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A BLACKFOREST CARVED MIRROR

Dimensions: H: 33 in / 83 cm | W: 25 in / 63 cm

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Carved from walnut, the bevelled oval mirror plate set within an architectural frame and flanking rustic branches typical of Black Forest carvings, intertwined with flowering branches of wild roses and a couple of love birds on a bed of clovers at the top.

Swiss, circa 1890

This mirror is a very unusual design for carvers of the Black Forest, incorporating an architectural frame alongside the naturalistic foliage. A documented jardinière includes comparable carvings of birds while a Brienz moon-shaped mirror displays the same carved roses.

Comparative Literature:

Blackman Peter F. Black Forest Woodcarvings : The History of Swiss Brienzerware. Schiffer Pub 2009, p.12 & p.278 showing related carvings of a planter and a mirror, respectively.