

It is said that Tsar Alexander III was an imposing man, so it is fitting that a doll commemorating him would be the same. Standing 26" tall, the Jumeau doll was commissioned after the Franco-Russian Alliance of 1892, to represent the Tsar, and has been preserved in its original state in a Paris mansion until this time. The costume, from the cap to the shoes to the sword, was custom made by the finest artisans in those respective fields, and is remarkable in its detail. It is the only one known to exist.



Suzanne Amaryllis, a poupee by Rohmer with her original signed Rohmer trunk and extensive trousseau of costumes, hats, and accessories is being offered at Theriault's July 24 auction from her chateau in Rouen, France where she has lived for the past century and a half.



Theriault's: July 24th in Anaheim, CA

Private collection and family estates provide the dolls and playthings to be presented at Theriault's annual Marquis Summer auction titled "Raised by the Song of the Murmuring Grove". The auction will be conducted on Sunday, July 24th at the Hyatt Regency in Anaheim, California.

Of particular note is an all-original 26" Jumeau doll representing Tsar Alexander III at the signing of the Franco-Russian Alliance in 1892. Although Tsar Alexander III died just two years later, his significance to French/Russian relations was commemorated in

the construction of the Pont Alexandre Bridge in Paris, considered by many to be one of the most beautiful sights in Paris today. The cornerstone of the bridge was laid in 1896 by his son, Nicholas II, the last tsar of Russia, and the bridge was inaugurated in 1900 for the Universal Exhibition along with the Grand Palais and Petit Palais.

During this era, Jumeau was commissioned to create a doll representing Tsar Alexandre III in full regalia costume including various miniature medals and a superb sword, to be presented to various dignitaries and their families. It is uncertain if only one doll was made, or a small series, but the Tsar Alexander III doll to be sold at Theriault's July 24 auction is the only one known to still exist at this time. The doll was preserved in an original family estate in Paris until now



Raggedy friends include Beloved Belindy, Pirate Chieftain, Andy, and Little Brown Bear who seldom comes out to play, but will be at Theriault's July 24 auction.



An early French poupee with bisque arms takes her two tiny 11" friends, Steiner Series C 3/0 and Bru Brevete 5/0, for a stroll "in the murmuring grove".

and is in impeccable condition.

Another French doll of particular note in the auction is Suzanne Amaryllis, a poupee by the renowned firm of Leontine Rohmer. The doll is accompanied by her original trunk with rare Rohmer label, and a superb trousseau of gowns, bonnets, lingerie and accessories. The doll has been preserved in her family estate in Rouen, France until now, and her name is known from a small box filled with doll hats tucked into the corner of the trunk with pencil notation "chapeaux de Suzanne Amaryllis". It is interesting to contemplate that the famous French poupee, Blondinette, also with her original elaborate trunk and trousseau, was preserved in the nearby town of D'Avranches throughout the same century and a half.

Theriault's auction theme is inspired by an excerpt from an 18th century poem by the German Frederic Holderlin, "I was raised by the song of the murmuring grove and loving I learned among flowers", that so charmingly captures the garden moments of childhood. The auction includes a collection of petite French bebes by Bru, Steiner, Jumeau and Gaultier, known as those that "perfectly fit in the palm of one's hand", as well as glorious grand-sized



An early cloth model by Kathe Kruse known as "frog hand" will be present at Theriault's July 24 auction, along with other Kathe Kruse models.



A petite model of Bruno Schmidt's doll known to collector's as "Wendy" stands aside the little lamb that she owns.



A rare painted eye character, 217, by Catterfelder Puppenfabrick is present in the auction along with number of other rare painted and glass eyed characters.



A group of rare Raggedy Ann Family friends, part of the one-owner collection to auctioned by Theriault's at their July 24 auction.



Bebe Mothereau is so dreamily beautiful and so very rare to find. This example has fine creamy bisque and rich brown eyes, wearing a fine antique costume.



An apt phrase "dolls that fit in the palm of your hand" describes the little bebes of Bru, Gaultier and Steiner that are in the auction. These are a few of the offerings to be found in the 160-page catalog.



French character googly, 307, with captivating expression and choice complexion, is among the rarest of the SFBJ series. The auction offers a wide collection of desirable German and French googlies including both glass eyed and painted eye models.

bebes including a 38" Series C Steiner and a 29" very rare Series G Steiner; in between are a bevy of gorgeous and rare French bebes by Halopeau, Thuillier, Jumeau, Bru, and other notable doll firms.

Theriault's summer Marquis doll auction is known for the variety of dolls that are offered. "We know that collectors are coming from all over the country for this event, and different collectors have different interests. We try to offer dolls in every category and within those categories, the best of the best", notes Stuart Holbrook, Theriault's president.

For example, if little dolls are your particular delight, in addition to the aforementioned French bebes, there is a great selection of mignonettes and German bisque characters including 10" Wendy and 12" CP 217 from



A 29" French bisque bebe, the rare model Series G by Steiner, of incomparable beauty and charm will be present at the auction.



French bebe in wonderful original costume by Thuillier is especially beautiful.

Considered one of the rarest bears in the world is the brown wool plush bear with metal rod armature, the first bear made by Steiff, of which only two others are known to exist.



Fine Lenci dolls in original vibrantly colored costumes include the rare Lenci drummer boy.

Two very rare 29" originally dressed bunny couples by Steiff form part of the collection of Steiff rare animals to be presented at the July 24 auction.



original family estates. Cloth dolls range from the early Kathe Kruse known as "frog hand", to a collection of Lenci dolls, to a wonderful one-owner collection of early Raggedy Ann's, many featured in books. Teddy bear collectors will find the very rare earliest bear model made by Steiff of which only two others are known to exist, as well as a collection of 1920s/1950s German, French and English bears in wonderful grand size and impeccable condition. There are two wonderfully-furnished early German kitchens, superb French poupees in original costumes (some with wooden bodies), Kestner's 243 Chinese Baby along with Chinese children's chairs and a collection of antique Chinese children's caps, rare early candy containers, a collection of googlies including rare Heubach models, Kewpies, early Sonneberg dolls in the French look-alike style, 19th century antique doll costumes including shoes, automata, early wooden and paper mache lady dolls, and so many more wonderful dolls and playthings in the 400 lot auction.

A 160-page full color catalog is available with detailed historical and technical descriptions of each item. The auction can also be viewed on the Internet by visiting www.theriaults.com and clicking on the button

The beloved Bebe Triste by Jumeau is preserved in a superb couturier costume and bonnet.

