

## Auction Catalogs After the Auction...

By James Steckley

At the August 14 picnic, a visitor, Christine Lazzorini, stopped in with a donation of ten very heavy boxes. Among the many copies of the *American Philatelist*, odds and ends and some stamps, there were 95 auction catalogs dated between 2000 and 2006 from most of the major auction houses. What to do with them?

**Tuck Vosburg** and I were talking, and he told me of an article in the current AP issue about the American Philatelic Research Library collection of auction catalogs and the duplicates that were for sale. I sent an email and asked if any of these auction catalogs would be useful for the APRL collection.

I received an email acknowledging my request, and in a few days received a complete list of the library collection from the auction houses of Cherrystone, H.R. Harmer, Schuyler Rumsey, Nutmeg, Shreves and Robert A. Siegel. A crosscheck with my inventory showed that we had 12 catalogs that could be added to the APRL.

What perked my interest was a two-volume catalog in a protective case from the Irwin Weinberg auction house that covered their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Treasurers of Philately in 2003.

Since the APRL does not currently own any catalogs from Irwin Weinberg, these will be the first two to begin their collection.

In short, if you have some old catalogs in good condition, check with the APRL by email for their current list and you may be able to add to it. I'm sure they would appreciate it as they are used in research and expertizing.

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