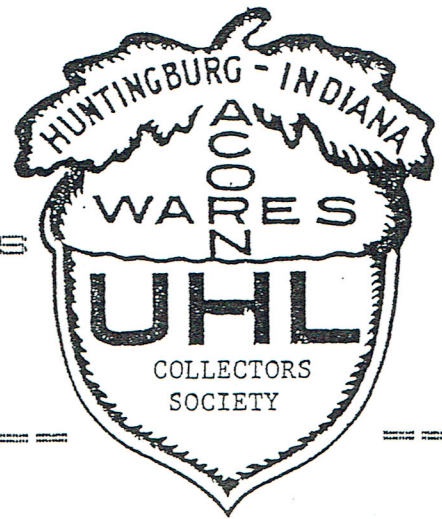


UHL  
COLLECTORS  
SOCIETY



JUNE / JULY 1993

HI EVERYONE:

Yes it is the beginning of June and the year is almost half over, but first we must have our yearly convention. This should be the best convention ever for the UHL Collectors Society due to the fact that we have grown with leaps and bounds in the past year. The board of directors have really been working hard to give you the best agenda for the amount of time that you will spend at the event this year!

We seem to have a very good turn-out for the Friday evening dinner which will be 397 people. This amount is almost twice the amount that attended last year. This may be that the auction has been moved to Friday night and more people planned to attend this year.

As for the Saturday morning continental breakfast only 321 have sent in reservations. Although some may be eating in the Hotel dining room for a full course breakfast.

Rooms have filled very nicely with the numbers somewhere in the 80's. There are a few rooms available at this time in case anyone has not made reservations yet do so promptly.

This year as last there will be NO SMOKING in the main room for all of the activities. Please do so in the lobby or outside as to abide by this rule.

Make SURE to bring your membership cards and have them in an easy to get place in case you need to show it or give your membership number off of it. Also, have your receipt for your commemorative along, it is a must to have when picking up your or someone elses commemorative. This year you have ordered 361 commemoratives of which 82 will be mailed. The commemorative for 1993 is ????? oops almost slipped!

There will be an IS IT UHL? session on Saturday morning so bring along those questionable pieces and we will give as much input as possible on whether it is or not.

Anyone that enters a non-Uhl item in the auction or has it on their table for the show and sale on Saturday will be asked to remove it. Please only UHL POTTERY and UHL materials will be allowed.

Saturday show and sale will consist of at least 27 tables of which will have 31 members set up with many nice items for sale. Get ready for a great SHOW and SALE.

## 9TH ANNUAL CONVENTION AGENDA

### FRIDAY JUNE 25TH

CONVENTION REGISTRATION	4:00 - 6:30 PM
AUCTION REGISTRATION	4:00 - 6:30 PM
CASH BAR	5:00 - 7:30 PM
BANQUET DINNER	6:30 PM
AUCTION	IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DINNER
ROOM TO ROOM SOCIALIZING	AFTER AUCTION

GOOD NIGHT!

### SATURDAY JUNE 26TH

SHOW SET UP	7:00 AM
(only members setting up will be allowed in before 8:00)	
MEMBER SHOW AND SALE	8:00 - 10:00 AM
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST	8:00 AM
COMMEMORATIVE DISTRIBUTION	9:00 AM
"IS IT UHL?" SEMINAR	9:00 AM
BUSINESS MEETING	10:00 AM

THE END

### AUCTION GUIDELINES

There will be no reserves this year. We will be using the buy back system. This means that if you feel your item is going to sell for less than you want you must bid on it yourself. In doing this you are more flexible with your price and you may want to let an item go or be the high bidder and take it home again. Each membership is allowed to consign 2 pieces. The entry fee will be \$5 per membership. This is for one or two pieces, yes just one flat fee. You will be bidding by your membership number so make sure you have your card and number along.

Only after the auction is over everyone that purchased an item must pay before leaving. Those people buying back their own items will not have to exchange any money, just pick-up your item and leave. This year you may pay by check instead of cash as in the past. All checks will be written to the club. Then Friday night after the auction receipts are totalled the club will begin writing out checks to the sellers. These checks can be picked up Saturday morning after 9:00 AM or if you don't pick it up then they will be mailed to you. Yes you may pay by cash if you wish.

DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS AT THE CONVENTION TO:

STEVE BRUNDAGE	PRESIDENT
DALE BLANN	VICE PRESIDENT
DONNA & TOM UEBELHOR	SECRETARY / TREASURER
CONNIE & GLENN HACKMAN	FRIDAY AUCTION
KITTY & BILL SWANSON	SATURDAY SHOW & SALE

BUSSINESS

This year we will be voting on two positions that will be vacated during the meeting on Saturday. These being Steve Brundage as President and Pam & Ron Robbins as Board of Directors.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor for the position of Vice President and Board of Directors.

NOMINATIONS FOR 1993 ELECTIONS

Vice President (per By-laws): The Vice President will serve a two year term, automatically acceding to the office of President (also two year term) upon completion of his / her term.

DON SCHWARTZ lives in Michigan City, Indiana. He retired from his job as a US Treasury Agent in 1988. He is now in the accounting and tax consulting business.

Don grew up in the Huntingburg area, along with his brother Al, who is also a club member. They still maintain their mothers home in Huntingburg and spend time in the area.

Don has always been aware of the pottery from his home town and still knows several of the people who worked at the pottery. He has had the opportunity to see some unusual pieces from their collections and spend time talking to them about the pottery when it was open.

Don had a few pieces of Uhl before his retirement, but he became really interested in collecting after he retired. (He's hooked!) He became aware of the UCS through his brother Al, who was already a member.

Don has been an Uhl Club member since 1991. Three of his children have become interested in collecting Uhl and two daughters have joined the club.

Last year Don served on the committee to locate a new site for the 1993 convention. He has also given many creative suggestions to the Board of Directors. He has been a very active and supportive member in his three short years in the society.

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Board of Directors (per By-laws): A Board of Directors consisting of three elected members and their spouses (if any) shall each be elected to three year terms, with one being elected each year.

IRIS & JIM ALLEN became the 20th members of the UCS in 1986, a few months after it was organized on October 12, 1985.

The Allens have always been an asset to the club, having served on the By-laws committee and nominations committee in 1988 - 1989.

Jim was on an "Is It Uhl" panel discussion during the 1989 convention. He also helped before the auction last year by showing the miniatures that were in a case.

They now live in Indianapolis and are very active collectors. Their daughter, Jeanie, is also a Uhl member. Jim works for First Group Engineering as an engineer. He hopes to retire soon. Iris says she is just a house wife with a full time job at home ---- DUSTING UHL!!!!!!

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We have one nominee for each open office so far this year. It should be an exciting election!!!!

Please, do we have any more volunteers?????????

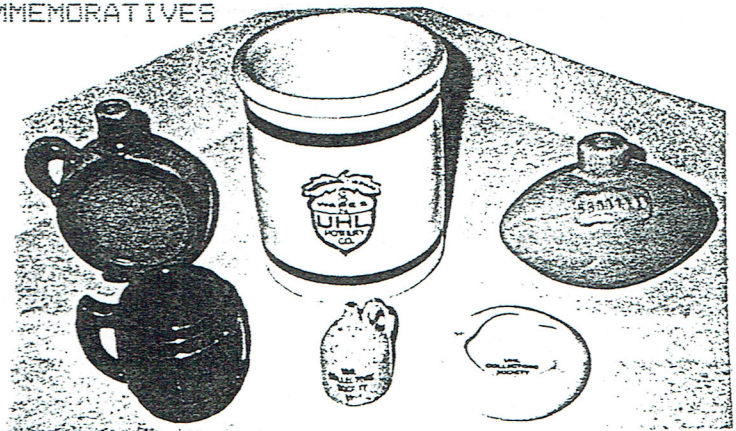
Also we are looking for volunteers for the Commemorative committee this year. ANYONE????????????????????

SEE EVERYONE JUNE 25TH & 26TH AT JASPER, HOLIDAY INN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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PAST COMMEMORATIVES

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DESC</u>	<u>QTY</u>
1987	STEIN	100
1988	CANTEEN	150
1989	FOOTBALL	150
1990	JUG	250
1991	ASHTRAY	250
1992	JAR	275
1993	?	400



I wish I could give you a color photo of this complete set owned by Gail & June Bullock. It really looks great in blue / white.

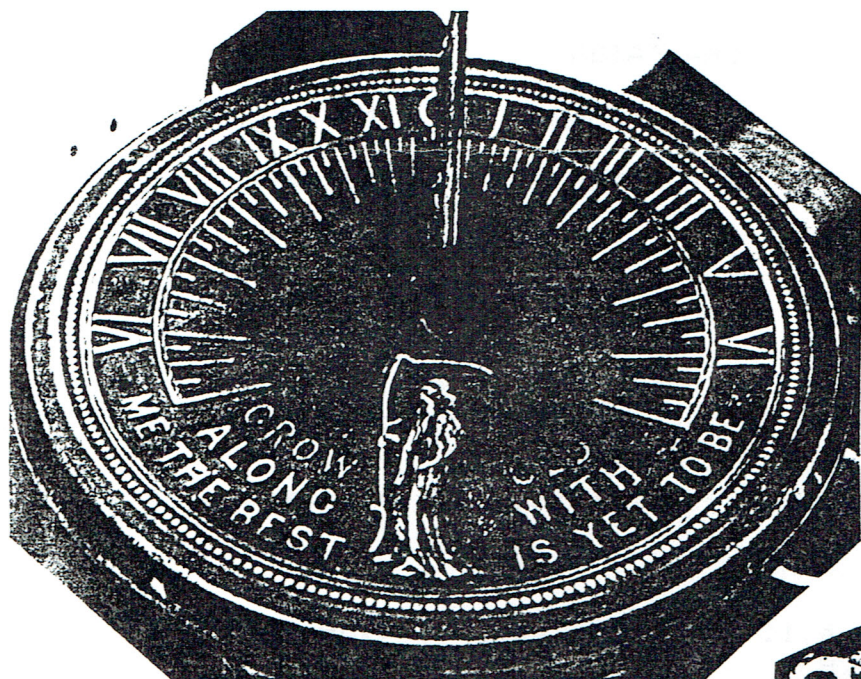
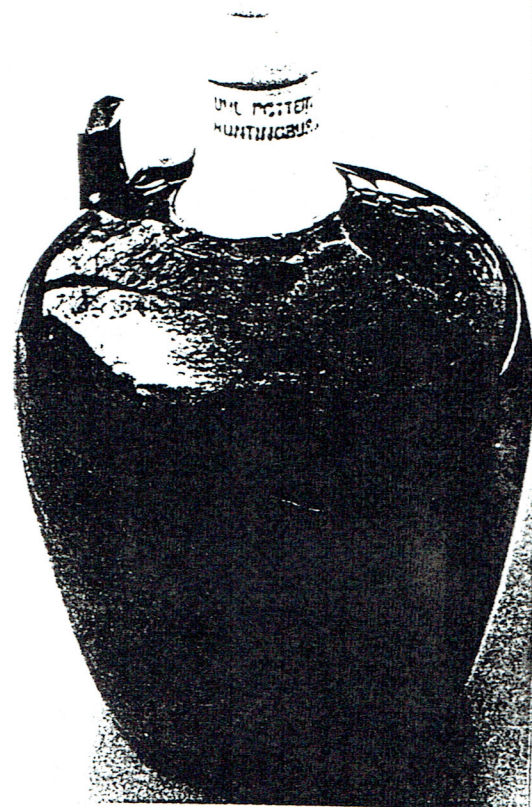


These two OLD KENTUCKY MANSION, HENDERSON advertising pieces are special too!



Anyone ever seen a Christmas Ring Jug like the one below before?

How about the jug to the right that is in brown and white with UHL POTTERY CO. HUNTINGBURG IND. around it's neck?



This Sundial sold at Huntingburg recently for a handsome sum of \$625.00. How about that for UHL prices? At the same auction an American Legion Ashtray brought \$240.00.

The sponge pitcher brought \$355, the handturned candle holder \$300, the end of the day vase \$325, the blue handturned vase \$380, and the two Christmas jugs \$225 each. Very nice pieces but if you wanted them it would cost you a large premium!!!!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

BRIAN ASHBY	EVANSVILLE	INDIANA
JANET & STANLEY TAPP	SEBREE	KENTUCKY
GAY & GEORGE DOUGLAS	BOONVILLE	INDIANA
DEBBIE & KEITH KINNEY	EVNASVILLE	INDIANA
SANDY BRUNO	EVANSVILLE	INDIANA
CURT HALL	DUBOIS	INDIANA
NANCY & JACK WILLIS	SULLIVAN	INDIANA
MARILYN & OREN BOTT	BRAZIL	INDIANA
MIA MOODY	OAKTOWN	INDIANA
NANCY & JAMES ACKERMAN	EVANSVILLE	INDIANA
JANICE & DAVID ROBERTSON SR	EVANSVILLE	INDIANA
REBECCA & WILLIAM VAN METER	CHAMPAIGN	ILLINOIS
PATTY & JERRY SCHURZ	HUNTINGBURG	INDIANA
KAREN L DOSCH	GREENWOOD	INDIANA
SUSAN & BRUCE COX	INDIANAPOLIS	INDIANA
TINA OEDING	INDIANAPOLIS	INDIANA
BRITANIA PASTORI	ST BERNICE	INDIANA
PATRICIA & CHARLES WARNER	PETERSBURG	INDIANA

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HOWARD MORGAN is looking for a 11" Shoulder Bowl in blue.  
Phone 812-346-3178

JACKIE & RICK WILSON are looking for a 1987 Commemorative Mug.  
Phone 812-659-2751

I am also looking for the 1987 Commemorative Mug in case anyone  
has two for sale. Phone 812-482-3016

Also I am looking for a pig ashtray if anyone has an extra please  
give me a call. Thanks Tim. 812-482-3016

In the last newsletter I asked for anyone that knew which pottery made the 16oz mugs that have an airplane and the word "WE" incised on the bottom. We received a call from Roger Shelton and he was familiar with this mug and he said it was made by the McCoy Pottery. We may also presume that the same mug with the 16 incised in the bottom was also made by McCoy.

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Tom & Donna Uebelhor Secretary/Treasurer would like to thank everyone for returning the convention information and commemorative order forms so promptly. It made our job much easier. By this time everyone should have their membership cards for renewal and commemorative receipts. Please contact Tom or Donna if you have not received the items mentioned above. We hope no one has been overlooked.

Anyone who made Dinner or Breakfast reservations and have had a change in plans please notify us of the change.

We are looking forward to seeing old members as well as meeting all new members at the convention this year.

SEE YOU IN JUNE!  
TOM & DONNA  
812-482-9575

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#### IN THE MAIL

#### TRANSFUSION URGENTLY NEEDED

This is a plea to all club members. We are in urgent need of a transfusion. Any type of blood will do as long as it is warm and new. Some of the old blood has completely stopped working and some has become very tired. If new blood isn't received soon, we, the board members, fear that some very enjoyable activities will have to be given up by all club members.

If you don't understand what I'm talking about yet, let me be more specific.

#### OUR CLUB NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!!!!

Maybe you think you couldn't be an officer because you live in another state or you just can't make the time. But there are several jobs that have to be done at the last minute at the convention.

As of this writing we have only one person for the commemorative committee next year. What if we have to cancel that????

Maybe if you volunteered you could get some training or advice from this years committee.

Maybe someone could offer to help Ralph Crouse carry almost 300 commemoratives into the convention room this year.

Maybe, if you are good at identifying Uhl pieces, you could look over tables at the show and sale and support Kitty & Bill Swanson in asking people to remove non-Uhl pieces from the show.

Get the picture? Theres no year round commitment, just a

little of your time during the convention.

We are also getting very discouraged because we are not able to talk people into running for offices. This year we have one person running for Vice-President and one couple running for Board members.

My very unscientific research shows that year after year the same people are doing the work for the club. I counted the charter members, the former Uhl Pottery workers who are now club members and have shared their knowledge with us. I counted every past and present officer, even those people who ran but didn't win. I consider that a contribution. I counted every annual show and sale, commemorative, "Is It Uhl" seminar and nominations committee. Also two special committees, the by-laws and 1993 convention committees were counted.

Then there are the frazzled people at the convention who do this work: register guests, register auction pieces, present the auction, the show and sale, and the "Is It Uhl" seminar and pass out commemoratives.

There's a newsletter reporter running around taking pictures and notes. Spending hours writing the newsletter.

Then the President is communicating with the motel staff to ensure that every aspect of the convention is going smoothly. He's also conducting the business meeting in which a secretary's, treasurer's and nominations report is given.

The really sad thing is one person may be doing 3 or 4 of these tasks at one convention.

As I counted all of the above positions that have been filled since Oct. 12, 1985, I counted only 31 memberships who have rotated from one position to another to keep this club and these 9 conventions going. That's a possibility of 74 people if you count 2 people per membership. I counted 226 years of work!

As of this newsletter, we have 417 memberships, possibly 834 people in our club. In 9 years as a club 74 people have done the work while 760 people have enjoyed the pleasures and rewards of their work.

Please don't read this letter as a negative aspect of becoming an officer or volunteer. Believe me, you don't know the fun you're missing at board and committee meetings. You also get a great education about Uhl Pottery, latest auction updates, a chance to see other member's collections and you make lasting friendships with people you're working with. Then there's always the "Biggest Fish" story at the end of every meeting.

How can anyone resist all of this fun? I don't think there is a one of us who regrets the hours we've spent serving this club. It's just that we need new volunteers to become involved. The work could be divided more evenly each year. Plus, getting involved might make you realize why it takes so long to pass out the commemoratives, to register pieces into the auction and settle up for the sales after and only after the auction. Or maybe you'll simply see why things aren't going as smoothly as you think they should.

Vice-President Dale Blann and his wife Leah will set up for the show and sale at the convention this year. They have also been asked to help with the "Is It Uhl" seminar. During this same period of time they will need to pick up their commemorative.



They will also need to prepare for their part of the business meeting and taking over as President.

You can only wear so many hats at one time.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER!!!!!!!

Dale looks silly wearing 4 hats!

PMR

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Some very nice pieces should be on the auction this year!!!!!!!  
SHELL ASHTRAY, DILLSBORD MUG, GARDEN POTTERY, BLUE RABBIT PLANTER  
w/BASKET ON IT'S BACK, BASEBALL JUG w/HENRY SUNNEMAN MEIER'S  
WINE CELLARS, INC. CINCINNATI, OHIO in blue letters

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Thanks to Sue Uhl from Lizton In. who sent us this newspaper  
article from the Indianapolis Star.

## Country setting allows couple to shape a living out of stoneware.

By Abe Aamidor  
STAR STAFF WRITER

**S**trawtown, Ind. — It's a home in the country with a genuine pottery studio on the ground floor for Matt and Diane Garrison, both former Indiana University art students.

Matt can work at his potter's wheel all day while Diane hand-paints the pieces prior to glazing.

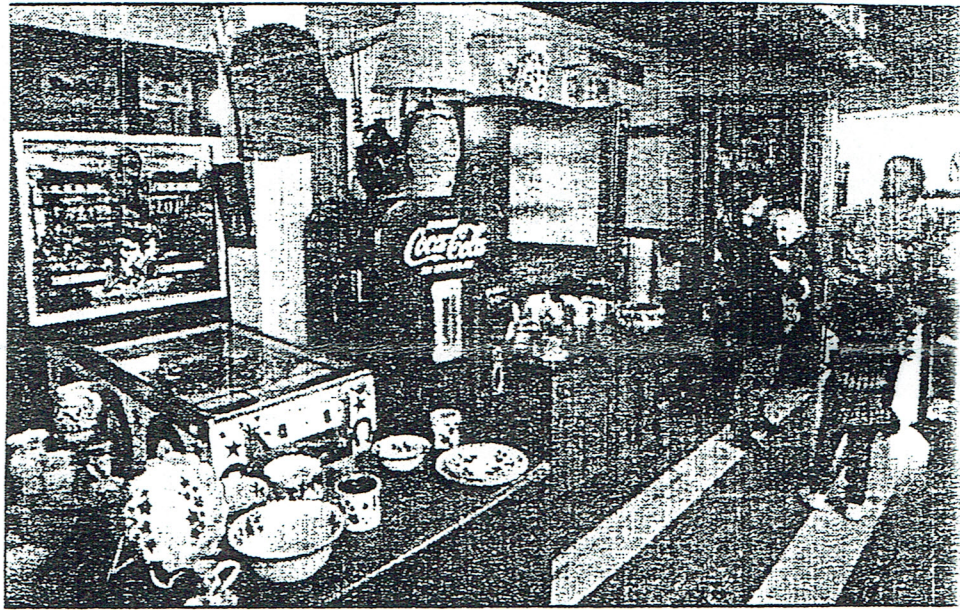
A crackling wood stove heats the house (which once was a tourist lodge), and the native Hoosiers can hear their children's laughter wafting through hallways nearby.

All in all, it's an idyllic setting in northeast Hamilton County for Strawtown Pottery & Antiques, which the Garrisons co-own.

### Beavers, too

Well, *idyllic* may be too strong a word. There *was* the woman who tried to commit suicide on the property in 1985. She drove her old car down the steep driveway to the Garrison home and kept on going, across the lawn and into the banks of the White River, which runs along the property line. She only survived because her car got stuck in the mud.

This past winter, beavers chewed more than two dozen trees Matt had planted along the river's edge, and visitors to the antique store apparently stole a freshly planted 7-foot pine before leaving (they didn't purchase anything, either).



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**MAIN STORE AREA:** Strawtown Pottery & Antiques is part of a 20-room home and studio for the Garrisons.

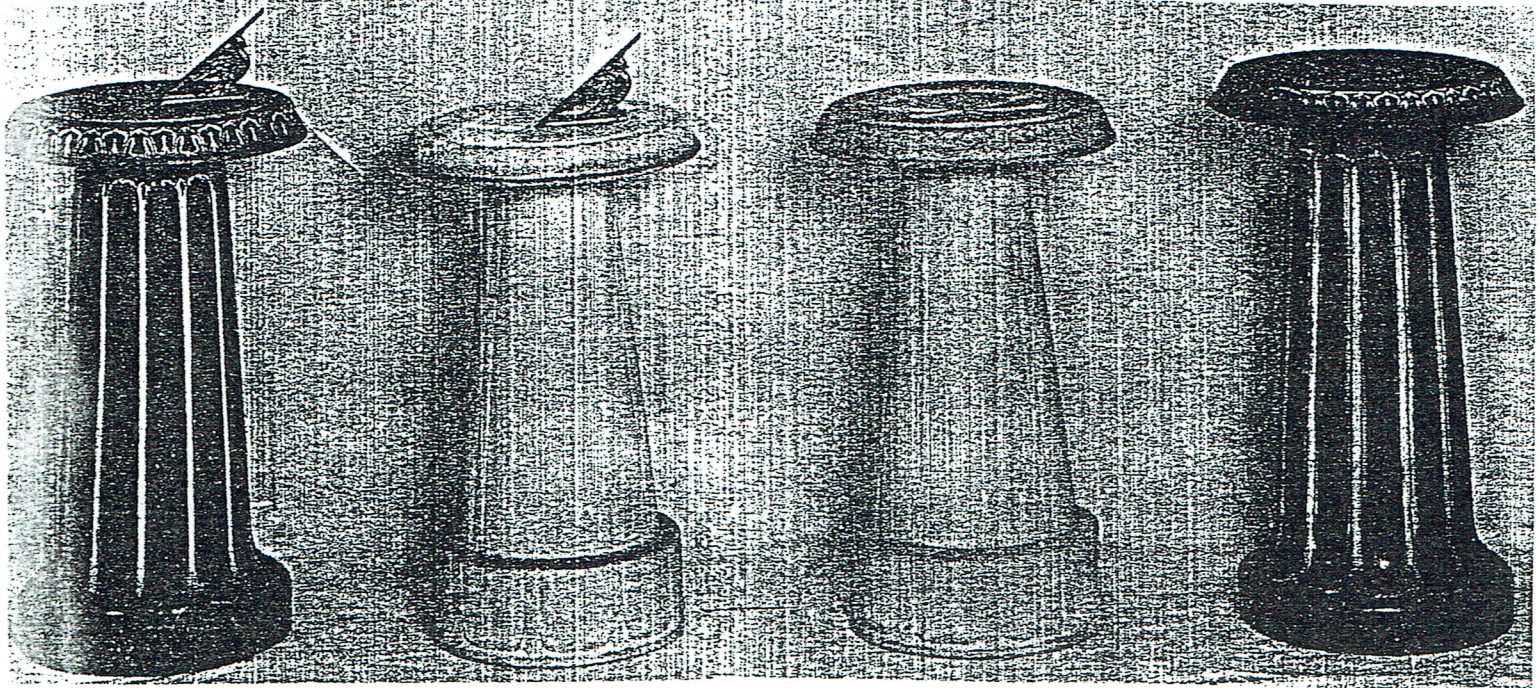
And, the Garrisons are constantly repairing the 20-room home and studio, built around 1935. It previously had served as a motel, community center, restaurant, teen club, gas station and general store, as well as the Chief Straw Lodge and Strawtown Feed & Supply. It fell — almost literally — into the Garrisons' hands in 1983. Most of the windows were boarded up at the time.

So, life has been trying at times for the Garrisons.

But business, especially the pottery end of it, is good.

The Garrisons regularly ship handmade pieces to George Washington's Mount Vernon home in Virginia, and have a continuing contract with N.K. Hurst Co. of Indianapolis to produce 5-quart bean pots as special premiums for the company. They also do reproductions for the the Uhl Collectors Society.

The picture below is of Sundial's made by Uhl. We were able to copy this from an original picture from Earl McCurdy.

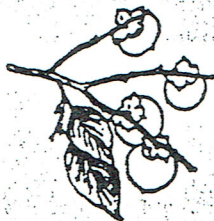


I want to thank everyone that sends or calls with information. It makes the job easier if I have something to write about. I can't wait until June see you all there!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
 THANKS AGAIN  
 TIM HODGES

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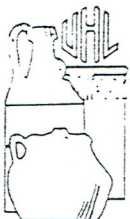
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