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Change of address? Death of a member? Send your changes to Mark or Michelle Coleman

Don't forget the display contest at this year's Gathering. You can set up a display of Uhl related items special to you. It will be fun and educational. You can win a prize for best display!!!



The deadline to join the UCS, still order a commemorative and order at meal at the Gathering has been extended to May 15th. You may join at any time! **Special commemoratives** will go on sale on May 15th. This is a 37 piece limited edition. For membership or to buy a special commemorative scan this QR code.





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April 2022

Everett Vaughn - Employee at the Uhl Pottery Company

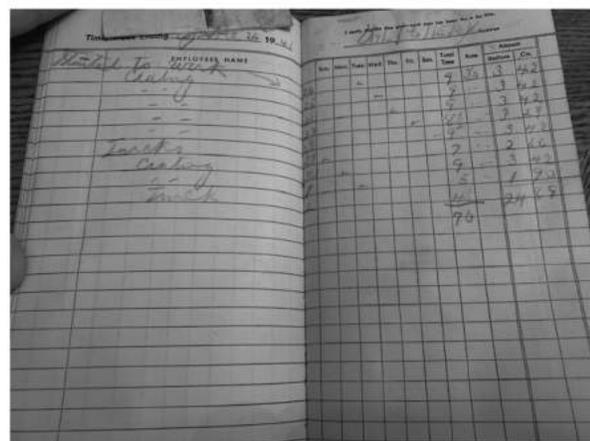
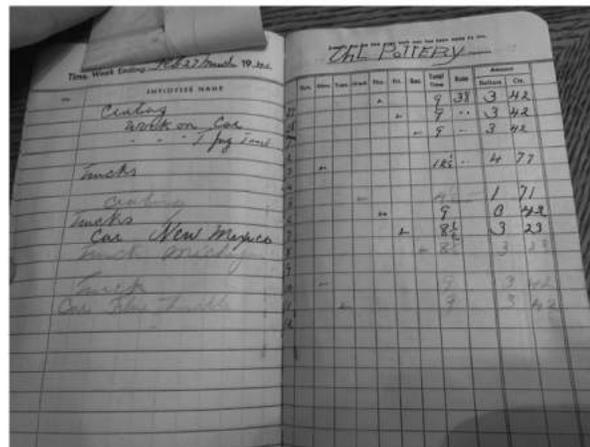
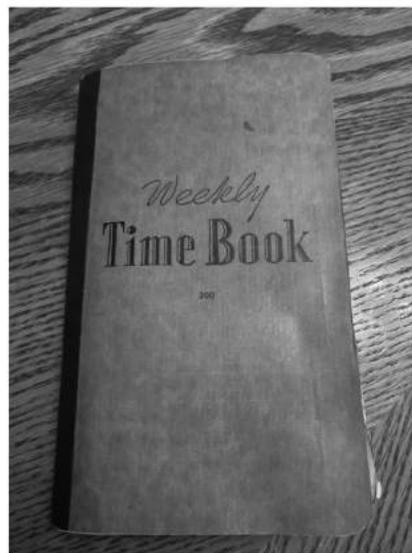
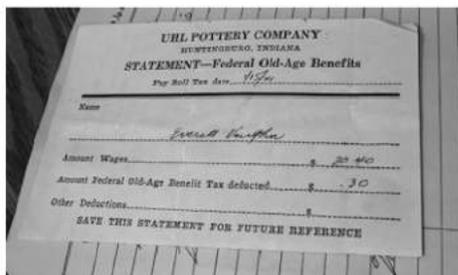
Several years ago, I attended an estate auction in Jasper, Indiana. Included in this sale was a large hoard of Uhl items that belonged to Everett Vaughn, who had worked at Uhl for many years. Some of the items in the auction were Uhl molds and some "lunch hour" pieces, one of which was a frog with an inscription to his wife on the bottom. There was even a cemetery vase with Everett's initials glazed on it.

Many of these items intrigued me, but the thing that stood out the most to me was the personal journal Everett kept from Jan 1, 1941 until January 2, 1943. Everett detailed on a daily basis, what his duties were for the day, how many hours he worked, and the pay he received. There were also "Federal Old Age Benefits" statements glued into each page for the corresponding weeks. I'm a sucker for non-pottery Uhl items, so I ended up purchasing that journal.

Reading through the journal proved to be more interesting than I had imagined. I found out Everett performed duties that included crating, repairing, painting, loading trucks, taking inventory and even patching concrete. The hourly pay he received was 38 cents per hour from January of 1941 until September of 1942, when he got a raise to 45 cents per hour. He received another raise to 50 cents per hour in June of 1943.

Mr. Vaughn also had documented he loaded trucks bound for Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Michigan, Georgia, Florida, Idaho and even New Mexico! One particular entry caught my attention. This entry was dated May 19, 1941. It was a one-word entry... "Strike". That worker strike lasted until June 24th where the entry for that day read "Started to work". The strike lasted 36 days before the pottery fired back up, but it was the first nail in the coffin for the Uhl Pottery Company.

By: Brian Chanley



From The President's Desk

Greetings!

I hope this newsletter finds you well and as ready for spring as I am. It is hard to believe another Gathering is almost upon us. This year's event is shaping up to be one of the best ever. First, we have the great news that Earl and Jane McCurdy are coming from Arizona to talk about the writing their book, *A Collectors Guide and History of Uhl Pottery*. This was the very first reference book on Uhl Pottery and in many ways started the Uhl collecting craze.

New this year, we are having a favorite Uhl piece or display contest. Members will vote on their favorites and prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place. This is a great chance to hopefully see some very special and seldom seen items. Please join in the fun and let an officer know if you will be bringing something to exhibit.

There will also be a display on the present day Uhl factory property to show what is left and what is still found even after almost 80 years. All this, plus throw in a great meal, and a fantastic auction. How can you go wrong? If you have never been to a Gathering before or have not been in a while, this IS the year to come and check it out! Remember, you can still join right up until the day of the Gathering and attend. Commemorative sales must be cut off earlier due to production of the pieces. Meals may be available depending on demand at a late date.

We will be looking for a new board member this year to fill Nathan Posey's position, so please consider volunteering. Many thanks to Nathan on his tireless work for the club through the years. He will be missed.

Here's hoping to see everyone June 24th in Huntingburg for a great time. P.S. Don't forget to bring your favorite dessert!!!

David Montgomery

The UCS mourns the passing of four long time members since the last newsletter.

Frank Dye passed on December 25, 2021. Frank is survived by his wife Barbara. They were long time members of UCS.

Delores Hemmer passed on January 3, 2022. Delores and her late husband Ralph were long time members of the UCS and served several terms as officers.

Jean Smith passed on January 24, 2022. Jean is survived by her husband Geoffrey. They were long time UCS members and active antique dealers.

Dale Blann passed on March 10, 2022. Dales is survived by his wife Leah. They were charter members of the UCS and served several terms as officers.

Our sympathy goes to the Dye, Hemmer, Smith and Blann families and friends.



Articles & Board Member Information

Get to Know Vice President Cory Atkins

Growing up 10 miles west of the Huntingburg factory, Uhl was something you would see in every home. I didn't think anything of it, just that both of my parents were absolutely nuts when it came to their pottery collection. Little did I know the same Uhl bug that got my parents would eventually get me.

Getting started in collecting was extremely easy for me. As a little kid, my parents had drug me into every single antique shop in the tri-state area. I had established great relationships with all of the shop owners and society members.

The very first piece I had purchased for myself was a square stamped Evansville 3 gallon from Dan Hadley. During this purchase I became even more fascinated in the history of Uhl as only Dan can explain. From this point on I was on the hunt! The most amazing part of being an Uhl nut is that every time you think you have the whole collection it turns out they made another size or they made it in another color. With that being said always keep your eyes open because you never know what is going to be in that junk store or at another yard sale.

2022 UCS Scholarship

Applications are being taken for the 2022 Uhl Collector's Society College Scholarship through April 3st.

Eligibility is for members, children of members or grandchildren of members. The application is online, scan the code to the right:



Hotel Information for the Gathering.

A block of rooms have been reserved for UCS members at the Quality Inn in Huntingburg. Members can reserve a room by calling the Quality Inn at 812 683 2334.

Rooms are \$119 plus tax.

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2021 Uhl Collectors Society Financial Summary	
221 Members	
Beginning Bank Balance January 1, 2021	\$ 8,743.01
Revenue	
General Income (payments for dues, commemoratives, convention meals)	\$ 18,201.40
Auction (payments received for auctioned items)	\$ 11,076.27
Total	\$ 29,277.67
Expenses	
Non Profit Bus Expense (registration, insurance, tax prep)	\$ (894.00)
Board Operating Expenses (meetings, supplies, postage, membership cards)	\$ (1,196.08)
Convention Expenses (event center, meals, name tags, give aways)	\$ (6,574.59)
Commemorative (mold, molding, glazing, painting, firing, stamping, packaging, shipping)	\$ (6,377.66)
Newsletter (printing, publishing software, postage)	\$ (1,857.83)
Website (license fees, security software & fees, computer equipment)	\$ (1,989.21)
Auction (auction sale payments to auction winners)	\$ (10,240.00)
Scholarship (scholarship donation transfers)	\$ (155.00)
Total	\$ (29,284.37)
2021 Income / (Loss)	\$ (6.70)
Ending Bank Balance December 31, 2021	\$ 8,736.31

2021 Uhl Collectors Society Scholarship Fund Financial Report	
Beginning Balance January 1, 2021	\$ 651.00
Revenue	
Member donations	\$ 1,085.00
Auction sales	\$ 1,030.00
Total	\$ 2,115.00
Expenses	
Three \$400 scholarships awarded June 15, 2021 (Patterson, Schipp, Schaefer)	\$ (1,200.00)
Total	\$ (1,200.00)
2021 Income / (Loss)	\$ 915.00
Ending Bank Balance December 31, 2021	\$ 1,566.00

Sold on Ebay!!

- 1 Gallon Stone handled Harvest Jug - \$299
- Believe It or Not Christmas Jug - \$79
- Blue Smiling Elephant Planter - \$9.99
- Blue and White Meier's Port Wine Jug - \$119.50
- Blue Ring Jug - \$48.49
- Black Scottie Dog Planter (original) - \$449.44
- Green Ring Jug - \$162.50



Agenda for the 37th Annual UCS Gathering

Huntingburg Event Center

Huntingburg, Indiana

Friday June 24th

- 12:00 Noon Facility Opens for Officers, Displayers, and Vendors to set up
- 2:00 to 5:30 pm Facility Opens for Members to register, reserve seats for dinner, shop, and vote on displays.
Name tags, commemorative pick up, and meal ticket available upon registration.
- 2:00 to 5:30 pm The public is welcome to join the Uhl Collectors Society by paying dues & may attend the Gathering (Meals may be available for purchase based on availability)
- 2:00 to 5:30 pm Vendor sales in the Sounders Room
Special Display – A Look at the Uhl Property Today
- 3:00 to 5:30 pm Auction registration and voting on Uhl Displays in the Menke Room
- 4:30 to 5:30 pm Speaker. Earl McCurdy, co-author of “A Collector’s Guide & History of Uhl Pottery” will Uhl stories and information from his years of research and collecting.
- 5:40 to 6:00 pm President’s welcome and opening comments
- 6:00 to finish Dinner is served
2022 Scholarships awarded
Door Prize drawings
- After dinner Uhl Auction*

Saturday June 25th

- 7:00 to 8:30 am Vendor sales are open in the Sounder room
Coffee and donuts served (while supplies last)
New members may sign up
Public is welcome
- 9:00 am Uhl business meeting. Members only

* You are allowed to put three Uhl “items” in the auction to sell. An item may be a single piece or a group of items if they are being sold in one lot together, such as a set of six mugs. Each item will cost \$10. If your item sells to your liking the club returns \$5 to you at checkout. If, your item bid is not high enough for your liking, you may buy it back. If you do this, the club keeps the \$10 you paid. Each item will be inspected at check in and if there is some question as to whether it is Uhl or not, a sticker will be added to let bidders know the item may or may not be authentic Uhl.