

Bids bloomed big for *Floral Still Life*: \$88,125

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Spirited international telephone bidding marked The Potomack Company's sale of *The Pantheon* attributed to Giuseppe Canella (Italian, 1788-1847) at its Feb. 13 auction. The signed oil on canvas of the Roman landmark sold for \$21,150 (with buyer's premium). Nineteenth century paintings of the Pantheon rarely enter the market in the United States, which increased its appeal to numerous bidders around the world.

Another highlight of the sale was *Floral Still Life* by Severin Roesen (American, 1815-1872), which brought \$88,125.

Paintings, porcelain and other objects from the estate of John

Claiborne Davis, renowned teacher and administrator of St. Albans School in Washington, D.C., were also featured in the auction. Davis began his career at St. Albans in 1942 and taught history, international affairs and Episcopal Church doctrine as well as serving as head of the Upper School for several years. His collections of art, porcelain and other items reflected his interest in classical studies and international culture.

Additional items from the Davis estate will be offered by The Potomack Company later in the spring.

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