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A LARGE 'BLACK FOREST' BEAR UMBRELLA STAND

Dimensions: H: 51.5 in / 130 cm | W: 25 in / 63 cm

Constructed in a very well-patinated and carved lindenwood, the bear figure, with legs astride on a raised timber platform, with outstretched arms embracing a large wicker basket. The face inset with naturalistic glass eyes and refined with monochromatic patination.

Brienz area, circa 1890

The present version is noteworthy for its size, naturalism, and expert carving.

Literature:

Brienz, in the Bernese Oberland, Switzerland was remarked upon in Baedeker's Travel Guide, as having a population of 2400, of whom 600 persons were employed as woodcarvers, to supply the tourist trade to Switzerland with mementos of the tour. A museum devoted entirely to the art of wood carving may be visited

today.

