

# ATTIC TREASURES... by Rob Reid

Happy Easter and a warm spring to everyone. I welcome inquiries about any objects that you may have and look forward to seeing and perhaps writing about them. Please forward a photo and a description to me through *Whitchurch-Stouffville this Month*, drop it off at Reid's Antiques, 6397 Main St. Stouffville during regular business hours or via e-mail at robert.reid5@sympatico.ca.

Dear Attic Treasures: This platter belonged to my great-grandmother. I think she was married around 1920. What can you tell me about it? N.R.

Dear N.R.: This is a pretty floral platter made

by Royal Doulton. The backstamp tells me that it was made between 1902 and 1930. The company started in 1882 as Doulton & Co. and received a Royal warrant in 1902 allowing them the use of the term. In 1930-31 they added the "made in" to their marks.

Your platter is approximately twelve inches wide and sixteen inches long and would probably have been used for the Sunday dinner roast. It has a blue keystone border that is under the glaze and assorted groupings of flowers in a transfer applied over the glaze. It seems to be in excellent condition with very few

scratches and no chips or crazing often found on platters of this age.

Many people today collect platters to use as decoration as well as for serving food. A platter such as yours with its bright colours, floral patterns and Doulton name would probably sell for around \$150 to \$200.

Dear Attic Treasures: I have had these salt and pepper shakers for more than 35 years. Are any of them valuable? B.W.

Dear B.W.: You have a great collection of salt and pepper shakers from the 1950s and early 1960s. Salt and pepper shakers were made from the late 19th century right up to the present and are avidly collected. There are many reasons why they are so attractive to collect. For the beginner, the variety and low price with an almost endless supply makes them easy to acquire. As a collection grows the collector can decide if they want to specialize. There are early glass forms, figural styles, whimsical, souvenir types and even ones referred to as huggers; these are ones

that appear to embrace or hold each other. There are as many different sub-categories of salt and pepper collecting as there are collectors.

Generally the earlier art glass-style shakers are the ones that command the highest prices, but if a particular set tickles the fancy of two or more collectors at a sale, there is no telling what end price they might fetch. Early shakers are often sold individually and it is important that they have original tops as this will affect their value. As with everything condition is always a factor in price. Chips and cracks, worn paint and missing cork stoppers affect value.

Your fun little selection would sell for between \$15 and \$25 per set, but you can find pairs for as little as a dollar or two right up to the hundreds of dollars. With such a variety available and a huge range in price I believe that people will be collecting salt and pepper shakers for years to come.

Rob Reid is the owner of Reid's Antiques and Consignment on Stouffville's Main St.



## Reader praises community

To the Editor:

On behalf of Luke Anderson, a heartfelt thank you to all who participated in the 34-hour hockey game, held the weekend of February 21. We had a broad spectrum of weather challenges to contend with, however perseverance was the order of the day by all that volunteered and participated. Special thanks to Ian Boyd and Terry Porter of Boyd's Source for Sports for enabling the event to happen on the Buttermakers' ice pad.

Our prize winners were Ryne Parsons, Georgia Stevens, Addison Kennedy, Tom Hammond, John Armstrong and Sandy Paynter, and \$7,566 was raised for Luke's trust fund. The event was so much fun, we hope it can become an annual event, drawing all age and calibre of players.

For a special thank you from Luke, check out his website: [www.newvibemedia.com/lucas](http://www.newvibemedia.com/lucas). Luke's spirits remain high as he faces the challenges ahead. Please keep him in your thoughts.

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