



# Uhl Collectors Society

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## THOUGHTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings,

Convention 2005 is history. The kind e-mails, notes and personal comments are appreciated very much by the board of directors. The wonderful people that we have served with for the past four years will continue in different capacities except Norm and Joyce Dodson who "retired." Thanks for the last three years and all the great help. Ralph and Delores Hemmer have come aboard as Press Secretary so please help them with "Uhl" news. Ideas and suggestions along with news items are always welcome.



Convention 2006 is already being planned and hopefully will be as exciting as 2005. PLEASE remember that the deadline for commemoratives is March 31st.

Some people were sad to realize that the check sent only paid the dues and they were not able to get the 20th Anniversary commemorative. A mailing in late February or early March will help remind you to send in the correct amount for dues, commemorative and meals.

The board continues to work on upcoming events including a museum display February-May in Evansville. Hopefully many members will place beautiful pieces of Uhl in this display to help create interest and membership. Les Bain is chairman of this project but you can call or e-mail any board member for information and/or pick up of items.

Hopefully your HOT summer has been memorable, cooler days are just around the corner and auctions start getting members together again.

Pins and shirts are still available.

Happy "Uhling,"  
Norman and Sharon Patmore  
President



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# HOW WE BEGAN COLLECTING UHL

*By Don and Linda Summers*

Don grew up in Huntingburg and spent part of his youth playing in the sand piles at the pottery—scavenging pieces that were thrown in the discard pile. Later after we were married and had our children we would go to auctions, flea markets, yard sales etc.

One of the memorable shopping places was at Adyeville, Mr. Troesche's (pronounced tresh) "Antique Barn." We bought a set of blue grape pitcher and six mugs packed in a box that had been given to someone for a wedding gift and had never been taken out of the box.

If any of you shopped at Troesche's Barn you will probably have some "exciting memories."

My UHL collecting started when I was a child growing up on a farm in Spencer County west of Gentryville. Our family "adopted" a little old lady from town that was deaf and going blind. Ann Young came to stay with us, bringing some of her possessions; among them was a blue sugar bowl with a stamp on the bottom, UHL POTTERY HANDTURNED HUNTINGBURG INDIANA. I was 9 or 10 years old and spent quite a lot of time with Ann. She was basically housebound, but could play games and hold my dolls.

One day she gave me the sugar bowl from "Huntingburg." I used to think that was a big place far away from our farm in the country.

That piece not only started my collection of UHL, but, holds some great memories of our houseguest so many years ago. In the years to follow, I received pieces that had belonged to my grandmothers and my parents.

It has been interesting to learn, down through the years, of the many different pieces that the pottery produced and just when you think you have seen it all, another piece will surface with yet another story.

To think in 1958 I would come to the big City of Huntingburg and make it my home.

*Linda and Don Summers*

We are sorry to print that we have lost one of our members. Paul O'Haver passed away May 13. Our thoughts and prayers are with Juanita and her family.

## Letters from our Members"

Dear Uhl Collectors,

We have been away for a couple of weeks and upon return opened the Uhl package today! How beautiful! We have all the commemeratives and each one is beautiful!!!! One of these years we hope to attend again, it just seems something keeps us from

making that trip. This year it was 50th H.S. reunion in northern Indiana. We thought about what we were missing. Hoping all went well in Jasper. Thanks again for the goodies in the box. Everything came thru in excellent condition! Happy UHLING.

*Jay and Evelyn Hartz*

Dear Uhl Collectors,

We want to congratulate the officers and board for an excellent convention to celebrate the 20th year of the Uhl Collector's Society. It was obvious that many hours were spent selecting the wonderful commemorative, the

pins, the extra pieces given away, and the smooth conducting of the auction and sometimes contentious meeting. Our daughter and son-in-law from the state of Washington attended for their first time and want to come again. We have been members for many years but this was the best one yet.

So hat's off to all of you for a job well done.

*Sincerely,  
Jude and Mary Jean Uhl*

Please email your news, photos, letters, questions and answers to:  
**Meadowtopers@yahoo.com**

## A PARTIAL LISTING OF AUCTION ITEMS FROM 2005 CONVENTION

Life Magazine (picture of Hitler bank on desk of U.S.President.).....	40.00
Teal Coffee Pot.....	450.00
Black Donkey.....	475.00
Hilltop miniature vase.....	120.00
Pink horse head jug.....	150.00
Mustard jar.....	30.00
Hand turned pitcher and 4 mugs.....	3200.00
Ink well.....	70.00
Hitler piggy bank.....	400.00
4- gallon butter churn.....	200.00
Black dog and hydrant ash tray.....	225.00
Blue batter bowl.....	30.00
Pink horse head jug.....	150.00
3 gallon crock.....	50.00
Harvest jug.....	190.00
Egyptian jug.....	65.00
Blue fan vase.....	85.00
Mini baseball.....	40.00
Green hand turned vase.....	220.00
1941 Christmas jug.....	200.00

## ASKING PRICES FOR UHL ON EBAY

Fire hydrant, no dog.....	65.00
Blue refrigerator jug.....	65.00
Blue butter crock.....	49.99
3-gallon churn, marked.....	225.00
1 gallon jug, marked.....	40.00
Brown barrel pitcher.....	40.00
Black military boot, marked.....	49.99
5 gallon crock.....	75.00
Blue miniature mug.....	49.99
5 gallon white jug, marked.....	75.00
Blue ladies slipper.....	49.99
2 gallon butter churn, marked.....	100.00

## The Auction of 1991

In looking back at the auction report in the 1991 newsletter we thought some of you might be interested in what certain pieces brought.

Door Stop.....	65.00
Pig Bank.....	25.00
Brown Crème de Coffee ...	15.00
Yellow elephant jug.....	55.00
Blue mini canteen.....	35.00
Acorn jug.....	30.00
Advertising jug.....	135.00

It was stated that the bidding was conservative, but that some of the reserves were pretty high.

### BUY — SELL — TRADE

We are starting a new item for our newsletter!

Please help us get it started.

Do you have an item you want to:

### BUY, SELL or TRADE?

Just e-mail us at: [Meadowtopers@yahoo.com](mailto:Meadowtopers@yahoo.com)  
and we'll add to the next newsletter!



# Convention photos by Amy Dowen



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## UHL TRIVIA QUIZ

1. What was one of Uhl's largest accounts?
2. What was special about some Uhl 5 gallon jugs?
3. A mold could be used how many times?
4. What year did Uhl Pottery close?
5. What was the smallest piece Uhl made?
6. How many gallons did the largest Uhl jar hold?
7. What did that jar weigh?

Answers found on page 7. Thanks to Anna Mary Feldmeyer for these questions and answers.



## New Press Secretary!

Hi, we are the Hemmers and we will be your new Press Secretary for the next two years.

We became members of the Uhl Collector's Society in 1987. We have not missed a convention since joining. We are proud of our collection of commemoratives.

We are modest collectors of Uhl, probably having one of the smallest collections of anyone in the Club, but we usually buy only the pieces that really appeal to us.

We live on a farm in Southwest Indiana. Our interests include antiquing, herb gardening and collecting milk glass and the love of southern gospel music. We are the parents of four, the grandparents of twelve (not counting spouses) and six GREAT grandchildren, with two more pending.

We hope that all of you will respond with some great articles and pictures for the upcoming news letter.

Good Luck in the hunt,  
*Ralph and Delores Hemmer*

# Wagon Loads of Uhl

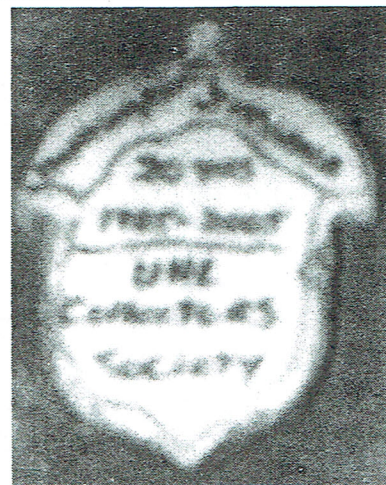
*Delores Hemmer*

I recall my mother-in-law, when she was living, talking about wagonloads of Uhl that came through the countryside to sell the pottery to farm families. At the time I was not interested in Uhl pottery so I did not listen very well, but since our interest in Uhl has grown, I've thought about those stories and wonder if anyone can shed some light on this.

I have talked with different individuals and no one seems to have much information about this practice of peddling Uhl pottery. I have been told, by a member of the Uhl family, that Uhl would not have sold the pottery in this manner and therefore it must have been individuals who bought "seconds" and resold them to farm families.

Can anyone offer any information?

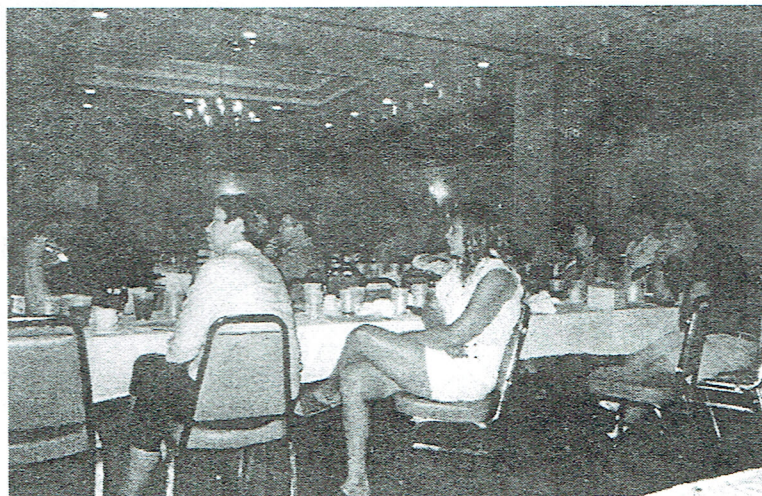
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**Cookie photo  
from this year's  
convention**

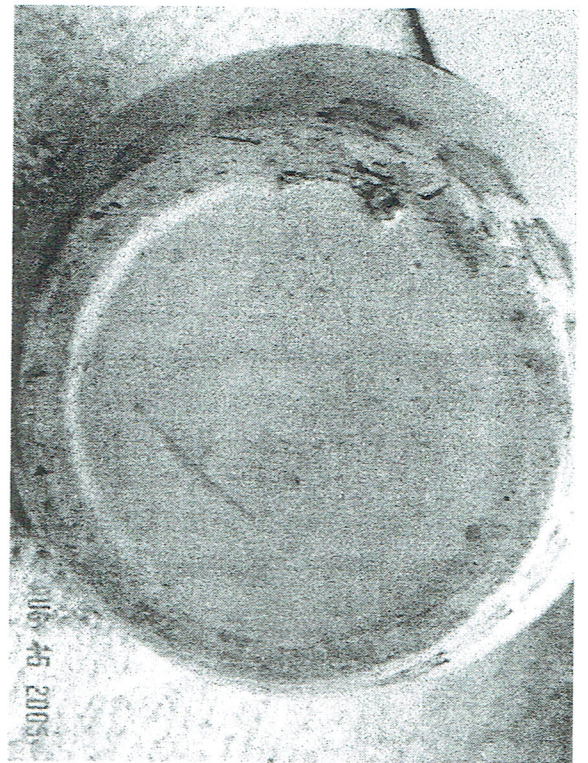


**Convention  
photos by Amy  
Downen**



# BEWARE!

Jerry and Patty Schurz were Uhling in a Mall in Corydon, Indiana recently and were meeting with some success. They found a blue vase and when they turned it over to see the stamp, they were surprised to see Huntingburg spelled with both capital and small letters. Jerry tested the mark and found that it rubbed off. The owner was informed and he was going to check into the matter. No further word on that, but please beware.



## Is this Uhl? Could it be Evansville Uhl? What are your thoughts?

The next Uhl newsletter will be out in December. If you have an interesting story about a piece of Uhl that you have received as a Christmas gift, let us hear about it. Maybe you have a story about an Uhl Christmas jug—be sure and share your stories for the newsletter.

You may e-mail or send your stories by mail. Send them to the Press Secretary. You will find the address and e-mail in this newsletter. When e-mailing, please note that it is in regard to Uhl. Thanks!

- 1. Harper-Ransburg of Indianapolis
  - 2. Held one quart less than five gallon
  - 3. 100-300 times
  - 4. 1944
  - 5. 5/8 inch watch fob jug
  - 6. 60 gallon
  - 7. 210 pounds
- Uhl Quiz Answers**



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