

# MACKINNON

## FINE FURNITURE

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**A George II Giltwood Armchair**

**England, *circa* 1750**

Originally from Kentucky, Mona von Bismarck was a famous socialite of the 1930s and in her time regarded as the best dressed woman in the world.

The chair can be seen in a photograph by Cecil Beaton taken in 1955 of Mona von Bismarck *in situ* in the Hôtel Lambert, Paris.

**SOLD**

An exceptionally rare and important George II gilt gesso armchair. The serpentine shaped upholstered seat and back covered in contemporary mid 18th century floral needlework in brilliant colours on a green ground, having well-shaped open arms with fine carved gilt gesso decoration to very graceful cabriole legs, back and front, with cabochons and “C” scrolls on the knees, terminating in scroll toes, linked by carved and shaped aprons capped with gadrooned mouldings. The chair retaining most of its original gilding.

**Literature:**

N. Goodison and R. Kern, *Hotspur – Eighty Years of Antiques Dealing*, 2004, p. 76 – 77, fig. 2

Height: 36.61 in (93 cm)  
Width: 26.38 in (67 cm)  
Depth: 19.09 in (48.5 cm)

**Stock Number**

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