



# Uhl Collectors Society

March, April, May, 2005



## Did You Know?

Hi Amy,

my name is Kathy Hamstra, ID#905... you had asked for stories pertaining to when we became interested in UHL...

Mine starts out like this...

Our friends, that we have known for years or I could say High School bud for my husband, Charlie.. as I was introduced to them when Charlie and I started dating and then became married.. So you could say I married into them... Friends are Randy and Paula Britt... They have moved everywhere and everywhere they went.. we went to visit them.. As they settled down in Jasper then moving to Huntingburg.. we followed..

Understand only as visitors to the area, as we live in Brownsburg and have for many, many years

Paula became interested in this pottery and my interest blossomed... We have enjoyed many

a junking (short for antiquing) trips together.. Husbands in tow.. and have loved the hunt for whatever UHL we could find..

Our interests vary, as she loves the old Evansville type as well as I, but I try to stick to the Huntingburg styles.

We both love this pottery and the history it contains.

We both joined the UHL Society in 2000.. and have very much enjoyed the convention and the new friends we have made... Every year when you sit next to someone new.. a new relationship is made..

I can say.. with complete honesty, Paula and I have never had a fight over whom was going to buy what piece of UHL and we both have many pieces... Lot of good memories for the hunt of UHL..

You do a super job on the newsletter..

Thanks... Kathy Hamstra.



## Who has these finds?

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# President's Pen . . . . .

Greetings,

Here's hoping everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season. We really had the snow this year so we can't complain about not getting enough of it. 18 to 20 inches.

There has been some good auctions in the past two months and I hope you got to attend some of them. It is always a pleasure to see UHL members when Patty and I get to go to auctions to ask questions, see if they have made some good finds to add to their collections.

The 2005 Commemoratives are being prepared for this year's convention and I truly believe that you will be well pleased. They have turned out even better than we had anticipated.

We have many exciting things planned for this year's convention, the Board has come up with some great ideas so you won't want to miss Friday night and Saturday morning.

There is one thing I would like to stress, Please get your convention paper in as quickly as you can, it will help Amy so much if all are in by the deadline.

Remember our goal for each one of us, is to try and get one new member this year. So far, we are doing pretty good - there will be an update later.

We have lots of work to do to make this year one to remember. It has been a pleasure to work with this Board this year, we will be needing some good people to come aboard this year so keep this in mind. See you in June

Sincerely,

*Patty & Jerry Schurz*  
President



## Recent Auction Prices

Polar Bear Jug.....	1800.00
Rose Toothpick holder .....	\$110
Rose Cookie jar w/lid.....	\$190
Blue Tulip Bulb Bowl .....	\$115
#30 White Crock, no logo.....	\$310
AB66 UHL Jug .....	\$350
AB67 UHL Jug Base.....	\$325
UHL Frog.....	\$225
Choice Purple UHL piece .....	\$65
UHL Crock, has paintchips.....	\$110
2 UHL Grape Pattern Pitchers .....	\$120
Tank Jug .....	\$275
#5 Brown & White Jug .....	\$100
#4 Brown & White Jug .....	\$140
Blue Picket Fence Bowl.....	\$190
White Picket Fence Bowl.....	\$85
#3 White Crock .....	\$125
Blue/White Pitcher.....	\$140
Old Duck UHL Jug AB 8.....	\$110
Handturned Blue Ashtray.....	\$140
3 mini UHL Jugs w/Baseball .....	\$90
Brown UHL Grape Pitcher .....	\$40
#5 White Crock .....	\$95
#10 White Crock .....	\$95

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Special Welcome  
to all new  
Members!

20th Annual Convention  
will be held in Jasper  
Holiday Inn June 24 -  
25, 2005. Let's make it  
the best *ever!*

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# Winter's Evening

Recently Frank and I had the pleasure of having dinner with Lucille Cummings. For those of you who do not know who Lucille is, she is one of our Chapter members and her late husband, Jim, was the first president of our Collectors Club.

Quite frankly, it is because of the Chapter members starting our little Collector's Society that our UHL treasures are what they are worth today. It was after a lovely dinner at the MCL Cafeteria that Lucille invited us into her lovely home tucked away on a quiet little street here in Terre Haute that we got to see her collection of pottery and quite lovely it is.

But the most wonderful time was asking her questions about how they got started collecting pottery, how much they paid for their pieces and where they purchased them. Their first piece was really quite by accident. She sent Jim to purchase something to mix baby formula and he brought home a Balbous Pitcher that was too big to mix formula in.

As always we have plenty of questions. They purchased their pieces from Terre Haute to Brazil to Zionville to any antique shop or flea market along the way for many years.

It was the beautiful way that she had her treasures displayed, not like many of us who put the blue with the blue, mauve with mauve or yellow with yellow. They were all arranged pitcher to pitcher, bowl to bowl. Just

a unique, eye catching way.

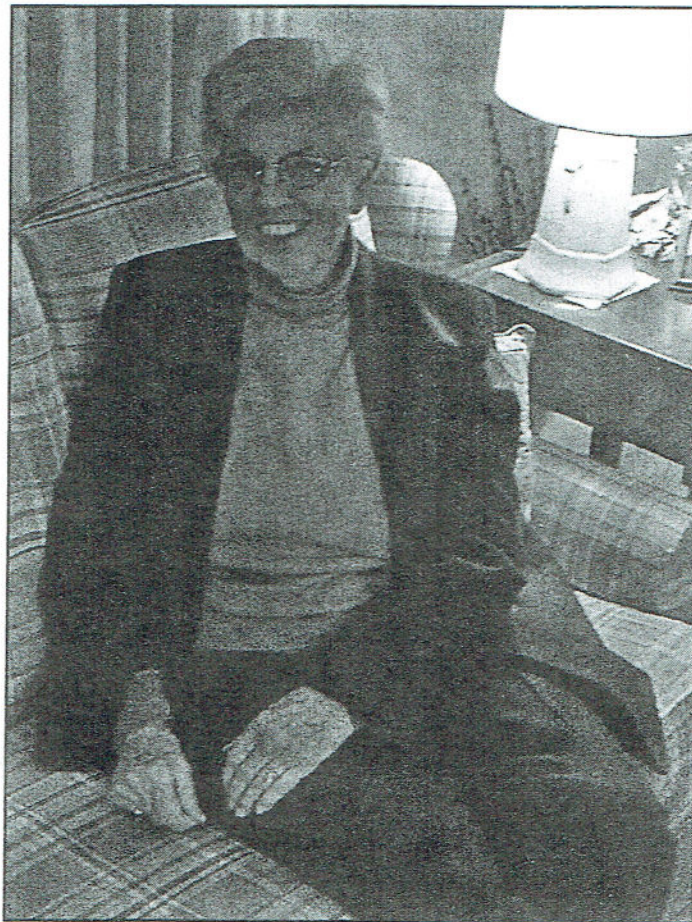
When I asked how the Club got started, she told me Sue Maynard had run an ad in the Tri-State Trader that read, "Is anyone out there interested in starting an UHL Pottery Club? If so, contact Sue Uhl." The date was June 1985.

Jim contacted Sue genuinely interested - interested enough to want to get involved and take some responsibility in getting a collectors club started.

During our little visit, Lucille shared her first newsletter with us and a few unique items that were sold by Jim and Lucille at the convention. She also showed us newspaper clippings from the Evansville paper that helped them identify the UHL treasures long before any books were published on our UHL Pottery.

Again, we cannot thank Lucille enough for her kindness to Frank and me.

*Amy Downen*



## UHL Collectors' Society Newsletter August 1985

May I introduce Greg and Brenda Shine from Conrad, Iowa.

We began collecting UHL pottery after tracing our family history back to Charles UHL from Wittensburg, Germany, whose family settled in Ohio. We're not sure there's any connection, but that makes it interesting. Uhl pottery is very uncommon in Iowa, almost rare! But by letting friends know what we're collecting, we've found a number of pieces through them. Recently, we received a 5 gallon Uhl jug for babysitting.

My favorite pieces are serving dishes that we can use when entertaining, like mugs, bowls, pitchers. My husband's favorites are three miniature jugs with "Greetings from Uhl Pottery", "Merry Christmas 1937" and "Merry Christmas 1940".

Our first show is scheduled for Saturday, October 12 at the Dutchman (Best Western) Inn at Huntingburg. If you need to make plans for overnight as we will, the enclosed brochure will give you the phone number. Dutchman Inn gives ten percent discounts to senior citizens, travel club cards, etc. They also honor the Quest card.

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## Amy & Frank

We have one more newsletter to write and would really like it to be our best. So, please help us. Please send all your little letters on how you got started, where you found your most precious UHL treasure. In general, send me anything you can so we can make it our best.

*Thank you,*

*Amy and Frank Downen*

\*If you haven't paid your dues yet, they are due by March 31.



# "How We Got Started"

*Dave and Donna Swick*

Dave and Donna Swick have been members of the Uhl Collectors Society for over 10 years. During that time they served two terms as press secretary/newsletter publishers for the club from 1996 to 2000. They own Dave Swick Auctions located in Newton, IL.

Dave collects several different pottery types including Roseville, McCoy, Red Wing, Weller and Hull. After watching some Uhl miniature jugs being auctioned while he was working in Vincennes, IN, they joined the Uhl Collectors Society to learn more about Uhl products.

Since they had the opportunity to serve on the board, it was very helpful in understanding Uhl products and the company history. They encourage others to do it also. Through the years they have been fortunate to meet some very wonderful people who shared information and interesting stories while collecting Uhl Pottery.

The exciting part about Uhl collecting is the vast amount of information still waiting for discovery and documentation about Uhl production.

Unfortunately as each day passes "Discoveries" become more difficult to find due to the continuing loss of Uhl plant employees who made the products we enjoy and could help identify items. Soon it could be to the point of only having "Paper" information.

"Hopefully we will see our club grow each year. However it may be necessary to try some additional promotion in order to keep the club at its present level. We have watched as other collector clubs have used various convention locations to serve as an excellent exposure and recruitment tactic. Maybe this could help our club," Dave added.

Each year the convention is something they look forward to attending and they feel that the boards that put them together are to be commended for all their voluntary efforts, which is not an easy task!

*Happy Uhling!*  
*Dave and Donna*

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Breakfast is planned at 9:00 sharp with a very special guest to Uhl collectors; Mr. J.W. Disinger, a grandson of Louis Uhl. Mr. Disinger is president of Kruger Jewelers in Huntingburg. He will be speaking during our breakfast time together. When I phoned him last week, he was excited to hear that the society had been formed.

As you are aware, we have no treasury to work from so I have been very thrifty in planning this first meeting. We are to have a double room with tables set up for our displays. It very likely will be close quarters so if you have "stackables" to put on the table to increase your area, it would be advisable.

After breakfast, from 10:00 - Noon will be set-up and society time. The public will be invited from Noon to 4:00. We should plan to be out of the room by 5:00.

What should you bring??? Anything you wish. Bring things you need help with to know if they are Uhl --- bring pieces you wish to sell --- and bring interesting things for display only to use in the education of others. One member I talked with recently is planning to have mementoes printed for gifts to us!

I will be sending articles to the Antique Trader and to the Huntingburg Herald to advertise. Hopefully, we'll be able to acquire some new members on the 12th. And raise enough money through a \$1 per person admission charge for non-members to be able to plan for a larger place next year.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Oct. 12. Get your reservations back to me real soon so I can go on with plans.

*Sue Uhl*







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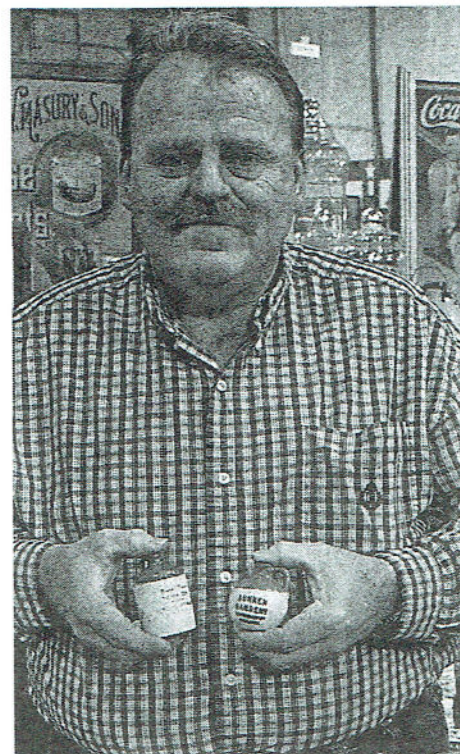
The Uhl Collectors Society was organized on June 10, 1985, by Sue Uhl of Orland, Indiana with the backing of her husband, John. John and Sue are not family members of the pottery makers; but began collecting because of the same last name. The idea of a society began because there is so little in print about the Uhl pottery that John and Sue wanted to learn from others who have collected for a longer period of time.

The society was organized with the following rules:

1. Membership only to collectors of Uhl pottery; not to those simply wanting "free schooling" for financial gain.
2. Membership to run by calendar year.
3. Permission to give your name, address and telephone number to all members so they may contact you when in your area.
4. An annual trade show and sale to be held.
5. Input from members for the newsletter pertaining to the Uhl hobby.
6. Printing and distributing of a bi-monthly newsletter.  
(added since first annual meeting held on 10/12/85)
7. A 3 x 5 card file to be kept by the president of members wants and items for sale.
8. Dues set at \$10.00 per year per household whether you are one collector or a plurality payable in January or before.

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The Uhl Collectors Society



## Theme for 20th Convention

Pots and More

Tea pots, coffee pots, creamer,  
sugar bowls, cups, saucers.

Bring them all large and small  
display them all for all to see.

## Elections Coming up!

Two officers will be elected at the business meeting Saturday morning, June 25. Please come and vote.

Vice President 2 years

Press Secretary 2 years

Please help your club. It's fun and exciting to be part of a team.





## MEMBERSHIP FORM

The Uhl Collector's Society is a not-for-profit organization open to anyone who is interested in Uhl Pottery and/or Stoneware.



Membership in the Society entitles a person/family to receive a one-year subscription to the Uhl Collectors Society newsletter. Members also receive a membership card and the right to attend the annual Uhl Collectors Society Convention held in Jasper, Indiana in June.

The annual convention is "closed" to anyone but current members. The convention includes social time, a member's only auction, special preview of the Uhl Show & Sale and attendance during the business meeting as well as any extra events scheduled.

Membership runs from January 1 to December 31. The cost of membership is \$-15.00 per family.

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