

DREAM CATCHERS "AROUND THE WORLD" CHARM STRING

The "Around-the-World" Charm String with glass buttons donated by button enthusiasts from seventeen countries was auctioned off in the Empire Room of the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel on Friday night, August 16th. Bruce Beck, the capable auctioneer, announced in a loud voice, "Going once. Going twice. Sold at \$3,600!"

But the story doesn't end there. Not all donated buttons ended up on this string (which was stainless



steel encircled by plastic) which held 4,015 buttons. The charm string grew until it was 70 feet long.

The charm string contained tingues, kaleidoscopes, radiants, bimini, paperweights, fused, lamp work, studios, and every glass classification tracked by NBS.

Auctioned with the charm string were a carrying case—depicting a map of the world on its inside and outside surfaces—and a beautiful journal including a separate entry for EVERY donation made to the charm string. Prior to its inclusion into the charm string, each donation was photographed with the name of the donor.

In addition, there were 400 black glass buttons that didn't make it into the original string. A "sister" charm string of these black glass buttons was created and sold in the auction for \$250. Jean Ann didn't



stop there! She had a special charm string T-shirt made, which sold at auction for \$60.

The grand total raised by this button visionary was \$90 short of \$4,000. Ahead of the auction, Jean Ann spoke to those gathered and made a presentation to NBS of the photographic record and a second complete journal.

Jean Ann wrote, "Thanks to all 400 donors who participated in this endeavor to show NBS how much we appreciate the work they do and congratulations on their 75th Anniversary!. I understand this 2013 auction raised the most ever for NBS! Cheers!"

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