

Brooke Astor's beloved Bulgari necklace to be star lot as State auctions possessions scandal-hit family was denied right to inherit Over 900 personal items of the late Mrs Astor will be sold by Sotheby's in New York next week on September 24 The collection is estimated to fetch up to \$9.7 million, with lots starting at as little as \$80 By Victoria Wellman Published: 16:38 BST, 18 September 2012 | Updated: 19:45 BST, 18 September 2012 e-mail 23 View comments Tired philanthropist and Manhattan socialite, Brooke Astor, will be sharing her wealth from beyond the grave on September 24 as 900 personal items from her estate will be put up for auction at Sotheby's.

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The charitable millionaire, who died in 2007 at age 105, was a fixture in New York's high society, [Tranh sơn mài](#) and her jewels became as well known as the [socialite](#) herself. Her favourite emerald and diamond Bulgari necklace, estimated at \$350,000, is up for grabs along with dozens of dog paintings and porcelain tea sets, cumulatively worth up to \$9.7million. Old favourites: Brooke Astor's most precious personal items will go up for sale, including her favourite dazzling diamond and emerald necklace from Bulgari, which is estimated at \$350,000 Presidential necklace: Brooke Astor wearing her Bulgari necklace (left) with President LB Johnson and Lady Bird Johnson The auction catalogue features a photograph of Mrs Astor wearing the necklace while standing next to President Lyndon B.

Johnson at a Plaza Hotel dinner dance - and it is a piece she has worn on handfuls of outings. From a small leather jewellery case starting at just \$80, to a Tiepolo drawing for \$400,000, a vast array of other personal items from Mrs Astor's Park Avenue apartment, and her Westchester mansion, Holly Hill, both currently under administration of New York State, will be up for [Tranh sơn mài treo phòng khách](#) sơn mài đồng quê grabs. RELATED ARTICLES Previous 1 Next A royal bargain at just \$600! Kate effect strikes again as...

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Barking mad: The staircase at Brooke Astor's Westchester estate, Holly Hill, is lined with the paintings of the late socialite's favourite animal that will go up for auction in September Priceless: William Nedham's A Toy Spaniel and a Springer Spaniel in a Landscape is just one of the many paintings of dogs owned by the late Mrs Astor Animal auction: Among the highlights are Mrs Astor's dog paintings, many of which hung salon-style along the spiral stairwell in Holly Hill Although the state, as administrator, has the authority to sell assets of the estate, some have said that donating proceeds to Mrs Astor's preferred beneficiaries is not quite as simple as they would hope.

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