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Fit for a princess

This year's auction-to-watch was held by vintage textile expert Kerry Taylor, when she auctioned ten of the late Princess Diana's extraordinary dresses, attracting bidders from around the world. The top lot, a Victor Edelstein midnight-blue velvet gown Diana wore when she danced with John Travolta at the White House, made £240,000. 'It sold to a British gentleman as a surprise to cheer up his wife,' says Kerry. 'Lucky woman!' Others, included a Victor Edelstein bottle-green velvet evening gown, £20,000; a Catherine Walker sea-green sequined evening gown, £75,000, and a Catherine Walker pink slubbed silk evening gown and bolero, £55,000. Visit www.kerrytaylorauctions.com for details of forthcoming sales, or www.pa-antiques.co.uk for vintage fairs.



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FINE ART SHOW

The Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition has come a long way since it was first held in a Pall Mall warehouse back in 1769. Today, it's an unmissable event for anyone who loves fine art. Great artists who've shown their work include JMW Turner and David Hockney, while the Exhibition's colourful history has seen Gainsborough withdraw his paintings back in 1784 because he wasn't happy with how they'd been hung. From 10 June to 18 August 2013, www.royalacademy.org.uk.

Garden finds

If you're looking for unique and original garden furniture and accessories, auction sale rooms are a great place to start. James Rylands is a specialist auctioneer and director at Summers Place Auctions in Billingshurst, West Sussex, where bi-annual auctions of garden statuary and ornaments are held in the ideal backdrop of walled gardens. 'At our May sale, we saw everything from urns and water features to garden benches, chairs and tables in demand,' he reports. 'Some pieces do command high



prices, but you can pick up items for the sort of money you'd pay for modern or repro ones. And with an antique, you'll have a provenance – and often a hardiness – that a 21st-century equivalent can never give you. The golden rules are don't bid for anything you don't love, and set your ceiling price in advance and stick to it.' www.summersplaceauctions.com.