

LETTER FROM SCOTT TREPEL REGARDING SPECIAL MEASURES (UPDATED 3/24/2020)

Important updates appear in red. We are continuing to respond to changes caused by the coronavirus outbreak, to ensure that Siegel Auction Galleries is able to continue operating as we have for 90 years and, more importantly, to protect the health of our clients and staff.

Non-essential businesses in New York continue to be closed. **Dallas County has announced shelter-in restrictions, effective 3/24/2020.**

Here are the changes to our procedures and policies:

Auctions and Bidding: We will continue to run “live” auctions, but public attendance will not be permitted until the restrictions are lifted. As most of our bidders have been using the internet, telephone, book bids and agents in recent years, this change should have no impact on our sales. **Our auctions scheduled for March 24 (“Dubois”) and April 8-9 (Morton) will be held on those dates.** There will be no postal viewing or on-premises viewing for these scheduled auctions – since the “Dubois” sale is postal history and the Morton sale has certified stamps, physical viewing is not essential.

New York and Dallas: The Dallas office will close as of Tuesday 3/25/2020. We have been and will continue to answer calls and emails remotely from our personal residences. We will continue to operate remotely in New York and Dallas until circumstances change.

Payments: Please remit promptly for your purchases after receiving your invoice, whether or not you receive your lots at the same time. It is difficult and perhaps impossible for us to process paper checks. Instead of paying with a paper check, please use Electronic Funds Transfer. If you must use a credit card, please add the convenience fee. If you have any questions about payment, please contact Daphne Aitken at 212-753-6421. **Mail and paper checks should be mailed to:**

**Scott Trepel
P.O. Box 1597
East Hampton, NY 11937**

Shipment of Property: We will endeavor to ship lots and ship/receive property. Before any lots and property are shipped, we will need to confirm that transport and delivery is possible. We ask for your patience and cooperation with this process.

Extensions: Lots for certification by The Philatelic Foundation, Professional Stamp Experts or other expert committees will be held until we can submit them. Again, the “Dubois” sale and Morton sale should not involve much, if any, new certification.

Consignments: We have sales in process for April, May and June. We are actively seeking consignments and outright purchases. Please contact us immediately.

The health of our clients and their families is paramount. We take seriously our role in protecting and securing property. We will do everything possible to keep the philatelic market moving.

As FDR said, “I owe my life to my hobbies – especially stamp collecting.”

Stay healthy,
Scott Trepel