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2018 UHL COLLECTORS SOCIETY





*Celebrating 33 Years of Collecting!*

# Uhl Collectors Society

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**The 2018 Convention was a GREAT SUCCESS.**  
**Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make it a great weekend. Here are some highlights...**





## From The President's Desk

### News from the President:

We just completed our 2018 Annual UHL Convention. On behalf, of the UHL Society Board, we want to say, thank you to Chip Kugler and his team for their auction service. If you missed this year's convention, you missed out on an amazing display of Jane Uhl pottery and an awesome presentation by Les Bain. Great job! Welcome to the board Les. I would like to recognize the following people for their hard work in making this convention so successful. The following people are; Tom Persinger stepped in to help on various projects, Tom Uebelhor provided the club with an outstanding photo display, Jerry and Patty Schurz provided the donuts for the last several years for our business meeting, and finally, Donny Summers helped out with carrying and organizing the Uhl auction items on the tables, and of course the board pulled everything together to make it such a hit.

I also want to say Thank You, to the club members for their donations to the scholarship funds. The club was able to provide three \$500 scholarships to the following recipients; Price Painter, Hadley Bell, and Brandon Andrews. The board wants to welcome a new face to the board. Les Bain was selected as a board member, Tony & Alicia Nash are re-elected as Secretary/Treasurer. If you are interested next year, the club will need volunteers for the following positions, a vice-president 2 year term, a board member 3 year term and a press secretary 2 year term. I would like to note that in our 2018 business meeting, we voted to extend the Sec. / treasure position to a three year term instead of a two. Please let me know if you are interested in any of these positions.

This year we had over 100 auction items. Also, we had to expand to 3 tables to cover the number of desserts. I am really excited and hope that you can see the positive changes throughout the club. I hope you noticed the amount of new memberships added the roster, the presentations, the suggestion crock, and the look a-like display which drew a lot of interest. We are looking forward to 2019 in adding and growing to what we have started.

If you missed the Saturday meeting, my message was about having fun with the society and getting involved. I wanted to pass along that the club donated the food left over to the local community food bank. They were in much need and very appreciative of our donation.

I hoped that everyone who attended the convention this year found it to be fun, exciting, and refreshing. We are trying new options and suggestions as we grow. Please continue to provide us feedback. We "Thank You" for attending the 2018 Uhl convention and hope you are just as excited about another productive year. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to let us know. Happy Hunting.

UHL President, Nathan Posey

## COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP



Congratulations to our scholarship winners!

Hadley Bell, Price Painter,  
& Brandon Andrews

## From The Vice President's Desk

### From Your Vice President's Desk

Ladies & Gentlemen, all I can say is WOW!

It was so good seeing so many old / new friends & cohorts in UHL collecting amongst us! We had non-active members return & a lot of fresh new faces! From all the folks I spoke with about whether they enjoyed the convention, I heard zero negatives. A few "suggestions" but nothing negative at all! From this point on, we grow! As an officer here to serve you, I want EVERYONE'S input on what they want OUR club to be, now & in the future. In the past years of being a member, prior to my return to the club, it did not feel like "OUR" club..... Now it does! We, the folks that volunteer and are elected by the members are here because we want to make things better. I truly believe we are succeeding! We all appreciate the thoughts, ideas & prayers from every one of our group. My phone is near me 24/7. If you need something, have a suggestion or just want to talk UHL Pottery, do not hesitate to call me.

I am going to write about one thing in this brief message that we are going to "Massage" and try and build upon. As you all know, we awarded more than 1 scholarship this year. We had so many deserving young people it was a gut wrenching decision on who to award them too. ALL of them were deserving! We are doing our best to try and increase the amount of funds available each year so we may bestow multiple scholarships to all those deserving each year. That being said, we have discussed it amongst the Officers and are going to add a stipulation in the rules. We feel it is only fair that deserving applicants who did not receive a scholarship have first shot at the next year's awards. Therefore, if a scholarship has been awarded to an applicant, they will not be eligible to apply again for two years. Those who did not receive a scholarship may apply again the following year. If you have any questions or comments PLEASE call one of us. As stated previously, we want your input. You're the reason we are here and do what we do!

Happy UHLing!

Humbly Yours,

Russ Uhls





# Articles & Board Member Information

## The History of the Uhl Pottery Company and Jane Uhl Pottery

For those of you unable to attend our special guest speaker....Friday evening, A big thank you to Les Bain for his overview and insight into the history of Jane Uhl. Les is the most educated and largest collector, known, of the Jane Uhl Pottery

The Uhl Pottery Company was originally based in Evansville, Indiana in the late 19th century, the company moved to Huntingburg, Indiana where it operated until its closure in the 1940s.

The year was 1848 in Lissberg, Germany/ Hesse. Brothers August and Louis Uhl worked at their father's business, primarily making ceramic roofing tile. The two brothers, quite young, decided it best they seek out their fortunes in America. Elder brother August decided it best he scout out an area first, and so he set out. Initially, August landed in New York and set out for Pittsburgh. There, he set forth on the Ohio River on boat, looking for a prime area. Along the way, August took inventory of the clays of the areas passed, and decided Evansville to have the optimal plasticity for making pottery.

Louis eventually came over, and the two founded A. & L. Uhl in Evansville at Ninth and Sycamore streets. The two divided tasks, and the business prospered. Initial products included jars, vases, jugs, and stone pumps. After a period of time, it was decided the Evansville area clay was inferior to the superior quality the brothers expected. So the search began again. A good fire clay was located in Huntingburg, and after testing the brothers began transiting wagons of Huntingburg clay to Rockport, then down the Ohio River to Evansville for storage.

Wares were made by hand, and the quality of the products grew the business. In 1879, Louis purchased August's interest in the company. Louis' son George joined his father as a partner in the new Louis Uhl & Son Company. George's brother Charles soon purchased his brother's interests, and the Uhl Pottery Company was formed. In 1908, Louis died and the company moved operations to Huntingburg for proximity to the clay deposits. It was on this site that the Uhl Pottery Company produced its famous "Acorn Wares" until the 1940s.

Salesmen often carried sales catalogs on trips. From Indiana to as far away as Florida, Uhl Pottery found its way into the homes and businesses of America. The company persisted through World War I, the Great Depression, and the majority of World War II. In the end, a labor dispute ended the factory, with Louis Uhl making the difficult decision. The factory changed hands to Vogue Pottery, then Louisville Pottery, with neither organization surviving very long.

A relatively unknown variant of Uhl Pottery was made by Jane Uhl. Sister of Louis C. Uhl, Jane Uhl spent her time learning the family craft at a young age in Southern Indiana. Inspired by the possibilities of the medium, Jane spent time in England with an artist crafting her own unique style to a future pottery line. Upon her return, Jane was commissioned in 1928 to fill two residences for Birmingham, Alabama businessman Theodore Swann.

What resulted was a pottery style that is perfect for the collecting community. Jane's understanding of pottery basics through the Uhl Pottery Company, combined with her trip to England, resulted in some of the most unusual and collectible pieces of antique pottery in America. The stock market crash of 1929 hit Mr. Swann hard, and the family held onto the bulk of the commissioned pieces until an estate sale in 1986. Today, Jane Uhl pottery occupies a special place alongside the factory-turned pieces made in Southern Indiana.

The family retained the rights to the Uhl trademarks. In doing so, since 1985 the Uhl Collectors Society has existed to celebrate the history and quality of the Uhl Pottery Company.

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## SUGGESTION CROCK

We appreciate all the feedback from the convention and have reviewed all of the Suggestion Crock responses. Stay tuned as we start to implement!



# Convention Highlights

## Auction Highlights From Your 2018 Convention:

What an exciting auction we had at our 33rd annual Uhl Pottery Convention. Our Top 5 sellers...

1. Yellow Fruit Jar jug - \$320
2. Blue #6 Polar Bear Water Cooler - \$240
3. Large Green Frog - \$220
4. Harvest Jug - \$180
5. 4 gal. Evansville churn - \$170



## 2018 UHL Auction Prices

ashtray/dutch shoe(SF)	\$5.00	1943 Life magazine Uhl pig	\$40.00
Blue/white Dillsboro jug	\$500.00	Blue Teapot	\$40.00
Green Jane Uhl bowl	\$230.00	Rare Cherry Plate dated	\$600.00
Club Commemorative (SF)	\$30.00	Rare Cherry Plate dated	\$625.00
Blue water cooler	\$325.00	2015 XL t shirt	\$5.00
Blue Roaster	\$60.00	2017 Commemorative	\$20.00
Brown canteen(SF)	\$5.00	3 attached brown footballs	\$55.00
white canteen(SF)	\$20.00	3 gal. Evansville jug	\$100.00
Teal juice glass	\$25.00	Uhl print	\$15.00
handturned Frog/Cem. vase	\$525.00	2- brown footballs	\$35.00
Uhl framed print(SF)	\$75.00	5 gallon crock	\$50.00
Rheingold pitcher & 6 mugs	\$150.00	2017 Commemorative	\$25.00
Green Handturned pitcher	\$325.00	Blue tall vase	\$50.00
Green Frog	\$120.00	2005 purple Disinger basket	\$35.00
Blue Coffee pot	\$450.00	Rose Syrup Pitcher	\$40.00
Blue Thieves jar	\$180.00	2016 Commemorative	\$20.00
Blue Globe pitchers	\$55.00	5 Gallon Jug	\$80.00
Boonville Fair mug	\$190.00	Blue Spongeware Pitcher	\$75.00
Hilter pig bank	\$125.00	Blue handturned bottle	\$110.00
2016 commemorative	\$35.00	T shirt	\$5.00
Large purple pig	\$425.00	Chicken Water	\$200.00
Blue & white pot/pestle	\$300.00	Brown hand turned cookie jar	\$130.00
Big flower planter	\$140.00	Hand truned brn cup & saucer	\$225.00
mini brn/white jug (SF)	\$20.00	Blue pitcher	\$65.00
brown meddalion	\$90.00	Blue pitcher	\$40.00
2018 spongeware comm.	\$100.00	blue bean pot,crock/ grpe mug	\$70.00
teal dog & fire plug	\$350.00	Dog Ash tray	\$125.00
2015 sm t shirt	\$5.00	Ash tray	\$50.00
Peach handturned basket	\$180.00	Hilter Pig	\$260.00
2018 Orange commemorative	\$75.00	1938 Christmas Jug	\$110.00
brn bowl/Cannelton ashtray	\$50.00	Shell ashtray w/ advertising	\$300.00
pink flower frog/ 2016 comm	\$40.00	Green Frog	\$170.00
Blue uhl tie (SF)	\$20.00	2007 Disinger mothers day	\$30.00
Blue uhl tie (SF)	\$70.00	2016/2017 Commemoratives	\$45.00
Kraut weight	\$30.00	6 gallon Churn	\$220.00
2018 yellow commemorative	\$55.00	3 lb. Butter	\$180.00
White 5 gal crock	\$70.00	15 Gallon Crock	\$230.00
2016 commemorative	\$45.00	Liberty Bell Lamp	\$65.00
3 gallon brown & white jug	\$50.00	Pink grease jar salt/pepper(sf)	\$25.00
blue & white mini jug	\$30.00	Pink mini jug	\$60.00
2015 sm t shirt	\$5.00	2018 Commemorative	\$20.00
2018 Rose commemorative	\$45.00	Blue Teapot base / HSHmug (SF)	\$30.00
Brown & white Lincoln	\$100.00	Unglazed cookie jar & jar (SF)	\$15.00
Brown turtle paperweight	\$160.00	Brown Bean pot (SF)	\$20.00
brown Liberty Bell	\$25.00	Mauve flower pot	\$20.00
Brown Strawberry hang basket	\$25.00	12 gallon crock	\$210.00
Blue & White sm Belly pitcher	\$80.00	Blue lidded cookie jar	\$120.00
2017 Commemorative	\$25.00	mustard fan flower vase	\$50.00
2 gal.picket fence bowl	\$100.00	Yellow 8" mixing bowl	\$45.00
blue flower vase (SF)	\$20.00	Sm Blu e Lincoln pitcher	\$50.00
2018 lt blue commemorative	\$80.00	Brn Bank Jug Vincennes adver.	\$575.00
Brown barrel pitcher (SF)	\$10.00		
10 gal double handled jug	\$250.00		
Purple #185 & #125 pitchers	\$90.00		
Uhl print	\$25.00		

NOTE: (SF) \* Scholarship Fund\*



# Convention Image Highlights

