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SA1175553

Antique Dutch Solid Silver Bowl Pipe Lighter/Brazier - Amsterdam 18th c.

Price

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Item Reference: SA1175553

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Description

We are delighted to offer this fine quality antique Dutch solid silver bowl made in Amsterdam during the 18th century, probably c.1740-1770. The bowl is made from a very good gauge of silver and, whilst difficult to convey through photos, when held in hand, it has a very heavy and reassuring feel of quality wrought silver of the 18th century. The bowl is raised on three very sturdy scrolled feet and features a wonderful gallery of pierced motifs. The piercing has been hand-finished and is a testament to its fine craftsmanship and labourious efforts that would have gone into making a single piece. The top section features a beautiful quatrefoil-like design with borders of multiple heights. The interior of the bowl is gilded and remains in a light antique lemon gilt tone. Such bowls were originally intended as pipe lighters/braziers/stoves in the 18th century, before matches were invented. Hot embers would be brought and placed within to allow pipe smokers to light their tobacco. However, owing to its versatile size and design, we believe it has further potential even in the modern day with some creativity. Whether it be to hold some confectionery, nuts, berries o...

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