

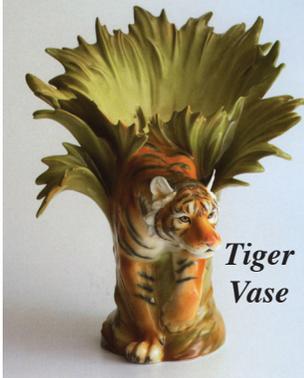


Our latest discovery is the **Franz Porcelain.**

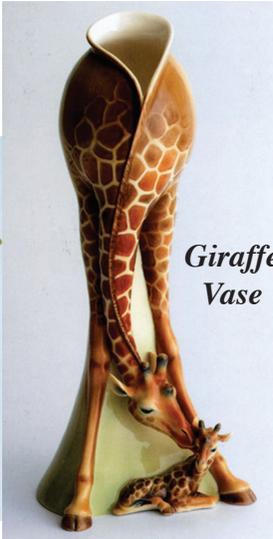
Created by artists that like to surprise you with shapes and designs from nature, we think it's going to be something special for a long time.



and it's quality porcelain.



Tiger Vase



Giraffe Vase



*Franz*

From porcelain flowers in jewelry to porcelain animal vases to fine porcelain pitchers and cups and saucers....it's quality.



Another interesting story is the development of *Belleek of Ireland.*

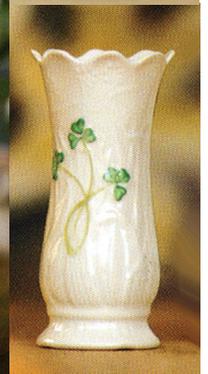
There's a saying on Wall Street; "The bear makes money. The bull makes money, but the pig never does." Here's a little reminder in delicate Belleek for your office.

John Bloomfield was visiting one of his tenant farmers near the little town of Belleek when he noticed an unusually brilliant coat of white-wash on some of the fence posts. The tenant farmer showed him the pit from which he had obtained the the lime.



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With the help of experts, the feldspathic clay was eventually developed into the famous china, thin and delicate with a mother-of-pearl like glaze.



## *Belleek of Ireland*

The first thing Mr Bloomfield decided in 1857 was that any piece of Belleek with the slightest flaw should be destroyed. Today, 150 years later, this golden rule is still strictly adhered to.

*The result is perfection.*





The story of fine porcelain begins with the Chinese in about 600 A.D. for they were the first to discover the kaolin clays required to produce it. The spice traders of the middle ages marketed these first bowls and vases to the kings and royalty of Europe and before long the very term “China” was used to describe any bowl or dish in porcelain. The Europeans were not to be outdone and soon developed their own quality porcelain products.



*It was the insight of Harald Bing, owner of Bing & Grondahl in Denmark, who created the phenomenon of collecting. Bing & Grondahl created their 1st Annual Plate in 1895, called “Behind the Frozen Window”.*

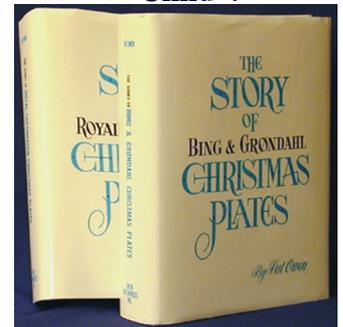
*After Christmas that year, Mr Bing informed his shocked employees to break the mold thereby creating a “limited” edition.*

Bing & Grondahl expanded their annual plates to a Mother’s Day in 1969 with “Dog and Puppies”.



*We need only look at the Danish tradition of Christmas gift-giving to understand how Denmark became the creator of the annual plate. It had long been the custom to distribute Christmas gifts of food to the families living on and working their lands. These gifts developed even greater value because they arrived on a decoratively painted plate. Families kept these plates, displayed them in their homes and gave them as items of inheritance.*

Within a few years, in 1908, Royal Copenhagen created their first plate called “Madonna and Child”.



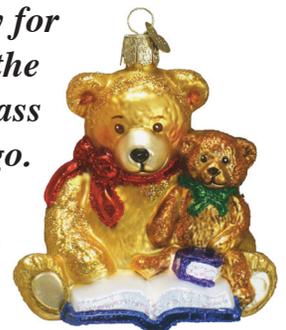
*Mom and I carefully kept the story of these wonderful plates each year. A new page can be added to the book each year telling of the story of the current plate.*

And so our collection continued.....



*We met another family on our journey for quality, the Merck family. They are the creators of Old World hand blown glass ornaments just like those of years ago.*

*Old World Ornaments are affordable, hand crafted and created with exceptional attention to detail. They’re top quality, the kind you’ll like to give to your grandchildren.*



*From story book characters to birds and animals,*

*from angels to snowmen, a pickle and santas,*

*from halloween to easter to Christmas, Old World ornaments are exceptional.*



*Old World Ornaments*

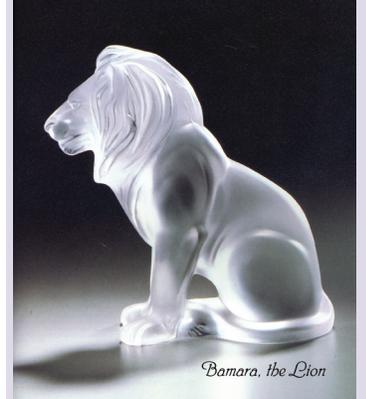


*Majorica Pearls*

*Sometimes you just want to spend time with something elegant.*

*We're here. Come enjoy with us.*

*Though we weren't around when Rene Lalique created his first crystal jewelry in 1885, we soon discovered the very finest of crystals.....and it was created in France by the family Lalique.*

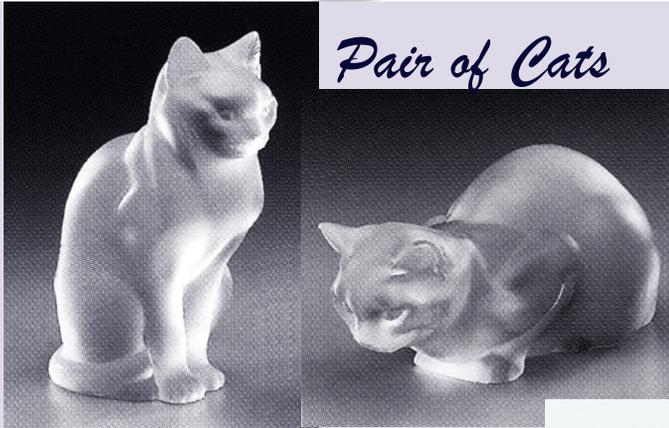


*Bamara, the Lion*

*Unique for its smooth frosted surface, Lalique is an art crystal that is unsurpassed for the past century.*

# Lalique

*Marie-Claude Lalique has been called the "magician" of crystal.*



*Pair of Cats*

*To understand Lalique you must "pet" the surface. I keep the pair of cats on hand just for understanding. It's an experience.*



*Endless Love*



*"Beginnings"*



# Lladro

Many of our Lladro figures are in the classic bisque.

The three Lladro brothers, Juan, Jose and Vincente of Spain could have ended up on the family farm if it had not been for the intervention of their mother. **Their mother recognized their artistic passion and encouraged the brothers to study art at the Valencia School of Arts.** By 1951 they had built their own kiln. Within only a few years they had founded the Lladro Porcelain Company. With the help of a chemist they developed the technique required to vitrify porcelain. **Using these high temperatures they were soon able to incorporate the delicate flowers and decorations they are best known for.**

*No artist in the world does the human body quite as well as Lladro.*

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