alameda, CA 94501.

## **About Michaan's Auctions**

Michaan's Auctions is a leading full service auction house on the West Coast. Specializing in the appraisals and sale of antiques and fine art, Michaan's has specialists in the fields of Furniture and Decorative Arts, Modern, Contemporary Art, European and American Paintings and Prints, Jewelry and Asian Works of Art.

Established in 2002, Michaan's Auctions holds up to thirty sales each year attracting a broad base of buyers and consignors from all over the world. With one of the largest facilities in Northern California and the Bay Area's lowest buyers premium Michaan's offers buyers and sellers the opportunity to preview and bid on many unique and desirable property. Some of these pieces realized world record prices. In 2005 A.D.M. Cooper's oil painting, Three Graces 1915, sold for a record \$21,060 and an Eduard Gaertner oil, German City Street Scene 1831, sold for \$266,000.

Michaan's has built its reputation on its ability to accept single items, groups or entire estates with its "no risk consignment policy" free of hidden fees and charges. Michaan's specialists are dedicated to staying current on the latest issues and developments in the market and are committed to providing personalized and professional attention throughout the entire auction process.

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