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## **Auction Preview**

## Majolica, oyster plates to hit the auction block

ajolica and oyster plates will rule the auction block in Hatfield, Pa., on April 4-5 when Majolica Auctions hosts a sale of more than

1,250 pieces.

The sale will feature many rare majolica pieces, including a Minton beehive cheesekeeper and a massive Minton mermaid and shell table center. Minton made the latter for international exhibition in London in 1871, Vienna in 1873 and Philadelphia in 1876.

George Jones, another famous English maker of majolica, will be represented with a figural rooster teapot, several cheese keepers, a garden seat and more.

The oyster plate collection is made up of 250 pieces, made of majolica or porcelain.

"I have always tried to make my majolica auction an event for the beginning collector to the very advanced," said Michael Strawser, president of Majolica Auctions.

For more information, call (260) 854-2859 or visit www.majolicaauctions.com.

