

# ATTIC TREASURES... by Rob Reid

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*, or drop it off at Reid's Antiques, 6397 Main St. Stouffville during regular business hours or via e-mail at robert.reid5@sympatico.ca

This is a rather different piece of china that I have not seen before. The backstamp indicates that it is a piece of hand painted Nippon. It is in the shape of a peanut with peanut vines and nuts painted on the bowl and was obviously



intended to be a nut dish. It probably had four smaller individual dishes accompanying it. It has nice earthy colours, is about eight inches in length and the quality of

the painting suggests that the painter had a fair degree of talent.

The colour of the backstamp tells me that first grade porcelain was used and this is evident by looking on the under side of this piece. Not only

is it shaped like a peanut but the porcelain is molded to resemble the shell of the nut with ridges and texture remarkably similar to that of the real thing. The maker has even gone so far as to shape the feet like peanuts and has compensated for the irregular shape of the bottom by making two of the feet flatter, thereby keeping it level on top.

This attention to detail in its creation and decoration makes this a fun and desirable piece for both the Nippon collector and anyone interested in whimsical, neat pieces of porcelain. As Nippon porcelain was made between 1891 and 1921 this piece is at least 85 years old and is in

remarkable condition. It should sell for \$50 to \$75.

Hand-painted Nippon china has had a dedicated following of collectors for many years and as time goes on more people are beginning to appreciate the workmanship that has gone into some of these

pieces. Most pieces are still quite affordable to collect with the majority of them still priced at under \$100, however I do not expect this situation to last.

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



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