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NOTABLE ARTIST AND ILLUSTRATOR VICTOR DE PAUW FEATURED IN POTOMACK COMPANY AUCTION SEPTEMBER 20, 2008

An important collection of 200 original works by New York and East Hampton artist Victor De Pauw (1902-1971) will be sold at auction on September 20th, 2008, at The Potomack Company in Old Town Alexandria. This collection has been held by the family since the artist's death and is now being sold publicly for the first time.

Victor De Pauw was a well known artist during his life time. He produced seven covers for the *New Yorker* as well as many social and political cartoons for magazines, including *Vanity Fair*, *Fortune*, *Life*, *Free World*, *Theater Arts*, and *Traveler*. His art works were collected by Claire Booth Luce, Mrs. Nelson Rockefeller, Robert Sherwood and others. Among his close circle of friends in East Hampton were Willem de Kooning, and Ilya Bolotosky. Examples of his work can be seen at the New York Museum of Modern Art, the Philadelphia Museum of Fine Arts and the National Museum of American Art in Washington, D.C. De Pauw exhibited during his life time at the Brooklyn Museum of Art, The Parish Art Museum as well as many prominent galleries on 57th street in New York.

De Pauw's early works include 1920's society cartoons, of Jane Cowell, Edward G. Robinson, Martha Graham, Douglas Fairbanks, Ethel Barrymore, Mrs. Calvin Coolidge and Alice Rockefeller to name a few. With the events of the Spanish Civil War and then World War II, he used his skills to depict a world at war in works such as "D-Day Practice Landings at Martha's Vineyard," and "Bugler and American Flag". Throughout his life time he depicted urban cityscapes, and rural landscapes including "Brooklyn Bridge," "Yorkville Houses, New York" "Ninevah Falls, Connecticut," "Montauk Cliffs" and "Long's Peak – Rocky Mt. National Park." De Pauw looked to other cultures notably the art of the Native Americans. He made several studies of Native American art for the Museum of The American Indian.

The auction will also include the pristine contents of a waterfront townhouse in Old Town Alexandria featuring designer furniture by Henkel-Harris, Henredon and Baker as well as late 19th century British landscapes.

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Viewing hours at the gallery will be Saturday, September 13 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday September 14 from 1 to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday from 10 to 5 and Thursday evening, September 18 until 7 p.m.

The Potomack Company is a fine art and antique auction gallery located at 526 North Fayette Street in Old Town Alexandria. For additional information about the De Pauw collection and other upcoming auctions, please call 703-684-4550 or visit www.potomackcompany.com.