

The 5 Letter "F" Word

Board Members "Focus" on 2001 Projects

There are many projects that the Uhl Collectors Society are focusing on.

The first and most important is the 2001 commemorative. We are excited about the special effort taken in selecting the next commemorative. We are anxious to get back the sample runs and to hold one in our hands and examine the details given. It is certain to be one of the most appreciated commemoratives distributed.

Secondly, we are working on setting up personal interviews with past Uhl Pottery workers. There are a lot of stories to be told and each day we lessen our chances of hearing these stories. Selected board members have taken on this very timely task. There has been some progress in talking with past

employees. We hope to have some information and stories to share at this years convention.

Third, other board members are working on putting together a roster of all members, their mailing address, phone number and possibly e-mail address.

This will be a great asset to all of us who are wanting to contact the wonderful people in our society along with giving us a better idea of how many members we truly have. So it is very important that your information on your membership form is correct and legible.

Last but not least, we are all working on bettering our Society's conven-

tion making it more fun and more informative. We want to give you the most for your money and want you leaving the convention with great finds and greater knowledge in what you love most....Uhl Pottery!

2001 COMMEMORATIVE



**You'll Have To Wait
& See!**

WHAT HAPPENS TO COMMEMORATIVE MOLDS?

Ever wonder what happens to the molds used to make the Uhl Collector's Society Commemoratives? After holding them for about 5 months and the board is satisfied that all have been distributed and received and any potential problems have been addressed, the molds are destroyed. One of the board members brings the original mold from the producer and present it at the meeting following the convention. At that time it is determined if indeed we can destroy it.

Seen here is board member Al Schwartz using his handy hammer to start the mold busting process.

After a few good hits the mold is in



a few large chunks. This re-assures that no reproductions can be made from it.



Letter From The President

Belated Holiday Greeting To All,

Here's hoping that your holidays were among the best ever. I wonder how many folks received an addition to their collection. It would be interesting to know.

By now "auction addiction" has just begun to subside for the winter, but it is ready once again to raise it's head and stir in your mind thoughts of YET TO BE FOUND pieces of Uhl Pottery for your collections. Yes, there are unknown items that still exist. More on this in a separate article in this issue.

Meanwhile. The 2001 commemorative is ready for production and your board of directors has been working to address the selection of the next commemorative. Tom Trambaugh and Al Schwartz have been doing the legwork and negotiations on these critical items. I can tell you that the 2001 piece it will be one that you must have or I guarantee you will have regrets later. In this issue is the proper form to be used membership renewal, convention attendance and especially the COMMEMORATIVE ORDER FORM. These MUST be postmarked by March 15, 2001.

PLEASE DON'T SET THIS FORM ASIDE OR PUT IT UNDER A PILE OF OTHER LESS IMPORTANT THINGS AND THEN BE CALLING ME AFTER THE MARCH 15 DEADLINE.

DO IT NOW!!

IF YOU MUST DELAY, MARK YOUR CALENDAR AT LEAST FOR THE END OF FEBRUARY. USE WHATEVER METHOD THAT WILL GET THE JOB DONE FOR YOU. ENOUGH ON THIS SITUATION.

Leah Kleeman and Chip Kugler are working to bring to fruition the project of interviewing former employees. Some appear to be a little reluctant, but Leah and Chip will do what they can.

We are also making arrangement to have an updated membership directory. The last one I believe was 1995. We have received written and verbal responses to several suggestions made at our annual meeting last June. The issue of the auction has required much discussion. It has been determined that the use of box lots which contain a variety of different items has created problems. Consequently, if there is a box lot to be sold, it must contain like or similar items. For example, a mixture of a lid and a miniature jug and a chicken feeder bottom would not be allowed. A mixture such as the box of footballs last year would be acceptable since they are alike and have some similarity.

Remember, you should receive your commemorative by the middle of June. Also remember that our newsletters are affixed with first class postage for a good reason. That is so that it will be forwarded to a new address or returned to the press secretary and then we will make an effort to find you.

Please avoid excuses that you did not receive a newsletter. We can also check against our mailing list for verification.

Finally, it is not the intention of the board of directors to be rude, but there simply have to be some rules to live by especially in an organization of this size.

Continue to share your knowledge, your collections and your friendships.

Sincerely,

Lloyd & Marge Martin

UHL POTTERY IDENTIFICATION BOOK ON ITS WAY!!

by: Stephanie Trambaugh

Early this month I had the pleasure of spending time with Anna Mary Feldmeyer and her lovely Granddaughter Kara Holtzman who just happen to be providing us with a new Uhl Pottery Identification and Value Guide. How wonderful this will be. If you ask me, it is long overdue and you couldn't ' have a better author. Anna Mary and her husband Don are known as one of the major Uhl collectors. Their knowledge & opinion is always welcome and appreciated by all.

Anna Mary has always had Uhl Pottery as part of her life. Both her mother and father worked for the pottery. Her father drove a truck that hauled the pottery to retailers all around. Anna Mary and Don started collecting seriously in the early 70's when Christmas jugs and blue and white mini's sold for \$0.25 in yard sales. Don recalls passing up Christmas jugs for they were not something he was particularly needing for his collection at that time. Though the Feldmeyers do most of their auctioning in Southern Indiana, most of their collection was obtained in the local community in which they live. Word of mouth had it that they were collecting so neighbors and friends would contact them for first opportunities. Sometimes it was a simple miniature or if they were lucky a hand turned piece, but every now and then a special, one of a kind piece made on an employees lunch hour or for an employees family or friend was being offered. These pieces are one of a kind and the stories that come with them make them even more valuable.

Kara can recall the days of boredom at Grandma & Grandpa Feldmeyers. Heck who would want to go there when you can't play hide - n - seek or chase for the fear of breaking one of the "pretties" sitting around their home? Well with that came the respect and appreciation that her Grandparents taught her for these pottery pieces were not just old, they were part of their communities history. Kara is currently a full time student with a full scholarship at Ball State with an interest in writing. She has heard Anna Mary mention many times since her retirement that she would like to put out a book on Uhl Pottery. Attending the convention for the first time in 1999 she knew there was indeed a need for this reference guide. So in December of 1999 Kara and her grandmother started researching a publisher, taking many photos and writing descriptions.

Together with 'Collector Books' they have filled an 8-1/2 x 5-1/2 soft cover book with approximately 250 colored photos and a lot of details regarding the different mold numbers, marks, sizes and prices for these pieces. This will make it very handy for us to carry along with us when auctioning and flea marketing. They really focused on identifying Uhl Pottery pieces and gave us an example of rarity that we might too be lucky to come across in our searches. The approximate date for purchase is in August or December of 2001, however viewing material and pre-order forms will be available at the 2001 Uhl Collectors Society Convention in June. Like most collectors identification and value guides, this book should retail around \$40.00 or less.

I want to thank Anna Mary & Kara for giving me the opportunity to visit with them and sharing with me the progress they have made.

A RABBIT OUT OF SEASON

Just when you think all things are accounted for, up jumps another rabbit, well in this case a basketball. Would you believe it??

We have known for some time that a special piece was made for the Huntingburg Indiana High School basketball team of 1938. These were about four inches tall including their stand with the wording "Happy Hunters 1938" in raised relief. It was thought that only 15 of the basketballs were made.

Well, do we have news for those of you who do not already know. In October, there it was, as if by magic. While doing our daily search through eBay an item appears as "Uhl Basketball Trophy Sturgis, Ky". It was exactly like the others known to exist except in raised letters on the base was "Sturgis, Ky. In addition it was marked "Uhl Pottery" on the bottom.

Whether this one was made for a special MVP player or that more of them exist is a topic for some research. We feel sure that the question will be answered someday or somehow.

So, never give up, there are still items out there for us to find. By the way, the basketball was purchased for \$953.00

NEW REFERENCE BOOKS CONTAINING UHL POTTERY

Two new reference books contain rather extensive sections on Uhl Pottery, including many pictures and actual prices from auctions, market sales and other sources. They are:

Husfloen and Cox, ANTIQUE TRADER POTTERY & PORCELAIN CERAMICS, Price Guide, 3rd Ed., Krause Publications, 2000.

Husfloen, ANTIQUE TRADER ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES, Price Guide 2001, Krause Publications, 2000.

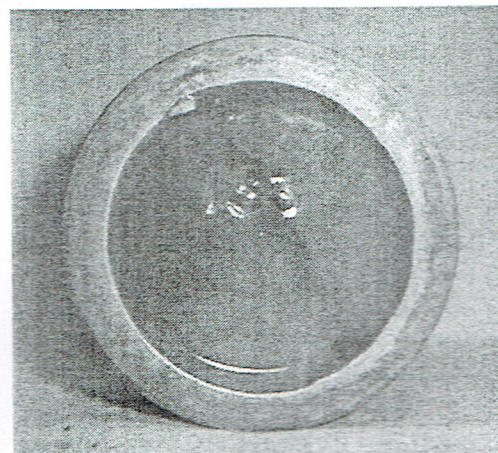
While the two books contain similar material, the Pottery & Ceramics book is somewhat more extensive in its content regarding Uhl Pottery

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~NEW YEAR~



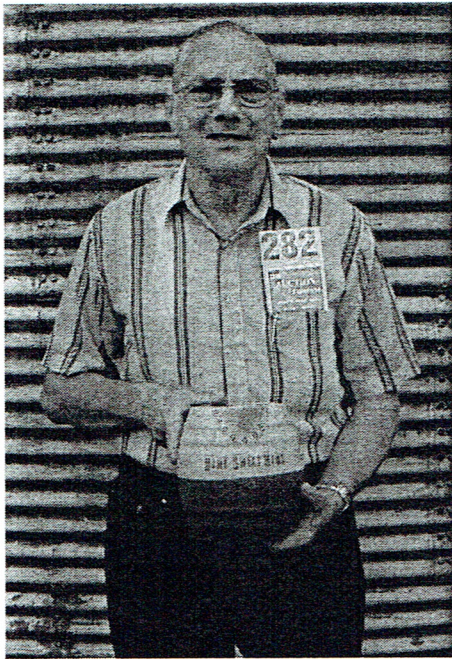
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What did Tom Trambaugh get from his wife for Christmas? Uhl Pottery of course. She found this mauve/rose glazed number 153 vase at an antique mall in Indiana. Price paid was \$63.00. Not bad for a hard to find piece.

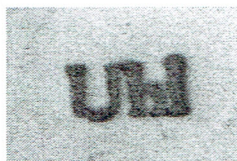
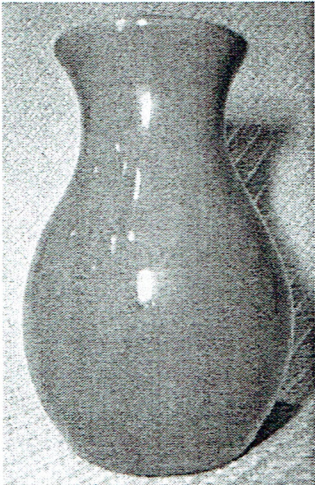


KENNY MILLER SLIDES INTO HOME !

Kenny Miller is seen here with another great find. Shown with his "Home Sweet Home" barrel pitcher he obtained for a fair price of \$700.00



Don't Forget We Need Volunteer Uhl Pottery Look - Alike And Seldom Seen Items For Our Display at the 2001 Convention



- New
- Renewal

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership # 111

To Preserve Your Newsletter You May Photocopy This Page ~ Please Print ~ Do Not Use A Return Address Sticker

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| 1 | Dues for January 1 through December 31 | \$12.00 | \$12.00 |
| 2 | Commemorative Order (Limit 1 per Membership)
The 2001 commemorative will not be announced in advance. \$35.00 includes shipping to membership address listed above. If you would like to order a commemorative, please enter \$35.00 | \$35.00 | \$ 35.00 |

Convention Reservations 67290771
 June 22 - June 23, 2001
 Holiday Inn - Jasper Indiana 1-800-482-5555

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| 3 | Friday Evening Dinner Meal Tickets
Please enter number of plate's needed and total cost. | <u>2</u> X \$5.00 per plate | \$ 10.00 |
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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.

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| 4 | Show and Sale Table Reservations
Please enter number of tables needed and enter total cost. | ___ X \$5.00 per table (Contract to follow) | \$ |
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Please enter total cost in this box \$ 57⁰⁰/₁₀₀

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

Uhl Collectors Society
 3704 W. Old Rd. 64
 Huntingburg IN 47542

Deadline for Commemorative, Meal Tickets & Sale table is March 15, 2001. New memberships accepted anytime.

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY:

Ck # _____		\$ _____
Computer _____	Commemoratives _____	
DC _____	Meal Tickets _____	
Receipt# _____	Tables _____	

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If you have any comments, suggestions, questions, or concerns, please contact any or all of the officers and board members listed.

RECENT POTTERY SALES

1937 Christmas Jug	\$257.00
1942 Christmas Jug	\$214.00
1941 Christmas Jug	\$270.00
Green Hand Turned Vase	\$175.00
Scottie Dog #129 Bowl	\$243.00
Ladies Slipper Teal, Mkd	\$30.00
Mini-Churn B/W, Mkd	\$620.00
Grape Pitcher #181, Blue	\$74.00
Mini-bud vase, Mkd	\$76.00
2000 Commemorative	\$81.00
Elephant Jug, Black, Label	\$60.00
Pink Globe Jug, Mkd, Adv.	\$503.00
Ring Jug, Pumpkin Color	\$90.00
Vase #113, Blue	\$75.00
Pitcher #197, Blue, Mkd	\$75.00

Prices from local auctions, shops sales, eBay and some person to person sales.

UHL FOR SALE

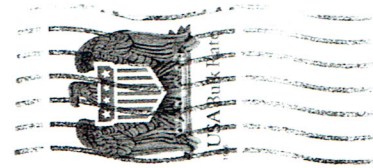
1930 Christmas Jug	\$875.00
1941 Christmas Jug	\$250.00
1991 Commemorative	\$125.00
1993 Commemorative	\$110.00
1994 Commemorative	\$ 90.00
1995 Commemorative	\$ 90.00
1996 Commemorative	\$ 80.00
1997 Commemorative	\$ 70.00
1999 Commemorative	\$ 75.00
2000 Commemorative	\$100.00

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If no answer, please leave message with a phone number where you can be reached.



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