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Over 800 documentary textile sample books, swatchbooks and original textile designs will be offered by Metropolitan Book Auction in New York City on June 6, 1996. Close to 500,000 swatches, each a piece of textile design history, will be sold. The collection includes over 100 years of design, with items from the 1830s through the 1960s. This, the fifth such auction conducted by Metropolitan, will contain the most comprehensive selection of textile materials ever offered in this country.

Swatchbooks, original textile designs on paper, wallpaper sample books, technical books, and loose antique textiles will be abundant. Cottons, wools and silks, prints, wovens, ethnics, ribbons, laces and even car upholstery textiles will be represented - tens of

Wharton Esherick (1887-1970)
For the first and perhaps only time, a major exhibition and sale of furnishings and woodcut prints by Wharton Esherick, deemed by many to be the most important American woodworker of the 20th century, will be presented in Philadelphia. The pieces on display represent a significant portion of Esherick's entire output and display the full range of his artistry. Most have come from the original owners and have never before been exhibited or available for purchase.

Wharton Esherick (1887-1970) - American Woodworker will be on exhibit from May 3 through July 20, 1996 at the Moderne Gallery in the Old City section of Philadelphia. According to Robert Aibel, owner of the Moderne Gallery, this is an extraordinary opportunity to appreciate and purchase the work of Esherick.

Above: One of over 800 documentary textile sample books, swatchbooks, and original textile designs which will be offered by Metropolitan Book Auction of New York City at it's Textile Archive Auction on June 6, 1996.
Textile Archive Auction (continued from cover) thousands of bits of inspiration for designers of shirts, dresses, suits, pajama, upholstery, and more. Also featured are periodicals, including the wonderful American Fabrics magazines, each full of period photographs, sketches and coordinating swatches.

Print designers take note! A spectacular section of printed silks includes over 100 swatchbooks of printed silks from the turn of the century through the 1950s, with special emphasis on the 1930s and 1940s. Rare for swatchbooks of this era, most of the books are complete, and include up to 10 different colorways for each print. For neckwear designers, thousands of wonderful ideas fill the pages. These range from mild to wild, and track the great decades of the tie - the '30s, '40s, and '50s.

For womenswear, an even greater selection of choices: fantasy florals, chic silk stripes and cute conversational prints including 'sailor and his gal', hat and parachute prints, and a charming fairy tale motif. These books memorialize the first great era of colorful and bold prints in fashion.

Not to be missed is a comprehensive collection of swatchbooks containing cotton and flannel shirtings. Flannels include classic pastel stripes, '30s pajama prints, and bold, bright early 20th century prints and plaids. The cotton shirtings books range from classic white on whites to wonderful and interestingly colored plaids, to the cleanest and best of woven men's shirtings.

Rounding out the auction will be several swatchbooks bursting with French silk ribbons from the turn of the century, woven dress silks, wonderful jacquards, massive books of suiting wools, and a selection of kitsch wallpaper.
books from the 1950s, in perfect condition.

Additionally, an unusual collection of archival, catalogued books full of printed cotton swatches, certainly the most comprehensive collection ever to come to sale, will be offered. These books contain hundreds, if not thousands, of large sized swatches of printed cotton in the colors that are emblematic of the height of production of this type of fabric, 1860-1920.

Finally, over one thousand original designs for textiles will be auctioned. Hand painted, these designs range from the 1920s - 1970s, and represent all styles for apparel and home furnishings textiles.

Whether to bid or to browse, don't miss this historically significant collection; there is a week-long preview, beginning on May 31 and running through June 5, 10am-5pm every day, where you can scan history. The collection will be auctioned on Thursday, June 6 at 1:00pm. For further information call (212) 929-4488.

Wharton Esherick (continued from cover) whose sculptural treatment of wood made him the 'father' of modern American craft furniture.

Retrospective Esherick exhibits were held at the Museum of Contemporary Crafts in New York in 1958 and at the Philadelphia Civic Center in 1971, several one-man print shows have been held in galleries, and selected works have been included in major museum exhibitions over the years. However, there has never been an offering of this scope. Approximately 35 pieces of wood work, primarily from Esherick's most influential period (the 1950s and '60s), and more than 75 different print images (1923-1933) will be in the Moderne Gallery show.

This exhibition and
**EVENT REMINDERS**

**MAY**
1. William Doyle Galleries' Important Estate Jewelry Auction, New York, NY (212) 427-2730
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11. Monsen & Baer Perfume Bottle Auction VI, Burlingame, CA (703) 938-2129
13. Antique Textile Extravaganza, Sturbridge, MA (207) 439-2334
14-19. Brimfield Antique Show, Brimfield, MA (413) 283-6149
18. Skinner's Art Glass & Lamps, Arts & Crafts, Art Deco & Modern Auction, Boston, MA (617) 350-5400
17-18. Tarheel Depression Glass Club Show, Burlington, NC (919) 834-6042
18-19. LA Modern Auction, W. Hollywood, CA (213) 845-9456
18-19. 20th Century Ltd. Show & Sale, Oak Park, IL (708) 879-5603
19. Treadway Gallery's 20th Century Auction, Chicago, IL (513) 321-6742
25-27. Baby Boombazar Show & Sale, St. Petersburg, FL (813) 398-2427
31-June 2. Metropolitan’s Vintage Fashion & Antique Textile Show, New York, NY (212) 463-0200

**JUNE**
1-2. Art Deco '50s Sale, San Francisco, CA (415) 599-DECO
1-2. 1996 Art Deco & Vintage Clothing Show, Indianapolis, IN (317) 261-1405
6. Swann Galleries' Autographs Auction, New York, NY (212) 254-4710
6. Metropolitan’s Antique Textile Swatchbook Auction, New York, NY 212-929-4488
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8 Antique Textile Extravaganza, Sturbridge, MA (207)
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9-14 Brimfield Antique Show, Brimfield, MA (413) 283-6149
12-14 Novelty Salt & Pepper Shakers Collector’s Convention, Trevose, PA (407)
588-5368
19-20 American Art Pottery Show & Sale, Zanesville, OH (812) 547-5707

ONGOING
Through June 9 “The Art of Peter Voulkos: A Survey of 70 Ceramic Pieces from the 1950s-1990s” at the American Craft Museum in New York (212) 956-6047


Through July 28 “Images of an Era: Examining MOCA’s Art Acquisitions Between 1940-1975” at MOCA in Los Angeles, CA (213) 626-6222

Through Oct 1 “Vienna Moderne: 1895-1930” at the Norwest Center in Minneapolis, MN (612) 667-5136

Through May 19 “Rooms In Time: Design from the ‘50s, ‘60s, ‘70s and ‘80s” at the Vitra Design Museum (212) 879-8074

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Wharton Esherick (continued from page 3) sale has been made possible by a unique circumstance: many of Wharton Esherick’s one-of-a-kind pieces of furniture, lighting fixtures, household utensils, sculpture, architectural elements, paintings and woodcut prints have become available at the same time.

Since Esherick’s death in 1970, several of his most important patron/collectors have passed away, or have grown older and moved to smaller residences. In addition, interiors that Esherick designed for particular homes have been dismantled. In some cases, the furniture has been handed on to children and grandchildren. Now they, or their heirs, are offering these exceptional pieces for sale through the Moderne Gallery.

“I am excited that the Moderne Gallery will be presenting this show,” said Aibel. “I believe that Wharton Esherick, though well-known to museum curators nationally and to many in the Philadelphia region where he lived and worked, has not been given his due as the man Sam Maloof called ‘the dean of American craftsmen.’ We hope this exhibition will bring new light to his importance and influence in 20th century design.”

Robert Edwards, who is an acknowledged expert on Esherick and has served as a representative for Esherick patrons for many years, is collaborating on the exhibition with Aibel.

“Wharton Esherick’s pioneering influence on Wendell Castle, Arthur Espenet Carpenter, Sam Maloof and scores of today's designer-craftsmen is profound,” says Edwards. “He provides the bridge between the Arts and Crafts Movement and modern Art Furniture. Esherick believed in a style that was a life style, and was one of the...”
Wharton Esherick (continued from page 7) fore-runners in maintaining the handcraft tradition in the 20th century, in the face of booming industrialization.

The centerpiece of the Moderne Gallery exhibit will be the asymmetric hickory table with black phenol top and four hickory chairs with rawhide seats that Esherick created for the 1939-40 New York World's Fair, for the “America at Home” display designed with architect George Howe. The suite is an exquisite example of Esherick's use of geometry and space in his designs and is acknowledged as a masterpiece.

Other historically significant works on display will be a large oak archway and a part of the library (with sofa and drop-lid desk) from the home of Judge Curtis and Nellie Lee Bok of Philadelphia. In the 1930s Esherick designed and constructed the interiors of the Bok house, called "one of America's outstanding interiors" by The Britannica Encyclopedia of American Art.

Included will be a broad selection of seating, tables and chairs, cabinetry, lighting, sculptures, and bowls. There will also be examples of his famous three-legged stool, library steps and hammer handle chair. And prints will be a major feature of the show, including at least one copy of almost every Esherick woodcut.

For further information on the Esherick exhibition and sale, contact the Moderne Gallery at (215) 923-8536.

Note: A presentation entitled "Wharton Esherick 1887-1970: Grandfather of 20th Century American Woodworking" will be presented at the Philadelphia Furniture Show on May 11 at 2:00pm. The presentation will be moderated by Robert Aibel with Wendell Castle and Mansfield Bascom, curator of the Wharton Esherick Museum. For further information on the presentation call (215) 440-0718.