

FIVE MINUTES ANTIQUE SCHOOL

Art Pottery

Art pottery refers to pottery made for decorative or artistic purposes, rather than for utilitarian uses. The glory years of Art Pottery are 1870 to 1920 in America... later seen in Germany between the World Wars.

The pottery is made from yellow clay found abundantly through the Mid-west, and the industry centralized in Cincinnati and Zanesville, Ohio. Art Pottery grew in acceptance after the Philadelphia Centennial Expo of 1876 where the public saw Oriental and French art influences.

Art Pottery was made for the emerging middle class. It is not a product for the elite such as fine porcelains and china. It is also a product of its times, reflecting the forms, colors, and styles of each era.

The pottery comes in glossy and matte finishes. Some pieces are artist signed... other pieces are production line and reveal no identity of the maker. A signature adds value. Certain patterns and colors were made in great quantity, while others were issued in limited edition.

Art Pottery comes in a variety of forms from small cabinet pieces to large umbrella stands and jardinière/ pedestals. Figures such as animals, birds, human forms, woodland creatures are sought after.

Famous makers include:

Rookwood	Weller	Roseville	Teco
Dedham	Mecoy	Fulper	Cowan
Hampshire	Gruby	Van Briggie	Owens
North Dakota School of Mines		Marblehead	

How to collect:

Select a pottery... Weller pottery

Select a pattern..."Pine Cone" by Roseville

Select a form or shape... baskets, biscuit jar, pillow vases

Select a color... Matte green, made by 38 potteries

How to buy:

Seek excellent condition...form...glaze...artist signed...size...rarity...price

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