

## SCROLL AND FLOWER PANEL VASES

By Larry Yung Sr. (the really old one)

Until just lately the Scroll and Flower Panel Vases were under rated and elusive. The Vase is stippled with a neat pattern, and it is a knock out in any color you can find it in. It stands a little less than 10" tall, with a base of slightly over 3". It flares to 6" wide, with a mouth of about 4". While that sounds close to standard size, it weighs in at about 4 pounds and with its big shoulders' looks it. This was one of the first patterns that Imperial reproduced, far more than were made originally, 50 to 1 would be a conservative number. To compare with Poppy Show vases and I am sure some have crossed the auction block a number of times. In the last 28 years there were 71 marigold, 19 purple, 19 smoke 11 pastel marigold, 3 helios, 1 amber and 1 lavender Poppy Show vases sold, while there were only 5 marigold and 3 purple Scroll and Flower Panel vases sold. Smoke and Clam broth are both known, but have not been sold in major auctions.

I am sure there must be a helios one out there, possibly there is one in amber or teal, and I can dream of one in blue or emerald green.

Here is an easy way to tell the old from the new. The new vase weighs ½ pound more, but you don't need to carry a scale along with all your other aids. If the top is other than turned inward, don't even stop, or if there is an IG mark inside, it is a new one. In the past unscrupulous people would grind off the IG to sell the vase as old. The old ones that I have seen all have a slight indentation in the center of the inside bottom. All of the old vases I have seen are iridized on the inside, while I have yet to find a new one that is iridized on the inside, and they do not have that indentation.

Referances: The Rettke and Mordini price guides, and personal observation