# Uhl Collectors Society 

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The Scoop on Uhl Garden Pottery

Uhl Collectors can learn to spot their favorite pottery in yards while driving around town.

This two part article will attempt to acquaint collectors with a portion of Uhl garden pottery. Please realize this is not the entire extent of Uhl's production.

Items to be discussed in this part of the presentation will include hanging baskets, bird baths, Athenian pots, Italian oil jars, strawberry jars, and Egyptian pots.

Color information was taken from Uhl catalog descriptions. As time progressed Uhl pottery did add more colors to their products so don't be surprised to find these items in more colors than what is discussed.

Uhl hanging baskets came in two different styles and 4 sizes. A wire hanger was used to hang the pots.

The 8 inch size hanging pot was made as though it had a narrow strip woven basket design, while the 3 larger sizes were made like a bark basket with wider bands horizontal around the pot.

These horizontal ribbed baskets came in $91 / 2$ inch, $10 \frac{1}{2}$ inch and $12 \frac{1}{2}$ inch diameters. Some of the earlier catalogs said they were 9 inch, 10 inch and 12 inch sizes. Colors included terra cotta, red burned and green tint.

Several models of bird baths were made by Uhl. The rustic bird bath had a lily leaf pattern on the pedestal with matching patterns on the outer rim of the bowl. Overall height was 26 inches tall. The bowl was 21 inches in diameter with a 2 gallon capacity. Colors include brushed green and terra cotta for the rustic model.

Plain yet functional was the model $\mathrm{X}-10$ bird bath which came in a terra cotta color. It had a plain shallow sided bowl $201 / 2$ inches in diameter with a 2
gallon capacity. Overall height of the X-10 was 26 inches tall with an undecorated pedestal.

Roman bird baths came in four combinations.
The C-5 model has an overall height of 18 inches tall while the bowl measures 18 inches in diameter. Next came a C-9 model which was taller at 24 inches overall height and had a bowl diameter of $181 / 2$ inches.

Taller Roman bird bath models included the C-10 model with a height of 26 inches overall and a bowl with a 23 inches diameter. The bowl size was the same for the large C-20 model however it was 38 inches tall.

Some Roman bird baths have narrow spaced flutes around the pedestal while the bowl has a raised floral pattern around outside rim. Colors available for these bird baths were terra cotta, old ivory and green.

Uhl produced a "flower urns" which resembled a plain shouldered bowl on a plain pedestal. The overall height of it was 30 inches tall with a 16 inches wide bowl, which held 2 gallons. "Flower urn" were offered in a terra cotta color.

Athenian \#515 pots were offered in colors such as terra cotta, brushed green and burned red. An oriental influence was used on this model with raised round and rectangular shapes alternating around the side. Measurements are 16 inches wide by 13 inches tall for this pot. Collectors might find this sitting on a \#515 Athenian pedestal. The height of the pedestal measured 18 inches tall.

Italian oil jars came in several sizes. The model \#500 oil jar was 24 inches tall by 18 inches in diameter. Other models with dimensions were \#501 at 30 inches tall and 18 inch diameter, \#508 at 24 inches tall and 16 inches diameter, \#510 at 19 inches
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Letter from the President
Dear UHL CLUB Members:
Holiday Greetings and Best Wishes to all in the upcoming year! As a board, please accept our sincerest sentiments for another year of fun and enjoyment in The Uhl Collectors Society.

All of us on the board are working with a great sense of excitement in planning for the 1998 Convention, June 26 \& 27, 1998, at The Holiday Inn, Jasper. Consult this newsletter for additional details.

The selection for the 1998 commemorative has been made, and is in the process of being produced; we hope that you will be very pleased with our choice.

If an any time you have some suggestion or comments for us about the convention, or any ways to improve the organization, do not hesitate to contact any officer or board member. It really is our desire to continue all the wonderful friendships that have been made as we have all journeyed "in search of Uhl".

We eagerly look forward to seeing everyone at this year's convention!
Sincerely,

JOSEPH F. ERBACHER, President

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tall and $121 / 2$ inches diameter, and \#512 at 15 inches tall and 9 inches diameter. Later models of the \#510 and \#512 Italian oil jars were offered in blue, green or yellow.

Strawberry jars came in several models with terra cotta or russet finishes. Later production catalogs offer blue, green and yellow. Strawberry jars with dimensions are \#502 at 30 inches tall and 22 inches diameter, \#503 at 6 inches tall, \#504 at 8 inches tall, \#509 at 24 inches tall and 18 inches diameter, \#511 at 19 inches tall and 16 inches diameter and $\# 513$ at 15 inches tall with an 11 inch diameter.

Largest of the strawberry jars was the model \#501 Japanese jar with 15 pockets. Overall height of this was 30 inches and its shape resemble a \#501 Italian oil jar with pockets.

Egyptian standard pots were popular among gardeners. Originally offered in terra cotta it has also been
found in other glazes. Ten different sizes were offered. Pot diameters are 4 inch, 5 inch, 6 inch, 7 inch, 8 inch, 9 inch, 10 inch, 12 inch, 14 inch and a large 16 inch container. Designed with a winged pyramid symbol around top shoulder of pot and wide ribs around the lower $2 / 3$ of it makes identification easy.

Similar Egyptian Azalea pots were offered in terra cotta. This model came in the same diameters as the standard. Azalea pots are a shorter squat version of the standard pot with the same outside designs.

Designers are now using this wonderful pottery inside homes for a pleasant added detail for a room.

Some garden pottery was marked with a model number. However like all Uhl it is not unusual for pieces to be found that have no marks.

This article is intended to make the reader aware of some of the Uhl Pottery production. Please realize that not all the garden pottery designs are included in this presentation.

A special thanks to the Koening family for their HELP WITH THIS ARTICLE.

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## Classified

Remember that Uhl Collectors Soc. members<br>CAN ADVERTISE FREE OF CHARGE.

FOR SALE:

| Xmas mini jug 1937 | $\$ 340.00$ |
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| Xmas mini jug 1942 | $\$ 335.00$ |
| Xmas mini jug 1989 | $\$ 125.00$ |
| Pair rose color baby shoes Marked |  |
| Orville Holm | $\$ 100.00$ |
| Membership \#225 |  |
| 12626 227 Avenue S.E. |  |
| Monroe, WA 98272 |  |

FOR SALE:
Brown acorn ashtray - advertising UHL Pottery - Mint condition $\quad \$ 400.00$

Contact Mary Margaret Fox
Telephone: (317)769-6649
or write:
3478 S. 575 E.
Whitestown, IN 46075

## WANTED:

UHL Commemoratives, 1987 to 1993, Especially 1986 Pencils

Contact Dan Hadley \#179
Telephone: (812) 425-8954
or write:
100 North Barker Avenue
Evansville, IN 47712
UHL TAG SALE
Sunday, Feb. 1, 1998 at Eddys Barber Shop, 414 South Barker Avenue in Evansville, IN. At least 9 to 10 dealers participating. Starting at noon until 4 PM. Also will buy or trade.

For more information phone:
(812) $985-5647$ or (812) 424-2489

## Pottery Pourri

This sampling of prices was taken from a Jasper, Indiana auction held by Brahm \& Brahm Auctions of St. Meinrad, Indiana.

Brown Qt. Barrel Pitcher - M\$ 20.00
Brown \#113 Vase $\quad \$ 42.50$
Yellow \#132 Teapot - M $\$ 57.50$
Brown/White 25 oz. Creme De Coffee

| Jug | $\$ 22.50$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Pink Mini Cat Jug | $\$ 85.00$ |
| Black Mini Elephant Jug | $\$ 47.50$ |
| Yellow \#133 Egyptian Jug | $\$ 27.50$ |
| Blue \#114 Vase - M | $\$ 70.00$ |
| Blue \#123 Vase - M | $\$ 50.00$ |

Blue 5" Shouldered Mixing Bowl
$\$ 50.00$
Blue 5" Chilli Bowl - M $\$ 40.00$
White 5 Gal. Jug - M $\quad \$ 80.00$
Rose 11" Meat Roaster $\$ 100.00$
3 Gal. Evansville Jug - M $\$ 95.00$
Black Mini Cowboy Boot $\$ 105.00$
Orange \#2 Pair Dutch Shoes \$ 65.00
White Pair Mini Slippers $\$ 55.00$
Blue Hanging Strawberry Jar $\$ 65.00$
Rose \#127 Flower Bowl - M \$ 50.00
White 5 Gal. Jar - M $\quad \$ 55.00$

## M - Denotes Marked

## Deaths

We have been notified of the loss of members from our club.

Bette White Owensville, IN.
Kathleen (Cathy) Sutton Bloomington, IN
Harold Taylor Vincennes, IN

Our sympathies are extended to the families of these members.

## Something for Everyone at Shelton Auction

Uhl Collectors were offered a unique opportunity to attend an auction of 330 pieces of their favorite pottery.

Roger and Roberta Shelton sold part of their 17 year collection September 20, 1997, at the Jasper, Indiana fairgrounds. Brahm \& Brahm Auctioneers handled the selling. (The following information is for undamaged items.)

Jane Uhl fans paid $\$ 305$ for a red sprinkler, $\$ 30$ for a marked bowl and $\$ 35$ for a marked saucer.

Marked hand turned items brought as high as $\$ 250$ for a marked tall green hand turned 3 handled vase. The lowest price marked piece sold for $\$ 50$. It was a green hand turned plate.

Unmarked hand turned pieces went as high as $\$ 240$ for a yellow mini hand turned
pitcher with "Camp Forrest" advertising. A bid of $\$ 20$ bought the lowest priced unmarked hand turned piece, which was a blue hand, turned saucer.

Several mini jugs were available such as prunellas, double handled, demijohn, square, canteen, Egyptian and Grecian selling in the range of $\$ 20$ to $\$ 40$.

Advertising jugs were bid off at $\$ 450$ for a brown/white mini shoulder jug w/"Lafayette Malt Store", $\$ 275$ for brown/ white prunella Xmas jug w/ "greetings from Uhl", and \$395 for a brown/white mini globe w/"compliments from Uhl Pottery Co. Huntingburg, Ind."

A Black \#14 mini ring jug found a new home for $\$ 145$ and a $\tan$ botay canteen jug marked "Malden Air Field" changed owners for $\$ 400$.

If you wanted a Meiers white softball jug it would sell for $\$ 260$ at this auction.

Uhl Pottery animals brought $\$ 85$ for a rose flat rabbit planter, $\$ 205$ for a black wrinkle skin elephant planter, $\$ 180$ for a yellow rabbit basket planter and $\$ 65$ for a white lamb planter.

Popular among all collectors were the black Scotty dog figure which sold for $\$ 525$ and the brown hollow cat doorstop signed V.Volz which reached \$625.

Thieves jars in blue, marked with number were purchased for $\$ 400$ in the \#135 size, $\$ 500$ in the \#136 size and $\$ 450$ in the \#137 size.

Refer to our Pottery Pourri section for more price information.

## 1997 Club Rooster Roster

Send $\$ 2.00$ to Beverly Leslie, 801 East Poplar Street, Boonville, IN 47601 HURRY!!! While Supplies Last!

\#502 Strawberry Jar


9 1/2" Hanging Basket


Egyptian Standard Pot

\#501 Oil Jar


Flower Urn


Egyptian Azalea Pot


8" Hanging Basket

\#500 Oil Jar

\#504 Strawberry Jar

## Uhl Bird Baths



U-10 Rustic Bird Bath


C-9 Roman Bird Bath


C-10 Roman Bird Bath

## Important

## Dinner registration/Commemorative Distribution

Due to the problem encountered at the 1997 Uhl Convention Dinner, the board has decided to charge a minimal fee for the Friday Evening dinner meal at the 1998 convention.

Uhl Collectors Society had 158 people who made dinner reservations that DID NOT SHOW UP for the meal.

This cost the club an extra $\$ 1870.00$ for the unused dinners since the cost for each meal was $\$ 11.50$.

This year members are being ask to pay a small fee of $\$ 5.00$ per plate if you wish to dine at the Friday Evening Dinner at the 1998 convention. You must purchase these dinner reservations on the Membership Form in the section "Friday Evening Dinner Meal Tickets."

You must pick up your Meal Ticket(s) at the convention prior to the meal by using your receipt of membership as proof of purchase. Details on meal ticket distribution will be listed on the Convention Agenda in the next newsletter.

Concerning the comments and suggestions from our membership, the board unanimously agreed to SHIP ALL THE 1998 COMMEMORATIVES to those who purchased them.

The Uhl Board Members hope that these changes will make your convention more enjoyable.

# Membership Form 

$\qquad$ - New

- Renewal of Membership \#

Please print - Do Not Use A Return Address Sticker

Name:

Address:

City:
State:
Zip:

|  | Dues for January 1 through December 31 | $\$ 12.00$ | $\$ 12.00$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Commemorative Order | (Limit 1 per Membership) | $\$ 45.00$ | The 1998 Commemorative will be a White Single Handled Bean Pot w/Blue Sponging. $\$ 45.00$ includes shipping to membership address listed above. If you would like to order a commemorative, please enter $\$ 45.00$ here



| Convention Reservations <br> Holiday Inn - Jasper Indiana <br> Friday June 26, 1998 through Saturday June 27, 1998 |
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Friday Evening Dinner Meal Tickets X $\$ 5.00$ per plate (NOTE: Tickets must be purchased now for the Friday evening meal.)

Tickets will be distributed at the Convention
So Please Bring Your Receipt to get meal tickets at convention.
Please enter number of plates needed and enter total cost here.

Show and Sale Table Reservations $\qquad$ X $\$ 5.00$ per table


Please enter number of tables needed and enter total cost here.


Send this completed application with check or money order for total to:

> Uhl Collectors Society
> 801 Poplar
> Boonville, IN 47601

Deadline for Commemorative, Meal Tickets \& Sale tables is March 15, 1998. New memberships accepted anytime.

| No. | For Official Use Only: |
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| Ck\# | Amount |
| Computer |  |
| Commemorative |  |
| Receipt \# | Meal Tickets |

Let's welcome 7 new members to the Uhl Collector's Society

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The 1998 Commemorative White single handled bean pot w/blue sponging and the Uhl Society logo on the front.
A special tbanks to Don Oobnson for the pboto.


