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A stunning 19th century country French Lunéville Porcelain water basin. The fluted porcelain wash basin below is decorated with extraordinary hand painted floral patterns and scrolling movements centering a seashell cabochon. The central water reservoir is decorated with a grape cluster at the bottom below lovely hand painted flowers and a brass spigot. Above are additional flowers hand painted in vivid colors and a blue bird at each side. At the top is the removable lid also hand painted with charming flowers and two frogs. The basin, lid and reservoir are all finished on the inside.

Lunéville is known as the first fine pottery works in Lorraine and was Originally started by Jacques Chambrette Sr. in 1711. His son joined in 1722 by trading Faience in Lunéville and built his own factory there in 1730, just before obtaining Royal permission. Lunéville is best known for its fine biscuit porcelain figures and groups, and for large Faience dogs and lions. The early pieces were unmarked. Lunéville became an immediate competitor with English and German ceramics companies and was awarded the title Manufacture Royale de Faience by the Ducs de Lorraine in 1749.



