Basic Detail Report



Title Saucers

Date about 1795-1800

Primary Maker Phebe Curtis

Medium Wheel-thrown Chinese export porcelain with overglaze enamels in brown, green, pink, and purple

Description Group of six round, Chinese export porcelain saucers, part of a teaset consisting of a teapot, cream ewer, sugar bowl, six tea bowls, and six saucers. The set is decorated with overglaze enamels in brown, green, pink, and purple, with a small flower-filled basket and small clusters of flowers. The entire set, with the straight-sided teapot and undecorated white porcelain surfaces,

reflects the neoclassical style popular in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. The saucers have slightly ribbed sides with a slight wave to the rims. In the center of each saucer is an enameled basket with flowers. This is surrounded by a series of concentric borders. The first consists of a wavy brown line outlined in brown dots. This is surrounded by six evenly spaced enameled flowers, then a final border at the rim consisting of two parallel brown lines with evenly spaced purple dots filling the space between. The rim of each saucer has been decorated with gilding, most of which has worn away. Imperfections in the porcelain appear as black dots and lines in the surface of each saucer. Two saucers (.10 and .11) have a sprinkling of an unknown pale green substance on the surface.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x diameter): 1 1/4 x 5 1/2in. (3.2 x 14cm)