







THOMPSON BROS.
BOAT MFG. CO.
PESHTIGO, WIS.



Thompson Brothers Canoes.

Thompson canoes did not carry serial numbers. There is no known relation of construction dates to any numbers on the canoes, however the possibility does exist that some canoes were dated.

Canoes earlier than 1950 carried brass nameplates saying
Thompson Brothers Boat Manufacturing Co.
Peshtigo, Wisconsin

This canoe has that nameplate, and bears the stamped numbers "46" on the inner stem, suggesting construction in 1946.

From catalog information available, this appears to be a Thompson "Indian" model. Indian model canoes manufactured between 1928 and 1950 were available in the following sizes:

15' x 32" x 12 1/2"
16' x 33" x 12 1/2"
17' x 33" x 12 1/2"
18' x 34" x 12 1/2"

This canoe is 16' x 33" x 12 1/2"

Many other models and sizes were available from Thompson but do not have the same features as this canoe.

Refurbished Wooden Canoe

This auction item is truly one of a kind and is a spectacular addition to any canoe lover's collection. Donated by long-time Conservancy Sustainers Ted & Tali Lanham who have been enthusiastic canoe people since before they were married in 1950. Ted has restored or repaired many canoes just because he loves old wood and canvas canoes. This particular canoe is a Thompson Brothers model. From catalog information available, this appears to be a Thompson "Indiana" model. Indian model canoes were manufactured between 1928 and 1950. Canoes earlier than 1950 carried brass nameplates saying Thompson Brothers Boat Manufacturing Co. Peshtigo, Wisconsin. This canoe has that nameplate, and bears the stamped numbers "46" on the inner stem, suggesting construction in 1946. This canoe measures 16' x 33" x 12 1/2". The handsome wooden interior is complemented by a beautiful painting of water lilies on the exterior. The artist is Jared Binder of Chelsea, Michigan. Jared is a graduate of the School at the Art Institute of Chicago. Since graduation, Jared has had many art related jobs including Cultural Enrichment Director for the Boys and Girls clubs of Chicago, video game developer, and freelance artist/illustrator. He is currently a full-time stay-at-home-dad who lives in Chelsea with his wife and daughter. Mr. Binder says his contribution of the painted water lilies on the canoe is in honor of his father-in-law, Arnold J. DeJong. Ted is available to transport and arrange a drop-off of canoe to highest bidder at his convenience.

Retail Value: \$2,000

Minimum Bid: \$1,000

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