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The Benefit Shop Foundation, Inc., based in Mount Kisco, New York, has a mission statement that's simple and to the point: "to donate, to discover and to do good." And those aren't just words. As a 501 © (3) not-for-profit, the firm operates to raise funds for other local charities. Monthly auctions are held at 185 Kisco Avenue (Suite 201) in Mount Kisco (as well as online), with occasional specialty sales of single-owner collections. The merchandise is donated out of upscale estates in tony Westchester County and beyond. The estate gets a tax deduction, the buyer gets a great deal and charities get the money.

Once a month, The Benefit Shop Foundation holds what it calls a Red Carpet Auction – premium collections of antique, mid-century modern, brand furnishings, sterling silver, china, crystal, jewelry and fine art – live in the gallery and online. The next Red Carpet Auction will be on Wednesday, October 25th, at 10 am Eastern and it's packed with 550 lots of wonderful gently-used, donated items. The firm also holds regular online-only sales throughout the month; starting bids are all \$1. These are called Top Shelf, Odds & Ends and Penny Candy auctions. All images here are lots in the October 25th Red Carpet Auction.

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