

## Celebrating 28 Years of Collecting!

# **Uhl Collectors Society**

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### From The President's Desk

### A Note From Our President, Chip Kugler

A good Summertime greetings goes out to all Uhl Club members. As summer begins to wind down, I hope this newsletter finds all of you in good health. The 2013 Uhl convention held in June at the Jasper Inn and Convention Center was another success thanks to all those in attendance. Many new friendships were made and many past friendships were re-kindled as stories about collecting Uhl filled the air. I want to especially thank all of the club board members for the hard work that they put in to make this convention a huge success. Looking back at the convention, it was great to see people attending the special workshops with the speakers. It seemed like all those attending these workshops enjoyed the information given. It is the hope of the Board to continue this again in 2014.

While we are on the subject of 2014, please mark your calendars for the 2014 Uhl Convention. It will again be held at the Jasper Inn and Convention Center on Friday June 20 and Saturday, June 21. As previously mentioned, the board of Directors will work on having more speakers during Friday afternoon of the convention. Something new that is in the works is a scholarship that will be given away to a college student. The exact works of this scholarship are still being completed; however, this scholarship will be given to a son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter of an Uhl Club member. Step children are also included in this. In order to raise money for this scholarship, several ways of donating can help. For the Friday night auction,

you can donate an item to be sold and state during check in that the proceeds from the sale of that item is to go towards the scholarship fund. Another way would be to make a direct donation to the fund. You can include this donation when you fill out the membership form next Spring. Please watch the upcoming newsletters for additional details.

It gives me great pride to inform you that I have noticed several new people showing interest in collecting Uhl Pottery. There have been several new faces at auctions, antique shows and other various areas all searching for that special piece of Uhl to add to their collection. If you notice this while you are out and about, please inform these people about the Uhl Club and urge them to become members. This will not only help the Club as a whole, but will also help each member.

In closing, I ask all of you to please contact me if you have any suggestions for the club, the newsletter or the convention. I want to hear your thoughts and continue to keep this club strong. I look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Chip Kugler



### It's In The Books!

Another dandy gathering was enjoyed by everyone in June! The 2013 Convention was well attended, had a nice auction, great food, and much good fellowship!!

The first "seminars" had good attendance and came off pretty well ... even with a failure to "connect" to the hotel WiFi! Please consider offering a few minutes of your time if you have some experience or expertise on any aspect of Uhl pottery, collecting, history, or any related subject. Additional seminars would be a great expansion of the convention experience!

New President Chip Kugler's talk was an interesting discussion of matters maybe not entertained by many of our members. Auctions, with preparations and details of their functions was an enlightening talk about this critical tool for collectors. The various issues involved in dealing with collections for heirs, and considerations that may prove very valuable in planning were explained. A bit grim maybe, but as the value of some collections has (and will) become quite considerable, some serious thought should be given in planning for their treatment.

Press Secretary Randy Britt had intended a "showand-tell" of the new Uhl Collectors website, but was not able to connect to the hotel's WiFi system, so it became simply a "tell".

We can report that final arrangements have been made for the Uhl Collectors' domain names and the new website so that all of the parts now reside at GraceNet.com. Either of the domain names (www.uhlcollectors.org and www.uhlcollectors.com) will take you to the new site now, and with your input it will grow into a useful tool for members. Send your comments, thoughts, and suggestions to your new Press Secretary, Mike Uhl at j.michaeluhl@yahoo.com.

Looking forward to next year already!!!

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Our sincere thanks for the many years of service to our organization ...

Past President Sharon and Norm Patmore, retiring Board Members Jerry and Patty Schurz, and retiring Press Secretary Paula and Randy Britt.

For those members who have not served as officers or board members, please consider volunteering some of your time to fill the upcoming retirements!!

It will give you a new perspective on your organization, and your experiences will last a lifetime!!



Past President Sharon
Patmore with her special 2013
Commemorative

# The 2013 Convention Business Meeting

This year we had several Officer and Board Member changes. Per our by-laws, we had an election for positions scheduled for change, and the move of the Vice President into the President's position for the next two years. With the elections and normal advancement, your Officers and Board of Directors roster is as follows ...

Advancing to President Chip and Kathy Kugler

Elected to Vice President Larry and Nadine Snyder

Elected to Secretary Treasurer
Amy and Sam Busler

Elected to Press Secretary
Mike and Susie Uhl

Elected to the Board Alicia and Tony Nash

Still serving Board Member
Ralph and Delores Hemmer

Still serving Board Member
Terri and Cory Bouchie

Names, mailing addresses and email addresses are listed in an info box elsewhere in every newsletter issue, as well as on the website. They are here to serve the club and have given their time to help keep the organization moving forward. Please take a moment to contact any of them to offer your thoughts, comments, and suggestions!!

Much great discussion was had on the topic of a new Uhl Collectors sponsored scholarship for members and members' families. Members offered their thoughts and suggestions, including some personal experience, and several points were highlighted that will be addressed by the Board in the upcoming months. This plan should prove to be a great addition to the benefits of membership and we look forward to seeing it finalized!

Also introduced were suggestions on possibly changing the convention to a single-day event. It would likely help increase attendance at the business meeting and perhaps work out better for those attending from farther away ... not requiring folks to take an extra day off, or maybe skipping the room rental for a night? This and other convention issues will be active topics at upcoming board meetings.

2013 Bird Bath Commemorative

### 2013 Uhl Convention and Organization Statistics

- 318 Current members including those signed at the convention
- 253 Meals purchased
- 1 Vendor for Saturday table sales
- 266 Commemoratives ---136 picked up 130 mailed.

### Year End 2012 Financial Report

\$13,602.31 Bal. as of Dec. 2011

\$32,047.16 Total Income for 2012

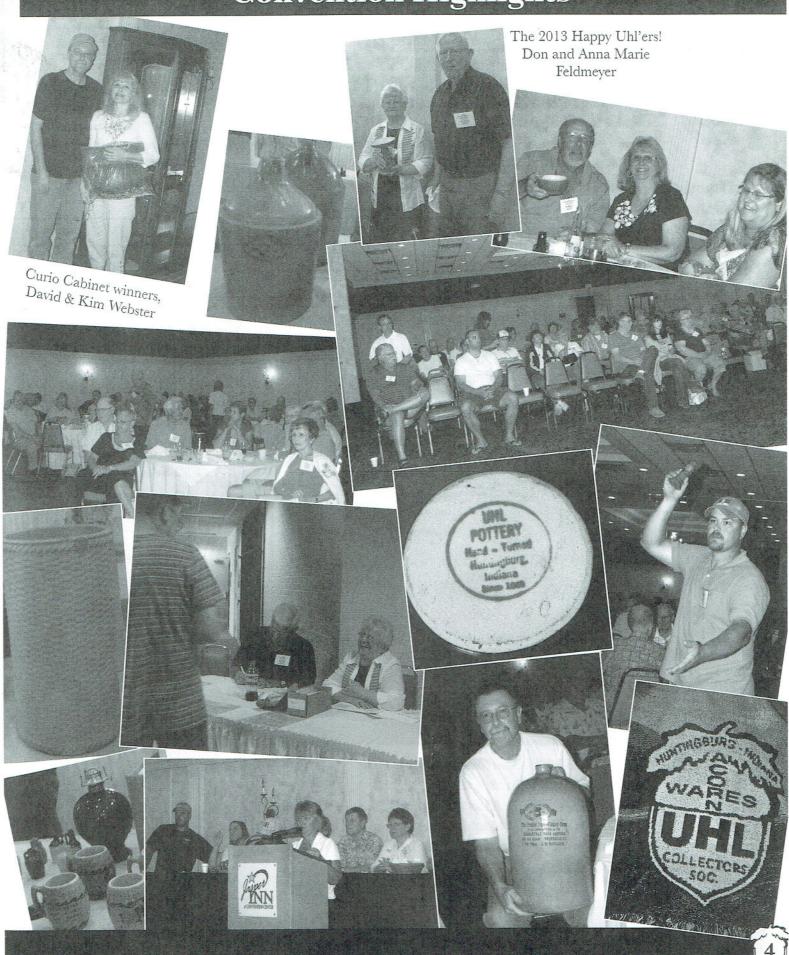
\$32,388.57 Total Expenses for 2012

\$13,260.62 Bal. as of Dec. 2012



2013 New Members!

# **Convention Highlights**



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Pins, Necklaces, & Coasters will be shipped at no additional charge with the purchase of an afghan. Please make check or money order payable to Uhl Collectors Society.

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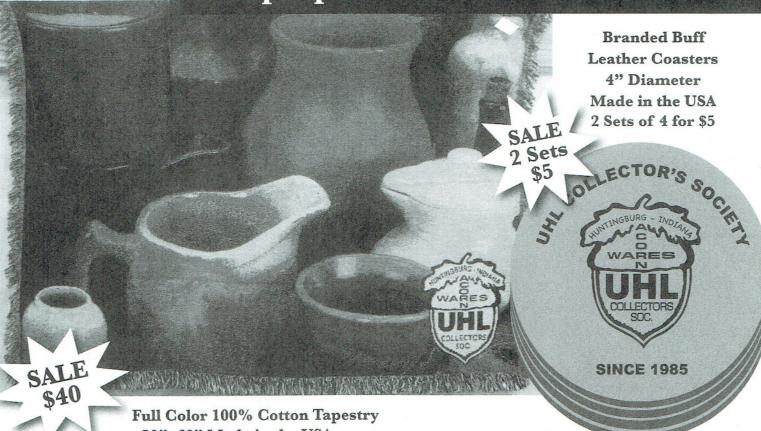
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Wrap Up With UHL!



50"x60" Made in the USA -

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.

Share the history... a great gift idea!



#### 2013 Bird Bath Pins - \$5 Each

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



#### 2012 Uhl Necklace - \$5 Each

A special lady's necklace from the 2012 Convention!

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Details are in the works! A complete Agenda not ni so lliw sliaid details will be in your next issues of the Newsletter



**MYTCH FOR NEWS ON 2014 CONVENTION** 

2014 convention dates and details in upcoming issues!

2013 Post Convention Wrap-up!!