

FOOD AND DRINK

As would be expected, many of the 60,000 artifacts unearthed in the excavation were broken glass, crockery, and dinnerware. Many pieces were of Chinese origin, but fragments labeled “Made in USA”, England, Korea, and Japan indicate the cosmopolitan nature of both Butte and the Chinatown it contained.



Attributes of the Eight Immortals comprise motifs on at least four vessels found in the dig. The bowl in the exhibit is distinguished by the bright orange carp design (left). The Eight Immortals are believed to know the secrets of nature, and represent separately male, female, the old, the young, the rich, the noble, the poor, and the humble Chinese.



Invented in China before the 13th Century, celadon's distinctive light blue-green color results from firing ceramics containing iron oxide in the glaze in a reducing environment. Celadon wares from the dig were produced in China,

and the pieces discovered were mostly rice bowls and tea cups, typically 5½ inches and 3 inches in diameter, respectively. Many bear Chinese markings on the base. 27% of the Asian porcelain from the Chinatown dig is celadon (in Chinese, below).

青瓷

