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Under the hammer: Everglades to hold *Objects of Desire* auction

A Hans Heysen watercolour, a 1920s beaded flapper dress and a limited edition lithograph by Pablo Picasso will be amongst the wonderful items up for auction at Everglades, the National Trust gardens in the Blue Mountains, on Saturday, 10 February from 6 pm.

Objects of Desire, an auction of fine art and collectibles, is being organised by Everglades Friends and Volunteers to raise money for restoration of the stunning five-hectare gardens poised on the edge of the World Heritage listed Jamison Valley.

Lithographs by Toulouse Lautrec and Pro Hart will be offered up to potential buyers alongside silk pajamas, an art deco maiden lamp, silver tea pot set, vintage port and model of the ship, *Endeavour*. Many of the items in the fabulous array have been donated by the Friends and Volunteers and by well-known auctioneer, Steven Archer.

Sculptor Philip Hay, ceramicist Peter Rushforth, glass blower Keith Rowe and painter Kerry Johns are amongst the contemporary artists who have donated works to help maintain the much-loved gardens.

Everglades is the most visited National Trust property in NSW. Over 80 volunteers work with the staff of four to maintain the 1930s gardens and to keep the property, its café and shop open to the public 364 days a year.

The evening auction will be run by Steven Archer on the Cherry Terrace of Everglades. It will be preceded by a champagne and swing jazz reception. The *Objects of Desire* will be on exhibition in Everglades house for eight days prior to the auction.

Everglades was designed by landscape gardener Paul Sorensen and carpet merchant, Henri van de Velde. The National Trust acquired the gardens in 1962. The gardens are located at 37 Everglades Avenue, Leura. (02) 4784 1938. To find out more about National Trust membership, ring 9258 0156.

Objects of Desire Exhibition and Registration: February 3-10
Objects of Desire Reception 6 pm, Auction 7 pm, Saturday February 10
Tickets: \$25/\$40 per couple.

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The National Trust is Australia's oldest conservation charity. It is not-for-profit and independent, relying on support from its members and the community to assist its work – which includes advocacy for the protection of built, natural and cultural heritage, conservation and education.

PHOTO CAPTIONS:

Opportunity knocks: A bronze 19th century Spanish door knocker is one of the eclectic items to be found at the Everglades Gardens Objects of Desire auction.

Sideways glance: Pablo Picasso lithograph