



Uhl Collectors Society

March April May
2001



COMMEMORATIVE PROCESS

Since the Uhl Collector's Society Club was founded, an annual commemorative was made for each member who chose to receive one.

All of us anxiously look forward to receiving it (to see the rumors were true) as to the choice for the year. In past years, the member picked up their commemorative at the annual convention in June. However several years ago, the board voted to mail the commemorative. Those paying prior to March 15th would receive one. This date is very important in helping us to determine how many commemoratives are to be manufactured. We normally add a small amount for breakage, hence the small number we have left over for sale at our Annual Meeting on Saturday morning of the Convention.

The selection of the annual piece usually begins the first Board meeting after convention. We continue to solicit suggestions from our Club members. The 2001 and 2002 commemoratives were suggested by members not on the Board and are in the process of being made.

All suggested ideas are discussed and considered and the selection is made with each Board member having a vote, a total of 7 votes with the majority ruling. Several things are taken in consideration in making our selection.

- (1) Size: can it be made as the original piece or can it be made as a miniature
- (2) Shipping Cost: size of package required, with weight also a consideration
- (3) Colors: can they be matched to the Uhl glaze
- (4) Surface: is the flat enough to accept the Uhl Collector's logo and the year
- (5) Clay: the color of the clay has

an effect on the glaze

- (6) Will it require a hand-turned piece or a molded piece
- (7) Do we have a pottery who is willing to produce it at a reasonable price After selections) is determined, an alternate piece is chosen. At this time my job begins in answering consideration # 7.

This task became one of my Board duties when I was elected in 1997, replacing Joann Smith, who chose not to serve again. At this time we had two Potteries to choose from. Since that time we have increased our possibilities to four. I've taken what we have chosen for the commemorative to each of the Potteries and described to them exactly what we want produced.

Each of the four has an advantage over the others. One is a specialist in hand-turned pieces. One specializes in jugs. One is much better in matching our (Uhl) colored glazes. One has an advantage as they have the original clay (Uhl clay) to use. For the present year, only one of the Potteries would agree to make this years at an affordable price.

The above specialties immediately eliminate one or more of the Potteries from serious consideration. The original piece of Uhl that we have chosen is taken to the Potteries and shown to them. When a pottery agrees to make the commemorative we leave the piece with them or they take photographs and measurements.

If it is to be a hand-turned piece, meaning every one will be an original, the Pottery is asked to supply a sample by the middle of December and a price.

If the piece is not hand-turned, the Potteries each have an expert to make a black

mold. The original mold is either plaster or rubber. The mold is hand carved exactly as the piece should look. The block mold, after being approved, is then used for the pattern in making as many plaster molds necessary to complete the order. For example, the 2000 commemorative required 40 molds for the top and 40 more for the saucer. At the conclusion of the project, I personally destroy all of the molds except one of each, in case, we would need more manufactured, and those are normally broken in November.

The sample is taken to the next Board meeting for approval or modification. The cost of the item is also approved.

The President of the Board will then take a sample piece to one of the prospective shippers to determine the cost of shipping and insurance. Also, some provision must be made for the packaging. All of the above must be determined prior to January Newsletter being mailed.

The Pottery chosen signs a contract with the Club for an approximate number of commemoratives (finally # determined by March 31st), the agreed upon price per unit and the date they are to be completed. All commemoratives are mailed on June 1st. My job from this time on is to continue to keep in contact with the Pottery, checking on the quality and quantity and delivering the finished products to Dubois Country for packing.

The Board hopes that you will be pleased with what we have chosen and that the commemorative will continue to increase in value, as we are just beginning our collection or continuing to build our existing Uhl collection.

By: Al Schwartz

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello to All,

As I write this it is March 5, 2001 and I would like to begin by quoting the first sentence of my letter of March 1, 2000. "As we write, we have had 2 weeks of extraordinary weather in southern Indiana, and according to the guru's of climatology, at least another 10 days to come". Boy! How things change. This has been a long winter and I have not been doing much hunting since the first snowfall which stayed forever.

The UCS Board will have its finalization meeting on April 8, in preparation for the convention on June 22 and 23. Among other things, we will be selecting the menu, and have already decided that there will not be pie on the menu. There was serious discussion on this issue, and several impediments regarding cost and time that lead to the decision.

We intend to again have a display of unusual and seldom seen pieces. Vice-president Leah Kleeman is working on this project and is ready to receive your offer of a piece to display. There should be NO questions concerning authenticity. Her phone is 812-482-7315.

Once again we will attempt to have a table set up on Saturday morning for the possible authentication of questionable pieces. Again I urge and caution you to conduct yourself with emotional stability if you do not hear what you want to hear.

It is my understanding that we have several new members for 2001. That seems to indicate that the Society continues to head in the right direction.

I have to tell you that the 2001 commemorative is a super piece and only hope that you had you order in by the deadline of March 15. Since our publisher originally sent the January newsletter with less than first-class postage we made an additional mailing of the membership, commemorative and convention form with first-class postage. The purpose is that if an item is not delivered it will be returned to the sender. In this case the Trambaugh's. We have not received any returned pieces, and must assume that everyone received there notice.

Keep in mind that your board is committed to making the society the best it can be. We strive to address as many suggestions as possible. However, it is impossible to attain the goal of keeping everyone happy. It would be a pretty boring world if it could be done.

Try as I might, I just cannot fail to describe a find that I made on the way to Ft. Meyers. I stopped in a mall along the way and immediately noticed a blue barrel pitcher sitting in the corner on a booth. I could barely reach it. I looked at it as we all do and the price was \$70.00. Not needing this piece I started to return it to the shelf. Further back in the dark corner I saw a flash glare on something black. It was a #199 ashtray with dog and fire hydrant. It was tagged as Uhl. I thought it was a good buy at \$45.00. Less 10% of course.

Remember that we exist "in order to increase the knowledge and appreciation of pre-1945 Uhl pottery". Sharing with others is a way of fulfilling this constitutional mandate, and make new friends in the process.

Sincerely in that spirit,

Lloyd and Marge Martin

LOUISVILLE POTTERY TOURS

At the request of several UCS members Lloyd has contacted the Louisville Stoneware (formerly Louisville Pottery), regarding the possibility of tours of their manufacturing facility.

If there are only a couple of folks, say up to six, there is no appointment needed, just walk in and ask for a tour. If there are larger numbers, then an appointment needs to be made about a week in advance.

Louisville Stoneware
738 Brent Street
Louisville, Ky 40204

502-582-1900 — Talk to Laura

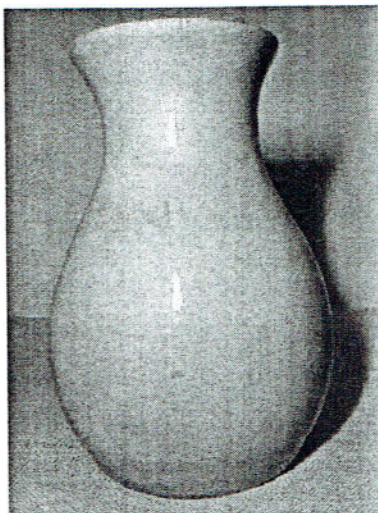
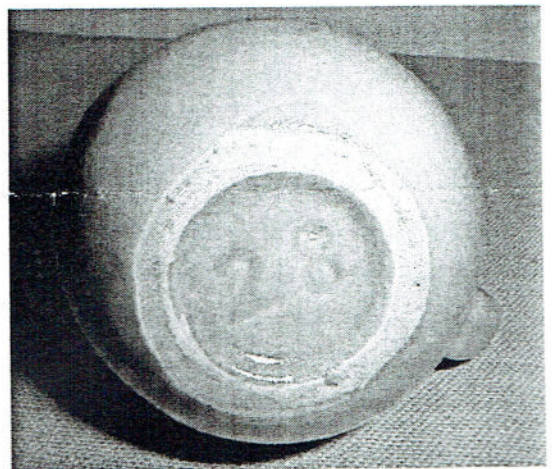
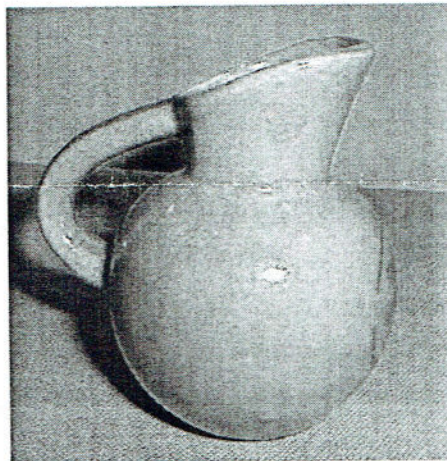
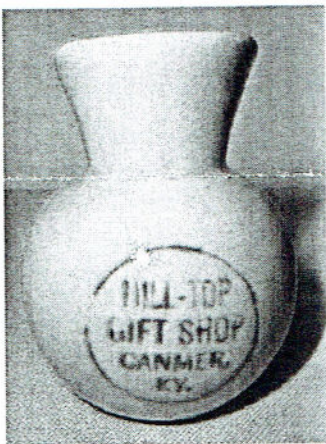
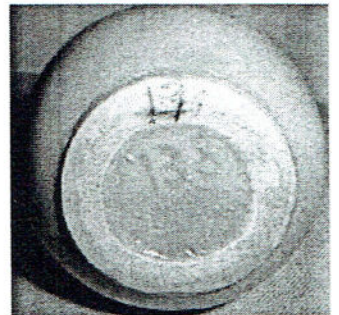
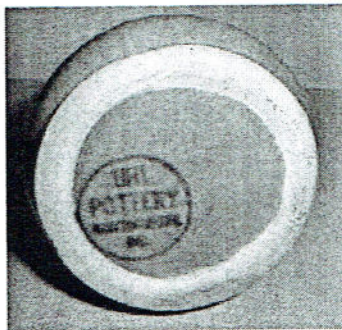
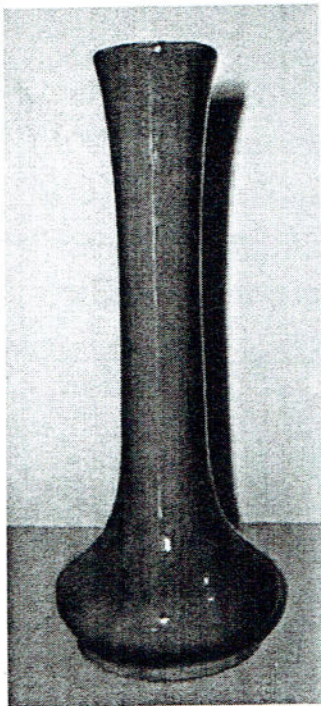
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www.louisvillestoneware.com

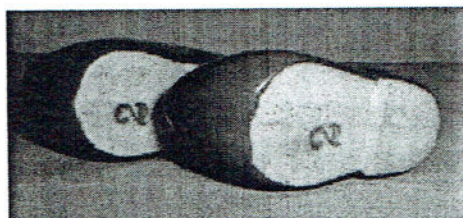
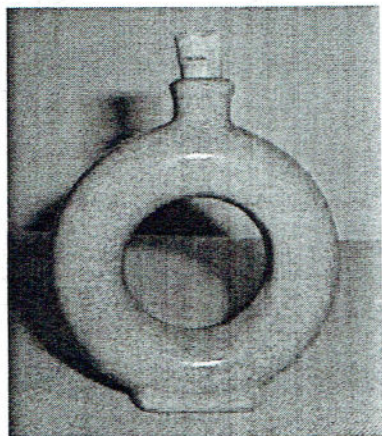
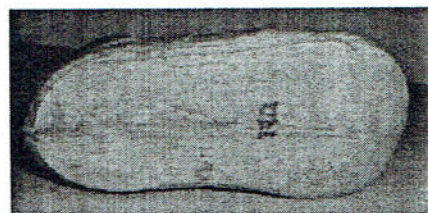
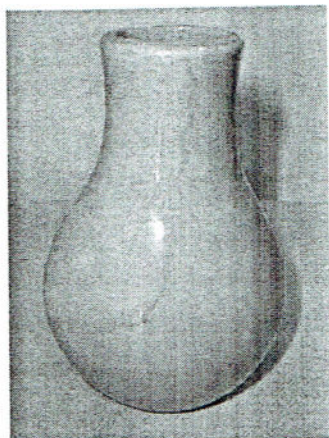
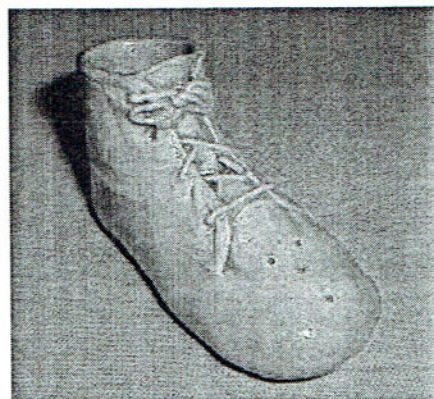
NEEDING SOME POTTERY REPAIRED??

Doing my usual daily search through eBay, I found some great pieces of pottery bringing some hefty prices. What was interesting to me is that they had been professionally repaired. Viewing their pictures, a person would not be able to spot the repair unless the honest seller would have told you. Come to find out, the seller was the repairer. With his permission, I am passing on the following email sent to me:

We are always looking for new customers so we would welcome items. We do guarantee all our work and as of this date we have had no complaints. Our policy is as follows: 1) Item is to be sent by Registered Mail, Return Receipt Request 2) We first estimate the repair cost, then notify you for approval prior to repairing 3) At completion, the owner will be contacted to send a check including shipping and insurance cost. 4) Item will be returned by Registered Mail ONLY, to insure safest shipping practice We again thank you for your interest in our service. You can contact us at:

Alton Landing Antiques
110 Alton St
Alton, IL 62002
(618) 462-0443
Paul





COMMEMORATIVE SHIPPING

In the past we have attempted to mail the commemoratives on or about June 1. This year there will be a delay and we plan shipment by USPS Priority Mail on June 12. Most of you should receive your piece by June 15. This year, the piece is being made by a potter in Kansas City and will be hand turned. We believe that the frustration of your short wait will be satisfied by the uniqueness of the piece.

FRIDAY AUCTION

The board of directors has approved the following regulations that will be followed for the auction on Friday evening. 1. Only pre-1943 Uhl Pottery pieces and authentic Uhl Collectors Society annual commemoratives will be allowed. Those pieces made in the late 1980's to the present time for the purpose of advertisement will not be allowed. 2. Uhl Pottery related ephemera will be allowed. 3. Mixed box lots will not be accepted unless the box contains similar items and/or are considered a part of a set. A mixture of small items such as a small jug, a lid, a piece without a lid, and a vase would not be accepted. The suitability of box lots will be determined by those working at the registration table and any elected officers who might be present at the time. 4. The four point scale will be utilized to determine authenticity of individual auction items. The scale is as follows: a. Is it a known shape or size? b. Is the glaze consistent with Uhl production? c. Is the clay similar to known Uhl production? d. Does it have any mold number or marks consistent with Uhl Pottery? Each piece will receive a score of 1 through 4, according to the above questions. For each positive answer, a piece will receive one point. If a piece receives a score of "3", it is likely a good piece. A score of "4" would be even better. Pieces receiving a score of less than "4" will be announced before its sale.

SATURDAY MORNING PUBLIC SALE

There has been some discussion and suggestions that the Saturday public sale be reduced from 2 hours to 1 1/2 hours. Currently, the sale runs from 8-10 a.m., with the annual membership meeting beginning at 10:00. The board has decided to look into this situation further and that it deserves further study. Therefore, this year the sale will again run from 8:00-10:00 with the possibility of change next year. Those who regularly set up their wares should express their opinion (pro's and con's) to someone who will be an officer next year.

The Uhl Collectors Society will have the following board positions open:

Vice President, 2 Year Term

Board Member, 3 Year Term

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Officers

Lloyd & Marge Martin, President

1582 Gregory Lane

Jasper IN 47546

812-482-2492

*Term: 6/99 6/01

Leah Kleeman, Vice President

4427 S. S.R. 162

Huntingburg IN 47542

812-482-7315

*Term: 6/99 6/01 Vice President

6/01 6/03 President

Chip & Stacey Kugler, Sec./Treasurer

3535 W 630 S

Huntingburg IN 47542

812-683-5298

E-mail: ckugler@psci.net

*Term: 6/00 6/02

Tom and Stephanie Trambaugh,

Press Secretary

12 Bellbrook

Loogootee IN 47553

812-295-9892

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*Term: 6/00 6/02

Board Members

Alvin Schwartz

225 Park Street

Worthington IN 47471

812-875-3129

*Term: 6/00 6/03

Gary & Diane Abel

RR 1 576 Hwy 61 N

Lynnville IN 47619

812-922-3848

*Term: 6/98 6/01

Norman & Joyce Dodson

300 Williams Rd

Evansville IN 47712

812-426-1578

*Term: 6/00 6/02

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

RECENT POTTERY SALES

Mini Shoulder Jug W/acorn mark	\$285.00
1940 Xmas Jug	\$208.00
Mini Pink Pitcher Mkd 3 1/4"	\$ 76.00
#156 Black Vase	\$ 47.00
3 Legged Acorn Jug W/Red Boiling Springs, Tenn.	\$180.00
Mini Shoulder Jug W/ Lafayette Malt Store	\$228.00
Dillsboro Sanitarium 5 gal. jug	\$401.00
#192 Vase Mkd	\$140.00
Blue Percolator w/Lid Mkd	\$650.00
Hand Turned Triple Handled Vase Mkd	\$290.00
Blue Ring Jug	\$200.00
White Horse Head Jug	\$200.00
Pr Yellow Military Boots Mkd	\$180.00
Blue Beater Jar Mkd	\$ 50.00

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



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*Anyone wanting to Volunteer
Their Services at the 2001
Convention Should Contact a
Board Member Prior to June 1st*

CONVENTION DATES
JUNE 22nd - JUNE 23rd