

Summer auction has something for every perfins collector

It's the Club's 74th sale since 1964

Whether you collect U.S. or foreign, singles, or covers, whether you're looking for choice singles to fill blank spots or mixtures to rummage through, you can find something you like in Perfins Club Auction 74 in this issue of the *Bulletin*.

Auction chairman Rudy Roy has put together an impressive assortment of lots to tempt every collector. The auction list begins on page 87. Several of the lots are illustrated on pages 86 and 91. The auction closing date is August 31, but don't wait until August to get your bids in. The early bidder always has the advantage.

Members who have never bid in a club auction before will find the experience remarkably free of pain. Just read the auction guidelines, make sure you understand the abbreviations, and then bid what you are willing to pay for the lots you are interested in.

Be sure to bid by lot number and bid the maximum you are willing to spend for that particular item. The high bidder will pay a slight advance over the second highest bidder. In the case of tie bids, the

first bid received wins the lot. That's why early bidding is important.

Among the items offered in the summer auction are 49 lots of foreign singles, 65 lots of foreign collections and mixtures, and a dozen foreign covers, including covers from Finland, French Morocco, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Portugal, and Switzerland.

One major collection included in the sale is 609 all different

tion features nearly 250 lots of choice singles including a collection of 3,180 all different designs mounted on Vario stock pages. The collection carries a minimum bid of \$2,000 but it is an excellent start to building a comprehensive U.S. collection. It is nearly half the U.S. patterns listed in the 1998 catalog.

The auction winds up with eight choice U.S. covers.

Roy says he expects the bidding to be heavy in this summer's auction because of the wide variety of material offered.

Members can bid by mail or by e-mail. Roy's address and his e-mail address are provided at the beginning of the auction listing and on the back cover of the *Bulletin*.

This is the Club's 74th auction in 35 years. The first auction was held in November 1964 and featured only a handful of U.S. perfins. Over the years the auctions have grown larger and more diversified and

now are a major source of better-quality perfins for members.



Lot 366 in the summer auction is a U.S. postal card (UX19) with an added perfin H91 on Scott 300. The perfin is E-rated, but auction chairman Rudy Roy suggests that this card, dated 29 July 1908, may be the earliest use of a U.S. perfin to an overseas destination!

Danish perfins mounted in a copy of the 1970 Danish Perfins Catalog. The collection represents a little more than half the known Danish perfins.

For U.S. collectors, the auc-