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New inventory: large, eclectic selection of glass, smalls

RFTC has recently acquired a large, excellent and eclectic selection of glassware, pottery and smalls. Here are a few highlights from the new stock:

Blendo glassware—Blendo glass, made by West Virginia Glass Company, was

very popular in the 1950's and 1960's. Blendo glass is characterized by a bright neon/pastel solid base that fades as it goes up the glass and a gold rim. You'll see reproductions and knock off brands that have the base color, but not the signature gold rim. RFTC has sets of high ball glasses, decanter, pilsner, and cocktail sets available.



Incolay boxes—E.M. Bright and his wife developed the process to create inexpensive cameo-style jewelry beginning in the 1960's and began making jewelry boxes in 1971. The name is an acronym for “in layers of color.” Incolay boxes are made of crushed minerals and feature hinged lids and velvet interiors. RFTC has four Incolay boxes in stock.



Japanese Imari Charger Plates and Bowl—Imari was the trans-shipment port for Arita wares. The kilns at Arita formed the heart of the Japanese porcelain industry. Exotic landscapes, gnarled trees, long-winged birds and depictions of courtesans in exquisitely detailed kimonos are a few examples of the most common Imari imagery.



Jasperware—Jasperware pottery was developed by Josiah Wedgwood in the 1770's and is the most famous of the Wedgwood products. It's noted for matte and glaze biscuit finish, and was produced in a number of colors. The best known is pale blue, also known as Wedgwood blue. Jasperware uses a solid colored clay and applied raised designs of a contrasting colored clay.



Moriage—Moriage is a special type of raised decoration used on some Japanese pottery. Sometimes pieces of clay were shaped by hand and applied to the item. Other times the clay was squeezed from a tube in the way cake frosting is applied. Moriage, from the early 20th century, is the epitome of U.S. and European interest in Orientalism in the late 1800's, and is typical of pieces found in a Victorian-era home. Moriage pieces are often unmarked, hand-painted and gilded with gold leaf, and known for highly stylized decorations.



Subscriber special: 20% off architectural salvage

Raccoon Forks Trading Company is growing its inventory of architectural salvage items, and offering newsletter subscribers 20% off salvage items.

RFTC has a large supply of barnwood, and a nice variety of windows and doors, among other salvage items, available at very competitive prices.

While some salvage inventory is displayed in RFTC's retail space, much of it is stored in RFTC's basement and a nearby warehouse. Viewing hours for RFTC's basement and warehouse are 10 am to 2 pm on weekdays, or by appointment. To set up an appointment, please call 515-809-1715 before your visit.

To claim the discount on salvage items, please show a printed or e-version of the newsletter to the cashier. The offer ends Sept. 15.



Check out Raccoon Forks Trading Company online!

Raccoon Forks Trading Company has expanded its online offerings and features updated listings on [Craigslist](#), [eBay](#) and [Facebook](#).

Like an item you see online? RFTC works with professional shipping companies, who have years of experience shipping antiques, to ensure safe and secure delivery of much of its inventory to anywhere in the United States at the best possible rates.

To get a free quote on shipping rates, or for general inquiries, please contact us at 515-809-1715 or raccoonforks@gmail.com.



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Emile immigrated to the U.S. in the early 1800s after being driven out of Scotland for his rogue and wile ways, which had led to charges that included horse thievery. After spending many years fur trapping in the American West, he started the original RFTC near our current location, at 621 Des Moines St. (in the NE corner of the East Village).



In our present incarnation we pledge to provide our loyal customers with high quality, carefully researched and curated antique and vintage furniture, furnishings, art, prints, etc., etc., etc.

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