

GUIDELINES FOR AUCTION, SALES EXTRAVAGANZA AND BLUETIQUE SALES (Revised November 2021)

The following guidelines and accompanying answers to specific questions have been developed to aid FBICC convention participants in their efforts to determine the appropriateness of items intended to be sold in the Auction, Sales Extravaganza and Bluetique Sales events. Selling at all FBICC events will be expected to follow and abide by these guidelines as stated.

1. Jurying will continue to be done for the Auction items. Jurors will determine any corrections or additions to damage and restoration conditions reported by consignors, as well as discuss/determine that the items consigned are not in one of the excluded categories listed in these guidelines below.
2. The Sales Extravaganza and Bluetique will not be juried. They will be on the honor system, due to each of those buying and selling transactions being done directly at the convention between the attendee/buyer and the owner/dealer of the items at these venues. Responsibilities for those events will be between those parties. If any items purchased at these events would be consigned to the Auction at a later date, then those items will be expected to conform to these Jury guidelines and decisions.
3. Items which are "new" or "reproduction" are to be excluded. For the purposes of these guidelines, IN GENERAL, items made after 1950 are to be excluded. More recent examples of patterns manufactured by potters in continuous operation (such as Doulton) MAY be allowed, as may more recent patterns which are judged to be original in design and of a genuine "flow blue nature" such as the pattern VINRANKA. After research was done, it was determined that BABES IN THE WOODS (or Blue Children) may be accepted, IF marked and dated prior to 1932.
4. Items of recognized flow blue and mulberry patterns will be INCLUDED in the above FBICC events. These patterns are to be found on the FBICC Pattern Identification Database, which will be used as the club's reference, along with patterns in Ellen Hill's book "Mulberry Ironstone" which may not currently be in the database.

Non-flown pieces in recognized flow blue and mulberry patterns are to be INCLUDED.

Items that have color such as background colors, gilding, and polychrome embellishments will be included. However, items whose primary design consists of predominant colors other than flow blue and mulberry will be EXCLUDED.

All hues of flow blue (to include slate), as well as mulberry hues ranging from black through brown and purplish are INCLUDED. Other hues of pink, green, light blue, red, lavender, etc., which are predominant colors (e.g., a green Argyle platter) will be EXCLUDED.

These changes represent an expansion of current FBICC guidelines. They are not meant to serve as a definition of flow blue and mulberry.

5. Items which are usually identified by experts as belonging to categories OTHER than flow blue, even when the details of their decoration would not otherwise be excluded, such as, but not limited to, RS Prussia and similar cobalt decorated German porcelains, Japanese Imari-style porcelains, Leeds "feather edge" pottery, Chinese "Export" and Canton-style pottery, blue Majolica, tin glazed pottery, Delftware, Persian, Egyptian or other archaic cobalt blue-decorated pottery, American crockery and contemporary cobalt decorated art pottery ARE TO BE EXCLUDED.

6. No country's product will be automatically excluded.

7. No body composition - such as porcelain, pearl-ware or semi-porcelain - will be automatically excluded.

8. No method of design application - such as transfer print, brushstroke, sponge or spray, etc. will be automatically excluded.

9. The appearance of a particular pattern in a book about flow blue and/or mulberry does not mean that every example of the pattern is legitimately "flow blue" or "mulberry", nor is the FBICC bound to accept and include items simply because they have been identified as flow blue or mulberry in the various literature and other references.

10. The sale of new or reproduction flow blue or mulberry is NOT ALLOWED in any of the FBICC events.