



# Uhl Collectors Society



June, July and August 1998

## UHL - NEARLY A CENTURY OF POTTERY BUSINESS

As our convention time arrives, we thought a brief overview of some of the Uhl Pottery history would help members understand the significance of nearly a century of pottery business.

This information was found in the book "A Collectors Guide & History of Uhl Pottery" by F. Early & Jane A. McCurdy.

**1846** August Uhl leaves family pottery business in Germany and moves to New York

**1847** August Uhl moves to Louisville, Kentucky and works at a local pottery

**1848** August Uhl relocates to Evansville, Indiana and starts working for Hart & Dean Pottery

**1849** August at the age of 24 starts a partnership with Henry Henn at Evansville, Indiana

**1850** Henry Henn sells his share of pottery business to Louis Daum

**1854** Louis Daum purchases August Uhl's portion of pottery and starts a new company called Old City Pottery

**1854** August Uhl and brother Louis Uhl start a stoneware and waterpipe company named A & L Uhl

**1864** Uhl brothers purchase the land which they had their business (building was 20 x 50 feet)

**1868 to 1873** Period of nation wide depression

**1874** A & L Uhl pottery considered the largest and most successful pottery in Evansville area

**1880** A & L Uhl purchase a six horsepower engine to furnish motive power at plant (employed 14 workers at this time)

**1880** Search for better clay leads to Huntingburg, Indiana - land purchased and shaft sunk at "Stand Pipe Hill"

**1887** August Uhl sells his share of pottery to brother Louis Uhl - new name of firm is Louis Uhl & Son (George Uhl)

**1888** August Uhl and H. V. Benninghoff become partners in new pottery business called "Benninghoff, Uhl & Company" - white ware production started

**1891** Benninghoff & Uhl pottery sold to group consisting of the Benninghoff and Gillette families - also a new member Charles Uhl becomes a partner (George Uhl's brother and Louis Uhl's son) - Company named Crown Pottery

**1893** The Uhl Pottery Company was built on Crown Street close to the Crown Pottery location

**1894** Uhl Pottery Company changes name to Indiana Pottery Company

**1899** Uhl Pottery Works listed at same location as the Uhl Pottery Company and the Indiana Pottery Company in Evansville (George Uhl owner)

**1899** Charles and Edgar Uhl both working at the Crown Pottery just down the street from Uhl Pottery (they were a brother to George Uhl)

**1904** Charles Uhl purchases Uhl Pottery Works

**1908** Uhl Pottery purchases 2 1/2 acres at Huntingburg, Indiana for new plant location

**1909** Work on new pottery plant starts in August

**1909** First kiln of production was made at the Huntingburg, Indiana location

**1910** Edgar Uhl was president and the pottery was enjoying a successful period of growth

**1925** Jane Uhl joins Uhl Pottery and expands production to the art pottery lines (Jane was Louis Uhl's sister)

**1929** Uhl Pottery producing 1,250,000 pieces of pottery per year - Production list had over 500 different articles being made - Pottery going to every state in U.S. also Canada

**1934** New Uhl Pottery Corporate office constructed at Huntingburg - relocation from Evansville begins

**1935** New kiln designed and built to increase quality and production - Labor problems starting to occur

**1940** United Brick and Clay Workers Union was authorized to act as agent for Uhl Pottery workers

**1944** After six month strike the Uhl Pottery plant closes

**1945** Vogue Pottery Company leases plant and they produce Uhl and Vogue products

**1946** Russel Potteries Company of Paris, Tennessee purchases some of the Uhl molds

**1947** Vogue pottery closes their Huntingburg plant

**1948** Plant leased to Louisville Pottery - some Uhl molds used in production

**1950** Louisville Pottery ceases operation of the Huntingburg plant

**1951** Uhl Pottery plant for sale

**1957** Uhl Pottery sold to Huntingburg Furniture Company

**1959** Uhl Pottery Company dissolved

**Convention Agenda - See Inside**



# Letter from the President

Greetings UHL Members:

Convention time, June 26 & 27, 1998, will soon be upon us. The board and I have all been working together planning for another "gala" event, to be enjoyed by one and all!

The 1998 commemorative is very nice; those of us who have seen it are most pleased with its color and design. You will recall that The Board agreed that all commemoratives will be mailed for this year. On June 1, that is the date of shipment for all commemoratives, so watch your mail.

The special "1998" pieces will again be placed in the auction on Friday evening. The special pieces always incur a great interest and brings about lots of bidding pleasure, so again this year I am sure.

For your dining enjoyment, the dinner menu on Friday will be tastefully done. As you enjoy the meal, the friendliness of all club members is ignited by the sharing of stories and events all related to our interest and enjoyment in the wonderful world of "UHLING"!

Three positions on The Board need to be filled. For the annual membership meeting on Saturday morning we will need to elect/re-elect a Press Secretary, a Secretary-Treasurer, and a new Director. I am pleased to announce that the present Press Secretary and present Secretary-Treasurer are willing to serve again; so we will need only a new three year Director.

Best of Wishes, and we all look forward to see and visit with everyone at The 198 UHL Convention, June 26 & 27, I remain,

Sincerely Yours,

Joseph F. Erbacher, President

## Shelton UHL Auction Results - March 28, 1998

Blue Flagon Pitcher w/6 Mugs	210.00
Green Handturned Vase - Stamped	110.00
Mini #22 Yellow Vase - Stamped	90.00
White #123 Flower Vase - Stamped	50.00
Handturned Rose Acorn Finial Ashtray	190.00
1933 XMas Jug	95.00
1937 XMas Jug	430.00
Believe It or Not XMas Jug	575.00
Rose #6 Dutch Shoe	55.00
1986 Commemorative Pencil	25.00
1987 Commemorative Blue Mini Mug	350.00
1989 Football Commemorative	260.00
6" White Nappy	110.00

Teal #22 Mini Vase	115.00
Mini Acorn Shoulder Jug	345.00
Black Hanging Sweet Potato Basket	85.00
Large Brown Football w/Angle Spout	350.00
Black #516 Bud Vase - Stamped	100.00
Regular Rose Coffe Cup	35.00
#200 Rose Handled Casserole - Marked	90.00
Yellow Deco Shaped Ashtray	55.00
Rose Mini Dog Jug	375.00
White Donkey Planter	275.00
Brown Tank Bank	875.00
Brown Wrinkled Elephant	190.00



## Officers and Board Members

♦ If you have a comment or suggestion concerning the Uhl Society, you can contact any or all of the officers and board members below.

### Joseph Erbacher, President

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Term: 6/97 - 6/00

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### REMEMBER THAT UHL COLLECTORS SOCIETY MEMBERS CAN ADVERTISE FREE OF CHARGE.

#### FOR SALE

(From Membership # 119)

One complete set of Commemoratives through 1998. Many of the items are in the original boxes. Contact Hugh R. Thrasher, 225-11th Street, Tell City, Ind. 47586. Phone 812-547-2140.

#### FOR SALE

(From Membership # 136)

UHL Pottery ashtray in shape of an acorn, tan, with nice embossed printing on front. Mint condition - \$400 or best offer. Please call 317-769-6649 or write: Mary Margart, 3478 S575E, Whitestown, IN 46075

#### FOR SALE

(From Membership # 651)

Tulip bowls, XMas jugs, Cat jugs, Elephant jugs, and lots of minis, 3 oz. steins, and much more. Call for details. Telephone 812-897-3681.

#### WANTED

(From Membership # 1231)

Uhl Catalogs and promotional material wanted. Original or photocopies. Contact Don Johnson, 5110 South Greensboro Pike, Knightstown, IN 46148. Telephone (765) 345-5758 or email indjohnson@aol.com.

## Pottery Pourri

Prices taken from Internet from mid-April through mid-May  
(www.ebay.com)  
M denotes "Marked"

2 gal. Jar	42.00
Pr. Blue Mini Slippers-M	158.05
2 Gal. Jar w/ red stamp	61.59
Black Cat Jug	113.49
Black Elephant Jug	81.00
Brown 8 in. Grape Pitcher-M	66.00
Collectors Guide To Uhl Pottery- p/b	76.51
Pr. Pink Mini Slippers-M	104.50
1930's Uhl Catalog	112.50
Blue Squat Grape Pitcher-M	142.51
Brown Cream Pitcher-M	31.99
#8 Mustard Jar	6.26
1 Gal. Harvest Jug-M	136.00
Brn/Wht. Mini Shoulder jug	34.76
#16 Tan Mug-M	3.00

## Deaths

Thelma Moore (age 42), wife of Paul Moore and sister of Carol Nugent, passed away March 4th from complications of Multiple Sclerosis.



# New Members

- 1330 BARBARA BARNES, 515 S. MULBERRY LINBAR APT 1, OAKLAND CITY, IN 47660
- 1331 MIKE & MARILOU UHL, 818 MIDWAY, LEWISBURG, TN 37091
- 1332 RICHARD TISDALE, P O BOX 128, WINSLOW, IN 47598
- 1333 CLAYTON COLEMAN, 1104 E NATIONAL HWY, WASHINGTON, IN 47501
- 1334 MICHAEL BRAND, 2123 W FRANKLIN ST, EVANSVILLE, IN 47712
- 1335 FRANCES WILSON, 427 MARKET ST, MT CARMEL, IL 62863
- 1336 JOHN SCHUETZ, 8022 OUTER LINCOLN, NEWBURGH, IN 47630
- 1337 GERALD DITTMER, POB 61 103 OLD WHITE MARSH RD, HAMPSTEAD, NC 28443
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- 1340 ELENA WATKINS, 5810 OAK RIDGE, EVANSVILLE, IN 47711
- 1341 PATRICIA WISEMAN, 8062 REXMILL DR, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46227
- 1342 HARRY BRADHAM, P O BOX 427, WEST SALEM, IL 62476
- 1343 SHARRON KNACKMUS, 212 N MAIN ST, WEST SALEM, IL 62476
- 1344 JERRY FLAMION, H C 60 BOX 292 A, MAGNET, IN 47520
- 1345 DORA PLOWMAN, 1206 11TH ST, LAWRENCEVILLE, IL 62439
- 1346 TYLER WARREN, 505 JEFFERSON ST, LAWRENCEVILLE, IL 62439
- 1347 CATHERINE HENDERSON, 404 W WATER ST, PAOLI, IN 47454
- 1348 MARK LAUBSCHER, 11629 E BOBERG RD, EVANSVILLE, IN 47712
- 1349 ALTON & PATTY ROEDEL, 10408 KRISTOPHER CT, EVANSVILLE, IN 47712
- 1350 ROBERT MILLIGAN, 8200 CLAREMONT ST, MANASSAS, VA 20110
- 1351 BARBARA LEACH, 3018 WASHINGTON, EVANSVILLE, IN 47714
- 1352 KENNETH PHILLIPS, 2833 S R 66, NEWBURGH, IN 47630
- 1353 ELIZABETH GUY, PO BOX 193, HOLLAND, IN 47541
- 1354 MICHAEL EDWARDS, R 4 BOX 367, MITCHELL, IN 47446
- 1355 DOUG MARVEL, R 1 BOX 70, WHEATLAND, IN 47597
- 1356 MATT PHILLIPS, R 1 BOX 178, GENTRYVILLE, IN 47537
- 1357 BRIAN BURDETTE, 5356 MCCOOL RD, BOONVILLE, IN 47601
- 1358 DARREN & BECKY MATHIES, 206 DAISY LANE, JASPER, IN 47546
- 1359 TERRIE PRUITT, 1433 HEWINS RD, BOONVILLE, IN 47601
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- 1361 DAVE & FAVA HENDRIXSON, 1516 COLLEGE AV, VINCENNES, IN 47591
- 1362 RICHARD WILSON, 2704 REDWOOD CIRCLE, BLTN, IN 47401
- 1363 BOB & ELLEN UHL, 8534 N 16 TH PL, PHOENIX, AZ 85020
- 1364 RICH & MARY UHL, N10688 US HWY 151, MALONE, WI 53049
- 1365 EDGAR BROSMER, 402 E. 26TH STREET, JASPER, IN 47546
- 1366 RICHARD HARDER, R2 BOX 28, HAUBSTADT, IN 47639
- 1367 TONY BANKS, R1 BOX 469, ALLENDALE, IL 62410





## Uhl Collectors Society Agenda for the 13th Annual Convention 1998

**Friday - June 26 & Saturday - June 27**  
**The Jasper Inn, Jasper Indiana**

### Friday - June 26

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|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>1. Convention Registration</b>  | <b>Poolside Area</b>             | <b>2 pm to 6 pm</b>              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name badges and meal tickets will be given out during registration.</li> </ul>  |                                  |                                  |
| <b>2. Auction Registration</b>   | <b>Pecan &amp; Hickory Rooms</b> | <b>3 pm to 5:30 pm</b>           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Register your Uhl item to be auctioned.</li> </ul>                              |                                  |                                  |
| <b>3. Banquet Room Opens</b>   | <b>Banquet Room</b>              | <b>6 pm</b>                      |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No early seating allowed. Drinks available from the bar.</li> </ul>             |                                  |                                  |
| <b>4. Buffet Dinner</b>  | <b>Banquet Room</b>              | <b>6:30 pm</b>                   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must have dinner ticket.</li> </ul>   |                                  |                                  |
| <b>5. Auction</b>  | <b>Banquet Room</b>              | <b>Immediately after dinner.</b> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please examine the items before or after dinner in the Banquet Room.</li> </ul> |                                  |                                  |
| <b>6. Room to Room Socializing/Sales</b>   | <b>Member discretion</b>         | <b>As Long As You Like!</b>      |

### Saturday - June 27

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| <b>1. Continental Breakfast</b>   | <b>Banquet Room Hallway</b> | <b>7:30 am</b>         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coffee and Donuts.</li> </ul>  |                             |                        |
| <b>2. Set-Up For Sale - Vendors only</b>  | <b>Banquet Room</b>         | <b>7:30 am</b>         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please have a visibly attached price tag on all your Uhl items prior to member sale.</li> </ul>              |                             |                        |
| <b>3. Sale - Members only</b>   | <b>Banquet Room</b>         | <b>8 am to 9:30 am</b> |
| <b>4. Business Meeting</b>  | <b>Banquet Room</b>         | <b>10 am</b>           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secretary/Treasurer (2-year term), Press Secretary (2-yr term), Board Member (3-yr term) election</li> </ul> |                             |                        |

### Convention Guidelines

- ◆ No Smoking in the convention center
- ◆ Membership cards must be available
- ◆ Only Uhl Pottery & Uhl materials allowed in the auction and for the membership sale
- ◆ No Pets allowed in the convention center (Inn Rule)
- ◆ Room Check in Time 4:00 PM (Inn Rule)
- ◆ Room Check out Time 12:00 noon (Inn Rule)

### Auction Guidelines

- ◆ Chipped, Cracked and Questionable items will be marked.
- ◆ No Reserves on items - Buy/Back system.
- ◆ Only 1 box lot may be consigned per membership.
- ◆ A \$5.00 entry fee per membership to be paid at time of auction registration.
- ◆ Membership number will serve as bid number.
- ◆ Items may be paid for as soon as clerking sheet is processed by cashier.
- ◆ You have up to 3 items to return/refuse your purchase.
- ◆ Items must be paid for Friday evening before leaving the auction room.
- ◆ Checks for the items sold will be mailed to the seller.
- ◆ Only Uhl Pottery and Uhl materials will be allowed in the auction.
- ◆ Membership cards must be presented.
- ◆ Checks or cash will be accepted for payment - Please make check Payable to: **UHL COLLECTORS SOCIETY**



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PLEASE SEND US YOUR NEWS ITEMS AND LETTERS  
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The Jasper Inn at Jasper, IN  
telephone number  
**812-482-5555**

**NOTICE OF 1998 CONVENTION ELECTION**

This June the following offices will be available for election.

*Secretary-Treasurer 6/98 - 6/00*

*Press Secretary 6/98 - 6/00*

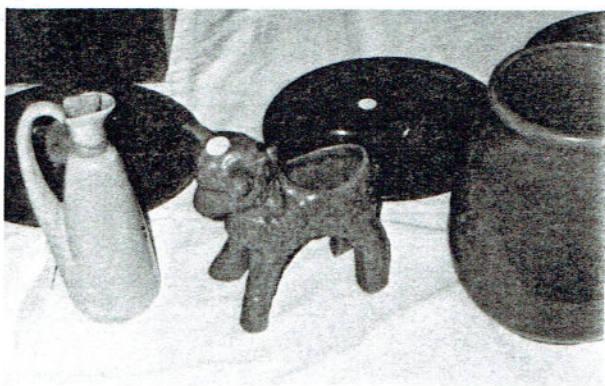
*Board Member - 3 yr. 6/98 - 6/01*

As of this time Beverly and Elma A. Leslie have announced their desire to serve again as Secretary-Treasurer. Also Dave and Donna Swick have announced their desire to serve again as Press Secretary.

If you are interested in serving in any of these positions contact any of the board members for more information.







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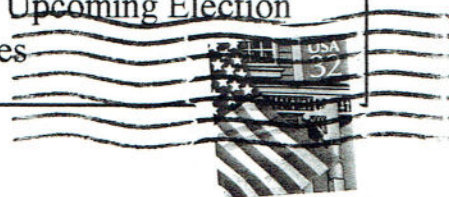
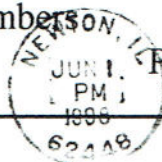
New Members

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Upcoming Election



Dave and Donna Swick  
506 Martin Street  
Newton, IL 62448



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