

SA153649

Antique Burr Holly & Tunbridge Ware Table Box - Muckross Abbey, Killarney

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA153649****Date of manufacture: 1860**

Dimensions

Height = 6.99 cm (2.8")

Width = 22.86 cm (9.0")

Depth = 15.24 cm (6.0")

Description

A very handsome table or Jewelry box dating to around 1860, made from highly decorative burl Holly with it's tight curly figuring and inset with Tunbridgeware on the lid and around the sides. The term Tunbridge Ware is applied, for the most part, to a process of wood mosaic developed and largely practised at Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells in Kent, England. Whilst the heyday of the industry was the nineteenth century Tunbridge Ware took its origins from a much earlier time. Wood turners of the district had been famed since the seventeenth century and as Tunbridge Wells developed as a fashionable spa in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, visitors expected to purchase souvenirs produced by local craftsmen. The box features a central picture of Muckross Abbey in Killarney, Ireland and would have been produced to sell as souvenir in the local area. The interior of the box has been re-lined with a hand-marbled paper and the interior of the lid, retaining the original silk lining. The front has a wonderful chunky Tunbridge button escutcheon, housing a working key. Excellent condition, measuring 9" x 6" x 2 3/4". Item ID: 33945 FREE Worldwide Registered Airmail Directl...
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