



*Celebrating 26 Years of Collecting!*

# Uhl Collectors Society

May 2011

## From The President's Desk

### Share Your Interesting Uhl Finds!

There have been several good Uhl auctions featuring many unique pieces. At a recent auction, I spoke with someone who told me about an interesting piece of Uhl they owned. It was a uniquely marked Uhl

crook. I'm sure there are lots of pieces out there that many of us have never seen or heard about. If you have an interesting piece in your collection and would like to share with your fellow members please let us know we'd be happy to include it in the newsletter or certainly would welcome your bringing it or a photo to the convention. The convention is only 7 weeks away - until then Happy Uhling!

-Les

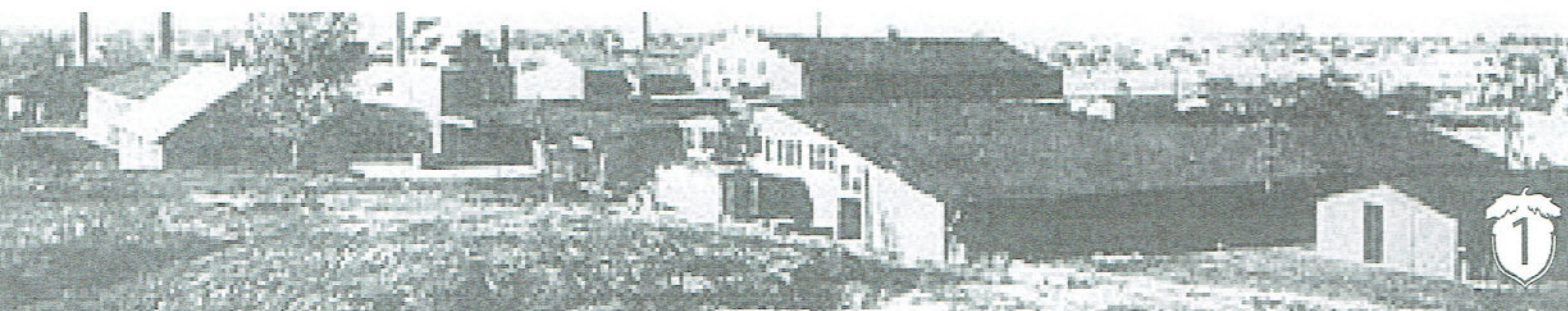
### When I was your age...

Conversations of years gone by often start out with statements like "back in the my time...", "when I was your age..." or "I remember when..." Many of those who worked in the Uhl Pottery Company have told stories starting out in the same way. The company produced a price catalog and we've reprinted some of it here to give you an idea of the going rate for pottery in those days gone by. You'll find prices and pieces from the catalog inside this issue.



### Condolences

We extend sympathy to the family and friends of society member, Elma Leslie of Boonville who passed away recently. He will be missed.



# Commemorative Pictorial History

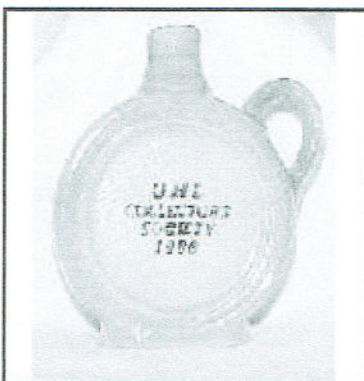
The Uhl Collectors Society formed in 1985. Beginning in 1987 each year has featured a special limited edition commemorative pottery piece offered to members. The last newsletter included some of the recent commemorative pieces and some members requested a complete listing be included as a reference. No matter whether you are just starting your collection or have been an avid collector for longer than the society has existed you might enjoy checking the list to see if your collection includes the original piece the commemorative was designed after as well as the commemorative itself. If you're lucky enough to have been a founding member you have some desired commemorative pieces!



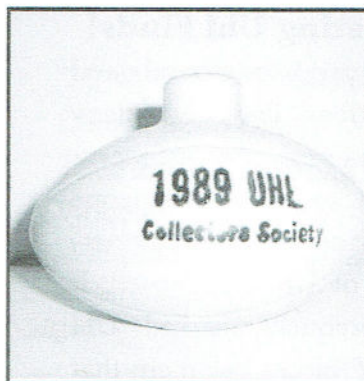
In 1986 a wood pencil embossed with the words "Uhl Collectors Society" was given to all 17 members.



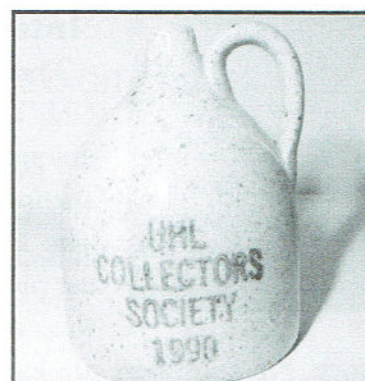
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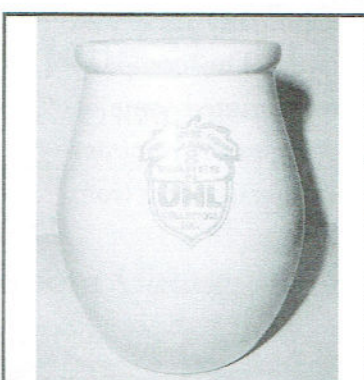
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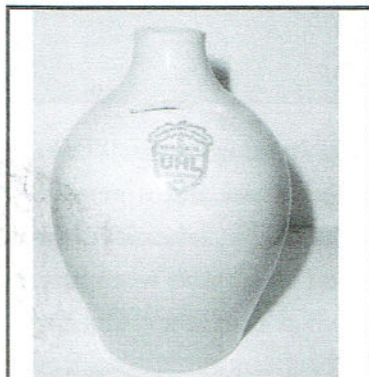
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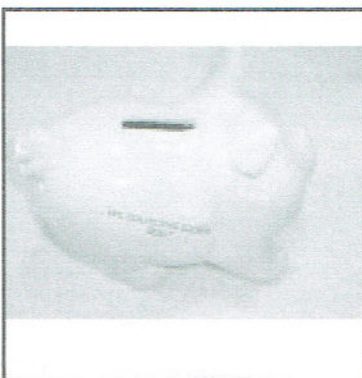
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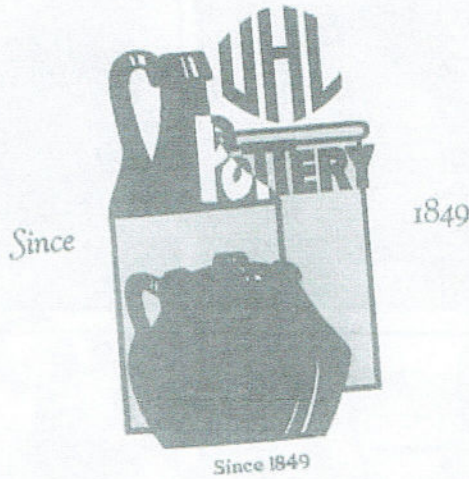
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**For Sale...**  
**1988 - 2005 Uhl**  
**Commemorative Pieces**  
 (Some With Boxes)  
**\$995 Or Best Offer**  
**Contact:**  
**Tom Uebelhor**  
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# Acorn Brand Stoneware

Catalogue No. 15  
**UHL POTTERY COMPANY**  
 HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA

Manufacturers of  
**ACORN BRAND STONEWARE**



## FOREWORD

Pottery making involves many technicalities requiring only the experienced to obtain superior results. The name UHL has been associated with pottery for five generations, lending years of experience to our present organization and enabling us to offer to the discriminating buyer stoneware of enviable reputation and quality. Our own clay beds furnish us with a superior clay free from impurities, which is thoroughly treated in the initial stage. Our ware shows the result of the employment of efficient workmen and machines which experience and scientific improvement endorse. Careful inspection and assortment of the ware is a feature appreciated by our patrons. We have enlarged the capacity of our factory and intend to perpetuate the spirit of progress in the future, but at no time do we sacrifice quality for quantity.

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The foreword to this catalog began "Pottery making involves many technicalities requiring only the experienced to obtain superior results. The name Uhl has been associated with pottery for five generations..." Not only does this speak of the history of the company remaining in the family, but the quality of the work they created. The discriminating buyer" had many choices and it is hard to believe the prices might have been considered high or just the going rate as we glance back at some notable pieces and the prices from this catalog!



### Frog, glazed life-like colors

3.5"	\$3.60 per dozen
6"	\$1.00 each
9"	\$2.00 each
13"	\$4.00 each

### Turtle, glazed life-like colors

3.5"	\$2.70 per dozen
6"	.75 each
9"	\$1.50 each
13"	\$3.00 each

### Lincoln Plaques

Glazed dark ..... \$3.60 per dozen

### Pond Lily Bulb Bowls, glazed mahogany, blue or green

5 inch ..... \$2.70 per dozen.

**Wren Houses**, glazed dull green or old ivory ..... \$14.40 per dozen

### Grape Pitcher And Six 12 Ounce Grape Steins, glazed blue or dark

2 quart tall.....	\$1.50 per set
2 quart squat.....	\$1.60 per set
3 quart tall.....	\$1.65 per set

### Polar Jug, glazed asst. colors

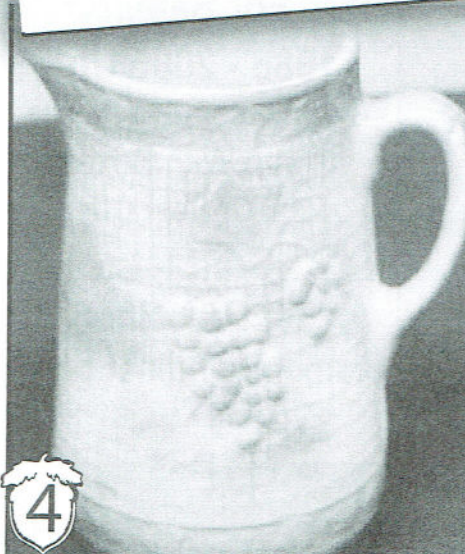
2 quart ..... .75 each

### Acorn Ash Tray

glazed asst. colors.. \$1.80 per dozen

### Pig Bank

glazed asst. colors. \$4.00 per dozen



Catalogs were available for salesman to take along on trips. Uhl Pottery was found in homes and businesses from Indiana to Florida and in between. The Uhl Pottery Company lasted through World War I, the Great Depression, and the most of World War II. Louis Uhl made a difficult decision to end the factory because of a labor dispute.

Catalogs included pricing on most items and were used even when an item had been discontinued. If a price changed, it was simply marked out with the new price written in.



*The All America Package Competition  
Awarded Uhl Pottery Co. an Award  
for Modern Packaging for the  
Meier's Wine Pitcher and Miniatures*

#### Square Jug

2 ounce ..... \$1.80 per dozen

#### Shoulder Jug

2 1/2 ounce ..... \$1.80 per dozen

#### Demijohn or Bellied Jug

2 ounce ..... \$1.80 per dozen

#### Lincoln Pitcher, Glazed Blue Outside, White Lined

1/2 pint ..... \$2.70 per doz.  
1 pint ..... \$3.60 per doz.  
1 quart ..... \$4.50 per doz.  
2 quart ..... \$5.40 per doz.  
3 quart ..... \$7.20 per doz.  
No. 124 1 Gal. .... \$4.50 per doz.



### A Short History of the Uhl Pottery Company

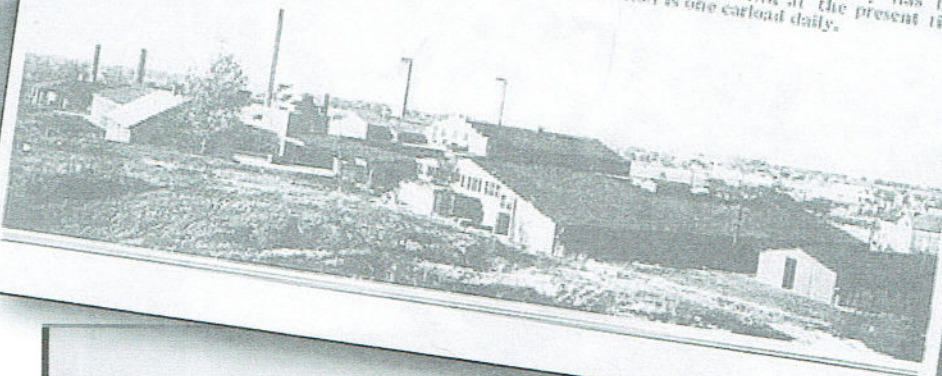
The name of UHL has been connected with the stoneware industry for the past century or more.

Louis and August Uhl, who had been operating a pottery in Lisberg, Germany, came to the United States in 1849. They came down the Ohio River and after stopping at Cincinnati for a while, permanently and erected the first Uhl Pottery Company plant in the United States. This plant was located at 9th and Main streets in Evansville, and clay was secured in the vicinity of Evansville, and satisfactory, and they started prospecting for clay in the surrounding territory, finding a suitable clay at Huntingburg. This clay mined at Huntingburg was hauled to Grandview in wagons and

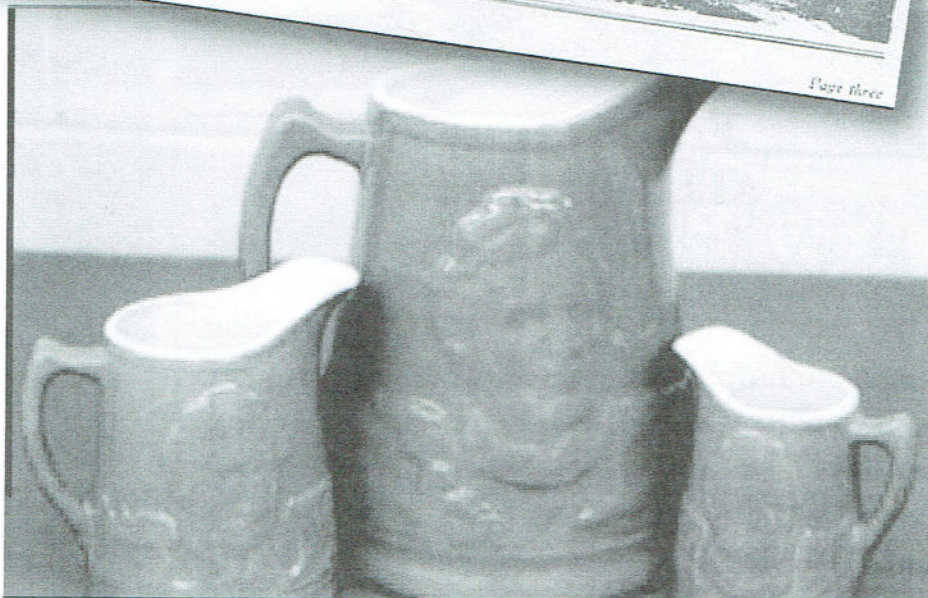
there loaded on scows and shipped to Evansville where it was transferred to drays and hauled to the plant.

With the advent of the Southern Railway running from Huntingburg to Evansville, the plant; 9th and Main streets was abandoned, and a new plant was built on Illinois and John street adjoining the Southern Railway tracks. In 1901 the site of the Evansville plant was sold, and the plant was moved to Huntingburg, where it would be near the clay deposits.

The main office and a warehouse were kept in Evansville until 1934. At that time the main office was moved to Huntingburg, leaving a salesroom and warehouse still located in Evansville. The production of the company has been continually increased until, at the present time, the production is one carload daily.

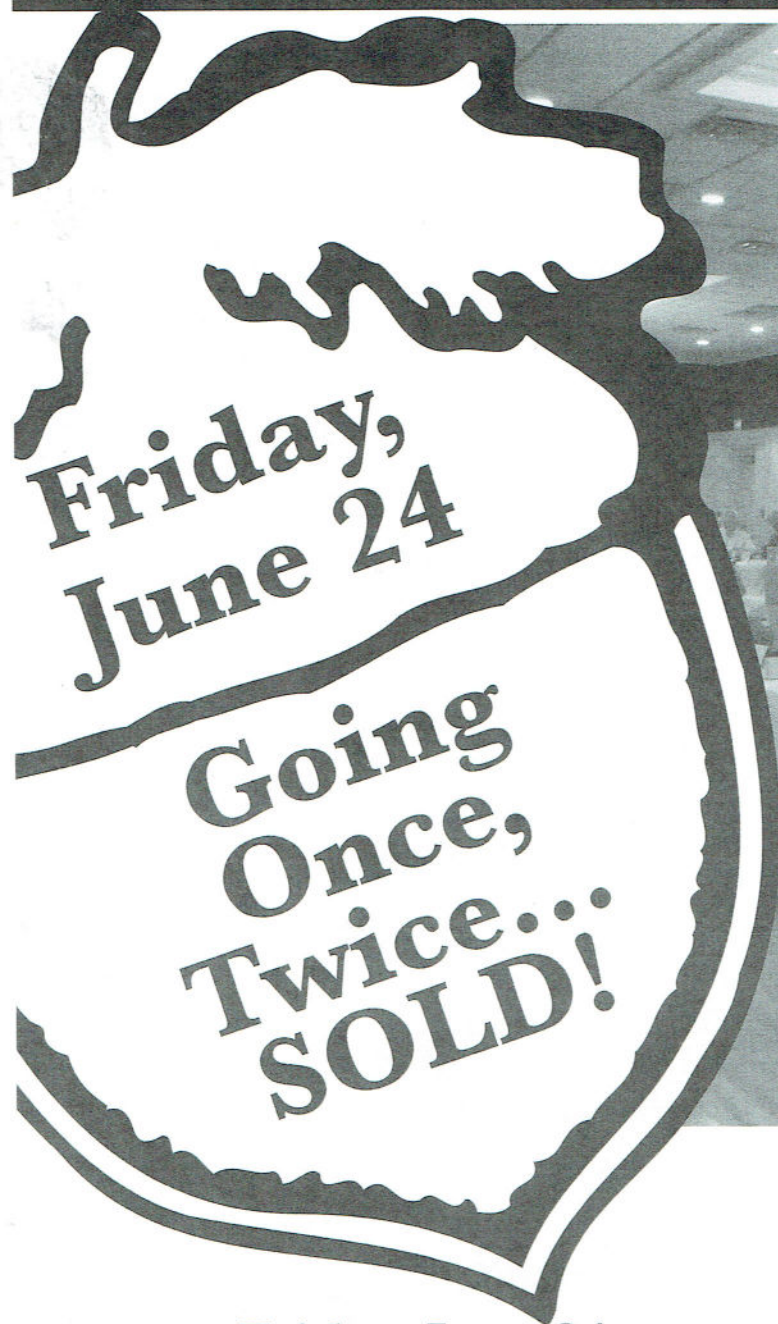


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**Wanted... 1 Quart Blue & White Lincoln Pitcher**  
**Contact: Linda Hopf 812-482-3889**





## **Friday, June 24 ALL UHL Auction!**

It's only 7 weeks away and The Auction Company will be on hand again for our exclusive all UHL auction held during the 2011 convention. This is your opportunity not only to buy, but to sell some unique pieces. Each member may auction an UHL item in this members only event! There is a \$10 fee to place an item in the auction. Check out what's in your collection and see if you have something to sell.



Auction items must be registered before the auction to be catalogued. Items can be



registered either on Thursday or on Friday of the convention. Whether you're buying or selling, it's a great way to experience the benefit of this club and share the UHL collection!

## **Saturday, June 25**

### **UHL Collector's Sale Buyers & Sellers Welcome!**

Saturday morning hosts the last opportunity to check out what other members have for sale from their collections. You'll find member's set up in the convention center in the morning before our annual business meeting. Tables are still available at no charge if you're interested in setting up to sell Uhl pottery, contact Amy & Sam Busler.

# Accommodations & Room To Room Uhling



## Convention Special Rate Room Reservations

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.

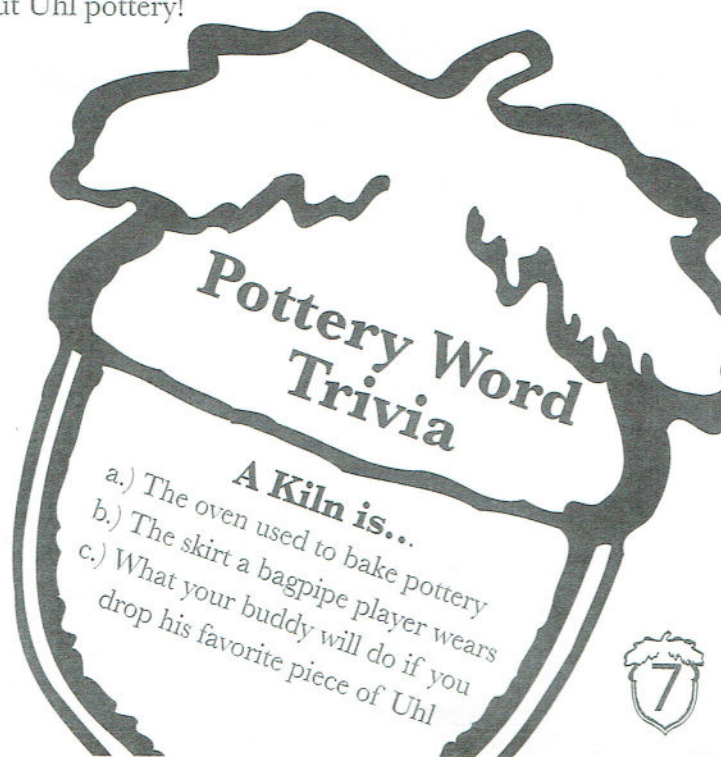
## Friday, June 24 Room to Room Uhling

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!

## Kids Welcome!

Don't forget children are welcome. Our convention is a great way to have your children or grandchildren learn about Uhl pottery!





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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

- Pre Convention**  
**Thursday, June 23**
- Early Auction Registration
  - Early Check In & Early Registration
  - Meet & Greet

- 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