

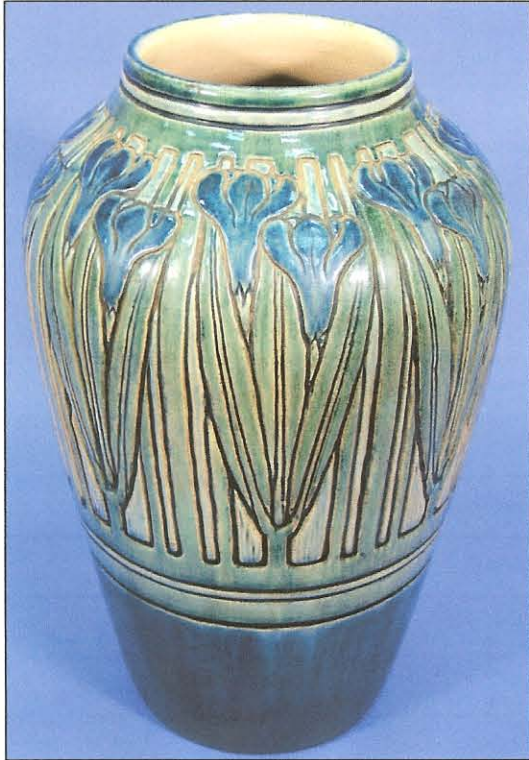


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## TreasureQuest Sells Newcomb College Art Pottery Vase for \$22,000.00 on Ebay

**Stuart, FL** - TreasureQuest Auction Galleries, Inc. offered a rare and wonderful piece of American art pottery circa 1906 by artist Marie Hoa de LaBlanc on Ebay. The wonderful find was discovered in a South Florida estate during an appraisal visit by the company's owners; **Tim Luke** and **Greg Strahm**, both are members of the International Society of Appraisers. "My heart stopped when I spotted the vase resting on the top shelf in the back of the closet," commented Greg Strahm. "Both Tim & I were very excited about the find and assured our client that we would do extensive research to ensure the best possible price."

It was in 1894 that the H. Sophie Newcomb Memorial College established a vocational training program for young women artists. The goal was to provide employment for graduates when there were few work opportunities for women. The studio business produced some 70,000 pieces designed by approximately 90 women artists between 1895 and 1940.

This vase, a fine example of Newcomb College pottery, measuring 14" employs the use of irises in its overall design and because this is an artist piece, no two vases are exactly alike. The piece has the artist's signature and is the finest example of pottery offered by TreasureQuest to date. "We are thrilled with the selling price of the vase and hope to find more treasures like this one buried on the treasure coast," commented Tim Luke.

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