

Antique or Junque: Yard sale planter grew on owner

by Anne McCollam

Q: I found this unique vase in my dad's greenhouse and I think he got it at a yard sale. It is green and white and in perfect condition. Marked on the bottom are the letters "U P CO - 1800." Is it a planter and what can you tell me about the maker, vintage and value?

A: You have a planter that was decorated with a forest green glaze with **PLANTER** - This forest green planter was made by the Ungemach Pottery Co. of Roseville, Ohio, around 1960, and would probably be worth from \$25 to \$35. CNS Photo. **MORITZ ZDEKAUER MARK** - The Moritz Zdekauer company made porcelain in Altrohlau, Germany, from 1884 to 1945. CNS Illustration. a white drip. It was made by Ungemach Pottery Co. They were located in Roseville, Ohio, from 1937 to 1984. The number "1800" is a design number.

Your planter was made around 1960 and would probably be worth \$25 to \$35.

Q: The enclosed mark is on the back of a porcelain dish that is in mint condition. The dish is decorated with pink flowers against a cream background that shades to green and tan. It measures 12 inches by 5 inches and has a scalloped edge trimmed in gold.

I would like to know who made the dish and what it's worth.

A: Moritz Zdekauer made your dish. They produced porcelain in Altrohlau, Germany, from 1884 to 1945 and used the mark you enclosed around 1900. The value of your dish would probably be \$35 to \$45.

Q: I would like to know if you can give me any information and also the value of a beautiful antique sterling silver locket. I inherited it in 1952 and it is now at least 100 years old. The words "Sterling Silver" are marked on the inside of the locket. It is heart shaped and on the front are the initials of my relative, and I think it was

either an engagement or wedding gift.

I am 87 and sorting things out. I want to leave the locket to my daughter and hope to provide her with its history.

A: Heart shaped sterling lockets were popular gifts in the Victorian Era. They appealed to the Victorians love of anything romantic and sentimental.

The value of your locket would probably be \$100 to \$125.

Q: We would like to know if you can give us any information about a porcelain vase that we have. My mother, who passed away at the age of 96 in 2000, said she can remember it setting on her mother's dresser years ago. It stands over 14 inches tall, has handles on either side, and is decorated with the figure of a young woman on the front standing next to a stream, with multicolored flowers in relief all against a sage green background. It is trimmed in gold and raised dots. Marked on the bottom is the word "Nippon."

We are going to keep it in the family and pass it down to the next generation. Anything you can tell us about our vase will be appreciated.

A: "Nippon" is the Japanese word for Japan. All goods exported to the United States were required to be marked with the country of origin according to the McKinley Tariff Act of 1891. The Japanese used their Nippon mark from 1891 to around 1921.

The raised dots are called moriage and were often included in Japanese designs on porcelain.

Your vase was made in the early 1900s and is a very desirable antique. It would probably be worth \$400 to \$600.

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