

QUEEN MARY'S DOLLS' HOUSE

SYNOPSIS

THEME:

This postcard one frame exhibit shows the postcards created by Raphael & Sons in 1924 to show off the images of the rooms inside of Queen Mary's Dolls' House. This dolls' house is the largest, most beautiful and most famous dolls' house in the world. Built between 1921 and 1924 for Queen Mary, consort of King George V, by the leading British architect Sir Edwin Lutyens, it includes contributions from over 1,500 of the finest artists, craftsmen and manufacturers of the early twentieth century. The house even includes electricity, running hot and cold water and working lifts. The house consists of 30 rooms. The house, which is 8 feet in length and stands 5 feet high, is to the scale of an inch to a foot throughout. All the outside walls can be lifted up so you can see every room on every side.

The concept of the miniature house was from Princess Marie Louise, cousin to King George V and childhood friend of Queen Mary. It was presented to Queen Mary at the Empire Exhibition at Wembley in 1924 as gift from the nation.

The doll house was displayed at Wembley for seven months and more than 1.5 people visited it. In July 1925 it was moved to Windsor Castle, where it was situated in a room designed by Lutyens and where it can be visited today.

TREATMENT:

This exhibit shows the original postcards produced for the Empire Exhibition at Wembley in 1924. There is a total of 48 postcards produced. However, I am not able to show all of these postcards in one frame and there aren't enough for two frames. This is a peek into this wonderful dolls' house.

KNOWLEDGE, STUDY AND RESEARCH:

I have found original books released in 1924 and later on that tells me more about this dolls' house. I know that later on Raphael & Sons took more images of this dolls' house and printed them as well. I wanted to do this exhibit with the original set of postcards.

RARITY AND CONDITION:

These 48 original postcards are not rare. The condition of these postcards is quite good considering that they are 94 years old.

PRESENTATION:

I will give an explanation for each postcard seen in this exhibit.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

There are many books out there about Queen Mary's Dolls' House. I found the internet was the best source for information and pictures.