

The Tui Flower Estate

PART TWO



Lucy Tui Hampton Aitken QSM (née Flower, 23 November 1925 – 15 August 2017), generally known as Tui Flower, was a pioneering New Zealand food writer.

Born in Matamata Tui received an education at Espom Girls' Grammar and at the University of Otago obtaining a diploma of Home Science. She furthered her education with Cordon Bleu courses in the United States and study at the École Hôtelière de Paris in 1954–55. Her exposure to food journalism in the United States aided her in becoming the food editor of *The Woman's Weekly* in 1965. She has been likened to the American food writer Julia Child and is credited with helping New Zealanders move away from their traditional meat, potato and vegetable dinner.

In her retirement Tui lived in Mt. Eden in the home owned by her maternal grandparents. It appears that Tui was not the only collector in the family with her grandfather, William Mincher being an avid collector with a discerning eye for quality, amassing amazing collections of snuff boxes and bottles, fine Oriental bronzes, cloisonné, ivory, Satsuma, Maori artefacts, walking sticks, furniture including Anton Seuffert and more. Most of these collections remained intact and untouched in their home until now.

It is with great pleasure that we offer Part 2 of this incredible estate collection in this catalogue with items provenanced: The Flower Family Collection.

