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Kovels: Antiques and Collecting

By Terry & Kim Kovel



Snails have a lot of negative associations. Their slow movement makes them a symbol of laziness and inefficiency. They are garden pests, eating plants and oozing slime. And yet they often appear in decorative arts, like this miniature brass figure that sold for \$51 at an auction by The Benefit Shop Foundations. Its shell is decorated with colorful glass “jewels,” a popular adornment on brass in the Victorian era.

The beauty and geometry of snail shells has captured artists’ minds for thousands of years. The image of the “lazy” snail is often reinterpreted to have themes of patience and perseverance; not to mention the utility of carrying one’s house wherever they go. Remember, slow and steady wins the race.



Avid readers, do you find yourselves in a pickle when you lose your place in a book? All right, maybe that’s a little labored. Still, a brightly colored pickle-shaped bookmark can get your attention no matter what you say about it. And that’s exactly what the Heinz brand counted on with advertising premiums like these die-cut cardstock bookmarks.



This set of nine was sold by Morford’s Antique Advertising Auctions for \$130. On one side, you have a bright green cucumber with a smiling child or chef holding a Heinz product. On the reverse, there’s a reminder of how “Pure, Clean, Good” Heinz products are, along with a list of a few of their “57 Good Things for the Table,” like (of course) pickles, baked beans, tomato soup and various relishes and sauces.

Heinz introduced the “57 Varieties” slogan in 1892. It wasn’t exactly truth in advertising; by that time, the company had over 60 products. There are a few different stories about why the number 57 was chosen: because 5 and 7 are lucky numbers, or because it makes a memorable slogan. Considering that the company has been in business for over 150 years, with the slogan still easy to recognize, either one may be true.



At first glance, this silver standing rabbit chewing on a silver carrot has a few things in common with Easter collectibles. It’s metal, like the tin or iron Easter bunnies made as toys or doorstops. Like a candy



container, it is hollow with a removable lid so it can hold a consumable treat. But unlike most Easter collectibles, which tend to be made for children, this rabbit has a decidedly adult purpose: It’s a cocktail shaker.

The word “cocktail” appeared in print to refer to a mixed drink about 1806. Today’s cocktails and cocktail shakers have their roots in the Prohibition era of the 1920s to the 1930s. Speakeasies created mixed drinks to disguise

the unpleasant taste of bootleg liquor.

Cocktails became more popular as people started making them at home. Silver manufacturers quickly realized they could make cocktail shakers as luxury items. Figural shakers were especially stylish and continue to please collectors. Animal figures are always popular in decorative arts, and cocktail shakers are no exception. The animal’s neck is a convenient point for the lid (in the form of the animal’s head, of course) to detach, and a beak or snout provides a spot for a spout.

The best known is the penguin-shaped shaker made by Napier in the 1930s. It is a well-known example that has been reproduced. A buyer paid \$6,150 for this rabbit cocktail shaker at Morphy Auctions. The carrot in its mouth is a removable cap for its spout.

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January

Indoor Shawano Flea Market
Saturdays January 6 thru March 23
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Grayslake Antique & Collectibles Market
March 9 & 10, Lake Co. Fairgrounds, Grayslake, IL

Collectorabilia
Saturday March 30. 8am to 5pm
Resch Expo, Green Bay, WI
<https://collectorabiliacon.com/>

Holiday Gift & Craft Show
Saturday March 30. 8am to 5pm
Resch Expo, Green Bay, WI
<https://holidaygiftandcraftshow.com/>

April

Grayslake Antique & Collectibles Market
April 13 & 14, Lake Co. Fairgrounds, Grayslake, IL

National Chicago Civil War Show
Saturday April 20. 9am to 4pm.
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton, IL
<https://chicagocivilwarshow.com/>

Public Auction
Coins • Comics • Stamps • Collectibles
Saturday April 27
Preview: 9am - Auction: 10:15am
Shawano Community Hall, 115 E. Division St.
Shawano, WI

April (Continued)

Shawano Flea Market Sundays starting April 28!
7am to 4pm at Shawano County Fairgrounds

May

Shawano Flea Market Sundays!
7am to 4pm at Shawano County Fairgrounds

Union Grove Flea Market
Saturday May 4, Racine County Fairgrounds
www.uniongrovefleamarket.com

Antigo Flea Market
Friday May 24, Langlade Co. Fairgrounds,
Antigo, WI

Shawano Flea Market Holiday Flea Market
Saturday May 25 & Sunday May 26
7am to 4pm at Shawano County Fairgrounds

June

Shawano Flea Market Sundays!
7am to 4pm at Shawano County Fairgrounds

Belvidere Late Night Flea Market
Saturday June 15 • 3pm to Midnight
Boone County Fairgrounds, Belvidere, IL

Union Grove Flea Market
Saturday June 22, Racine County Fairgrounds
www.uniongrovefleamarket.com

July

Antigo Flea Market
Thursday July 4 & Friday July 5, Langlade Co.
Fairgrounds, Antigo, WI

Shawano Flea Market Holiday Flea Market
Saturday July 6 & 7 • 7am to 4pm
Shawano County Fairgrounds

Shawano Flea Market Sundays!
7am to 4pm at Shawano County Fairgrounds

August

Shawano Flea Market Sundays!
7am to 4pm at Shawano County Fairgrounds

World Famous Wheaton All Night Flea Market
Saturday August 17
3pm to 1am at the DuPage County Fairgrounds,
Wheaton, IL

Union Grove Flea Market
Saturday August 24, Racine County Fairgrounds
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September

Antigo Flea Market
Labor Day Holiday Flea Market
Sat. August 31 & Sun. Sept. 1
7am to 4pm at Langlade Co.
Fairgrounds, Antigo, WI

Shawano Flea Market Sundays!
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Union Grove Flea Market
Saturday September 14
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National Chicago Civil War Show
Saturday September 21. 9am to 4pm.
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October

Shawano Flea Market Sunday Oct. 6
7am to 4pm at Shawano County Fairgrounds

Shawano Flea Market Car Show
Sunday October 6 • Shawano Co. Fairgrounds

Grayslake Antique & Collectibles Market
October 12 & 13, Lake Co. Fairgrounds,
Grayslake, IL

Witches Night Out - Gift & Craft Show
Saturday October 19. 3pm to 8pm
Resch Expo, Green Bay, WI
<https://holidaygiftandcraftshow.com/>

October (Continued)

Wheaton Halloween Flea Market
Saturday October 26, 3pm to Midnight
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton, IL

November

Public Auction
Coins • Comics • Stamps • Collectibles
Saturday November 2
Preview: 9am - Auction: 10:15am
Shawano Community Hall, 115 E. Division St.
Shawano, WI

Grayslake Antique & Collectibles Market
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December

Holiday Gift & Craft Show
Saturday December 7
Central WI Expo, Wausau, WI

Grayslake “Holiday”
Antique & Collectibles Market
Saturday December 14 & 15
Lake County Fairgrounds, Grayslake, IL

Holiday Gift & Craft Show
Saturday December 21
Fox Cities Expo, Appleton, WI

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Q: I have a couple of old scores and cannot find any info on them. Just wondering if they might have any value over the typical \$5 to \$10. They are: a music score/transcript titled "The Miners Dream of Home" sung by Leo Dryden and dated 1892 and "Cavalleria Rusticana -- Potpourri for Pianoforte" by Pietro Mascagni. The only date I can see on it is 1846 but that could be an "originating" date, as opposed to a printing date.

A: One of the major reasons for collecting sheet music, and therefore one of the most important factors in its value, is the cover art. Generally, the smaller the picture on the title page, the older the sheet music. Full pictures were used by the 1870s. Color pictures were introduced in the 1840s, but most 19th-century sheet music had black-and-white cover art. Cover art can also add to the sheet music's crossover appeal, which increases the value. For example, sheet music with a picture of a car on the cover will also appeal to automobilia collectors. A picture of a political figure or event will appeal to political collectors, and so on. To help date your sheet music, check the size. Before 1917, most sheet music was printed on 13 1/2-by-10 1/2-inch pages. After 1920, 12 by 9 inches became the standard size. Be careful, though: some older sheet music was cut to a smaller size. This lowers its value. "The Miner's Dream of Home" was an English music hall song that Leo Dryden and Will Godwin wrote in 1891. Dryden was the first to perform it, and he first recorded it in 1898. Since then, it has been performed as a music hall song, folk song or New Year's song by many other artists. Cavalleria Rusticana, Pietro Mascagni's most famous opera, premiered in 1890. Advertising posters and prints of scenes from the opera have sold for about \$50 and up at recent auctions, so the sheet music may have a similar value.

TIP: Restoring and reusing old things is the purest form of recycling.

Q: I have inherited an 80-piece set of china made by Meito China with hand-painted gold trim. It has 20 bowls, 20 small plates, big plates, the wine glasses and collectible serving dishes. You name it, I have it. I'm trying to find out just how much it's worth.

A: Meito China was made in Japan starting about 1908. The company made hundreds of patterns over the next few decades. Unfortunately, large sets of china are difficult to sell and generally do not get high prices. We have seen sets of Meito china sell for about \$50 to \$150 at recent auctions, depending on the pattern, condition and whether the set is complete. For more information, you could try contacting the Nippon Collector's Club (www.nipponcollectors.com), which specializes in vintage Japanese porcelain, or a pattern matching service like Replacements, (www.replacements.com), Classic Replacements (www.classicreplacements.com) or Missing Pieces (www.missingpieces.com/).

Q: I have several classical music albums, etc., and would like to know what they are worth. I have the single record Brahms Violin Concerto, Heifetz, Chicago Symphony and albums Rachmaninoff Concerto 32 in C Minor OP 18. The balance are Time Life Record Albums: Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Ludwig van Beethoven.

A: Record collecting experienced a resurgence in the 2010s and continues to grow. Many factors affect a record's price: its format (33 rpm, 45 rpm, 78 rpm, 12-inch, 7-inch, etc.), the label that released it, its release date, condition and album art. Condition is probably the most important. Unless they are buying sealed, never-used records, most collectors buy them to listen to them. They find the sound quality superior to digital recordings. Album art is another factor; if a collector doesn't intend to listen to the record, they often want to display it as art. Unfortunately, classical records tend to sell for lower prices than rock, blues and jazz. There are specialist websites where you can find more information about your records and check their prices. Try Discogs (www.discogs.com), Goldmine Magazine (www.goldminemag.com), or Money Music (www.moneymusic.com).

Q: I found two Silver Streak irons in my mother-in-law's estate. Do you or anyone you know have any interest in these irons? I even have the newspaper article from 1985, "Missing Antique: Silver Streak Iron."

A: The Silver Streak iron, made in the 1940s, is a classic piece of midcentury design. Metal was rationed during World War II, so Corning Glass Works and the Saunders Machine and Tool Corporation created an electric clothes iron made of Pyrex glass. There were versions with a colored emulsion under the glass as well as one that was left clear. Colors included cobalt blue, red and green. The emulsion couldn't tolerate heat as well as the glass could, so the colors often faded with use. Today, Silver Streak irons are highly desired by collectors of irons and midcentury design. The Museum of Modern Art has one in its Architecture and Design collection. Examples in excellent condition can sell for over \$1,000. Even used ones with chipped glass, faded color or missing cords have sold for over \$500. If you are planning to sell yours, look into modern design auctions like Rago (www.ragoarts.com), Wright (www.wright20.com/), LA Modern Auction (www.lamodern.com) or Palm Beach Modern Auctions (www.modernauctions.com/).

TIP: Don't write on the back of a print with either pencil or ink. Eventually the writing will bleed through to the front.

Q: I inherited a mahogany drum table, raised on a turned pedestal with splay legs and roundels. Because I can't find an image or replica anywhere online, I need you to advise me. What is the type of furniture and what year or time frame was it made?

A: Tables like yours were first made in the late 18th century. The drum-shaped top usually has a leather surface and several drawers. It may rotate. We have seen them called by several names: drum tables, library tables, card tables, loo tables (after a card game) or rent tables. The name "rent table" comes from their supposed use in business transactions. We have read that they were used to discreetly handle transactions: a client could place the money in a drawer, then rotate the tabletop so the drawer now faced their creditor on the other side of the table. Apparently, this was more genteel than exchanging money directly. The multiple drawers could also be used as a sort of filing system to keep track of multiple clients. No matter how they were used, these tables are associated with the Regency period (c. 1811-1830) in England. The corresponding American furniture period is American Empire (c. 1815-1840). There was a revival of Regency styles in the 20th century. Your table could have been made anywhere from the early 1800s to the mid-1900s. An expert would need to see it in person to determine if it is authentic Regency or a revival piece.

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Q: I have a Florence Stove Company Model HR91D. I'm pretty sure it's an oil heater but I am not positive. I'm hoping you can help me identify it. And do you know of people who collect items like this?

A: The Florence Stove Company has its roots in the American Oil Stove Co. founded in Gardner, Massachusetts, in 1884. The company was taken over by Central Oil and Gas Co. in 1890, and it became the Florence Stove Co., named after the town of Florence, Massachusetts, where the kerosene burner was invented in 1872. The company's stoves burned kerosene. They made ranges, heaters and burners. In the 1930s, they introduced an oil and gas combination range and oil-burning space heaters. Later, they made electric ranges as well. Production in Gardner came to an end in the 1950s. And yes, there are collectors of antique and vintage stoves! Contact The Antique Stove Association (antiquestoveassociation.org) to get in touch with collectors and dealers of antique stoves in the United States and Canada. Many antique stove dealers and restorers are also collectors. The Antique Stove Hospital in Rhode Island (stovehospital.com) and Good Time Stove Company (goodtimestove.com) have information available online.

Q: I have an antique Pullman black leather recliner and ottoman. Can you help me find a value?

A: The Pullman Couch Company was founded in 1906 in Chicago. They are best known for their Davenport bed or sofa that could be converted to a bed. They also made overstuffed furniture. Pullman became the Schnadig Corporation in 1954. Upholstered reclining chairs were made in the United States by the 1930s. We have seen vintage leather recliner and ottoman sets sell for about \$300 to \$600. A maker's label always increases the value of a piece of vintage furniture.

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Q: I have a ceramic set with six pieces: a bowl, pitcher, covered hairbrush holder and covered soap dish, I assume. The set was given as a gift to me in 1967 or '68 in Sasebo, Japan, or Mons, Belgium, I'm not sure which place. The pattern is the same on all the pieces: white with a blue edge and blue flowers. The bowl and pitcher have numbers on the bottom. Can you help me find information about the set's markings and value, if any?

A: Your set is called a wash set, or sometimes a "toilette set." They usually consist of a water pitcher and wash bowl, one or more soap dishes, and a covered toothbrush holder. Based on the dates you gave us, it sounds like the set was made for export to the United States. After World War II, the U.S. imported inexpensive decorative ceramics from Europe and Japan, often to sell at gift shops. They did not always have makers' marks. They were often marked by the importer instead, sometimes with a paper label instead of a permanent mark. The numbers on your bowl and pitcher may indicate their size, model number or production number. Without knowing the maker or identifying the pattern, it is difficult to say where they may have come from. Both Sasebo, Japan, and Mons, Belgium, have long histories of making and exporting ceramics, and both have made blue-and-white pottery. Wash sets from the mid-20th century by unidentified makers sell for about \$100.

Q: A large and very heavy wooden "cabinet" -- resembling a grand piano three- or four-times normal size, flat and fan-shaped -- was situated in the apse of one of the larger cathedrals I visited in England some years ago. All I could learn about the piece was that it provided storage for the capes of high clergy. It's certainly a good possibility that the piece was not usually in that location and had been brought out for the sake of tourists. I would be so grateful if you could add to this scrap of information.

A: It sounds like you saw a sacristy cabinet. Sacristy cabinets store important items like clergy's robes, vessels, objects used in services and parish records. There isn't a single standard design; they can be long and low like a credenza, a tall multi-tiered cabinet or a relatively small cupboard or chest of drawers. They usually have elaborate decorations, like carvings, marquetry, or gilding, that reflect the architectural style of the time and place they were made. For example, an Italian Renaissance (c. 1500) sacristy cabinet may have geometric inlay that looks three-dimensional thanks to use of perspective. A 19th-century Gothic Revival cabinet with peaked arches and deeply carved tracery can look like a miniature cathedral itself. Neoclassical cabinets from the late 18th to early 19th century can have simpler geometric shapes. There are French Provincial cabinets with delicate scrolls and curved panels. Like most church furnishings, they are beautifully crafted and are considered works of art.

TIP: Don't try to clean an oil painting unless you are an expert.



Everything has a name, but in the antiques world, many things have more than one name. This table was offered for sale as a "guard room table." That is a made-up name for a table that looks like it might have been used by guards for eating, drinking and gambling in a castle a few hundred years ago. It is a table in the Elizabethan style (1553-1603, named for Queen Elizabeth I). Tables from that era are made of wood, usually walnut or oak. They are large, about 30 by 83 inches, and heavy with thick, strong legs, often heavily carved. Today, they are usually used in a large paneled room in a men's club or hotel. Some of the tables, like this one, have iron trestles used for strength between the end pairs of legs. They sell for surprisingly low prices for furniture that looks like it was made at least 400 years ago. They list for \$800 to \$4,000, depending on condition and proportions. This table was estimated at \$700 to \$1,000.



Q: I have a figurine that looks exactly like the Hummel figurine of St. Jude, but it's white. I can only find ones that are colored. Do I have a fake or a real one?

A: Hummel figurines are based on drawings by Sister Maria Innocentia Hummel, a nun in Germany. The figurines were first produced in 1935 by W. Goebel Porcelain Factory of Oeslau (now Rodental), Germany. They were extremely popular after WWII, and hundreds of figurines were made and collected. They made other figurines, but only those that are the children drawn by Sister Maria can be called Hummels. There have been changes in company name and ownership, but Hummel figurines are still being produced in Rodental, now by Hummel Manufaktur. The Hummel figure of St. Jude has him holding a staff in one hand and a holy relic in the other. This is a common image that has been made by other manufacturers. If your figurine is real, it will have a Hummel mark on the bottom. If it's not marked, it's a fake. All Hummels are now very low priced, and religious figures are not popular. Your figure is probably Goebel but not Hummel. It is worth about \$50.

Q: I found an old wardrobe steamer trunk in an attic and can't find any information on it. It has its key, four pull-out drawers, hangers and the pull-out closet rod as well as the original hardware. It was sold by Stewart & Co. in Baltimore. The tags on it say it belonged to a doctor. I'd like a value to see if it's worth restoring.

A: Wardrobe trunks are large upright trunks fitted with hangers, drawers and storage areas for shoes and other items so a traveler could take all the clothes needed for a long trip by steamship or train. They aren't popular with collectors today because they are too big and heavy to store or display easily. They are hard to sell unless by a famous maker. Stewart & Co. department store opened about 1900, so your trunk is from the turn of the century. If there is no maker's name, it is an ordinary trunk, probably not worth restoring unless you want to use it. Even restored, it would probably sell for less than \$100. A famous name-brand trunk sells for as much as \$10,000 (Vuitton) or \$1,500 (Bottega Veneta).

Q: I own an Arnart set of six saucers and five teacups with a courting scene on them. I found an identical set online made by Royal Vienna. Why and how did two different manufacturers make identical items? Is my Arnart set comparable in desirability, quality and price to the Royal Vienna set? Is it better to sell as a set of five each and sell the extra place separately, or to sell all six plates and five cups together?

A: Arnart Creations, later called Arnart Imports Inc., was an importer in business in New York from 1953 to 2001. Most items were imported from Japan, although some came from England and Germany, and later most were made in Taiwan. Arnart was one of many companies that used a "beehive" mark similar to the mark used by the Imperial and Royal Porcelain Manufactory of Vienna. Collectors sometimes call porcelain by that company "Royal Vienna," but the company did not mark its porcelain with those words. The beehive is actually an upside-down shield, part of the royal family crest. The words "Royal Vienna" were used by several factories to denote the style. Arnart cups and saucers sell for about \$40-\$50 for a set of five. Your best bet is to sell the five sets of cups and saucers and then try to sell the single saucer separately or give it as a bonus.

Q: I just found an old beer can that is decorated with Japanese and English words. It has "Sari Saurus Draft Beer" and a round logo in the center and some Asian writing in smaller words at the bottom of the front of the can. When do you think this might have been made?

A: Canadian beer was made and shipped to the Far East in the 1990s. There were many American brands and special brands with names that sounded Japanese. The Canadian beer wasn't shipped after the early 2000s. These cans are very rare because they all were made for export, but there may be some in the Far East where there are few beer can collectors.



Terry Kovel and Kim Kovel answer readers' questions sent to the column. Send a letter with one question describing the size, material (glass, pottery) and what you know about the item. Include only two pictures, the object and a closeup of any marks or damage. Be sure your name and return address are included. By sending a question, you give full permission for use in any Kovel product. Names, addresses or email addresses will not be published. We do not guarantee the return of photographs, but if a stamped envelope is included, we will try. Questions that are answered will appear in Kovels Publications. Write to Kovels, Yesteryear, King Features Syndicate, 628 Virginia Dr., Orlando, FL 32803 or email us at collectorsgallery@kovels.com.

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By Fred Taylor

Q. I wonder if we could trouble you to provide a bit of background on a piece my mother has. Might be an interesting challenge for you, perhaps not, but we don't really have a clue. I'm trying to research it as well, but we figured you might know right off. It is a Larkin Co. Music Roll Cabinet (4 pictures attached). It is 36" tall, 16" deep and 20" wide. It has 5 shelves and a bowfront door. My mother remembers her parents receiving it in the early 1900's from relatives in Bridgeport, CT. She thinks it is mahogany. Any information you have would be sincerely appreciated. I have attached some pictures. Thanks and regards, Charlie M.

A. Charlie - Your Larkin cabinet could be one of three different models. The first time Larkin offered cabinet in that style was in the 1917/1918 catalog. It was the No. 17050. It was available as premium for the purchase of \$10 worth of Larkin products or for \$10 in Larkin coupons. It was 37 3/4 in H, 20in W and 15 1/4in D with five shelves. It was shipped from the factory in either Rockford, IL or Warren,OH.

The next possibility is from the 1919/1920 catalog. It was No. 613N2 for \$20 worth of coupons or the purchase of \$20 of Larkin products. Same dimensions, shelf arrangement and shipping details. The final possibility is from the 1922 catalog. It is No. 613M2 for the purchase of \$24 worth of products or \$12 cash. Same dimensions and shelves but no shipping arrangements.

All of these cabinets had mahogany veneered doors as does your cabinet. The rest of these cabinets and yours, back top, legs, shelves etc., are made of golden birch that has been dyed to look like mahogany. It was called a polished mahogany finish. If you are not familiar with how the Larkin Company operated I will be happy to send you an article on the subject that I recently wrote. I also will be happy to send you copies of the relevant pages of the Larkin catalogs if you provide me with a mailing address. I suggest you talk to local dealers and auctioneers to get an idea of the value of the cabinet but I suspect it would sell at auction for around \$250 - \$300. Thanks for the excellent pictures.

Q. - Fred, I need an expert's advice. I purchased two Hitchcock tables that need finish repair. The base is painted black of course. I tried the Krylon spray, using a brush to apply but the finish is too shiny. As a whole the black paint appears to be very



This sheet music stand was offered as a premium by Larkin Soap Company from 1917 to 1922.

dull in appearance after I washed it with Murphy's Oil Soap. The table tops appear to have a cherry finish which appears to be a lacquer base. In some places the finish has been removed to the bare wood. Should I strip the top and reapply a new finish or is there a better fix? I think the tables were purchased in the 1930s or 1940's based on the label inside the table drawer and the stencil name on the underside. Any help you can provide is appreciated. Thank You.

A. The black paint on the base is lacquer paint. It was originally very shiny but age and wear have dulled it somewhat. Also Murphy's Oil soap often leaves a scum that makes the finish appear dull. Try applying some paste wax, BriWax or Howard's, to a small part and see what the sheen looks like then. If it is still dull

you can use satin or semi-gloss black acrylic lacquer craft spray paint from an art supply store to touch it up. If the finish on the top is in bad shape the cleanest way to do it is to strip it and refinish in lacquer or urethane. Just tape off the black parts, protect them with newspaper and wax paper and work around them.

If the pieces are actually marked as Hitchcock tables they are from the 1950s. If they are not marked as Hitchcock pieces they are not genuine Hitchcocks but are maybe just a Hitchcock style. In 1946 John Tarrant Kenney revived the old company that had been out of business almost 100 years. He reopened the factory and began to sell retail in 1952. That means that all of the finishes are lacquer. However, most finishes from the 1930s and 1940s are also lacquer so compatibility in the black paint should not be problem. The modern Hitchcock Chair Company closed in the Spring of 2006.

Q. Hi Fred - I have an old W.W. Kimball Co. piano. It was Patented Sept.24,1895. The serial number on the piano is 169716. Do you have any idea of the value of this piano? It is in good shape. My parents refinished it about 30 years ago. The bench was never finished. However, the piano is beautiful. It has a few nicks here and there. Other than that, it looks gorgeous. It is out of key, but still sounds ok. Thanks, Tina

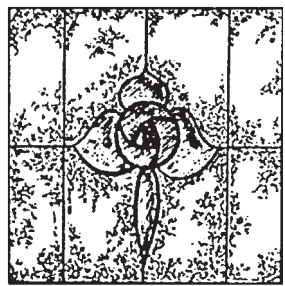
A. Tina - Based on the serial number the Pierce Piano Atlas says your piano was made in 1907. The value of your piano will depend on style, condition and location. Here are a couple of sites that may help you determine the ball park value:

- <http://pianofinders.com> and
- <http://www.pianomart.com>

Your best bet is to consult a local piano dealer for values in your area. Transportation is always a factor in the price of a piano. If you don't happen to have a Pierce Piano Atlas you can usually find the age of a Kimball piano and many others based on the serial number online at <http://www.shafferpianos.com/age.html>


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Kovels: Antiques and Collecting

By Terry & Kim Kovel



CURRENT PRICES

Current prices are recorded from antiques shows, flea markets, sales and auctions throughout the United States. Prices vary in different locations because of local economic conditions.

Chair, corner, hardwood, carved, faux bamboo, pierced back, leafy branches, stretcher base, Japan, 26 1/2 inches, \$60.

Silver plate, candlestick, flared cup, baluster shaped stem, open leaf mounts, knob, round stepped base, quatrefoil foot, scrolled mounts, marked, Warsaw, Poland, 12 inches, pair, \$95.

Pottery, vase, tin glaze, blue, yellow, green, flowers, stripes, stick neck, bulbous base, Persian, 10 1/2 inches, pair, \$100.

Auto, pegboard, Milton Test Equipment, race car graphic at top, For Better Performance, red, white and black, 48 x 24 inches, \$190.

Washstand, pine, blue paint, vinegar sponge, harp shaped dowel bar, gallery back, lower shelf, dovetailed drawer, square legs, mid-19th century, 53 x 19 x 18 inches, \$280.

Lamp, electric, dome shade, reverse painted glass, winter landscape, red ground, gilt metal base, baluster shape, Pittsburgh Lamp, Brass & Glass Co., early 1900s, 23 1/2 x 16 inches, \$375.

Rug, pictorial, figures, Immortals, multicolor, yellow calligraphy, dark blue ground, white fringe, Chinese, 2 feet 11 inches x 4 feet 11 inches, \$380.

Toy, train, locomotive, sit and ride, Lightning Express, gray, black, red, handlebars, bell, pressed steel, Marx, 27 inches, \$390.

Box, necessaire, black, hinged, two clasps, handle, fitted interior, silver toiletries, Gustave Keller, Paris, France, 7 1/2 x 9 1/2 x 13 inches, \$960.

Clock, wall, Gustavian, two-train movement, giltwood, caduceus finial, two cornucopia, round dial, rampant griffin supports, carved base, shell pendant, signed, Hans Westman, c. 1800, Sweden, 39 x 27 1/2 inches, \$2,270.

McCoy, vase, figural, tulip, green, 4-footed, marked, c. 1950, 4 x 4 inches, \$45.

Textile, pillow, Fornasetti, cream ground, stylized sun faces, printed, cotton, tag, 17 1/2 x 21 1/2 inches, \$95.

Box, tantalus, wood, hinged lid, marquetry, center diamond, geometric borders, canted corners, velvet lining, three perfume bottles, square stoppers, gilt, 4 x 6 x 4 inches, \$165.

Advertising, case, carrying, Radio Television Service, green, red lettering, top handle & latch closures, hinged sides, holds tubes, 18 1/2 x 13 1/2 x 8 inches, \$190.

Furniture, chair, William IV, mahogany, upholstered, green velvet, needlework panel, multicolor flowers and leaves, nailhead trim, turned front legs, open arms, 40 1/2 x 24 x 33 inches, \$320.

Delft, spice jar, dome lid, blue and white, flower clusters, double scroll handle, London, c. 1700, 3 1/2 inches, \$615.

TIP: Dust leather furniture with a dry cloth and vacuum in crevices and edges. Use a leather conditioner about once a year. If there is spill, wipe up the liquid with a cloth or sponge, wipe with lukewarm water and let it air dry. Do not use soap or soak the stain.

Toy, wagon, Hy-Speed, red, white lettering, oval bed, fenders, splash guard, pull handle, 1930s, 12 inch-bed, \$330.

Carlsbad, compote, dome lid, Vaseline glass, gilt trim, Classical figures, flowers, marked, Moser, 10 inches, \$960.

Clock, shelf, Empire style, two-train movement, bronze, patinated, gilt, winged putto pushing wheelbarrow with cask, pendant with winged sphinx supports, oval base, four bun feet, early 1800s, 17 1/2 inches, \$1,010.

Sampler, alphabet, multicolor, cross borders, landscape scene, flowering plant in urn, two pine trees, Peggy Bartlett, Massachusetts, frame, 1801, 14 1/2 x 15 inches, \$1,355.

Advertising, stand, Maxwell House Coffee, oval top, six-lobed lower tier, rectangular base, painted red, yellow lettering, 27 1/2 x 18 x 12 1/2 inches, \$40.

Furniture, stand, plant, neoclassical, faux marble top, painted, round, three legs, crossed, faux bamboo, 19th century, 42 x 12 1/2 inches, \$160.

Dollhouse, diorama, living room, 19th-century style furnishings, desk, secretary, two chairs, prints on wall, rug on floor, cat figurine, demilune display case, lights, 10 x 15 x 9 inches, \$170.

Advertising, sign, Providence Washington Insurance Company, George Washington portrait, Gothic lettering, tin, frame, early 1900s, 26 1/2 x 20 inches, \$250.

Cowan Pottery, paperweight, elephant, on square base, red glaze, Margaret Postgate, c. 1930, 4 1/2 inches, \$830.

Satsuma, vase, globular, multicolor scene, festival, allover figures, flared lip, tapered base, short flared foot, gilt trim, marked, Kawagurisu Ogurusu, 7 1/2 inches, \$875.

Silver-American, mug, reeded bands, textured border, applied handle, scrolled, engraved, chased, coin, marked, "A.E. Warner, Baltimore, Mar.," 1820s, 3 3/4 x 3 inches, \$925.

Delft, tile, paving, square, round frame, bird in landscape, blue, yellow, green, white, England, c. 1630, 5 1/4 x 5 1/2 inches, \$1,475.

Cut glass, centerpiece, Aurora Borealis, scalloped rim, skirted base, two pieces, Pitkin & Brooks, 15 x 12 inches, \$1,800.

Advertising, egg crate, Buggy, open top, divided interior, stenciled front, Walter Woods Limited, Hamilton & Winnipeg, 1910 patent date, 5 1/2 x 27 x 12 inches, \$150.

Rug, Swedish, flatweave, seven horizontal panels, geometrics alternating with serrated chevrons, blue, white, tan, fringed ends, 6 feet 8 inches x 4 feet 7 inches, \$385.

Pottery-Asian, vase, copper red glaze, shades to black, vertical ridges, small closed handles, short foot, earthenware, Japan, 12 inches, \$1,150.

Fireplace, chenets, andirons, gilt bronze, dragon, head turned, wings and tail extended, hoof front feet, on rectangular base, Napoleon III, 14 1/2 x 19 1/2 x 5 3/4 inches, \$3,584.

Rug, Feraghan Sarouk, dark blue medallion, vines and leaves, white field, red spandrels, dark blue border, leafy vines, palmettes, mid-20th century, 11 feet, 11 inches x 8 feet, 8 inches, \$2,460.

Royal Doulton, dinnerware set, Bunnykins, two plates, three bowls, cup, mug, two-handled cup, child's, eight pieces, \$25.

Compact, silver, rectangular, light blue enamel, gold tone interior, two compartments, attached chain and ring, 3 1/2 x 2 1/4 inches, \$130.

Advertising, sign, Benjamin Moore & Co., paint can shape, red, yellow interior, MoorGard, Latex House Paint, die-cut metal, 35 x 25 1/2 inches, \$160.

Mt. Joye, rose bowl, purple iris, enamel, frosted ground, crimped rim, marked, 3 1/2 x 4 inches, \$180.

Spelter, watch stand, scrolled crest, figural stand, putto, wings extended, scrolled supports, lobed dish, round base, c. 1870, 6 x 4 inches, \$210.

Card, Valentine, Superman, three red hearts, "Be Mine," "To Me It Would Be Fine To Be Your Super-Valentine," die-cut card, c. 1950, 4 1/2 x 5 1/4 inches, \$220.

Porcelain-Chinese, vase, tulip, blue and white, center bulb shaped spout, five surrounding bulb holders, bud shaped mouths, six petals each, 10 1/2 x 7 1/2 inches, \$405.

Furniture, chair, William and Mary, banister back, heart and crown crest, rush seat, turned legs, two box stretchers, shaped arms, painted, 1700s, 46 x 26 inches, \$430.

Box, candy, Crane Candy Company, Maxfield Parrish illustration on lid, Rubaiyat, rectangular, reed, textured, stylized flower vine trim, on inclined stand, c. 1920, 6 1/2 x 13 1/4 inches, \$585.

Jewelry, bracelet, bangle, eight-pointed star, ruby center, seed pearls, rose cut diamonds, hinged, 14K gold, Victorian, 6 inches, \$1,890.

Advertising poster, Drink Orange Crush, woman floating on lake in inner tube, paper, frame, 19 1/2 x 15 1/2 inches, \$150.

Folk art cane, Eagle's head handle, black paint remnants, shaft with carved feathers, metal ferrule, American, 1800s, 35 1/2 inches, \$210.

Fraktur picture, house blessing inside heart, flowers & vines, watercolor details, grain painted frame, 1800s, 7 x 6 inches, \$370.

Butter print, maple, round, carved, 6 leaves, 2 hearts, lollipop handle, signed & dated, WR 1846, Pennsylvania, 8 x 4 inches, \$470.

Crab inkwell, bronze, figural, articulated front claws, carapace as lid, glass pot, Continental, 1 3/8 x 6 1/2 x 7 inches, \$490.

Mettlach stein, pottery, soldier, students, violin player, outside pub, pewter lid, 1/2 liter, \$170.

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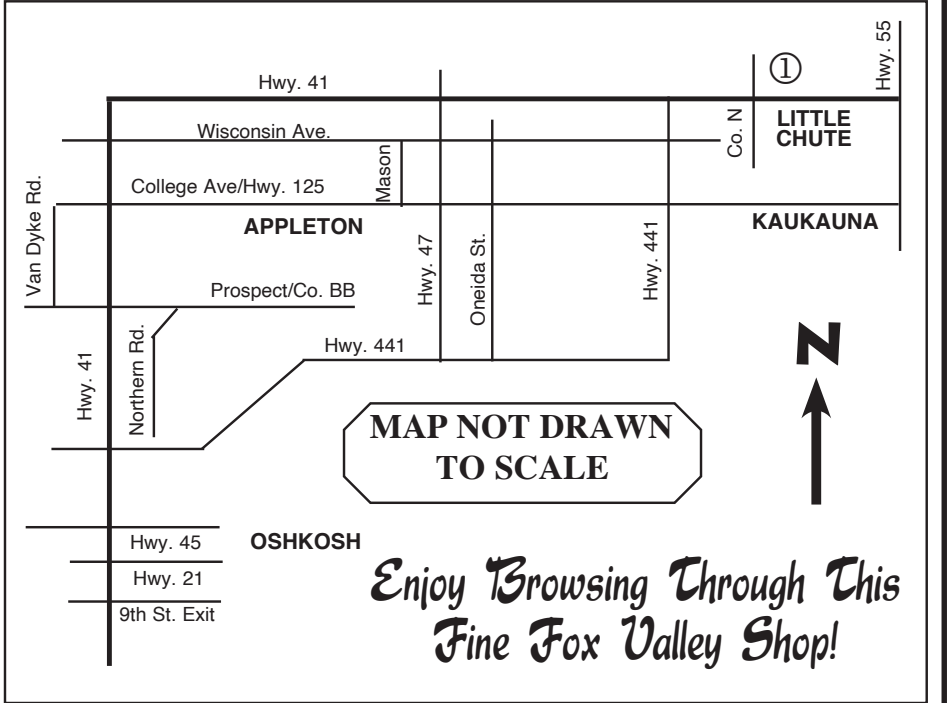
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Rinker On Collectibles

BY HARRY L. RINKER

QUESTION: I have seven pieces of Old Hickory furniture that came from a rural Pennsylvania fishing and hunting lodge built in the late 1930s or early 1940s by a prominent judge. The seven pieces are: (1-3) a six-foot picnic table with two benches; (4) a gilder with its period cushions; (5-6) two chairs, and (7) a small table. Several pieces have a small, round metal tag with Old Hickory information on it. All the pieces are embossed with the Old Hickory, Martinsville, Indiana logo. I sent pictures of the furniture to a local antiques dealer who offered me \$100.00 without seeing the pieces. The offer seems low. I want to sell the set. What should I ask? – EN, Altoona, PA, Email

ANSWER: EN is a regular listener to WHATCHA GOT?, my syndicated antiques and collectibles call-in radio show. After sending me an email with attached pictures, she called the show. I agreed the offer from the dealer was low. If she was willing to invest the time in contacting other sources, she could do better. I recommended contacting several New England auction houses.

Hickory is a hardwood whose diameter does not exceed two to three inches even after 20 to 30 years of growth. By soaking in boiling water (large steam boilers), the tree became malleable. Clamps held the bent Hickory against patterns. When the wood dried, it retained its shape.

Local residents in Monrovia and Morgantown, Indiana, began making hickory sapling furniture in the 1880s. Billy Richardson, who moved from North Carolina to Martinsville, Indiana, made hickory sapling chairs that he sold at a Saturday market. In 1892, he and others acquired an abandoned church and started producing hickory sapling furniture on a mass scale. The Old Hickory Chair Company, named in honor of President Andrew Jackson, was incorporated in 1898. M. B. Crist of Indianapolis and George Richardson were listed as owners. Company ownership changed hands several times in the years that followed.

A 1901 Old Hickory Chair Company catalog includes hoop chairs, garden furnishings, rockers, settees, tables, and complete log cabins. The company shipped product across the United States. Old Hickory Furniture was used as furnishings at the Old Faithful Inn in Yellowstone National Park and Grove Park in Asheville, North Carolina.

In 1908, the Patton family of Indianapolis acquired the company. By 1914, the line expanded to include bedroom furnishings, desks, dining tables and chairs, gazebos, and other furnishings. In 1921, the company became the Old Hickory Furniture Company and introduced painted furniture. A 1931 catalog pictures corner cupboards, lamps and lighting, porch gliders, and furniture featuring spindles. The company introduced a "Rustic Modern" American Provincial line in chestnut and pine in 1939. In 1941, industrial designers Eric Boline, Berman Brueing, Cannis Froy, and Russel Wright designed pieces for the firm.

The Patton family sold the Old Hickory Furniture Company to Ramada Inn Corporation in 1965. In 1978, the company ceased operations. In 1982, Bobby Welsh purchased the company assets and reopened in Shelbyville, Indiana. Craig Campbell, Bill Morrison, and Chris Williams bought the company in 1989.

[See <http://www.oldhickory.com/history> for more detail.]

Old Hickory furniture is part of the Adirondack/Cabin/Cottage/Hunting-Fishing/ Lake/Rustic Outdoor Look that experienced a 1990s collecting and decorating renaissance that still continues. Condition is critical to value; and, unlike many other collecting categories, age also is a value consideration.

EN emailed the two auction sources. Neither responded, as I learned later. I should have suggested that she consider doing an internet search for dealers in antique cottage/rustic furniture but did not—an oversight on my part.

While visiting the "Antiques at the Fairgrounds" antiques and collectibles show held in Petoskey, Michigan, on July 7, I met and talked with Robert A. Markey, owner of Christiby's in Traverse City, Michigan. Christiby's specializes in the Outdoor Look. I told Robert about EN and her collection of Old Hickory furniture. "I might be interested," Robert said. "Send me her contact information."

I make it a practice never to pass on to dealers call, letter, or email leads from my "Rinker on Collectibles" column or WHATCHA GOT? I also never use these sources to buy objects for my collection. The privacy of my readers and listeners and my personal ethics are paramount. I did promise to email his contact information to EN and let her decide if she wished to contact him.

[Author's Aside: As a test, I decided to do an internet search for dealers in antiques cottage/rustic furniture to determine if EN might have found Christiby's or Markey using this approach. I started with dealers in rustic furniture. The result was a list of modern manufacturers of rustic furniture.

My next search pattern was: dealer in antique rustic furniture. The first listing was www.cherrygallery.com, a dealer who specialized in "Antique Rustic, Adirondack, Old Hickory Furniture." In addition to several listings for modern manufacturers, I did find a reference to a two-part series of articles by Cheryl York-Cail that appeared in *Unravel the Gavel* in 2000. On the third page, I found a reference to Maloney's Antiques & Collectibles Resource Directory which contained the names of three rustic furniture dealers. Neither Christiby's nor Markey was among them.

My third search was: dealer in antique Old Hickory furniture. Once again, Cherry Gallery was the first listing. The second was for Linda Davidson Antiques (www.adirondack.com). Again, I checked several pages and found no listing for Christiby's or Markey.

Christiby's and Robert Markey do not have a website. A "Christiby's" search found several references to the shop in antiques show programs and a LinkedIn site for Robert Markey—useless if a person did not know to search for them. Given the increasing role played by internet searches for individuals wishing to sell antiques and collectibles, a specialized dealer who does not have a website is at a decided disadvantage in today's world.]

Specializing in a Look or a single collecting category is a sound business practice in the 21st century. Specialized dealers rely on auctioneers and other dealers who do not specialize in the same collecting category to provide them with leads. While a dealer's primary goal in doing shows is to sell, serving old customers and attracting new, he/she also uses the show as a means of generating leads.

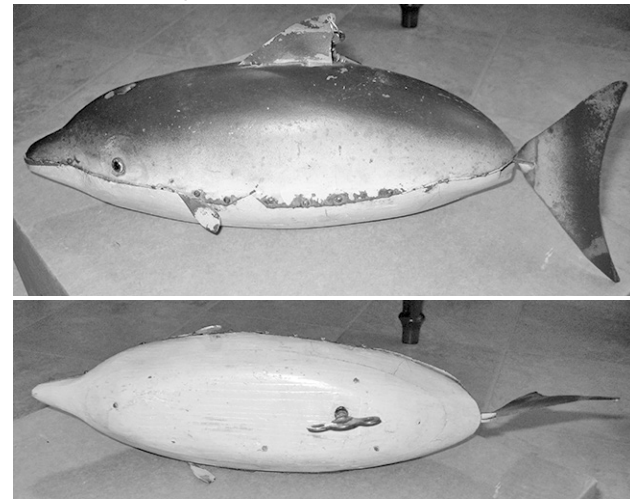
I have never written on the role chance plays in the antiques and collectibles business. It is greater than suspected. I have added the topic to my "food for thought" list.

It was pure coincidence that Linda and I returned to the "Antiques at the Fairgrounds" show for the second day, during which I saw the Christiby's booth. Linda took ill during our Saturday visit, and we left having visited less than a quarter of the booths. Sunday was a glorious day. Although initially planning to use the day to do some sightseeing in the Petoskey area, we opted to return to the show to take a further look. Had we not returned, the events that followed would not have happened.

I save my "Rinker on Collectibles" and WHATCHA GOT? email. When Linda and I returned to the Inn at Bay Harbor, a quick search produced EN's email. I sent her Robert Markey's contact information. Normally, I do not hear one way or the other if the information I provided was helpful. Hence, I was pleased when I opened a later email from EN informing me that she had sent pictures of her Old Hickory furniture to Markey. Within the week, Markey and his wife drove from Michigan to Pennsylvania and bought the seven pieces for his Christiby's shop. EN's email noted: "They paid me \$3,000.00."

In summary, knowledge is power in the antiques and collectibles field. Markey and EN were lucky. With a little outside help, the right two people met to create a win-win situation. Unfortunately, this is not typical. Chance is a scarce commodity.

QUESTION: I have an old mechanical toy whale. It measures 16 in. long and 4 in. wide. The top is gray painted metal. The base is yellow painted wood. When wound up, the back tail fin moves. What can you tell me about my toy? – EN, Altoona, PA, E-mail Question



ANSWER: Based on the pictures attached to your email, the toy appears to date from the World War I era. After an unsuccessful internet search, I called David Bausch, my go-to person when I have a question about antique toys.

Dave, an automobilia and toy collector and one of the founders of the Allentown (PA) Toy Show, was familiar with your whale toy. Definitely European, Dave attributes its origin to France rather than England or Germany. He dates it to the early 1920s.

Dave provided a retail secondary market value for your whale toy in good to very good condition of between \$150.00 and \$175.00. He based his value on (1) the toy has limited mechanical action and (2) secondary market demand is minimal.

When appraising the value of any object, the appraiser has to consider the marketplace in which the object is located. The above is an American market value. The toy would sell for more in Europe, especially France, although the increase would be slight.

Dave and I took the opportunity to discuss trends in the secondary antiques toy market. As with so many other collecting categories, the values for common, above average, and hard to find toys are declining. The high-end pieces (the masterpiece/ultimate units and upper echelon toys) continue to sell well, often for record prices. The collector base for many antique toy collecting subcategories such as lithograph paper toys has reached the point where the number of specialized collectors can be counted on two hands. These advanced collectors have the common, above average, and hard to find material. They no longer have any interest in this material. As a result, since few new, younger collectors are entering the market, the material goes begging.

Likewise, the generations that played with the 19th and early 20th century toys have passed away. The hand-me-down cast iron and pressed steel toy generations are in their Eighties. Memory no longer drives the antiques toy market.



Rinker On Collectibles

BY HARRY L. RINKER

Memories: How Accurate Are They?

(This column was released in January 2014)

This column examines two types of memories – collecting and personal. While there are similarities between collecting and personal memories, there are key differences. There also is a difference between memory and reality. Memory changes, becoming distorted over time. Reality is constant. Memory is preferred over reality, especially when it offers a more positive view of a past moment or incident.

As the objects I left behind at The School (the former Vera Cruz [PA] Elementary School) are sold or prepared for sale, thousands of collecting memories are swirling around in my head. Like most collectors, I keep a mental rather than a written catalog of the things I bought. Questions “When did I buy that?” or “Why did I buy that?” perhaps the more correct query, arise continuously. In most cases, I have answers. As to their accuracy, I am not as certain as I would like to be.

Growing up, the party game “whisper down the alley” was popular. The correct name for the game is Chinese whispers. In the United States, it is also called the grapevine, messenger game, pass the message, telephone whispers, or whisper down the lane. Contestants create teams, each of which forms a line. A message is given to the person at one end of the line. He/she repeats it to the next person in line. The process is followed until the last person in the line reveals the message. The fun comes when the final message is compared to the initial message.

Collectors whisper to themselves. They quietly talk to themselves as a means of reassuring that their purchases were accomplished in a wise and sound manner. Few collectors admit doing this. However, if you stand as a silent observer at an auction, flea market, mall, shop, or show, you will observe numerous examples of this practice.

Collectors also are ardent storytellers, especially when the tales involve the hunt. The difficulty is that collectors tend to embellish these tales, the difficulties and challenges increasing with each telling of the stories. Over time, the changes become permanent. Collectors are heroes, at least in their own minds. The antiques and collectibles bargains they discover are the peaks they climb. Each purchase is a conquest worthy of bragging rights.

While normally clear and precise, a collector’s memory becomes clouded when the issue of what the collector paid for an antique or collectible arises. If the question is asked by a partner or spouse, the collector’s memory vanishes. “I did not pay much” or “it was a bargain” are substituted in place of providing a fixed dollar amount. What a collector pays is limited to the collector and his conscience. Even his or her God is not involved.

Collecting memories are never lost. “I once owned that” is not a viable construct. Memory ownership does not pass with the sale of the object. Collectors mentally own every object until the day they die.

Collecting memories also remain with the pieces. Subsequent collectors take pride in the fact that that an object they own is “from the collection of _____.” The trade term is provenance, one part of which is the ownership record. Early in my collecting career, I purchased an individual salt from a collector whose sales pitch included the comment that it once was part of “the McKearin collection.” Impressed by this fact, I probably overpaid for the item.

TRIVIA QUIZ:

Who are George and Helen McKearin?



My wife Linda’s Victorian era jewelry collection contains several pieces pictured in editions of Christie Romero’s *Warman’s Jewelry*. In theory, this increases their perceived value. As the objects from my collections are sold, I wonder if some future collector will tout the fact that I once owned a piece in his/her collection. Although I keep telling myself that this will not be the case, my friends assure me that it will. Neither rhyme nor reason always applies in the antiques and collectibles field.

Unlike personal memories which can fade over time, collecting memories last. A collector need only close his/her eyes, recall a memory, and relive it with the same intensity as the moment it was made. Although collectors rarely discuss this aspect of the joys of collecting, there is no denying its existence.

Personal memories are far more vulnerable than collecting memories. The desire to recapture them is one reason. The warning that “you can never go back” applies. During my undergraduate studies at Lehigh University, I was selected to represent Lehigh as a Washington Semester student. I spent the fall of 1961 semester attending American University in Washington, DC. While there, the Washington semester students often frequented a Massachusetts Avenue bar located just off campus. Approximately five years later, I returned to the bar to relive my memories. New ownership had completely changed the bar’s theme. I was in shock. This memory erased all my earlier memories.

I should have learned from this experience and avoided repeating it. I have not. During a visit to Washington, DC, on January 15, 2014, I decided to have dinner in the Chinese district, something I had not done for over 20 years. A district that once spread over several blocks is now reduced to one block. The surrounding area, once somewhat seedy, is an upscale version of New York’s Time Square. I ate at Tony Chang’s, a location I visited back in the 1960s. When I asked the waiter when the restaurant started, he responded sometime in the 1990s. While this may have been when the present ownership took over, I know the history dates back much further. Memory trails have a bad habit of breaking.

Personal memories contain a much higher percentage of negative memories than do collecting memories. “Forgive and forget” is a concept frequently used to encourage individuals to put negative memories aside. There are some who are lucky enough to have the ability to do this. Many do not.

The only thing a true Pennsylvania German, of which I am one, knows about forgiveness is how to spell it. Pennsylvania Germans never forget slights, far overshadowing the reputation attributed to elephants in respect to memory ability. When it comes to my negative collecting memories, they seem inconsequen-

tial, even laughable. I am not certain why this is the case. I need to give it more thought.

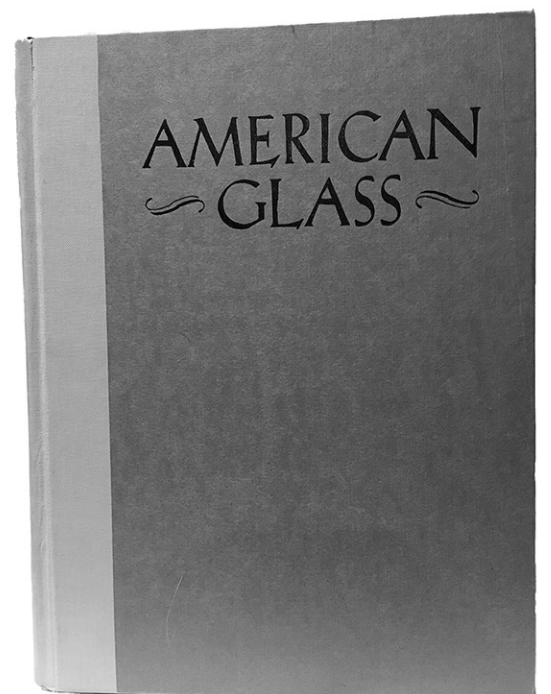
I have been told that as one becomes older, one’s earlier memories come into sharper focus and short-term memory lapses. I have not found this to be the case. Instead, I find recalling the details of earlier memories, once sharp in focus, more difficult. Many of the individuals I could ask to clarify those details are dead. I am in the process of writing several short stories about my adolescence and young adulthood in Hellertown, Pennsylvania. Although tempted to ask those who still are alive about certain incidences in hopes of stimulating more detail, I fear the responses will taint rather than clarify my own impressions.

With the increased educational emphasis on critical thinking, teaching memorization techniques has fallen on hard times. I was educated in the era of battle axe female instructors whose intimidating size and ability to yield a ruler or yardstick to maximum effectiveness allowed no room for error when reciting “In Flanders Field” or the opening stanzas from “The Rime of the Ancient Mariner.” I have no regrets being educated in the memorize what your read era.

I spent a great deal of time teaching participants attending my Institute for the Study of Antiques and Collectibles, now in hiatus, the importance of memorizing and remembering what they encountered. One exercise required them to diagram the living room in their house, accurately describing the objects, on the floor and walls, within it. Most were surprised at how little they remembered. I employed a similar technique when training museum curators during a brief teaching career at York College [PA]. Students were required to diagram rooms after a visit to the home of private collector. Students were told that there are occasions when they will only have one chance to view and handle an object. If they did not develop the ability to remember what they saw, the information would be lost to them.

Increased value of one’s worth and ability, based solely on the amount of object exposure, is one of the positive aspects of growing old in the antiques and collectibles business. No young appraiser, auctioneer, collector, or dealer stands a chance against an old-timer providing the old-timer’s memory remains sharp and accurate. Antiques and collectibles memory is cumulative. Trust an old-timer who knows.

TRIVIA QUIZ ANSWER: *Helen and George McKearin are the authors of American Glass, published by Crown Publishers in 1941.*



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Rinker On Collectibles

BY HARRY L. RINKER

Why Is the Trade So Reluctant To Change?

(This column was released in March 2014)

In response to a "Rinker on Collectibles" question and answer column, Audrey Bell, owner of Gallery 18 Ltd., New London, Prince Edward Island, Canada, sent me an August 15, 2013 email which read: in a "Q&A column you say, 'Given the increasing role played by Internet searches for individuals wishing to sell antiques and collectibles, a specialized dealer who does not have a website is at a decided disadvantage in today's world.' This comment...is worth further examination....It would be interesting to know why some dealers choose not to embrace the internet. Have they made a deliberate decision to conduct and cultivate business in what might be called a more traditional manner? Or, are they simply intimidated by the technology and feel they are too old at the game to attempt or bother learning something new?"

"There is a line they use here on Prince Edward Island to describe change. It goes like this...the hardest thing to change on PEI—is anything! Perhaps it is also true for some in the antiques trade."

Audrey's email raises two key issues: (1) the reluctance of many in the trade to become involved with the digital age and (2) a hesitancy to embrace change -- technological or otherwise. Change is inevitable. The older one becomes the more the truth of this statement is evident.

Embracing chance is uncomfortable, upsetting, and requires a mindset shift that is difficult and often runs counter to long held beliefs. Just the other day, I thought about the lyrics of the Gospel song "(Give Me That) Old Time Religion," whose origins date back into the early 1870s. The common lyrics are:

Give me that old-time religion
Give me that old-time religion
Give me that old-time religion
It's good enough for me

The song came to mind as I considered the tenets of the Lutheran faith with which I grew up in the late 1940s and 1950s. God was a judgmental and vengeful deity. Hell was a place to be feared. Diversity was acknowledged but rarely practiced. There were no women pastors. Lutheran pastors preached the preservation of traditional social mores and strong family values. Divorce made one a social outcast. Most other Protestant faiths touted the same principles. The Catholic Church was even more conservative. When examined from today's social and religious perspectives, these views are archaic. Young adults today embrace these changes with total acceptance. They have no understanding of the leap of faith older members were required to make to put aside the absolute truths they were taught as children and young adults.

This story demonstrates that change can be fundamental—questioned by those who remember the past and unquestioned by newcomers or novices. The sneaky thing about change is that it usually occurs gradually. Those impacted by the change are completely unaware it happened until it is so firmly in place that it is impossible to reverse.

The person facing change has four options: (1) embrace it, (2) resist it, (3) ignore it, or (4) walk away

from it and move on to something else. Evidence of all four approaches is found in the antiques and collectibles trade.

The antiques and collectibles trade is resistant to change. Participants respect and love the status quo. In many cases, individuals have devoted years, if not decades, to understanding the inner workings and intricacies of the trade. Once they achieve this level of sophistication, they are slow to embrace any deviation from the status quo.



There are multiple reasons. First, the trade consists of an older clientele, individuals who are set in their ways and prefer to keep things as they are. Before you disagree, do the following. Visit an antiques show and pay attention to the average age of the dealers and the clients. The majority of the dealers are over 50, with the average dealer age in the late 50s or early 60s. The attendees also are old. For every person in their 30s, there will be 10 people in their 50s or above. Also, consider the average age of collectors' club members. In many collectors' club, the average age exceeds 55. Do not be fooled by the exceptions. They are atypical.

Second, individualism rather than unity prevails in the trade. This is not a judgmental statement. It is fact. The antiques and collectibles trade encourages individuals to establish their own business ethics and practices. There is no professional dealer organization to impose and enforce any codes for the trade as a whole. Some show promoters have attempted to do this. Their efforts have met with limited success.

Some antiques and collectibles trade entities, such as national and state auctioneers associations and some appraiser associations, have a code of conduct. However, these are dues-based groups. Those who do not wish to join are not obligated to following the codes. For example, Michigan does not license auctioneers. Membership in the Michigan Auctioneers Association is voluntary. Less than half those who conduct auctions within the state on a regular basis are members. Less than half of the members of the Michigan Auctioneer Association belong to the National Auctioneers Association.



Individualism is the antiques and collectibles trade's strength and its weakness. The primary problem is that it creates the opportunity for an "I know best" and "no one will tell me how to run my business" mentality. My license plate reads: NOITAL. For those who believe I acquired it as a joke, think again. Being surrounded by individuals who are convinced they know everything is one of the joys of being involved in the antiques and collectibles business, especially when they are serious and you are laughing.

No one is willing to change if they are convinced that it is their way or the highway. As a result, the antiques and collectibles roadmap is a jumble of confusing intersections. Those who think the highway is straight are deceiving themselves.

Third, the antiques and collectibles trade is as much about people as it is objects. Many collectors and dealers thrive on individual interaction. The handshake is equated to the need to touch an object. Historically, the antiques and collectibles trade has been a "Look 'em in the eye" business. Although it is possible to do this digitally, the real thing is preferred.

The antiques and collectibles field continues to preserve sale venues that promote direct contact between buyer and seller – auctions, collectors' clubs, flea markets, malls, shops, and shows. Although the digital age may diminish the importance of these marketplaces, it will not replace them. Instead, these sale venues will find ways to incorporate the internet. It is not a question of one or the other. Instead, the emphasis is on adapting new technologies to fit into trade practices.

It still is possible to become involved in the antiques and collectibles trade and totally ignore the digital age. Those making this conscious decision will find it harder and harder to survive. Tenacity is one of the characteristics of rugged individuals. For this reason, there always will be some who shun modern technology.

Technology illiteracy continues to shrink among those involved in the antiques and collectibles trade. Even those who resist will be forced to deal with the digital age once they acquire a smart phone or tablet. I purchased an android phone and a tablet on July 4, 2013. I am slowly learning to use the myriad of features on my android phone. I still have not powered my tablet, although I did buy an attachable keyboard so I could 10 finger type once I decide to use it. I have set a goal of learning to use the tablet by June 1.

I am a member of a new generation of Seventy-somethings who are not content to retire. I have no retirement plans. I cannot throw a switch and turn off my mind. If I wish to remain active in the antiques and collectibles trade, I have to keep up as best I can with advances within the digital age.

I have had my own website for over 20 years. I plan a major revision this summer. I should not have waited this long. The change should have occurred 10 years ago. Why did I not change it? The idiom "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" applies. Perhaps, this is all that is needed to explain why the antiques and collectibles trade is reluctant to change.

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(Rock Island, IL) Gear up and start planning your vintage hunting roadtrip to the Spring Antique Spectacular Vintage Market, March 1-3, 2024 at the QCCA Expo Center, 2621 4th Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois. This annual Spring antique and vintage market in its 29th year, will feature a sold-out line up of outstanding vendors with antiques & vintage items galore at Antique Spectacular. The QCCA Expo Center will be overflowing with a wonderful variety of fine antiques and vintage collectibles for sale. Featured will be select antique vendors with unique merchandise from around the world. Hunters of vintage will have an opportunity, all weekend, to shop the wide range of quality antiques and vintage collectibles.

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*Highlights of the Fall 2023
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20-30-40 Glass Society of Illinois Presents 51st Annual Glass Show & Sale March 9 & 10, 2024 • Northlake, Illinois

The 20-30-40 Glass Society of Illinois is thrilled to present the 51st Annual Glass Show and Sale, the second longest running Depression Glass show in the country.

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Other features include: a reference library staffed with knowledgeable club members helping with glass identification; Mary Lou's Crystal Repair will be available to repair your chipped stemware while you shop; Hourly door prize drawings throughout both show days.

The Glass Show and Sale will be held Saturday, March 9, 10am-5pm and Sunday, March 10, 11am-4pm with a special pre-sale offered on Saturday

only from 9am to 10am, \$15 per person.

Event location is the Concord Plaza Midwest Conference Center, 401 West Lake Street, Northlake, IL 60164. Admission is \$11 per person; parking is free with a free shuttle bus to the front door.

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Vintage/Antique/Flea Market/Toy Show coming to Graham Park Rochester, Minnesota • March 17, 2024

Say good bye to "Cabin Fever." We are all getting excited for Sunday, March 17th. After putting up with snow and cold weather, what better way than to enjoy a day at the Vintage Market at Graham Park, shopping two buildings.

Crawford Hall (red brick building) and Floral Hall (stone building) will be full of excited dealers who will be bringing a variety of vintage items, antiques, jewelry, glass, pottery, crocks, fountain pens, tools, postcards, ephemera, advertising signs, hunting & fishing memorabilia, breweriana, automobilia, comics, vinyl records, sports cards, vintage toys, farm toys, military items, home décor, garden décor, re-

purposed vintage items, Easter décor, and all great ideas to refresh your home décor with a fresh new look, as well as Scentsy, home-baked goods, pies, pastries, cookies, bars and homemade jams, up-cycled items and so much more!

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The Annual Badger Knife Show returns again in 2024 to the Holiday Inn Express & Janesville Conference Center, 3100 Wellington Place (I90 & US Hwy. 14 East), Janesville, Wisconsin. Dates for this year's show are March 22-23-24.

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The show will be open to the public on Friday from noon to 5:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 to 5:00, and Sunday 9:00 to 2:00.

Admission is \$5.00 at the door or \$8.00 for a 3-day pass. Children under 13 are free when accompanied by an adult. A \$20.00 early bird pass is available at the door.

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For more information about the show or Badger Knife Club, contact Robert G. Schrap, PO Box 511, Elm Grove, WI 53122; phone/fax (414) 479-9765; e-mail: badgerknifeclub@aol.com.

Janesville is located approximately 1/2 hour south of Madison, WI and 1/2 hour north of Rockford, IL. Exit 171-B from I-90 and US Highway 14 east to Deerfield Drive, then south to 3100 Wellington Place. Free parking!

Scenes From The 51st Annual Milwaukee Antique Bottle and Advertising Show Sunday, February 4, 2024 • Waukesha, Wisconsin



The Waukesha County Expo was filled with enthusiastic collectors in 2 large showrooms for this annual show. Members of the Milwaukee Antique Bottle and Advertising Show filled 140 tables with treasures related to breweriana, advertising, bottles that once held a variety of beverages & other liquids, cans, and more, much of which was connected with Wisconsin's past.

The club offers connections with other like-minded collectors through lots of meetings, outings, and other activities each year.

Check out more information on their website: www.milwaukeebottleclub.org



Sid Hatch, Show Chairman and President of the Milwaukee Antique Bottle and Advertising Club, reported, "This show is an annual show which we hold on the first Sunday in February of each year. We had 89 early admissions and 439 general admissions this year (528 total!). I had 140 tables (138) sold this year. Our club was formed in 1972 and this was our 51st show; we had a break for covid reasons.

"As I'm sure that you noticed, there is a wide range of sales categories with the intended major focus on brewiana items.

"Chairing this show is a lot of work but is a work of love, giving back to the hobby that I have enjoyed for over 50 years. It is gratifying seeing the attendees finding items for their collections and the conversations and excitement around the buying and selling activities. You don't get that with eBay and online transactions. This is one of the largest shows in the Midwest and many of our sellers and attendees return every year."

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ROCK ISLAND, IL: Antique Spectacular Vintage Market, QCCA Expo Center, 2621 4th Ave. Fri 4-8pm, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4. Admission \$10. Free parking. Kimberly Schilling, Melting Pot Productions, Inc. (712)326-9964. kim.aspectacular@gmail.com; www.AntiqueSpectacular.com

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PORTAGE, WI: Badger Breweriana, Bottle, Advertising & Collectables Show, VFW Hall, 215 W. Collins St. 10-2. Info: Jim Hill 608-369-1372; bottleshow@yahoo.com
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WAUKESHA, WI: Waukesha "Get Lucky" Art Crawl featuring numerous galleries, gift shops and more in the downtown area. 2pm-8pm. Presented by Waukesha West End Artists. Flyer and map available at: www.waukeshaart.com

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GREEN BAY, WI: Annual N.E.W. Hobby Show, Riverside Ballroom, 1560 Main St. 9am-3pm. 100+ sales tables with old & new collectible toys, action figures, Legos, trains, die cast, model cars, slot cars. Admission: \$5; 12 & under free w/adult. 8:00 am floor rights - \$20. Food & Beverages available. (715) 323-1056

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BLOOMINGTON, MN: Springfest Beer Collectibles Show at Everett McClay VFW, 311 W. 84th St. (behind Cub Foods). Sponsored by North Star Chapter Vintage Beer Collectors. 9:00am-2:00pm. Admission: \$5.00. (651) 343-8244

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****GRAYSLAKE, IL:** Grayslake Antique Market, Lake County Fairgrounds, 1060 E. Peterson Rd., Sat 9-4; Sun 9-3. Admission: \$8.00; Early Buyers Sat. 8-9am \$25; 12 & under free w/adult. Free Parking (715) 526-9769. <https://www.facebook.com/GrayslakeAntiqueMarket/>; www.zurkopromotions.com

NORTHLAKE, IL: 51st Annual Glass Sale & Show, Concord Plaza Midwest Conference Center, 401 W. Lake St. Sat 10-5; Sun 11-4. Admission: \$11.00 (\$10 with coupon in Yesteryear). Special pre-sale Saturday 9-10am is \$15 per person. Free parking & shuttle bus to door. Over 26 dealers from around the country. Glass identification table, reference library, door prizes. Glass repairer on site. (708) 655-1702. Sponsored by 20-30-40 Glass Society of Illinois. 20-30-40glassociety.org

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Recall Memories of Simpler Times at the 40th Wausau Antique Show March 23-24, 2024 • Wausau, WI

Live in the present while cherishing the past March 23-24 at the Greenheck-Turner Field House at D.C. Everest Sr. High School, 6400 Alderson St., Weston, WI. (Suburb of Wausau) at the corner of Alderson & Jelinek. Driveway to the Field House is off Jelinek. The show runs Sat. 9-5; Sun. 10-3 pm.

Browse through 50 awesome booths of quality Antiques, Vintage & Farmhouse Chic. Discover the beauty of the workmanship and the material antiques were made of. If you are searching to add to your collection or create a stylish design, you will find it here among 1000's of treasures. There is also a Victrola Repairer on site!

Dealers will bring their best stoneware, early furniture, advertising, Shabby Chic, MCM, a booth of Sewing and Chevy items, specialist of restored Rockers, Garden Décor, Decoys, Paper Ephemera, Turquoise, Fine Jewelry, Trunks, Am. Indian and Asian Artifacts, Pottery, Art, Primitives, Lodge & Farm items, Curiosities, Toys, Victorian and Sport items, Clocks, Victrolas, and more!

Explore-Learn-Discover & have fun gathering new ideas for old things at the sale; you will not be disappointed. A home filled with Antiques is warm, cozy and unique! Keep our heritage alive!

Adm. \$6.00 over 15, Door Prize is a \$50.00 Gift Certificate, and there's free parking.

For more information, contact Audré & Ray Hanson at AR Promotions: Phone 715-355-5144; f/b: Wausau Antique Show; or www.antiqueshowsinwis.com.



Gold Rush...Now In Its 52nd Year May 10, 11 & 12, 2024 Mother's Day Weekend Rochester, Minnesota



Thinking Spring?.....Gold Rush is fast approaching! Graham Park (also known as Olmsted County Fairgrounds) is the place to be May 10, 11 & 12 and will be setting the stage for Spring picking. Friday is dealer set-up day and the public is welcome to come and shop during the Friday set-up from 8 am – 6 pm. No public allowed on grounds Thursday, as we are still working to get the grounds set up.

The Spring Gold Rush returns with a bang for the first Gold Rush of the 2024 season and is on Mother's Day weekend. One thing that won't ever change is the outstanding quality and variety of dealers at this indoor/outdoor event encompassing 8 buildings plus outside dealers of the 52-acres fairgrounds. An outstanding line-up of dealers from around the country will soon be bringing a wide and varied selection representing all eras of collecting to interest the most discriminating shopper, as well as the new budding collector, designers, or someone seeking a bit of nostalgia.

Expect to find vintage and antique lighting, textiles, furniture, primitives, folk art, art glass, French Cameo, art pottery, bronzes, artworks, china, porcelain, glassware, Victorian glass, silver, lamps, clocks, Depression Glass, vintage clothing, fine jewelry, costume jewelry, perfume bottles, hatpins, snuff boxes, bookends, door stops, bottle openers, coins, stamps, crocks, tinware, graniteware, quilts, vintage toys, teddy bears, dolls, holiday items, sewing items, prints, postcards, comics, sports cards, stereo cards, militaria, automobilia, breweriana, advertising signs, hunting and fishing items, gasoline and oil memorabilia, political, historical items, ephemera, books, American Indian, tools, farm toys and farm related items, architectural items, arts & crafts, Hummels, kitchenware, Pyrex, repurposed and up-cycled vintage finds.

Bring mother to Gold Rush and make lasting memories! Come and be part of this vast treasure hunt in this festive atmosphere with food vendors serving up some of your favorites. Don't forget the homemade pies, pastries, cookies and jams.

Gold Rush is considered one of the nation's oldest and largest antique/vintage shows and one of the best shopping markets where buyers and sellers meet!

Hours: Fri & Sat - Buildings and outside open 8 am – 6 pm; Sun 8 am – 2 pm.

The event is free to the public with unlimited parking at \$10. RV camping sites with water and electrical hookups are available to rent to exhibitors and shoppers by calling Kae at 507-269-1473.

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Show Hours: Saturday 9am to 4pm and Sunday 9am to 3pm. Admission is \$8. (*Tickets available at the event.*) ADMISSION IS GOOD FOR BOTH DAYS! Children 12 and under are free with an adult. Early Buyers Saturday 8am to 9am / \$25. Free Parking.

For vendor information, please contact Zurko Promotions at: (715) 526-9769 or visit zurkopromotions.com.

UPCOMING DATES:

March 9 & 10, 2024

April 13 & 14, 2024

October 12 & 13, 2024

November 9 & 10, 2024

December 14 & 15, 2024

Collectorabilia Con at the Resch Expo March 30, 2024 • Green Bay, Wisconsin

Collectorabilia is a pop-culture expo held at the Resch Expo in Green Bay, WI. The event features booths and tables of artists, writers, guests, crafters, dealers, and collectors displaying and selling their pop-culture wares.

You may find retro games, consoles, toys, action figures, comics, graphic novels, art, craft, Lego, bartop arcades, modern collectables, Funko pops, t-shirts, wrestling merchandise, Pokemon, Transformers, Japanese imports, sports memorabilia, TV/Movie memorabilia, antiques and much, much more!!

Also at the event, attendees can get autographs from celebrity guests, dress in cosplay and mingle with thousands of other pop-culture fans. This is a family-friendly event that encourages creativity, promotes cultural awareness, and directly benefits small businesses.

Meet Fred "The Hammer" Williamson

Former Oakland Raiders/Kansas City Chiefs football star who rose to prominence as one of the first African-American male action stars of the "blaxploitation" genre of the early 1970s, who has since gone on to a long and illustrious career as an actor, director, writer, and producer! Burly, yet handsome 6' 3" Williamson first came to attention in the TV series Julia (1968) playing love interest, Steve Bruce. However, his rugged, athletic physique made him a natural for energetic roles and he quickly established himself as a street wise, tough guy in films including That Man Bolt (1973), Black Caesar (1973), and Mean Johnny Barrows (1976). Talented Williamson established his own production company "Po' Boy Productions" in 1974, which has produced over 40 movies to date. Williamson was noticed by Italian producers who cast him in a slew of B-grade action movies that occupied a lot of his work in the 1980s. From the late '80s onwards, much of his work has been of the "straight to video" fare (often playing police officers), but he has kept actively busy in movies and TV for over three decades,

both in front of and behind the camera. Indie director Robert Rodriguez cast him alongside FX guru Tom Savini as two vampire killing bikers, in his bloody action film From Dusk Till Dawn (1996), and he appeared on screen (displaying his wonderful comedy skills) playing grumpy Captain Dobey in Starsky & Hutch (2004)

Special Guest Brian Colin

Creator of such video game classics as RAMPAGE, XENOPHOBE and GENERAL CHAOS, Brian F Colin is a vastly experienced Game Designer, Artist, Animator and Development Group Leader over 80 video game titles to his credit.... including the creation of some of the most-popular, highest-earning & best-selling titles in video game history!

Although well-known for sharing first-hand, anecdotal insights into the early days of arcade game development, this year he'll also be sharing tales from the sets and locations of the new RAMPAGE Movie, starring Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson.

Some of his better-known games include:

RAMPAGE Dedicated Arcade Game

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ARCH RIVALS Dedicated Arcade Game

PIGSKIN 621 AD Dedicated Arcade Game

RAMPAGE WORLD TOUR Dedicated Arcade Game

STAR TREK VOYAGER Dedicated Arcade Game

GENERAL CHAOS Home Console Game

Comic Book Artist Arvell Jones

Arvell Jones has been penciling for DC and Marvel for roughly forty-four years now. His earliest work can be seen in the Marvel Premiere series (#20-22,1975) with the drawing of martial arts superhero – Iron Fist! While working on the Iron Fist comic series, he, and Tony Isabella co-created the character "Misty Knight." This, along with two other characters (also co-created by Mr. Jones) Cockroach Hamilton and Parana Jones, have been featured in three Netflix's series – Luke Cage, The Defenders, and Iron Fist.

His work can also be seen in these legendary Marvel titles – Thor, Captain America, Iron Man, Black Panther, The Avengers, GI Joe, Luke Cage, and the Daredevil!

During the early 80's, Mr. Jones also worked on the All-Star Squadron for DC Comics. Penciling such icons as Superman, Wonder Woman and SHAZAM!

In 2017, he was asked to contribute his original concept art for teaser posters used to promote Marvel's 2018 Black Panther film.

In May 2019 Mr. Jones was hand-picked as one of Marvel's Greatest Creators and his work was spotlighted with the reprinting of Marvel Premier #21 the first appearance of "Misty Knight!"

Resch Expo

840 Armed Forces Drive
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The show runs Saturday 8am to 5pm. Admission is \$7. Tickets available at the gate. Kids 12 and under free with adult. Free parking.

New Vendors Welcome! Call Zurko Promotions at 715-526-9769 for more information.

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Resch Center Expo
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Grab your craftin' pals & make those plans today!
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Spring Flea Market, Antique & Collectibles Show Monticello, Iowa Sunday, April 28th, 2024

Make plans now to attend the annual Spring Flea Market, Antique, and Collectible Show being held on Sunday, April 28, 2024 at the Jones County Fairgrounds in Monticello, Iowa.

This is one of Iowa's largest flea markets with over 100 exhibitors (indoor and outdoor, weather permitting) selling a vast array of antiques and vintage items.

If you are a collector, antique dealer, or simply a nostalgia seeker or bargain hunter, then this is one show you do not want to miss.

There will be great food trucks on site.

The hours of the show are 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Admission is only \$4, with anyone 10 years and under free. Parking is also free.

For buyers wanting to get an early start, early bird shoppers are welcome between the hours of 6:30 AM and 8:30 AM for an admission of \$10 per person.

The Jones County Fairgrounds is located at 800 North Maple Street, on the far northeast side of Monticello. For more information on the show, please call Waterman Promotions, LLC at 319-462-0135.



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****GRAYSLAKE, IL:** Grayslake Antique Market, Lake County Fairgrounds, 1060 E. Peterson Rd., Sat 9-4; Sun 9-3. Admission: \$8.00; Early Buyers Sat. 8-9am \$25; 12 & under free w/adult. Free Parking (715) 526-9769. <https://www.facebook.com/GrayslakeAntiqueMarket/>; www.zurkopromotions.com

MAQUOKETA, IA: Eastern Iowa Doll and Toy Show at the AmericInn, 1910 Nairn Dr. Dealers from throughout the Midwest with dolls and accessories dating from the 1800's to modern for sale. The show opens for early bird shoppers at 8am (\$12) and general admission begins at 9am (\$6) and runs til 3pm. Children under 10 are free. Identification/Valuation, restringing, repair. Facebook: Eastern Iowa Doll Shows; (319) 610-3534

MELROSE PARK, IL: Swap-O-Rama, 7am-4pm indoors/outdoors at 4600 W. Lake St. Admission \$2.00; kids \$1.00. (708)344-7300

****MILWAUKEE, WI:** Brew City Advertising Show, Waukesha County Expo Center Forum Building, 1000 Northview Rd. 10am-2pm. Featuring Brewery Advertising, Soda Advertising, signs, clocks, tins, porcelain, rec room décor & more! Adults \$10.00; 7:30am Preview \$30. (262) 366-1314; www.uniqueeventsshows.com

NORTHLAKE, IL: 51st Annual Glass Sale & Show, Concord Plaza Midwest Conference Center, 401 W. Lake St. Sat 10-5; Sun 11-4. Admission: \$11.00 (\$10 with coupon in Yesteryear). Special pre-sale Saturday 9-10am is \$15 per person. Free parking & shuttle bus to door. Over 26 dealers from around the country. Glass identification table, reference library, door prizes. Glass repairer on site. (708) 655-1702. Sponsored by 20-30-40 Glass Society of Illinois. 20-30-40glassociety.org

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

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THURSDAY, MARCH 14

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FRIDAY, MARCH 15

MELROSE PARK, IL: Swap-O-Rama, 7am-2pm outdoors at 4600 W. Lake St. Admission: Free (708)344-7300

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

ALSIP, IL: Tri-State Swap-O-Rama, 7am-4pm indoors/outdoors at 4350 West 129th St. Admission \$2.00; kids/seniors \$1.00. (708)344-7300

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JANESVILLE, WI: Winter Farmers Market at Uptown Janesville (Janesville Mall), 2500 Milton Ave. 10am-1pm

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****WAUKESHA, WI (MILWAUKEE):** Wisconsin Rummage-O-Rama, Waukesha Co. Expo, 1000 Northview Rd., Waukesha Sat 9-5; Sun 9-4. Admission: \$4.00; FREE Parking. Shop a huge variety of quality antiques, collectibles, crafts, misc. & much more, all under 1 roof! Bargains galore & a whole lot more! 414-481-5859. Facebook: wirummageorama

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Happy St. Patrick's Day

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****COUNTRYSIDE, IL:** Countryside Collectors Classic Toy Show, Local 150 Union Hall Building, 6200 Joliet Rd. 10am-2pm. Admission: \$10.00; Kids 12 & under free with adult. Preview admission at 7:30am: \$25.00. Over 150 tables of models, die cast, new & vintage toys & more. (262) 366-1314; www.uniqueeventsshows.com

****FOND DU LAC, WI:** Flea Market, sponsored by Fond du Lac Evening Lions Club. Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds, indoors & outdoors. 8:00-2:00. Adm: \$1.00. fonddulacions.org. 920-204-6864.

HIGHLAND, IN: Midwest Slot Car Show, Lincoln Center, 2450 Lincoln St. 10-3. Adults: \$6.00; Children under 16 free. Over 100 table os slot cars and accessories. Early entry at 8:00 am: \$25. 708-946-3571 or Facebook: Midwest Slot Car Swap

MELROSE PARK, IL: Swap-O-Rama, 7am-4pm indoors/outdoors at 4600 W. Lake St. Admission \$2.00; kids \$1.00. (708)344-7300

****ROCHESTER, MN:** Vintage/Antique/Toy Show Flea Market at Graham Park, Olmsted County Fairgrounds, Hwy. 63-S, 1418 Fairgrounds Ave. SE, Buildings 31 and 35. 9am-2pm. Admission: \$3.00. Free parking. 507-269-1473 or 641-832-2700; www.townsendshows.com; Facebook: Townsend Shows.

ST CHARLES, MO: St. Charles Comic & Toy Show, Steel Shop Athletics & Event Center. 10am-4pm. Entry \$5.00; kids 12 & under free. Family friendly event focusing on comics, toys, cosplay, games, and art. You can expect to find Funko pop vinyls, vintage video games, action figures, original art, and lots of comic books. quadcitcon.com

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APPLE VALLEY, MN: Haupt Antiek Market, 7570 W. 147th St., 5 miles south of Mall of America, Thurs 9am-8pm, Fri 9-7, Sat 9-5, Sun 11-4. www.hauptantiek.com (651) 329-3871. *MARCH INTO SPRING* theme.

CHICAGO, IL: Swap-O-Rama, 7am-3pm outdoors at 4200 S. Ashland Ave. Admission: \$1.00; kids/seniors 50¢ (708)344-7300



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MELROSE PARK, IL: Swap-O-Rama, 7am-2pm outdoors at 4600 W. Lake St. Admission: Free (708)344-7300

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

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SUNDAY, MARCH 24

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P.O. Box 306, Montello, WI 53949
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FRIDAY, MARCH 29

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****GREEN BAY, WI:** Collectorabilia Con at the Resch Center Expo, 840 Armed Forces Drive, Ashwaubenon. 8am-5pm. Retro games, consoles, toys, action figures, comics, graphic novels, modern collectables, funko pops, Pokemon, Transformers, Japanese imports, sports & TV/Movie Memorabilia, antiques and much more including Special Guests!! Admission: \$7.00; kids 12 & under free with adult. (715) 526-9769; www.zurkopromotions.com

****GREEN BAY, WI:** Holiday Gift & Craft Show at the Resch Center Expo, 840 Armed Forces Drive, Ashwaubenon. 8:00am-4:00pm. Decor, vintage finds, handmade items, jewelry, boutique clothing, Wisconsin products, and more! Admission: \$7.00; 12 & under free with adult. (715) 526-9769; www.holidaygiftandcraftshow.com

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OSHKOSH, WI: Oshkosh Farmers Market & Spring Bazaar, Oshkosh Convention Center, 2 N. Main St. 9am-1:30pm. 30+ vendors. http://www.osfmi.com

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FRIDAY, APRIL 5

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SATURDAY, APRIL 6

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GREEN BAY, WI: Market on Military Indoor Winter Market at Green Bay Plaza, 725 S. Military Ave. 9am-1pm. Shop a variety of seasonal produce, preserved foods, bakery, plants, meat, eggs and crafts. Facebook: Market on Military

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KALAMAZOO, MI: Kalamazoo Antique Bottle Club Annual Bottle & Glass Show, at Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds/Expo Center, 2900 Lake St. (Exit 80, off I-94). 10:00am-2:30pm. Early American bottles, flasks, & glass + related items. Free appraisals. Admission: \$3.00; senior citizens \$2.00; kids under 12 free with adult. www.kalamazooantiqueclub.org.

KENOSHA, WI: Kenosha Public Market's Indoor Winter Market, Kemper Center, 6501 3rd Ave. 10am-2pm. Variety of local vendors, food trucks, full bar and SNAP market match program available. www.visitkenosha.com

MADISON, WI: 52nd Annual Madison Area Doll Club Annual Doll Show & Sale. 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Alliant Energy Center Exhibition Hall, 1919 Alliant Energy Way, Madison WI 53713. Admission \$10; 12 and under free with adult. Parking \$8. National vendors, educational display, appraisals & more. Vicki 608-279-5298; dollcoll@charter.net; & Madison Area Doll Club on FB.

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ST. CHARLES, IL: Kane County Antique Flea Market, Kane County Fairgrounds at 525 S. Randall Road. 600+ dealers. Sat 12:00-5:00 pm.; Sun 7-4. Adm: Adults \$6.00; children under 12 free. Free parking. www.kanecountyfleamarket.com. 630-377-2252.

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ST. CHARLES, IL: Kane County Antique Flea Market, Kane County Fairgrounds at 525 S. Randall Road. 600+ dealers. Sat 12:00-5:00 pm.; Sun 7-4. Adm: Adults \$6.00; children under 12 free. Free parking. www.kanecountyfleamarket.com. 630-377-2252.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 14

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For More Information Contact

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FOND DU LAC, WI: Central Wis. Gun Collectors Association Show, Fond du Lac Co. Fairgrounds, 495 Martin Ave. Sat 8-5; Sun 8-2. Admission: Saturday \$10.00, Sunday \$5.00. (920) 634-9909; centralwisconsingun.org

****GRAYSLAKE, IL:** Grayslake Antique Market, Lake County Fairgrounds, 1060 E. Peterson Rd., Sat 9-4; Sun 9-3. Admission: \$8.00; Early Buyers Sat. 8-9am \$25; 12 & under free w/adult. Free Parking (715) 526-9769. <https://www.facebook.com/GrayslakeAntiqueMarket/>; www.zurkopromotions.com

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TUESDAY, APRIL 16

CHICAGO, IL: Swap-O-Rama, 7am-2pm outdoors at 4200 S. Ashland Ave. Admission: \$1.00; kids/seniors 50¢ (708)344-7300

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

ALSIP, IL: Tri-State Swap-O-Rama, 7am-2pm outdoors at 4350 West 129th St. Admission \$1.00; seniors & kids 50¢. (708)344-7300

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THURSDAY, APRIL 18

APPLE VALLEY, MN: Haupt Antiek Market, 7570 W. 147th St., 5 miles south of Mall of America, Thurs 9am-8pm, Fri 9-7, Sat 9-5, Sun 11-4. www.hauptantiek.com (651) 329-3871. *VINTAGE GARDEN* theme.

CHICAGO, IL: Swap-O-Rama, 7am-3pm outdoors at 4200 S. Ashland Ave. Admission: \$1.00; kids/seniors 50¢ (708)344-7300

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

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GRAYSLAKE, IL: Chicagoland Antique Advertising, Slot Machine & Jukebox Show, Lake County Fairgrounds Event Center, 1060 E. Peterson Rd. Friday Early Bird Preview & Dealer Setup 7-5, Saturday 9:30-5:00, Sunday 9:30-2:30. Kids free. (815) 353-1593. Ticket info at: www.chicagolandshow.com

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SATURDAY, APRIL 20

ALSIP, IL: Tri-State Swap-O-Rama, 7am-4pm indoors/outdoors at 4350 West 129th St. Admission \$2.00; kids/seniors \$1.00. (708)344-7300

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GREEN BAY, WI: Market on Military Indoor Winter Market at Green Bay Plaza, 725 S. Military Ave. 9am-1pm. Shop a variety of seasonal produce, preserved foods, bakery, plants, meat, eggs and crafts. Facebook: Market on Military

JANESVILLE, WI: Winter Farmers Market at Uptown Janesville (Janesville Mall), 2500 Milton Ave. 10am-1pm

KENOSHA, WI: Kenosha Public Market's Indoor Winter Market, Kemper Center, 6501 3rd Ave. 10am-2pm. Variety of local vendors, food trucks, full bar and SNAP market match program available. www.visitkenosha.com

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OSHKOSH, WI: Oshkosh Indoor Farmers Market, Oshkosh Arena, 1212 S. Main St. 9am-12:30pm. 30+ vendors. <http://www.osfmi.com>; Weather Updates: (920) 509-1830

PRINCETON, WI: Famous Princeton Flea Market! Tree-shaded city park, Hwy. 23/73 (S. Fulton St.). Open at 6am-1pm for vendors and customers. Free admission & parking. www.princetonwi.com

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SHIPSHEWANA, IND: Ship-Chic Craft & Vintage Spring Market, 9am-3pm at Shipshewana Auction Misc. & Antique Building., State Hwy. 5, S. of town. Features vendors with gifts, vintage items, home decor, crafts, & more. Admission: \$5; kids 14 & under are free. Free parking. <https://shipshewanatradingplace.com>

SIoux CITY, IA: Sioux City Comic & Toy Show, Southern Hills Mall, 4400 Sergeant Rd. STE 317. Vendors spread throughout the mall dealing in anime, vintage toys, posters, pop vinyls, original art, video games & more. Open during normal mall hours. quadcitycon.com

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SUNDAY, APRIL 21

ALSIP, IL: Tri-State Swap-O-Rama, 7am-4pm indoors/outdoors at 4350 West 129th St. Admission \$2.00; kids/seniors \$1.00. (708)344-7300

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MILWAUKEE (NEW BERLIN), WI: Spring Milwaukee Postcard Show & Sale, New Berlin Entertainment Center, 16000 W. Cleveland Ave.; Exit I-894 or I-94. 9:00-3:00. Featuring quality dealers of postcards, papertiques, ephemera, uniques. Admission: \$3.00. 608-877-0538

****ROCHESTER, MN:** Vintage/Antique/Toy Show Flea Market at Graham Park, Olmsted County Fairgrounds, Hwy. 63-S, 1418 Fairgrounds Ave. SE, Buildings 31 and 35. 9am-2pm. Admission: \$3.00. Free parking. 507-269-1473 or 641-832-2700; www.townsendshows.com; Facebook: Townsend Shows.

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WILMOT, WI: Wilmot Flea Market, at the Kenosha County Fairgrounds, 30820 111th St. 7am-2pm. Admission: Adults \$2.00; Seniors & kids 6-12 \$1.00; kids 5 & under free. Free parking. (262) 716-5716

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

CHICAGO, IL: Swap-O-Rama, 7am-2pm outdoors at 4200 S. Ashland Ave. Admission: \$1.00; kids/seniors 50¢ (708)344-7300

ST. CHARLES, IL: The Chicago Americana Show, Kane County Fairgrounds, between Rt. 38 & Rt. 64 on Randall Rd. Featuring antique advertising, jukeboxes, slot & other machines, neon signs & clocks, breweriana & more. Monday early buyers 8-6 (\$25); General admission \$40 for All 3 days Wed-Fri, 8:00-6:00. General Public \$10 Wed / Free on Thurs. www.chicagoamericana.com (620) 584-6926; (630) 222-9799

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

ALSIP, IL: Tri-State Swap-O-Rama, 7am-2pm outdoors at 4350 West 129th St. Admission \$1.00; seniors & kids 50¢. (708)344-7300

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FRIDAY, APRIL 26

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SATURDAY, APRIL 27

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MILWAUKEE, WI: Re:Craft & Relic Show, Sat. & Sun. 10-4. Milwaukee County Sports Complex, 6000 W. Ryan Rd., Franklin. 180 booths with vintage, upcycled, and handmade goods and supplies. Live music. Admission \$7.00; Kids 12 & under free. Early Access Tickets: \$10. Free parking. www.recraftandrelic.com

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PRINCETON, WI: Famous Princeton Flea Market! Tree-shaded city park, Hwy. 23/73 (S. Fulton St.). Open at 6am-1pm for vendors and customers. Free admission & parking. www.princetonwi.com

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SHIPSHEWANA, IND: Shipshewana Swap Meet, 345 S. Van Buren St. Daylight to 1:00pm. All kinds of fowl, poultry, small animals, pets, produce, baked goods, plants/trees, hunting & fishing items, antiques & more. Parking: \$5.00. Info: 260-768-4129; shipshewanatradingplace.com

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

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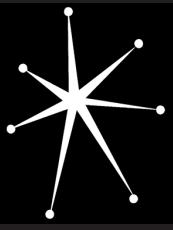
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Smack Dab in the Middle: Design Trends of the Mid-20th Century

By Donald-Brian Johnson



This month: “Lladró: The Peak of Porcelain Perfection”

Looking to spruce up your home décor? Sure! Like lots of choices? Of course you do! Well then, how about adding a porcelain figurine by Lladró? A recent check totted up over 38,000 of them on eBay.

While sometimes derided for a “sameness” in style, it’s that very sameness—or, more accurately, “consistency”—that accounts for Lladró’s global appeal. The themes are universal. The styling and execution are top-of-the-line. The figures radiate peacefulness. Plus, their neutral expressions allow viewer participation, providing individual interpretations of what each porcelain character is experiencing.

Lladró began with the talents of three brothers, Juan, José, and Vicente Lladró. Born pre-World War II, the trio hailed from the small rural village of Alamàssera, near Valencia, Spain. Trained in the San Carlos de Valencia School of Arts and Crafts, and the Valencian Tileworks, their earliest pieces date from the 1940s. However, it wasn’t until 1953, using a self-built kiln on their parents’ patio, that the brothers founded Lladró Porcelain.

Juan and José were the artists, Vicente the sculptor. A vote of all three determined if a proposed design would go forward. Early European popularity meant a move to larger quarters, and when Lladró entered the United States market in 1965, business boomed. With the 1969 opening of the “City of Porcelain,” the company’s combination factory/museum in Tavernes Blanques, Spain, Lladró had most definitely arrived.

The appeal? Well, as fans of such legendary names as Meissen, Sevres, and Royal Doulton will attest, people like porcelain. With roots in 7th century China, porcelain is a paste mix of clay, water, and assorted “secret ingredients,” molded and fired in a durable form. So secret were those ingredients that, in early China and Europe, the formula was passed

down through family lineage. (In some cases, spilling the beans meant certain death.)

Lladró capitalized on buyers’ hunger for new porcelain pieces, made with the same care, skill, and imagination as those of the past. Joining the brothers as the firm grew were such talented sculptors as Salvador Furió, Fulgencio Garcíá, and Juan Herta, along with a support staff of artisans numbering in the thousands. Many were needed, as the work involved in creating a Lladró piece is mind-boggling. Following initial design, the figurine parts are molded separately, usually requiring 15-20 molds. (Topping the list: a masterwork like the “18th Century Coach,” which took 350 molds—and eventually sold at auction for \$31,000.) The separate pieces are then smoothed, joined, painted, glazed (if called for), and fired. The result: porcelain perfection.

But technical accomplishment by itself isn’t enough. What really draws collectors is that almost every piece of Lladró tells a story. The titles can be simple statements (“First Ballet,” as two young dancers

prepare for a recital). They can comment on the character (“Mile of Style,” as a tattered circus clown strikes an elegant pose). Or, most often, they can tug at the heartstrings (“Please Come Home,” as forlorn puppies wait by a window).

The scenes are ones folks can identify with, and the sources are many: children, romantic duos, domestic day-to-day activities, religious and inspirational themes, and even depictions of theatrical and literary luminaries. While most are in the unhurried poses and restful pastels Lladró is known for, there are always exceptions. Rearing horses and leaping gazelles are on hand to provide the movement Lladró refers to as “dynamism.” Darker, richer colors are used for effect, particularly in the terra-cotta line of “Gres” figurines.

Lladró prices are no longer uniformly stratospheric (there are, after all, those 37,000 on the secondary market). Small figurines often resell for under \$25, average-size figurines between \$75-150. However, the larger and more detailed the piece, the higher the price, starting in the low thousands, then up (and up and up.)

A company publication once pinpointed the two most important ingredients that go into a Lladró creation: Simplicity. And love. Just what every home needs more of.

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Lladro Collectors Society plaque, with image of Don Quixote, and signatures of the three Lladro brothers.



“Grand Dame,” 14” h.



“Lamplighter,” 18-3/4” h.



“Don Quixote with Sword,” 12” h.



“Flowers of Peace,” 2002. 14-1/2” h.

Four angels, tallest 7”.



“A Child’s Prayer,” 7-1/2” h.





"First Ballet," 7-1/2" h.



"Please Come Home," 8-1/2" h.



"A Mile of Style," 14" h.



"Feed The Birds," 11" h.



"Seesaw," 8" h.



"Sweet Scents," "Pretty Pickings," and "Spring Is Here." Tallest figure, 7-1/2" h.



"Love's Tender Token," 9" h.



"Calla Lilies." Tallest figurine, 9-1/2" h.



"Sea Fever," 9-1/2" h.



"Girl with Toy Wagon," 11" h.



"Rhumba Dancer" and "Bongo Beat." Tallest figure, 9" h.



"Spring Splendor," 12-1/2" h.



"Fall Clean-up," 13-1/4" h.



Mexican dancers, 12" h



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"Musical Trio." Tallest figure, 10" h.



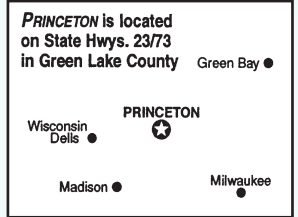
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