## **CONNECTICUT RIVER BOOK AUCTION**

## will hold a LIVE and IN-PERSON BOOK AUCTION on JULY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 at the South Congregational Church located at 949 Main Street in South Glastonbury, CT 06073.

Inspection begins at noon with the auction starting at 6 pm. ABSENTEE / PHONE BIDDERS call 860-908-8067 for Information



July 4th has come and gone. Hard to believe but sidewalk sales are offering summer clothing at a discount and Halloween candy is making an appearance. Here in South Glastonbury, we're unpacking books and ephemera that will make you forget what time of year it may be.

Let's start with history and a very scarce and desirable softcover volume entitled "Abby and Her Cows." Written by Julia Smith and published in in 1877, this 1st edition is a collection of her letters to newspapers across the United States in protest of local authorities seizing her sister's cows for failure to pay taxes. Not only are Julia's letters a pleasure to read but the scorn heaped upon Glastonbury by editorial writers across the country is immensely entertaining.

Then again, perhaps, you would prefer an 1885 copy of Custer's "Boots and Saddles," Isaac Asimov's (1966,



signed) "The Roman Republic," or Mahan's (1890) "The Influence of Sea Power Upon History." As always we're rich in 1st edition fiction by Twain (1869) "The Innocents Abroad," and (1892)



"The American Claimant," Burgess' (1983, signed) "The End of World News," Hemingway's (1932) "Death in the Afternoon," Atwood's (1996, signed) "Alias Grace," Saul Bellow's (1953, signed BOMC) "The Adventures of Augie March," and Steinbeck's (1952) "East of Eden" to name a few.

For art lovers there are several copies of Bruce Weber's work and signed copies of the artistry of Eric Sloane. There are also copies of Leighton's (1935, signed) "Four Hedges," and (1944, signed) "Wood Engraving and Woodcuts." Not to be ignored is Keith's (1928) "Eastern Windows an Artist's Notes of Travel," and Hagreen (1975, signed) "Philip Hagreen The Artist and His Work."

Like autographs, then consider volumes signed by Bob Newhart, Pearl Buck and several by President Jimmy Carter. And then there is broadly termed the ephemera. There is the ceremonial sword, photo and citation of Col. Charles Perley Gray M.D. given as thanks for his lifesaving service during the Mexican Border War against Pancho Villa. Or a truly impressive Stereoscope with slides that I believe was used by an eye doctor, Esquire Vargas calendars for 1942, 1944 and 1946 and not to be omitted 15 Astronaut / NASA patches connected to Hamilton Standard maker of spacesuits.

> For more information on this 6 pm, Friday, July 12th book auction

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