

Copley Fine Art Auctions  
The Sporting Sale 2013  
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BOSTON, MASS- Copley Fine Art Auctions' 2013 Sporting Sale, held July 30-31 in Plymouth, Massachusetts brought \$2,245,191, with nearly 90% of lots sold. A record price was achieved for several makers and birds in session one, as well as numerous artists in session two.

Session one started the sale off strong with almost all of its top lots finding a home, including a pair of red breasted mergansers (\$175/225,000) by Ira D. Hudson (1873-1949), which brought \$207,000.

Session two opened strong with the group of quail paintings by Gerard Hardenbergh (1855-1915), with the main oil *Bevy of Beauties* (\$15/25,000) shattering the artist's previous auction record of \$15,000, realizing \$43,125. Another highlight in this grouping included lot 437 an oil of a family of quail, which crushed its \$5/7,000 estimate, landing at \$19,550.

Copley set a new world record for an Ogden M. Pleissner (1905-1983) watercolor with lot 445 *Quail Shooting*. The work doubled its high estimate of \$60,000, bringing \$120,750. Two of the artist's other works, *A Shot at the River Crossing* and *Angling for Salmon*, each split the uprights coming in at \$48,875 on their \$40/60,000 estimates.

Southern paintings continued to be in demand with William Aiken Walker's (1838-1921) New Orleans Cotton Dock, which brought \$83,375, the world record price for a portrait by this artist.

Copley fell just shy of setting a new world record with their Robert Abbett (b. 1926) oil *A Class Act*, selling the work for \$32,220 on a \$20/25,000 estimate.

Continuing their strong performance with William Koelpin (1938-1996), bronzes Copley sold *Opening Day* (\$8/12,000) for \$17,250.

Works by Colin Burns (b. 1944), Roland Clark (1874-1957), Arthur Burdett Frost (1851-1928), William Keith (1838-1911), and Edmund Osthaus (1858-1928), all showed solid results, indicating continued strength in the American and Sporting art market.

All prices include a 15% buyer's premium. Copley Fine Art Auctions, LLC is already preparing for its 2014 Winter Sale, and welcomes consignment inquiries. Please call 617.536.0030 for information regarding the upcoming auction or private sales. A full list of official prices realized from Copley's 2013 Sporting Sale will be available at [www.copleyart.com](http://www.copleyart.com).