

A Perennial Bouquet



Among the many hidden treasures of the Society, few are as personal and beautiful as the pins, necklaces and earrings held in the jewelry collections. Worn to complement one's appearance, to reference a loss or memory, or to simply celebrate the beauty of metal, stone and glass, jewelry pieces often hold a special place in the daily lives of those who wear them.

Pictured to the left are just a few of the more interesting examples from the Society's collections, including a set of coral earrings and matching pin, an inlaid belt buckle and an enameled face-powder box.

Though the names of the original owners are unknown, each was likely worn or used by a Germantown woman sometime between 1880 and 1910.

Both useful and beautiful, the pieces suggest the small ways in which people of any century seek to enhance their appearance and share the beauty of fine craftsmanship and design.

These items, and several others, are featured in our new temporary exhibition, *A Perennial Bouquet: Flowers as a Decorative Motif*, which is open to the public now through May 18, 2010. An exploration of the use of floral designs on items ranging from jewelry to clothing and children's toys, the exhibit features a number of rarely seen objects from the remarkable collections of the Society.

This exhibit is presented in conjunction with Historic Germantown's "Germantown Works" Project, funded by the Pew Center for Arts and Heritage through the Heritage Philadelphia Program. Visit our website www.germantownhistory.org for hours; members admitted free of charge!

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