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**Jimi Hendrix's Delinquent Bar Tab; The First English-Language Sex Manual; 19<sup>th</sup> Century 3-D Children's Book – and hundreds of more unusual and eclectic items at the  
48<sup>th</sup> California International Antiquarian Book Fair**

**February 6 - 8, 2015 at Oakland Marriott City Center**

**Oakland, CA (January 21, 2015)** – From the world's first English-language sex manual to a 19<sup>th</sup>-century illustrated guide to flower arranging – and all manner of topics in between, the [48<sup>th</sup> California International Antiquarian Book Fair](#) arrives to its new home in Oakland for a weekend of browsing, seminars and exhibitions from **February 6 - 8, 2015 at the Oakland Marriott City Center.**

Sponsored by the **Antiquarian Booksellers' Association of America (ABAA)** and the **International League of Antiquarian Booksellers (ILAB)**, the three-day event is the world's largest antiquarian book fair with nearly 200 booksellers from the United States and around the globe. The annual Book Fair features a rich selection of books, manuscripts, maps and other printed materials, including incunabula; literature from all centuries and nationalities; fine bindings; children's and illustrated books; ephemera; and antiquarian books on dozens of topics.

In addition to a special exhibit featuring the collections of the **F.W. Olin Library at Mills College** as well as a presentation on **Jack London's photography**, this year's Book Fair will feature some unusual and notable items that you won't want to miss, including:

**Overdue Bar Tab Invoice for Jimi Hendrix, 1969**

Even the world's greatest rock guitarist can forget to pay his tab once in a while. Hendrix spent a Halloween evening at "The Scene" nightclub in New York in 1969, and apparently, skipped out on his tab. The invoice for \$44.25 is from owner Steve Paul

stating that “The Scene needs the money badly. Your beverage tab is Past Due.” Hopefully he left a tip! (*Schubertiade Music & Arts LLC, Booth 106, \$1,200*)

### **The First English Sex Manual from 1684**

Entitled *Aristotle’s Masterpiece*, although not written by Aristotle or a masterpiece, this 17<sup>th</sup> century primer provides practical advice on copulation, conception, pregnancy and birth. Needless to say, this was an extremely popular book in its time, going through more than 100 editions over two centuries. While not intended as pornography, the graphic nature of the book caused it to be printed and sold “under the table.” One wonders how many teenaged English boys kept a copy hidden under their bed! (*Jeremy Norman HistoryofScience.com, Booth 809, \$65,000*)

### **The Heritage Edition of the St. John’s Bible**

One of the pricier items at the Book Fair, this is an astonishing seven-volume set considered by *Smithsonian Magazine* as “One of the extraordinary undertakings of our times.” This is a meticulously produced St. John’s Bible printed on custom-crafted uncoated cotton paper designed to replicate ancient vellum. The producers used state-of-the-art offset lithographic printing, which is completed with gold and silver foils. The volumes are hand-bound with Italian calfskin leather and held together with a solid silver clasp. (*The Heritage Book Shop, Booth 800, \$165,000*)

### **A Lock of Franz Liszt’s Hair from 1884**

One of the world’s best pianists and a renowned composer, Franz Liszt (1811-1886) was the Elvis of his time. Women swooned over him and hundreds flocked to his dazzling performances. Throughout Europe, Countesses and Princesses vied for his attention and to become his muse. It’s no surprise, then, that his student, Carl Lachmund, nicked a lock of his hair. The lock of hair comes with a signed note of provenance. (*Schubertiade Music & Arts, Booth 106, \$12,000*)

### **Naturgemälde: A 3-D German’s Children’s Book from 1827**

3-D printing is all the rage now, but back in 1827, Leopold Chimani was ahead of his time. His *Naturgemälde* is a mesmerizing children’s book that utilizes illustrations to teach children about geography. With sections about Europe, Asia, Africa, America and Australia, the book features dozens of colored cutout illustrations that can be inserted into a scored grid to create a 3-D illustration to demonstrate the region. This is an extremely rare copy – none have been found in recent times. (*Simon Beattie, Ltd., Booth 302, \$12,000*)

### **Flower and Fruit Decoration from 1862**

Without Martha Stewart or HGTV to guide them, cultured people in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century probably turned to T.C. March to provide direction for how to properly decorate

their parlours and terraces. *Flower and Fruit Decoration: With Some Remarks on the Treatment of Town Gardens, Terraces...* is a gorgeously illustrated guide to flower and fruit decorations. This extremely rare book gives helpful hints on juxtaposing color in vase arrangements as well as patios and gardens. "Tis a good thing!" (*Janette Ray Rare & Out of Print Books, Booth 707, \$950*)

### **Twentysix Gasoline Stations**

The title says it all. This book of photography was a labor of love by artist Ed Ruscha who traveled Route 66 between Los Angeles and Oklahoma City snapping photos of gas stations along the way. The artistically published 48-page book was very simple, very small (at only 7 x 5 1/2 inches) and an elegant depiction of the popular American highway. The book was rejected by the Library of Congress, which only spurred its popularity. With printings in 1962, 1967 and 1969, just 3,500 copies of the book were produced and, today, are very rare. (*Laurence McGilvery, Booths 510 & 511, \$1,400*)

### **The Georg Wieszner and Lily Wieszner-Zulcher Guest Book, 1921-1935**

Guess who's coming to dinner? In the Wieszner's Nuremberg home, this could be anyone from Bauhaus artists to officers in the Third Reich. Lily's artwork adorns the 200-page guest book, which provide a glimpse into Weimar culture. The guestbook can be seen as a reflection of the times, from the "roaring" twenties, to the looming economic crisis, to the crashing affect on intellectual and artistic life of the Nazi surge to power in the early thirties. Famous visitors included Nazi poet Hanns Johst; Sepp (Josef) Drexel, a German soldier captured by the Russians and held in terrible conditions of captivity; the artist Kandinsky and his wife, Nina; spy and traitor Gerald Hamilton; actor Max Martensteig; Dr. Karl Vossler, and dozens of others. (*Jobanson Rare Books, Booth 1008, \$26,000*)

### **Charles Bukowski Letter**

Charles Bukowski was a larger-than-life write, poet and columnist who was a fixture in the Los Angeles literary scene. This rambling letter was penned (and illustrated) to his friends and early publishers Jon and Louise Webb in 1964. In it, he muses about getting published, his newborn girl, beer and life in general. A great peek into the writer's mind. (*Royal Books, Inc., Booth 112, \$9,500*)

### **Pharmaceutical Guide from 1537**

Long before Bayer, Tylenol and Advil were household names, Claudii Galeni published *De compositione Pharmacorum* in 1537. The very rare, two-volume book includes how to formulate site-specific drugs and commentary on Galen's theories of botanical pharmacology. The works include detailed remedies for the relief of pain and inflammation. Today, only four copies remain. (*Jobanson Rare Books, Booth 1008, \$8,000*)

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