



Shellwork Bouquet

Medium

Sea shells, wire, plaster, wood, glass, paper

Description

A large and elaborate shellwork bouquet under a large colorless glass dome atop a circular turned and painted wooden base. The bouquet, made to resemble large full-blown peonies, roses, daisies, and other blossoms, is constructed of numerous dyed and natural sea shells, fastened to wire armatures by both blue and by small holes drilled into the edges of the shells. Each branch or cluster of shells has been wrapped around other branches, then fixed to a sturdy central wooden shaft, covered in dark green paper. The larger wire "branches" are also wrapped in shades of green paper tape, with the addition of delicate cut green paper leaves and moss

bunches. The central shaft ends at an urn, constructed of painted wood and plaster, is glued to a circular wooden display base, painted dark green, with a groove cut near the edge to accommodate a colorless glass elongated dome. The entire base surface is covered with shells and bunches of paper "moss." The shells used in this elaborate bouquet include periwinkles, cockles, scallops, jingle shells, coquina, and several clam varieties.

Dimensions

25 × 13 in. (63.5 × 33 cm)