

## Doulton Olde King Cole Mug

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I have been waiting patiently for my readers to send in their Treasure stories but you will love my last success.

Having very little to do I ask Colin Craig to accompany me to preview an auction that was close to his uncles car business. We stopped for lunch and then headed to the auction house.

At first I didn't see much of interest but as I was looking through the box lots there it was, a Royal Doulton Olde King Cole mug . These are selling now at less than \$50 but it was still Doulton an among many other pieces in the box I thought it would go for very little.

Remember I always do my research before I purchase an item so it did that with the mug. To do this I searched out my Ruth Pollard Doulton guide and turned to Olde King Cole. It seems there were two versions one common and the other very rare. The rare one had a yellow crown and came in both large and small versions. I thought the piece I had found was the rare one but couldn't be sure. If it were the rare one it was listed for \$9000 - \$11000 .

Returning on the day of the auction, first I wanted to make sure it was still in the box lot and it was. Next it was time to check the condition more closely and it was perfect, so now it was time to wait.

The auction began and my heart was in my throat. Number 141, that seemed so far away but it wasn't long before the box lot was up for sale. I have to confess my heart was pounding but I tried to not let it show.

The auctioneer barked our \$200 without a bid he soon ask for a starting bid of \$100 and I raised my card. After a few attempts to get another bid he said that magic word sold at which time I went to the front of the auction and ask if I could take the mug out of the box and put it in the office for safe keeping. They allowed me to do that and I was shaking.

I returned to my seat and waited for a statue to come up at lot 206. It was Napelon on horse

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back measuring about

24 inches

tall and I hoped that no one had done their research. I purchased the statue for \$2250

and found the record where one had sold for over \$20,000.

I guess you would have to say Tuesday was a real treasure hunters dream come true for me.