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AUCTION

Greenbrier Bids Farewell to Dorothy Draper Signatures

Fans of decorating legend Dorothy Draper can pick up some of her vintage pieces at an auction in Alexandria next month. The sale comes at a time when Draper, a designer from 1925 to 1960 who championed vivid color and bold floral prints, is enjoying a revival through a traveling museum show, recently in Dallas.

A pair of white painted wooden urns she designed in 1948 for the presidential suite of the Greenbrier resort in West Virginia are expected to fetch between \$1,000 and \$2,000 at the Potomack Co. sale on Sept. 29. A white bedside table with green trim and a pink floral-inset glass pull is estimated at \$300 to \$500.

Since that postwar facelift, the Greenbrier has been updated periodically in her style by Carleton Varney, who took over Draper & Co. after her retirement. She died in 1969. Varney recently finished a \$50 million makeover at the resort, calling the 63 remodeled guest rooms "a very watered-down Draper look to appeal to businessmen. They



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These Dorothy Draper urns and other Greenbrier pieces will be auctioned.

don't understand walking into a room with big cabbage roses on the wall."

For bidding and preview information, call 703-684-4550 or visit www.potomackcompany.com.

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