

Record Price for American Lily Pad Glass

On November 30, 2006, at the Internet and absentee auction held by the Medford Lakes, New Jersey, firm Glass International, a rare lily pad sugar bowl made at the Redford Crown Glass Factory, in perfect condition, brought \$55,000 (including buyer's premium).



Redford Crown Glass Works, lily pad sugar bowl, aquamarine, 8¾" high, with lily pad cover, circa 1838, from the collection of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bourcier, \$55,000.

According to auctioneer John De Caro, this is the highest price paid at auction for an American lily pad example. The circa 1838 bowl was part of the blown glass collection of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bourcier of Malone, New York. The Redford Crown Glass Factory was in operation from 1831 to 1851 in Clinton County in northern New York, near Plattsburgh and Malone.

De Caro wrote in a press release, "It was a once in a lifetime opportunity; the glass had never been on the market. [It was] found in Malone during the 1950's with a Redford history one or two generations removed from the glass blower; the quality and condition are the best any museum or private collector could hope for."

For more information about the auction, contact Glass International at (609) 714-2595, or visit the website (www.historicalglass.com).

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