

Large porcelain serving dish "Grapevine", by Dulevo Porcelain Factory, dated 1953.

Size 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide, stands 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " tall. The centerpiece is a floral arrangement dominated by a tulip, suggesting summer season. The centerpiece is surrounded by a grapevine-themed ornament, 6 iterations of which run around the circumference of the dish. The bottom features the maker's mark (fig. # 244 in Volume One of Marks on Soviet Porcelain, Faience, and Majolica, 1917-1991 by Nasonova et al). The QC-assigned 3rd quality level and the year of manufacture, 1953, is under the logo.

In excellent outstanding condition. The dish has been in use but weathered it splendidly. Only the bottom of the base shows that the dish has been used. The gilt is virtually intact everywhere, and there are no visible cracks, scratches or scuffs anywhere on the surface.

Overall, a fine period piece with a lot of "presence" and beauty.

Dulevo Porcelain Factory is the biggest Russian facility producing a wide assortment of porcelain and faience household, presentational and purely decorative items. It was founded in 1832 by a Russian merchant, Terentiy Kuznetsov. By the end of the 19th century, the Kuznetsovs had created a porcelain manufacturing empire producing 75% of all Russian porcelain and faience, famous for its high quality standards. In 1918, the factory was nationalized and renamed into Dulevo Newspaper Pravda Porcelain Factory. The factory stayed open during WW2 manufacturing items needed for the war effort. In the post-Soviet period, the factory first was in co-ownership by its personnel but in 2012 was bought out by a couple of private Russian entrepreneurs.

Please note that the teaspoon is in our photo for size reference only.

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