



*Celebrating 25 Years of Collecting!*

# Uhl Collectors Society

December 2010

## From The President's Desk



### **Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!**

Hopefully 2010 has treated you all well! As the year comes to a close, I'm reminded of all the Uhling at auctions, flea markets, antique shows and shops. Some of it was fruitful, some not, but the thrill of the hunt is what it's all about! I'd like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and the best for the new year with lots of Happy Uhling!

-Les

### **Deck The Halls & The Tree With Uhl!**

Among our members there is at least one who has been brave enough to decorate their Christmas Tree with Uhl! Anna Mary Feldmeyer has trimmed her Christmas tree for several years with Uhl Christmas Jugs. The jugs were the only decoration used on the tree. She used thin cloth ribbons to hang the jugs. To satisfy her husband Don she had to knot the ribbon securely around the handle and knot the ribbon around the branch. When it came time to remove the jugs she had to cut the ribbons off. Her collection includes at least 2 of all of the Christmas Jugs she is aware of that were made by Uhl, even the rare 1943 piece with the paper label! This year, she decided to display the jugs on her kitchen window sills and won't be spending her time tying knots!





# Uhl Christmas Pottery

The holidays remind us of the Christmas pieces made by Uhl. A line of miniature Christmas jugs were produced with ink stamped greetings. Each year featured a different style jug. The ink stamp was used until 1943 when this piece was made with a special paper label that was applied to the miniature. In 1996 member and auctioneer Chip Kugler had an auction with one of these scarce pieces which sold for \$1400.

Even rarer to find, Kugler auctioned an Uhl Christmas pig bank in September 1996 for \$4160. Uhl made several sizes of pig banks, all are hard to find however this pig was completely unique, in mint condition and had a special message hand lettered on the bank "Merry Christmas '43 To: Mildred From: Gloria" Uhl.

This one of a kind pig was from the estate of Helen Utz. Helen's daughter was given the present at Christmas from a friend whose father worked at Uhl. Who wouldn't love to see a 1943 jug or this pig at the 2011 convention?!

## Louis Daum

Uhl history tells us in 1849 August Uhl and Henry Henn opened a pottery company. In 1851 Henn sold out to Louis Daum, who bought out August's stake in 1854. By that time August's younger brother, Louis, had joined him in Evansville, and in 1854 they founded A. & L. Uhl Pottery Co. In 1887 August sold out to Louis, and the pottery was renamed Louis Uhl & Son.

Not many of us have Daum & Son pieces of pottery or have even seen them, but Jim Marshall is lucky enough to own one. Jim's son, Scott is our commemorative potter at Yellow Banks Pottery in Selvin, IN. Scott noted Jim purchased the crock probably more than 20 years ago when an antique dealer who he had been purchasing pottery from showed him the piece. It is a 4 gallon crock marked "L. Daum & Son" with a "4". The piece would have originally had a lid. When Jim acquired the piece it was damaged but he was able to repair it. They would love to learn more about it. If you have more information, please contact a board member.



## Recent Auction Sales!

This fall at an auction on 6th Street in Ferdinand, Indiana there were some Uhl pieces. Two of the most notable were a #7 crock in excellent condition and a 1930 Christmas Jug. The #7 crock sold for \$1,250. The Christmas Jug sold for \$550 and was apparently used by the owner of the estate for drafting purposes. He had it in the basement in his work area and used it as a guide for drawing circles! Sounds like a very valuable template!

**Let us know about your finds if you'd like them included in the newsletter.**

## Looking for a specific piece?

**Let us know and we'll list the item in our next newsletter. Someone may bring what you're looking for to the convention!**

### Commemorative Pieces From Recent Years



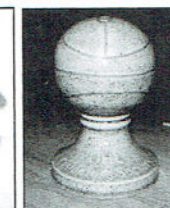
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2008



2009



2010



2011  
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# Uhl History Trivia

Hopefully you did well on the trivia in the last newsletter. This is a continuation of the exert from an early UHL catalog. The names and locations have been replaced with blanks. See how many you can fill in before looking for the answers on the bottom of the page 5.

## UHL GRADE SCORING

### 1-2 CORRECT ANSWERS

**UHL rhymes with school. I can pronounce it, but history wasn't my best subject!**

### 3-4 CORRECT ANSWERS

**I'm a collector, but I've forgotten more than I remember.**

### 5-7 CORRECT ANSWERS

**I'm a collector and I have just enough information to make me dangerous!**

### 8-10 CORRECT ANSWERS

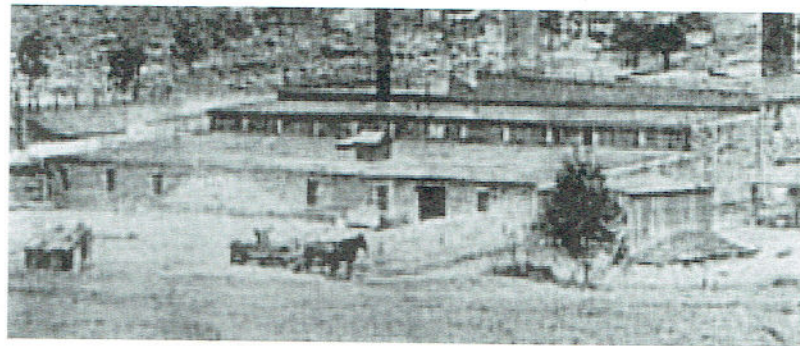
**I'm a collector and I know more than I should about UHL and lots of other things!**

### 11-13 CORRECT ANSWERS

**My collection has overtaken my home and I know more than I've forgotten!**

When the \_\_\_(1)\_\_\_ Railway opened a branch line from \_\_\_(2)\_\_\_ to \_\_\_(3)\_\_\_, the plant at 9th and Main Sts. was abandoned and a new plant was built on Illinois and John Sts., adjoining the \_\_\_(4)\_\_\_ railway tracks. In 1908 the site of the \_\_\_(5)\_\_\_ plant was sold and the plant moved to \_\_\_(6)\_\_\_, where it would be near to the clay deposits. At the time, \_\_\_(7)\_\_\_ Uhl, the son of \_\_\_(8)\_\_\_ Uhl was in charge of the plant and the new plant was put in charge of his son, \_\_\_(9)\_\_\_ Uhl, who moved to \_\_\_(10)\_\_\_ and managed the plant until it was closed because of labor troubles.

The main office and a warehouse were kept in \_\_\_(11)\_\_\_ until 1934. At that time the main office was moved to \_\_\_(12)\_\_\_, leaving a retail sales room and wholesale warehouse in \_\_\_(13)\_\_\_.



## 2011 Convention Accommodations



### Jasper Inn & Convention Center

The 2011 convention will be held at the Jasper Inn. Discount room rates are available for members who mention the Uhl Convention when reserving their room. Pool-side rooms are available at \$85.95 per night and non pool-side rooms at \$75.95 per night. This rate is discounted off the regular rate of \$109.95 per night for Thursday and/or Friday nights during the convention weekend. The Jasper Inn can be contacted at (812) 482-5555.

For those reserving a room, you may display and sell Uhl pottery from your room. The Jasper Inn will provide tables for use in the room at no charge.

We'll be making a list of rooms with pottery for sale during the convention weekend so everyone will know where to find some great pieces!



# 2011 Membership



It's time to sign up for 2011! Membership forms were mailed to all current members in November. We've included a duplicate form in case you've misplaced yours or need to share one with a friend! We're always looking for new members!

The "UHL Collectors Society" membership entitles a person/family to receive a one-year subscription to the UHL Collectors Society Newsletter. Members also receive a membership card and an invitation for the annual UHL Collectors Society Convention. Membership runs from January 1 to December 31.

## Do you have stories of Uhl finds or items of interest for our newsletter?

Please submit them for publication. You may send them by E-mail, mail or by contacting a board member by phone. You'll find contact information on page 2. We'll try to include everything we can from our members whenever possible. Please include your contact information in case we have questions.

**We value your input.**

**This group is all about our members!**

## Doris Kreilein Estate Auction - Part 2!

*Looks Like Another One  
You Won't Want To Miss...*

**Saturday, January 8  
9:00AM EST - Jasper, IN  
The Auction Company**

The first Doris Kreilein Estate auction was held in October with many of our members in attendance. Over 200 pieces of Uhl were sold. The remaining pieces of Uhl from the estate as well as other pottery will be sold at the Auction Company in Jasper by Chip Kugler on Sat., January 8. The auction listing is available online at [www.the-auction-company.com](http://www.the-auction-company.com).





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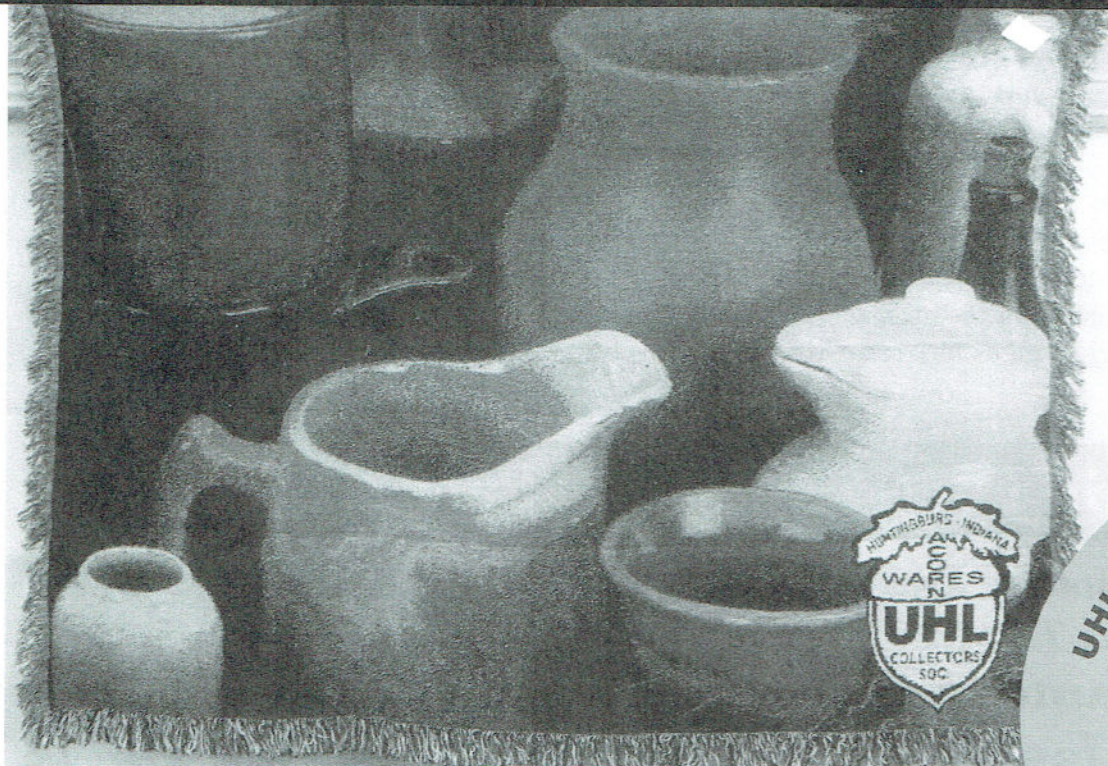
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## Wrap Up With UHL!



**Full Color 100% Cotton Tapestry**  
**50"x60" Made in the USA - \$65**

This year's convention had a few lucky winners of Uhl Afghans. A big thank you to Anna Mary Feldmeyer for allowing us to use one of the photos from her book to make this beautiful piece. These are great to hang on the wall, warm up on the couch or give as a gift.

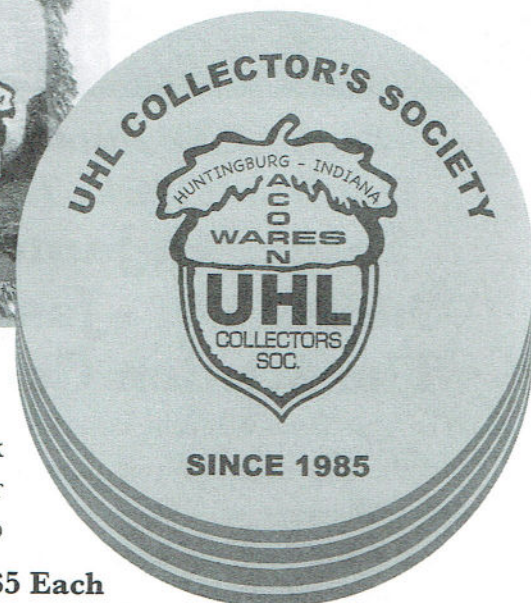


**2010 Basketball Pins - \$5 Each**

This year's pin coordinates with the basketball trophy commemorative. Be sure to add this one to your collection!

**Branded Buff**  
**Leather Coasters**  
**4" Diameter**  
**Made in the USA**  
**4 For \$5**

Convention attendees received coasters this year. Additional sets are available and make great gifts as well!







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and More!

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## 2011 Uhl Collectors Society

26th Annual Convention

**Friday, June 24 & Saturday, June 25**

Jasper Inn, Jasper, IN



### Tentative Schedule of Events

#### Friday, June 24

- Check In & Registration
- Special Guests Events
- Meet & Greet
- Room To Room Uhling
- Commemorative Pick Up
- Auction Registration
- Banquet Dinner
- Awards & Prizes
- All UHL Auction



#### Saturday, June 25

- Uhl Table Sales
- Business Meeting
- Attendance Prizes
- Closing Ceremony
- Check Out

#### Pre Convention

#### Thursday, June 23

- Early Auction Registration
- Early Check In & Early  
Registration
- Meet & Greet