



Uhl Collectors Society

June, July, & August 2006



THOUGHTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to our Uhl friends,

Rain, Rain everywhere. You've heard and seen storms of late, but our home looks like the storms took a direct hit. Boxes, Boxes everywhere!! The commemoratives are made and, boxed and ready to deliver. One room is stacked high with pick-up commemoratives and another room with mail outs. The board of directors is excited and thinks this will be one of your personal favorites.

Meals are ordered and a few bonus surprises are ready to make Convention 2006 special. Many have reserved tables for the Saturday sale so be prepared to add to your collection. The directors have been busy and are now asking for your help. You may be asked to help at Convention so please do not say, "no." We need experts in Uhl Pottery to help with the auction and have many members that are definitely 'pros' in the field.

We have several new members that are excited about the convention. PLEASE help us by bringing a few pieces to display in a secure cabinet for all to enjoy. We will also be displaying our look alikes and welcome any that you may have in your collection.



One last use for a big UHL crock

See you at the convention June 23-24, 2006

Norman and Sharon Patmore

President

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HOW WE BEGAN COLLECTING UHL POTTERY

My husband, Max Matthiesen and I moved here in 2003. We immediately fell in love with the people and the beautiful countryside of Southern Indiana. Max is a studier of his environment. We were not in the area a week and he was already well into reading his second book about the history of this area. His reading introduced him to the old UHL manufactured in this area. Max knows where they mined the clay, where it was made and fired, and what it was used for, so when we saw some of the pieces it was love at first sight.

Our neighbors, Jim and Millie Blemker are the ones who really got us collecting. They have many pieces (they collect the miniature items.) They are good friends and took us to our first UHL convention last year, and we are so glad they did! Now we look forward to returning to this summer's convention, meeting more collectors, and seeing more UHL.

Happy Uhling,
Diane Crawley
Holland, Indiana

Several years ago, the company that I worked for sent me to Missouri to supervise a crew. I had to be out there quite a while and could only come home every other weekend. Staying at the hotel on the weekends, when I was there, was boring, so I usually explored the small towns in the area. There was an abundance of antique shops and I browsed in them. In one shop, I was surprised to see a pottery jug with "Huntingburg, Indiana" on the side. It was like running into a neighbor from home. I was familiar with Uhl pottery — like most families of that era, my mother used it in the kitchen — but had never thought of collecting it. I started watching for other pieces of Uhl. I also started reading and studying books and antiques guides to know what to look for. I found several other pieces during my stay in Missouri. One of my favorites is a Botay canteen jug. My wife and I still enjoy looking for pieces of Uhl when we are vacationing. Of course, the most fun is when you can find a piece for a bargain price!

Ron Brockriede



The other side reads "Fort Winfield Scott".
The bottom reads :Botay Canteen D-103-793.

UHL TRIVIA QUIZ

1. Most of the Jane Uhl pottery was fashioned after what type of pottery?
2. One of the first orders received at Huntingburg for 300 jugs was made for who?
3. What is the difference between a kraut weight and a pan cover?
4. The #502 large strawberry jar is how tall and weighs how much?

Answers found on page 4. Thanks to Anna Mary Feldmeyer for these questions and answers.

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Special Welcome
to the Convention
New Members!



This year's Convention will
be held at the Jasper Inn on
June 23-24, 2006.
We hope to see you there!

BUY — SELL — TRADE

Do you have an item you want to:
BUY, SELL or TRADE?

Just e-mail us at:

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And we'll add to the next newsletter!

From the Press Secretary's Desk...

We apologize that the newsletter is a little late this time. We have been dealing with some serious health issues and the material for this newsletter has been very slow. Please contribute anything you might have to make the newsletter interesting for all.

We are excited about this year's convention. We have a great commemorative and some additional surprises that I think all of you will enjoy.

In this newsletter, you will find some interesting pieces from the collection of the Neukams. We had a great visit with Brian and enjoyed seeing a part of their collection and I came home with two little oak chairs to go with my child's oak table. Being "antiquers" at heart, we sometimes get sidetracked.

Hope to see and perhaps meet many of you June 23 and 24 at the convention. Remember to send us either by e-mail or through the mail any interesting items and or pictures for the next newsletter. Our address is listed on the Officer page.

Ralph and Delores Hemmer,
Press Secretary

TWO POSITIONS WILL BE OPEN

Two positions will be open at this year's convention. If you are interested or willing to serve on the Uhl Board please let your intentions be known. A board member and a Secretary-Treasurer will be elected.

UNUSUAL UHL PIECES

Unusual Uhl pieces will be displayed again this year at the Convention. This seems to be a popular attraction for many of you. There will be some new, and we think fun for you, features at this year's Convention.

Uhl Trivia Answers

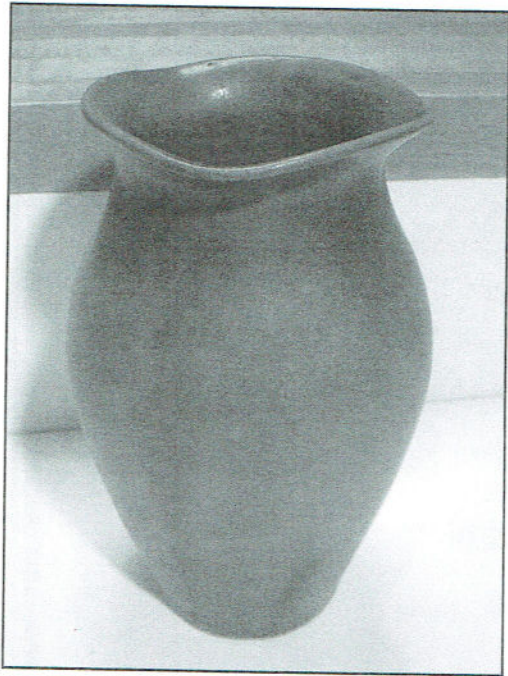
1. Exact reproductions of Norman pottery found in British Museum in London.
2. Platze Heitz with "Plate's Best" on jug.
3. Kraut weight has a flat knob; pan cover is plain.
4. 30 inches tall; weighs 66 lbs.

Thanks to Brian K. and Karla J. Neukam for an interesting article and the pictured pieces.

The Uhl brown 8 cup marked teapot, that was probably a mistake, that made it out of the factory, belonged to Karla's grandparents, Frank and Augusta Loepker. Frank was the Professor of the Catholic Schools in Jasper and Augusta was a long time merchant of downtown Jasper, the Georgia Lee Gift Shop. Both were born at the turn of the century. Frank died in 1968 and Augusta died in 2002. We are not sure how they acquired the teapot. After Frank's death, Augusta traveled to Europe and Russia in the 70's and 80's and acquired many nice antiques in her travels. While the estate was being divided up the teapot was overlooked for the finer pieces of porcelain. We found it of interest with its uncontrolled acid wash type of glazing. This piece is what sparked our interest in Uhl and keeps us collecting today.



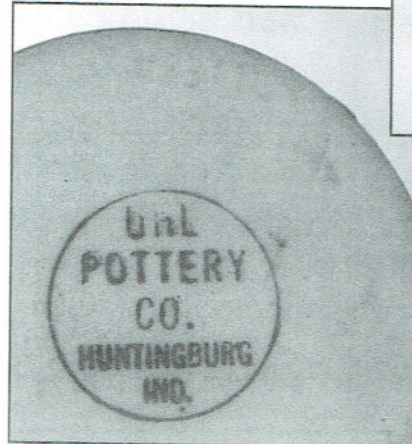
The whasit vase is 7 1/2 inches tall and is definitely hand turned. It has the green color to be a Jane Uhl piece. The top is flared with three crimpings that you see in the hand turned bowls. The color of clay looks right, but the two vertical lines in the vase are intentional, being a rust color and a blue/black color to create character, may not be trademarks of Uhl. I recently acquired the vase.



The Uhl marked green canister with hand painted daisies under the glaze is 3" tall. It is definitely a rare piece of Uhl. Had to



be done by an artist who had brush skills. There are two marks on the bottom of the piece. One being very light as it is a mirror image from another piece that was turned upside down and rubbed into the smaller piece before firing. This piece was recently acquired and I am tickled to have it.



- Brian Neukam

Just Released!!

UHL SECOND EDITION POTTERY IDENTIFICATION & VALUES

Anna Mary Feldmeyer • Kara Holtzman

We are pleased to announce that the Second Edition of Uhl Pottery: Identification and Value Guide is now available and will be for sale at the Convention. Approximately 140 new color photos have been added to this edition, for a total of about 400 photos and nearly 900 pieces. This easy-to-reference pocket guide is an invaluable source to help collectors with visual identification. Appendices on stamps, markings, and mold numbers, and a new appendix on how to identify Uhl will pull together and expand on some of the tips that were mentioned throughout the first edition. For more information visit their website:

<http://www.psci.net/holtzman/uhlpottery.html>

**Anna Mary Feldmeyer
and Kara Holtzman
will be signing books at the
Convention on Friday afternoon
and Saturday morning.**

If you would like a signed copy, but can't make it to the Convention, contact them, and they'll be happy to mail one to you (see contact information below).

5½ x 8½, 224 pages, PB, \$16.95

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UHL COLLECTORS SOCIETY ANNUAL CONVENTION

23-24 June 2006
Jasper Inn Jasper, IN

FRIDAY – June 23rd

CONVENTION REGISTRATION	Banquet Room Hall	2-5:30p.m.
Name Badges and meal tickets will be given at this time		
AUCTION REGISTRATION	Pecan Room Hall	3-5:30p.m.
COMMEMORATIVE PICK-UP	Pool Area	2-5:30p.m.
BANQUET ROOM OPENS		6:00p.m.
People with disabilities will be seated first		
BUFFET DINNER	Banquet Hall	6:30p.m.
AUCTION	Banquet Hall after Dinner	
Please examine items before or after dinner		

ROOM TO ROOM UHLING

Until vendors close!!

SATURDAY – June 24th

CONVENTION BREAKFAST	Banquet Hallway	7:30a.m.
Coffee and Doughnuts		
VENDORS Set-UP	Banquet Hall	7:00a.m.
Visible Pricing on all Uhl Prior to 8:00a.m.		
UHL SALE	Banquet Hall	8-9:00a.m.
Open to the Public		
BUSINESS MEETING	Banquet Hall	9:30 a.m.
Closed meeting for members only Positions open 1. Secretary-Treasurer 2 year term		
2. Board Member 3 year term		



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JUNE 23 and 24