

ATTIC TREASURES... by Rob Reid

A warm and sunny June to all. 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.

In honour of the fast-approaching holiday season, this month's presentation is a selection of holiday pottery. This group of miniature china is referred to as Goss or Crested China. The biggest piece in the group below stands just over three inches tall and the majority were no taller. William H. Goss and his son started to produce small Parian china wares in the late 19th century. They were decorated with various coats of arms for towns, schools, hospitals, and colleges.

Originally you could only buy a coat of arms in the town of origin and so you could show off where you went for your last holiday with your crested china collection. Almost everything imaginable was soon made into crested china - from replicas of Roman pots and jugs, to

tanks and artillery, to cats, dogs, geese and even penguins! These little pieces were fun and affordable and soon many English potteries were producing their own ver-

one piece of this china. By the 1920s its popularity had declined, and during the Depression many of the factories closed or started producing other lines. As with many old

to collect like all the pieces ever produced with a specific crest, or all military items, or the ever popular cats, dogs and birds.

Some people start out

too much money.

One wonders which, if any, of today's modern souvenirs we will be actively seeking out and collecting in another hun-

dred years. Happy holidays and good hunting.

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sions. The best known manufacturers were Arcadian, Carlton China and Shelley, as well as the German company Gemma.

Collecting Crested China became a major national (British) pastime for more than two decades. The craze peaked by about 1910, when it has been estimated that 90 percent of British homes had at least

hobbies, the collections were packed away and consigned to attics or basements or simply thrown out.

In the late sixties and early seventies the interest in vintage Crested China first started, and today there are several collector clubs both in Europe and in North America. Most collectors choose some sub-category

collecting all of it before deciding on a more specific category. As for value, these pieces vary in price from a few dollars to several hundred based on subject, rarity and, most important, condition. For this little group prices range from \$15 to \$25 per piece, so it is easy to see that even today a beginner can acquire a modest collection without spending

Parkview you to an old fashioned English Tea

The ladies and gentlemen of Whitchurch-Stouffville are invited to attend an English Tea and Garden Party to be held in the atrium at Parkview Village on June 7 at 2:30 p.m.

Community residents are asked to bring their own cups and saucers, and organizers also invite them to share information on pieces that are unique

or historical. The afternoon includes a traditional British high tea and a presentation by Kate Seaver of Kate's Garden in Markham, who is a regular guest on City-TV's Morning Show.

To enhance the event, guests are invited to wear suitable garden party attire, such as charming frocks and hats, with suits or formal jackets and

trousers recommended for the gentlemen. A silent auction will be held at the event and tickets are \$30 per person, with all proceeds to the Parkview Home Building Fund. A charitable receipt will be issued for a portion of the cost.

Please contact Parkview Village at 905-640-1940 ext. 21 to reserve your place.

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