



Catherine's Palace, Tsarskoye Selo

St Petersburg Collection collectors and Philip Birkenstein, chairman of the St Petersburg Collection were very pleased to purchase for Catherine's Palace, a very important and historical inkwell. This continues

St Petersburg Collection's quest to support Tsarskoye Selo and to date has purchased 74 items.



This inkwell was one of two ever manufactured and was actually a gift by Catherine the Great to Count Shuvalov.



The inkwell was manufactured in the factory of A Turchaninov in approximately 1770. It is made from bronze, pure gold gilding, crystal and is also hand carved. This inkwell used to be in the gallery of Popov & Co. The inkwell is decorated with the coat of arms of the Shuvalov family.



The inkwell can be seen on the formal portrait of Empress Catherine II.

Today this rare artefact is on display in the Library of the Agate Rooms of Catherine II, in Catherine's Palace.

