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Fine Antique Silver

An important pair of George III Baskets in sizes, of very unusual design, made in London in 1777 by Aldridge & Green.

Sold



Description

The Baskets both stand on a beaded platform base, with three ball feet. The three hoof legs rise to very unusual beaded harp shaped handles, with laurel leaf swag tops. The main body of each has an acanthus spear base and a wide section of wavy pierced pails interspersed with vertical bands of roundels. The sides also displays engraved laurel leaf garlands and a beaded rim. The front has a shield shaped cartouche engraved with a contemporary Stag Crest and both have a blue glass liner. The baskets are well marked and are in excellent condition. The baskets are of a very unusual design and may well have been a special commission. They would have originally been for sugar and cream, however to find a pair in sizes, today, which have stayed together is most unusual. Aldridge and Green were specialist pierced workers and these are an excellent example of their unusual designs.

Height of the large basket: 5.25 inches, 13.13cm.

Diameter at the rim of the larger basket: 4.1 inches, 10.25cm.

Height of the small basket: 3.8 inches, 9.5cm.

Diameter at the rim of the smaller basket: 3.1 inches, 7.75cm.