

# As seen in Colorado Homes, Aug 2007

## Framed Image/Burmese Bible floated in Plexiglass

### Collecting Asian Antiques

To save you from buyer's remorse, Goldstein offers several tips for buying Asian antiques.

- **LOOK FOR PATINA.** Since these pieces are 100-plus years old, they should have a distinct patina indicative of their age.
- **SCRUTINIZE THE FORM.** Never buy a piece that has been altered or cut and made into something it wasn't meant to be.

*(lower left)* In the powder room, a 1930s Chinese poster advertising Eveready batteries hangs over the toilet, while a Chinese New Year poster is reflected in the mirror. The sink was cleverly retrofitted into a 19th-century Chinese red lacquer chest. *(below)* The centerpiece of the master bedroom is a framed Burmese bible hanging above the headboard. To the left hangs Robert Rauschenberg's 1995 print "Street Sounds East"; to the right, a bronze Han Dynasty wine vessel graces the side table. On top of the headboard sits a contemporary collection of silver

Cambodian beetle-nut boxes and a Huanghuali sedan box. Covering the bed is a hand-embroidered 19th-century Pakistani suzani, or wedding cover, with a pomegranate design. At the end of the bed, a mid-19th-century elmwood bench sits atop a 19th-century Caucasian dragon rug. Kravet fabrics adorn the pillows and chair. *(opposite)* In the master bedroom, a set of four intricately carved 19th-century namwood panels are set into an entertainment and storage cabinet that was custom made with the help of Roy Herberg of Linda Beutner Associates.



- **CHECK OUT THE HARDWARE.** If you are buying an antique with modern handles or hinges, there is a problem.
- **DO YOUR RESEARCH.** Have a knowledge base before purchasing, particularly in regard to the types of wood from which the pieces were made.
- **CONSULT A REPUTABLE DEALER.** The most important research you can do is to research your dealer.

