PAGODA RED









BRASS BRAZIER WITH FLORAL TOP

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c. 1850 • Northern China, China • Brass • Collection #CMKH141 W: 8.0" D: 7.75" H: 4.75"

This item is currently on display in the 2023 Lake Forest Showhouse & Gardens. Available to ship on June 12, 2023.

This 19th century hand-crafted brass hand warmer would have been owned by a woman of means and filled with coals so she could warm her hands on cold winter nights. The top is beautifully pierced with a lotus bud design. These buds are the middle stage of the lotus' development. Surrounding the lotus is an intricate series of honeycombed incisions, framed with unmarked circular bands. The focus created by these patterns draws the eye to the central lotus motif. Continued...

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That focus brings to mind the louts' symbolic meaning: one of rising from concealed obscurity to perfect beauty.