

August 6, 1976

Mr. and Mrs. Fremont C. Peck
Piping Rock Rd. Box 334
Locust Valley, New York 11560

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Peck:

On behalf of the trustees of Planting Fields Foundation I would like to express our sincere thanks and grateful appreciation to you for your recent gift to the Foundation of a remarkably fine bronze and ivory statue of a Valkyrie astride a rearing horse which will be an attraction of genuine interest to visitors to the Arboretum.

It is very kind and thoughtful of you to arrange to give this handsome statue, by the artist G. Abell, which has been appraised by Carol Prisant, Locust Valley Antiques, as noted and described in the attached appraisal report, to be valued at \$2,000.

We are deeply grateful to you.

Sincerely,

Gordon E. Jones
Arboretum Director

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APPRAISAL
OF THE PROPERTY
OF
FREMONT C. PECK

CAROL PRISANT
LOCUST VALLEY ANTIQUES
15 FOREST AVENUE
LOCUST VALLEY, N.Y.

Bronze and ivory statue of a Valkyrie astride a rearing horse; the warrior holds in her raised right arm, a hatchet; on her left arm is a shield; the body is bronze, the head, ivory; her bronze mount is caparisoned in vari-colored bronzes; the whole rests on a pedestal of rouge marble;

Signed by the artist G. Abell or Abells, fourth quarter 19th century, Continental;

Height 22"; length 19"; depth 9 3/4";

\$2000.00