



At the awards ceremony preceding the gala dinner on April 13, Winterthur Board Chairman Sam Schwartz (far right) presented the H. F. du Pont Award to Harold Sack (seated), Robert Sack (far left) and Albert Sack (center).

SACK FAMILY HONORED

with H. F. du Pont Award

by Hillary Holland

The lifetime contributions to the field of American antiques by the late Israel Sack and his sons Harold, Albert and Robert were celebrated at the Henry Francis du Pont Award presentation and gala dinner on Saturday, April 13.

Winterthur Director Dwight P. Lanmon began the evening by noting the Sack family's extraordinary influence on the field of American antiques. He remarked that the family "has helped to shape much of what we know about American furniture and what we see in our museums."

Award Committee Chairman and Winterthur Trustee John A. Herdeg said that the Sack family has "found many of the best examples of American furniture and has helped form some of the great collections, public and private, across this country."

The family was also saluted by previous award winners. Mrs. Lamont du Pont Copeland's (1986) and Clement Conger's (1992) remarks were illustrated with slides of furniture and accessories purchased from the Sack family. Conger's presentation also mentioned the many pieces donated to the collection in the Diplomatic Reception Rooms of the United States Department of State and Blair House.

Another previous award winner, Wendell Garrett (1994), charted the history of the family in America as well as the evolution of the study and appreciation of American antiques.

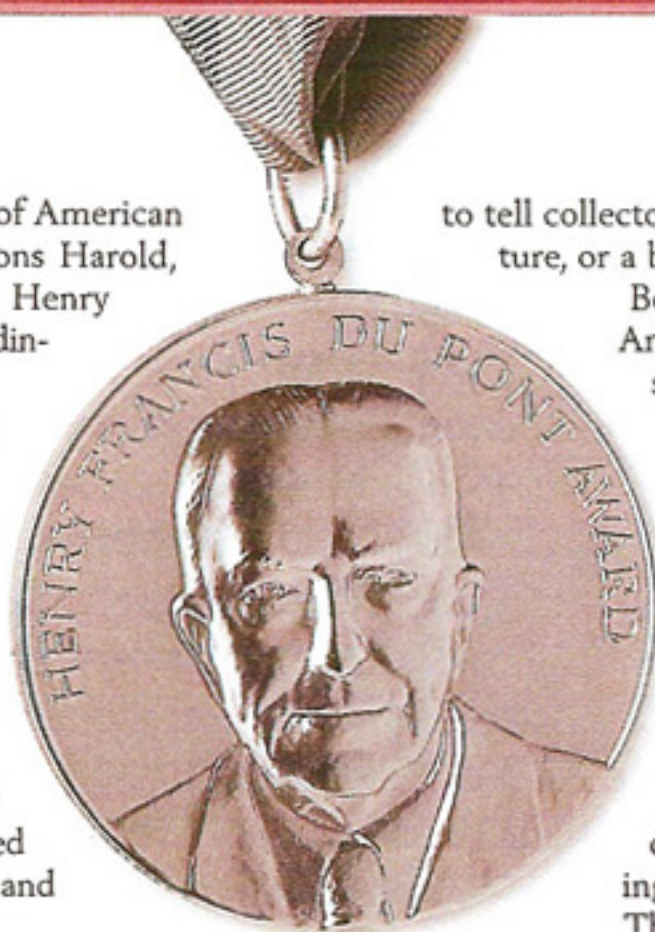
The audience heard several stories about the Sack family's business integrity. Israel Sack was known

to tell collectors if another dealer had higher quality furniture, or a better price, than he had in his showroom.

Besides being some of the foremost dealers of American antiques, the Sack family members are scholars and supporters of scholarly research and publishing in the decorative arts. They have shared their extensive knowledge with the public through such landmark publications as *Fine Points of Furniture* and *American Treasure Hunt*. They have also produced more than 50 brochures, now bound into 11 volumes, which constitute the most extensive published archive of American furniture. At the awards ceremony, each brother, Harold, Albert and Robert, spoke individually of his pride and gratitude in receiving the award.

The Henry Francis du Pont Award was established by the Winterthur Board of Trustees in 1981 to honor individuals who have contributed to the understanding of America's heritage through collecting, studying or promoting the American arts, particularly the decorative arts, historic architecture and landscape architecture. In bestowing this award, the Trustees intend to commemorate the dedication to excellence demonstrated by Henry Francis du Pont and to recognize others who have made contributions of national significance to the knowledge and enjoyment of American art.

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Israel Sack (1883-1959)