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The 2021 UCS financial statements will be published in the April Newsletter.



Your 2021 Membership is enclosed along with an extra one to pass along to a friend! Even better, sign up online at the membership store: <https://uhlcollectorsociety.com/ocart2/>



# Uhl Collectors Society

## Catching up with Earl McCurdy

In 1988 Earl McCurdy and Jane McCurdy authored and published the first book on Uhl Pottery. The book was *A Collector's Guide & History of Uhl Pottery*. It was the book that really established Uhl as a major pottery collectable. I caught up with Earl in late November to talk Uhl and the story of the book. Following is an excerpt of our discussion.

### **First, what are you and your wife up to these days?**

Jane and I live in Scottsdale Arizona and have a cabin in the Arizona high country near Greer. I am retiring at the end of this year. I still enjoy Uhl and have many pieces but sold much of my collection when we moved here 29 years ago. I see a lot of midwestern pottery around here at estate sales but not a lot of Uhl.

### **How did you come to write the book and what was your writing process?**

I was frustrated that while there were books on other Midwest potteries like Red Wing, Western, or Rookwood but nothing on Uhl. I felt that lack of a written resource hurt the collectability of Uhl. When we started the book we expected it to be a six month



project. It ended up being over two years. We also wanted more than a price guide it would have historical background information. To get that background we visited libraries and interviewed many people. It seemed like each interview led us to more people to interview.

Typically, I would split time on weekends writing and researching with Jane. During the week I often traveled and would further write and edit. Jane would continue to research in libraries and wherever our leads took us. Probably one of the most fascinating interviews was with Lula Uhl, the widow of Louis Uhl who was the last President of the pottery. She was very excited to have the book written and she provided a lot of information. She also gifted us a largest size turtle from her garden in Sedona, Arizona. I am in the packaging industry so one of my favorite finds for the book was the photo of the 1938 award of the 1938 All-American Package Competition for the Meier Wine miniatures.

### **Were you happy with the resulting popularity of the book?**

Very happy with it! The book was printed by a friend and fellow antique collector. The first and only printing was of 20,000 copies. It cost as much to print the color pages as the entire rest of the book. I set up to sell at a Labor Day sale at the Evansville 4H Center. It sold really well and I received lots of orders from antiques and gift shops. The new information available about the pottery brought new collectors and Uhl prices really jumped. After the book sold out its price on the secondary market also skyrocketed. A Christmas jug that might have sold for \$20 was going for \$250 maybe more. The interest was exciting!



## From Your President

### *From The President's Desk*

#### *Greetings!*

*I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. Here's hoping Santa brought you all a special little piece of UHL you wanted!*

*As the New Year is upon us, your club officers are already busy planning this year's gathering. One new thing this year we are planning is having a favorite UHL piece or display of pieces to be voted on by everyone attending. We will have them set up in the main hall and you will be able to cast your vote on your favorite display. This can be one piece or a display of items. Awards will be given for First, Second and Third place. All items will NOT be allowed to be handled, so check the box on your membership form when you sign up so we know how many spots to reserve. We will probably have to cut off entries at some point depending on the interest.*

*On another note, I had the extreme pleasure of recently walking around the old UHL factory property in Huntingburg. Not much is left of the old place, but I was amazed to see that even after 80 years, there are still bricks and broken pottery pieces littering the ground in some places. The pictures are just a few of what I picked up. I will have a few more photos at the gathering in June.*

*We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the gathering this year and please encourage anyone you can think of to join the club. We all need to do our part for the club to continue to grow. Good luck hunting for that next great piece, and as always, HAPPY UHLING!  
David Montgomery*





# Articles & Board Member Information

## Get to Know New Board Member, Jane Cress

I started collecting UHL about 30 years ago. I joined the collectors society in 1995, but for some reason, did not stay active until a few years ago. I live in Bismarck Illinois, which is in central Ill. I started collecting UHL because my grandpa was born in Huntingburg and I thought that was an interesting connection.

My very first piece of UHL was a mis-marked 2 gallon jug that I thought was a 1 gallon jug until I got a true 1 gallon jug. UHL is not very plentiful in my area except for the common tan barrel mug, casserole dish and small crocks and jugs. I make regular trips to Huntingburg for auctions and to antique shops to keep my collection going. My favorite pieces in my collection are my tiniest picket fence bowl and my 4 gallon crock that after 10 years of searching for, my dad found and gave to me for Christmas one year. This year I decorated a little Christmas tree with some of my miniatures.

I have enjoyed getting to know members of the UHL Collectors Society and look forward to learning more as a board member in the coming years



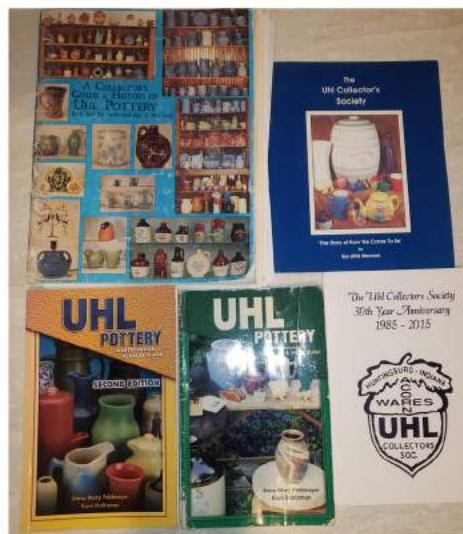
## The Complete Uhl Library

*A Collector's Guide & History of Uhl Pottery*, McCurdy and McCurdy, 1988. **out of print**  
*The Uhl Collector's Society "the Story of How We Came to Be"*, Maynard, 1993, **out of print**

*UHL Pottery Identification & Value Guide*, Feldemeyer and Holtzman, 2001, **out of print**

*UHL Pottery Identification & Value Guide* Second Edition, Feldemeyer and Holtzman, 2007, **available**

*The Uhl Collector's Society 30th Year Anniversary 1985-2015*, **out of print**



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## ***2022 Membership***

The time to renew your UCS membership is now. The main membership drive is from January 1st to March 30th. In 2022, memberships will be accepted year round, however commemoratives will only be guaranteed to memberships received before March 31st. After that date commemoratives will be available one per member and while supplies last.

Likewise, meals at the gathering are subject to a cut off date, but that is now set at this time. Please remember that you can use the convenient web site to renew or join:

<https://uhlcollectorsociety.com/#home>

You can use the enclosed form to join. This year two membership forms are enclosed, one for your renewal, and a second one for one of your friends, relatives, or random acquaintance.

<https://uhlcollectorsociety.com/ocart2/index.php?route=common/home>

SPECIAL NOTE: Dealers, Show owners, Auctioneers, etc, please send me an email at [mark.coleman@uhlcollectorsociety.com](mailto:mark.coleman@uhlcollectorsociety.com) to have a supply sent for your location. We appreciate your support!

## ***2022 Gathering- June 24 and 25***

Another great Gathering is being planned for 2022. New this year will be the display contest David describes in the President's letter. This should bring many unique pieces of Uhl pottery to the Gathering. *Other displays and potential speakers will be announced in the April newsletter.*

## ***2022 Scholarship Application Program***

The Uhl Collectors Society (UCS) is proud to offer a scholarship program. The UCS will determine the number of awards and monetary amounts each year based upon the number of qualified applicants and scholarship funds availability. Candidate applications are reviewed by the Scholarship Committee made up of the Uhl Collectors Society Board Members. A candidate's scholarship merit will be considered based upon the completed information provided in the application. Applicants must submit this form along with requested supporting documents via Google Form <https://forms.gle/1ZsyNJ9s1KSixsbe9> or in writing via email or postal mail to:

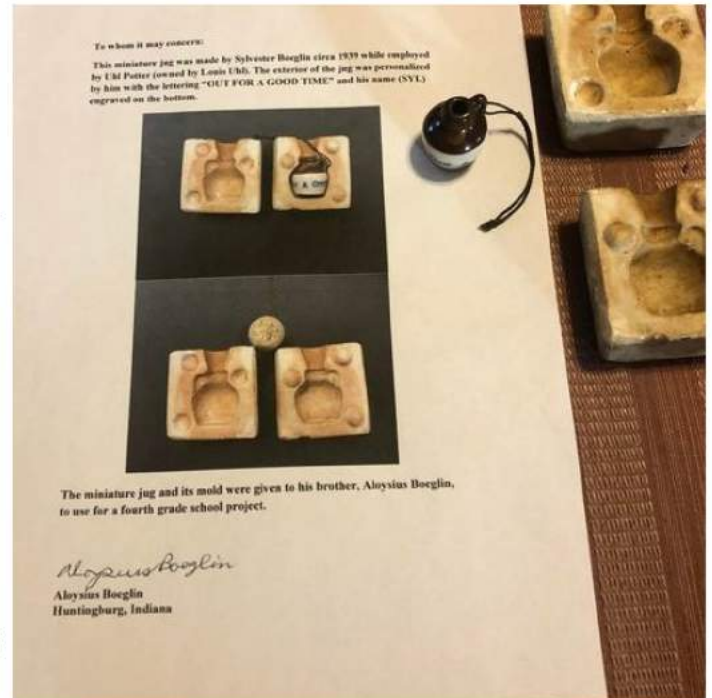
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Applications must be submitted or postmarked by April 30th of the current year. The selected recipient(s) will be notified via email, postal mail or a phone call.

# Linda Summers' "One of a Kind" Jug

On November 28th Linda Summers posted a picture of this recent addition to the Summers collection. I reached out to Linda for a little more on this "Lunch Hour" piece. The one inch jug was made by Sylvester Boeglin for his brother Aloysius to use in a fourth grade project. Along with the jug which is marked in blue "OUT FOR A GOOD TIME" he also scratched his name Syl.

About 10 years ago Jeffery Summers, son of Don and Linda, made an unsuccessful offer to buy the jug from Aloysius. Subsequently Aloysius retired and moved to Kentucky. No deal was completed. Jeffery Summers ran into Aloysius at a coffee shop when he was visiting Huntingburg, at last, a deal was struck!



After completing this story we heard Don Summers passed on December 22nd. Don was always very active in UCS and a great friend of Uhlers. Our sympathy goes to Linda and the Summers family.

## Sold on Ebay

*Blue and White Churn - \$112*

*1-1/2 inch 2 handled vase, black - \$278*

*Horse Head Jug, blue - \$148*

*!1940 Christmas Jug - \$200*

*Pair of blue Mexico theme jugs in box - \$40*

*Burgundy dog JUG - \$370*

*Handturned 7" dinner plate marked - \$42*







# UHL Collectors Society

2022 Membership / Convention Application Form

## 37th Annual Convention

Friday & Saturday, June 24th & 25th 2022

### Huntingburg Event Center

200 East 14th Street, Huntingburg, IN 47542

Phone: (812) 683-2221

Total Number of People  
Attending Convention  
From Your Application:

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Renewal

Spouse / Significant Other Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership#: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ New Membership   
Street City State Zip Code

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please Choose 2022 Items & Qty's.

\*\*\*Membership Dues Must be Selected Or No Other Items May Be Purchased\*\*\*

Membership Dues for 2022 (\$20.00):  \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Commemoratives Picked Up @ Convention, 1 pc. for \$45.00 or 2 pcs. for \$40.00 ea.\*\*\*

\*\*\*(\$10.00 Discount when buying 2 pc's.)\*\*\*

1 Commemorative Picked Up @ Convention (\$45.00):  \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OR

2 Commemoratives Picked Up @ Convention (\$80.00):  \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Commemoratives Shipped To You, 1 pc. for \$55.00 or 2 pcs. for \$50.00 ea.\*\*\*

\*\*\*(\$10.00 Discount when buying 2 pc's. Also Includes \$10.00 per pc. Shipping)\*\*\*

1 Commemorative Shipped To You (\$55.00):  \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OR

2 Commemoratives Shipped To You (\$100.00):  \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Friday Evening Banquet Meals @ \$17.00 ea.\*\*\*

Friday Evening Banquet Meals (\$17.00 ea. Enter Qty.):  \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Please Donate To The UHL Scholarship Fund (\$5.00 per qty. of 1)\*\*\*

UHL Scholarship Fund Donation. Enter 1 for \$5.00, 2 for \$10.00, etc.:  \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Vendor Tables for Friday & Saturday @ No Charge, If You Wish To Sell UHL Items\*\*\*

Vendor Tables for Friday & Saturday @ \$0.00 ea. (Enter Qty.):

!!!! Deadline For Membership / Convention Items 3/31/2022 !!!!

!!!! Mailing Must Be Postmarked On Or Before 3/31/2022 !!!!

\*\*\*Please List Any Guests You Have Purchased Meals For\*\*\*

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send your Application and  
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