

## Abner Zook Painting Being Offered at Disaster Auction



*Above: Abner Zook's 3-dimensional painting has been donated to the auction by the Lowell W. Miller family.*

Over a century ago, twin brothers Aaron and Abner Zook were born into an Amish home in Pennsylvania's Leacock Township in Lancaster County. Later in life, they left the Old Order Amish but held on to the images of their childhood, which have come to life in their unique three-dimensional paintings and wood carvings. The Zook brothers combined painting, wood carving, and other elements, such as wire twisted into trees, to create their one-of-a-kind folk art masterpieces.

Aaron Zook died in 2003, and Abner followed in death in 2010, but their artwork lives on. Abner alone created over 100 pieces that have often been sold at charity auctions. These sought-after pieces have brought hefty sums at auctions, one as high as \$52,000. Their depictions of familiar Lancaster County and surrounding area landmarks connect deeply with some auction-goers.

The Lowell W. Miller Family has donated Abner Zook's 1981 59 x 35-inch work to the 2024 Shenandoah District Brethren Disaster Auction. Click [here](#) to view a video with similar works of art by the Zook brothers displayed at the Shady Maple Smorgasbord in East Earl, Pennsylvania.

The 2024 Brethren Disaster Auction will take place May 17-18 at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds. Visit [shencob.org](http://shencob.org) to learn more.

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