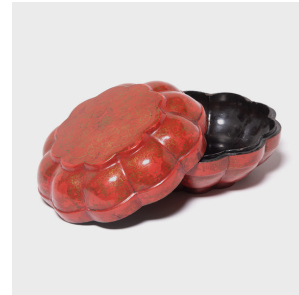

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CHRYSANTHEMUM PRESENTATION BOX

\$1,880

c. 1850 • Northern China, China • Paint, Wood, Lacquer • Collection #CCB012

W: 12.0" D: 12.0" H: 6.25"

This charming red lacquer box was once presented as a gift, filled with popular snacks like roasted melon seeds, dried fruit, and cinnamon-toasted soy beans. Likely commissioned as a gift for newlyweds, the box is formed in the shape of a chrysanthemum, a symbol of happiness and a life of ease. Intricate patterns cover the box, each petal adorned with either the "fu" character, meaning happiness and good fortune, or a delicate butterfly, a symbol of conjugal felicity.



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