

Media Announcement
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Newly discovered botanical watercolours by the Ulke family to be offered for sale at
LAPADA Art & Antiques Fair
22nd – 27th September 2015



Henry Ulke, *Heliocereus [sun cactus]*



Henry Ulke, *Aconitum*



Henry Ulke, *Peonies*



Carl Ulke, *Studies of Dahlias and Figs*



Carl Ulke, *A Lily Pond with Figures Boating and Mountains in the Distance on River Berbice, Guyana*



Carl Ulke, *Studies of Oxalis Acetosella*



Carl Ulke, *Study of a Dandelion [Taraxacum]*

A newly discovered private collection of botanical watercolours by renowned German portrait painter Henry Ulke and his father Carl Ulke will be offered for sale by Crispian Riley-Smith Fine Art Ltd at this year's LAPADA Art & Antiques Fair in London's Berkeley Square.

The paintings, which were discovered by family members in an old trunk, reveal a new side to the politically connected portrait painter Henry. More than 300 paintings by Henry are in American government and private collections today, including a portrait of President Grant that hangs in the White House. Equally, this find sheds new light on Carl, the famed typesetter and publisher but until now unknown as an artist. Both sets show remarkable draughtsmanship, drawing strongly on the tradition of German botanical painting.

The collection, ten of which are by Henry and five by Carl, reveals the duo's personal interest in the natural world. Carl was a prominent naturalist in his spare time and passed on this curiosity to his son who, as well as painting botanicals, became an avid collector of beetles, amassing tens of thousands over his lifetime – a collection he sold in 1900 to the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh.

Crispian Riley-Smith, Director of Crispian Riley-Smith Fine Art Ltd, said of the collection: "These extraordinary pictures have survived in excellent condition. They offer an incredible insight into the private interests of both artists, neither of whom has ever been documented to have produced this kind of work publically."

The 2015 edition of the LAPADA Art & Antiques Fair, sponsored by Delancey, has been extended by a day in response to visitor demand following the success of last year's event. The 2014 Fair welcomed more than 20,000 collectors and visitors from around the world over the course of five days.

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The Fair is a must-visit event for sourcing and buying art, antiques, design and decorative arts from over 100 distinguished exhibitors.

Notes to Editors

Event:	LAPADA Art & Antiques Fair 2015
Dates:	Tuesday 22 nd September – Sunday 27 th September 2015
Location:	Berkeley Square, Mayfair, W1J 6EB
Website:	www.lapadalondon.com
Telephone:	+44 (0) 20 7823 3511
Opening Hours:	Collectors' Preview: Monday 21 st September 2015: 3pm – 9pm* Tuesday 22 nd September 2015: 11am – 8pm Wednesday 23 rd September 2015: 11am – 8pm Thursday 24 th September 2015: 11am – 5.30pm LAPADA Charity Party Reception: Thursday 24 th September: 6pm – 8.30pm** Friday 25 th September 2015: 11am – 8pm Saturday 26 th September 2015: 11am – 7pm Sunday 27 th September 2015: 11am – 5pm
Admission:	Entrance by ticket priced at £20 each or by invitation *£65 each for Collectors' Preview invitation
Maggie's Party at LAPADA:	**Party Reception tickets: £60 per person; Dinner including Reception tickets: £400 per person, or £4,000 for a table of 10. Tickets go on sale in May 2015 available from www.maggiescentres.org/lapada
Underground:	Green Park - Jubilee, Victoria & Piccadilly lines Bond Street - Central & Jubilee lines
Major bus routes:	via Piccadilly, Regent Street and Oxford Street

Crispian Riley-Smith

Crispian Riley-Smith will exhibit at the LAPADA Art & Antiques Fair for the second time in September 2015. Crispian has been working in the art market since 1989, as a specialist at Sotheby's, Christie's and Phillips, and since 1998 as a dealer, principally selling Fine Master Drawings from the 16th to early 20th centuries. While the main part of his business includes dealing, valuations and acting as an agent, Crispian also writes articles in publications, lectures and conducts historical art tours of country houses. www.riley-smith.com

Carl Ulke (1791-1882)

Carl Ulke spent most of his life in Germany and was by profession a typesetter and publisher. He was also a prominent naturalist in his spare time. He ran a lodge for boarders and had a small art gallery. Carl visited the US several times, most probably to visit family members including his son Henry who moved there in 1849, but went back to Germany where he died.

Henry Ulke (1821 – 1910)

Henry Ulke was born in Frankenstein in southern Prussia in 1821 and died in Washington D.C. in 1910. He was a prominent portrait painter and has more than 300 portraits in US government and private collections today. He was well connected socially and politically; he knew President Lincoln personally. Painting botanicals was a sideline hobby and these works remained within his family until now. This artistic aspect of his work fits with another facet of the man, that he was a member of the Academy of Sciences in Philadelphia and an avid collector of beetles. He spent

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countless hours in the woods and amassed tens of thousands of beetles over his lifetime, a collection he sold in 1900 to the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh.

Henry Ulke's portrait of the President Ulysses S. Grant will be exhibited from 1st September until 31st December 2015 at the Grant Presidential Library, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, Mississippi.

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