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# Uhl Collectors Society

The 2022 UCS Gathering just seemed special in so many ways. As the country begins to see the decline in Covid everyone was energized for a great time. I think they had it.

The keynote speaker was Earl McCurdy. Earl, along with his wife Jane authored the first book on Uhl Pottery, *The Collector's Guide and History of Uhl Pottery*. Earl shared many pictures and anecdotes from his book and collection. It was thoroughly entertaining and informative. He was able to share, never before seen publicly, pictures of items in the Uhl family collection such as the roof tile made by the father of August and Luis Uhl in Germany. Earl also displayed many pieces of Jane Uhl pottery. All of these had been pictured in the book. This writer had never seen that amount of Jane Uhl in one place.

The display contest was a great success! First prize went to Sherry and Bill Burgess. There were eight formal displays plus a display of artifacts from the Uhl pottery factory site that were collected by David and Susan Montgomery. Brian Chanley won the display case give away. The number of rarities was staggering!

Over 200 people attended the gathering including six charter members! The meal catered by the Schnitzelbank was excellent, as always!

The auction featured 110 items and included Jane Uhl, Acorn Ware, Evansville Uhl, miniatures, Blue and White, animals and much more. Total sales of was nearly \$22,000. Nathan Posey did a great job as auctioneer. The insert has individual sales results.

On Saturday everyone enjoyed coffee and donuts while shopping before the business meeting. The business meeting yielded several highlights. First it was agree to return calling to our annual meeting a "Convention"! Kat and Arron Simpson were voted onto the UCS Board. It was also agreed to have the 2023 convention as a one day event on Saturday on a trial basis. The President's Letter has more details. The special Happy Uhling Commemorative was won by Alice Nuhring and Arika Uhls got to break the mold as the newest member in attendance.

**Check out the pictures of the Convention and Happy Uhling Everyone!**



**Members from the UCS first year: Nelda and Ron Mendel, Linda Summers, Sue and John Uhl, and Anna Feldmeyer**



**Jane Uhl 4 handled mug**

## From Your President

Greetings!

I hope this newsletter finds everyone well and enjoying the summer. Another fantastic convention has come and gone. In my opinion, it was definitely one of the best auctions in recent memory. The food was great and so were the desserts.

I would like to thank many people for making the event a great success. First, a big thank you to Earl McCurdy for coming all the way from Arizona for his presentation. I know we all enjoyed it. Next, thank you to everyone who participated in our first favorite Uhl item or display contest. Congratulations to the Burgess' for their winning display of breakfast with Uhl, which included real sausage and eggs! I think we will definitely do it again next year. I would also like to give a big thank you to the board members who volunteer their time to make the event a great success. A LOT of hard work goes on behind the scenes to make it all run smoothly. And lastly, thank you to all the members who were able to attend. Seeing the large crowd makes all the effort worthwhile. One of my main goals as president has been to promote the club with TV spots, newspapers, etc. in an effort to recruit new members. As I talk to people about joining, one comment that keeps coming up is "I would love to join and attend the convention, but I have to work on Friday." So, in an effort to attract new members, we have decided have the convention on Saturday only next year. We are asking everyone to try it for a year or two and see how it goes. Our hope in doing this is twofold. First, and foremost, recruit new and younger members who could not attend during the work week. Secondly, the business meeting would be held the same day and it would allow more club members to attend and have their voices heard in club business.

Obviously, this is a big change and we hope everyone will give it a try and see how it works. All we ask is that you keep an open mind as we try something new. We will be making a one day itinerary in the coming months to let everyone know the plan.

Well, that's all for now. Don't forget, its garage sale season. You never know when you might stumble across that Uhl treasure.

Good Luck,  
David Montgomery

The UCS has lost long time member Alvin Schwartz. Our sympathy to the family.



Earl McCurdy's presentation on Uhl



Breakfast with Uhl Display from the Burgess'



David with UCS scholarship winner  
Elijah McDurmon

# Articles & Board Member Information

## Meet the New Board Members

Hi everyone and thank you for allowing us to introduce ourselves.

We joined the UHL Collector's Society in 2021. We're "newbies" on collecting UHL but I do believe I may have a piece or two that a dear departed friend gave me back in the early 2000's. We actually dove head first in to being active collectors and members with the help of Russ Uhls and Roxanne Siriton as we bought several pieces from them to start our collection.



We moved earlier this year to the southeast side of Indianapolis, Indiana just north of the Beech Grove area. We actually live in the house that Russ Uhl grew up in. Aaron and I married on August 8, 2020 with Russ and Roxane as our witnesses. Between the two of us we have five children, two grandchildren and we are anxiously waiting on the arrival of two more grandchildren to be born, a set of twins, a boy and girl due in November of this year. We also have six grandpuppies, four grandcats and grand reptile, an Iguana. Our home is also home to Max the boxer that is pictured on the FB page who is my service dog and a siamese cat named Jiling Lu.

I'm a "domestic engineer" who likes to cook and bake, going to tea, doing crafts and gardening. I collect several things other than UHL that include, Longaberger baskets, Rae Dunn, Lenox crystal, Willow Tree Angels, teapots and teacups and cookbooks. Aaron works for a water mitigation company and is a Project Manager. He is always helping someone with a home remodeling project or thinking about a project. He collects whiskey jugs, Westmoreland glass and is always looking on expanding his Crown Royal collection, he currently owns 20 flavors. We like to go for rides on the Harley, play cards, go to concerts, entertain family and friends and go on date nights. We would like to thank everyone for allowing us to honorably serve.

Aaron and Katrina (Kat) Simpson

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The UCS Board would like to thank Nathan Smith at Beech Grove Clay Works. He was beyond helpful in working with UHL Collectors Society to finalize the last few Commemoratives so we could place the Special Commemoratives in the Auction! Due to the next kiln schedule at Clay City being after the Convention, we would not have been able to have the "Specials" available. He was able to fit our pieces into his firing schedule and bail us out! If you live in or around the Indianapolis area, I HIGHLY recommend checking out his shop! They have many different types of classes for Children and Adults. They also have lots of beautiful items for sale in their Showroom.



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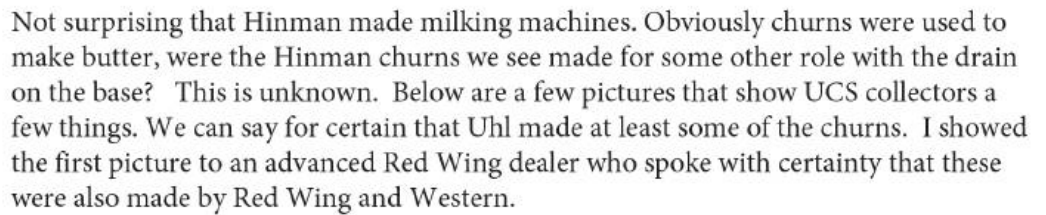
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We see churns marked "Hinman Milkers" across the midwest, but what is a Hinman Milker? I always wondered so I looked it up!



- Frank Froberg Valparaiso, Indiana
- J. C. Marlowe Co. Mankato, Minn.

## Two large, light-colored wooden barrels with metal hoops and spigots. The barrel on the left has a large number '2' and the text 'HUNNAY BOLKERS' and 'A. C. BARKER &amp; CO. BOSTON, U.S.A.' The barrel on the right has the text 'HUNNAY BOLKERS' and 'A. C. BARKER &amp; CO. BOSTON, U.S.A.' and a circular logo.

Two large white ceramic kegs are shown on a wooden surface. The keg on the left has a large black number '2' and the text 'HOMAN MILKERS' printed on it. It has a black handle and a black spout at the bottom. The keg on the right also has a large black number '2' and a black handle. In the background, a window with a wooden frame is visible, showing some greenery outside.

Two great Uhl Jugs sold recently. On the left is an 1850's era A& L Uhl jug that sold online for \$4200. Scan the QR Code to see what national blogger Justin Thomas had to say about it! On the right is a co-branded Uhl Pottery Works and Jack Daniels Old No 7 jug that sold \$5000 plus 28% buyers premium! Scan that QR code to go the auction site!



## Scenes from the Gathering!



## UCS Auction List

Item #	Item Description	Sale Price
1	522 Rose Cookie Jar - marked	\$ 30
2	516 Blue Vase - marked	\$ 30
3	Spongeware Bean Pot	\$ 80
4	162 Purple Grecian with Stopper	\$ 35
5	Teal 15 Inch Oil jar	\$ 80
6	Blue and White Globe Jug Meier's label	\$ 20
7	1 Gallon Huntingburg Crock	\$ 50
8	2022 Commemorative - Spongeware	\$ 50
9	Penny Jug - marked	\$ 90
10	Blue Flagon Pitcher - marked	\$ 45
11	McHenry's 2 Gallon Evansville Uhl Churn	\$ 550
12	2 Gallon Dillsboro Jug, Blue Top	\$ 1,075
13	Set of Boxed Commemoratives 1987 to 2019, 33 pieces boxed	\$ 525
14	Rose Salad Bowl - marked	\$ 50
15	Swirled Thin Vase - etched (may be end of day piece)	\$ 1,100
16	Swirled Vase - etched (may be end of day piece)	\$ 1,300
17	2001 Commemorative (harvest jug) donated for scholarship fund	\$ 55
18	5 Gallon Blue and White Dillsboro	\$ 1,050
19	3 Gallon Evansville Preserve Jar with lid	\$ 500
20	"Cookie" Jar with lid	\$ 250
21	Jane Uhl Jug - marked	\$ 1,300
22	Unused McCurdy Hardback Book	\$ 55
23	1/2 Gallon Grandpa Meier's Apple Wine	\$ 125
24	2022 Commemorative - Blue	\$ 40
25	1 Gallon Grandpa Meier's Paper Label	\$ 150
26	1 Quart Glenmore Distilleries	\$ 175
27	Uhl Collectors Society Original 1986 Give-away Pencil	\$ 440
28	Rare Uhl Knife	\$ 1,300
29	Hilter Botay Piggy Bank	\$ 375
30	8 Gallon Huntingburg Double Handled Jug	\$ 200
31	2021 Commemorative - Blue Chicken Jug	\$ 65
32	4 Blue Flagon mugs - all marked	\$ 70
33	Large Frog - unmarked	\$ 250
34	Liberty Bell Lamp with Book	\$ 60
35	15 Gallon Two Handled Crock	\$ 210
36	12 Gallon Two Handled Crock	\$ 270
37	4 Gallon Two Handled Crock	\$ 90
38	2022 Commemorative - Brindle	\$ 35
39	Brown Flower Pot and Pedestal	\$ 250
40	Blue Hand Turn Pitcher - marked	\$ 325
41	Rose Hand Turned Bowl - marked	\$ 150
42	4 Gallon Evansville Jug	\$ 125
43	Peach Sweet Potato Hanging Basket	\$ 20
44	Blue Barrel Pitcher - unmarked	\$ 50
45	2021 Commemorative - Blue Chicken Jug	\$ 60
46	4 Gallon Evansville Crock - hairline, factory second	\$ 65
47	Evansville Large Cheese Crock	\$ 145
48	5 Gallon Evansville Jug - handle chips	\$ 100
49	Small Blue Hand Turned Vase - marked	\$ 300
50	Blue and White Sunken Garden Minature, double handled	\$ 300
51	Hand Turned Experimental Color Vase - marked	\$ 225
52	2003 Commemorative (yellow rabbit) donated for scholarship fund	\$ 40
53	Black Scottie Dog Planter - unmarked	\$ 175
54	4 Inch Blue Picket Fence Bowl - unmarked	\$ 100
55	White Grape Squat Pitcher - unmarked	\$ 50
56	Blue Grape Squat Pitcher with Lid - unmarked	\$ 65
57	20 Pound Butter Crock	\$ 775
58	"Cookie" Jar with Lid (cracked)	\$ 170
59	Blue and White Pitcher and Wash Basin - unmarked	\$ 125
60	Blue & White Mini Churn with Lid, Dasher - marked	\$ 180
61	Yellow Mini Old Kentucky Mansion Pitcher	\$ 200
62	2022 Commemorative - Light Blue / White	\$ 65
63	Yellow Mini Venitien Vase - unmarked	\$ 65
64	Uhl Pottery Christmas Greeting Minijug - unmarked	\$ 70
65	Canteen Jug - Boonville Implement	\$ 110
66	1913 Merry Christmas John Greener Saloon Mini Shoulder Jug	\$ 1,300



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Item #	Item Description	Sale Price
67	Blue Donkey Planter - unmarked	\$ 175
68	White Bull Dog Planter - unmarked	\$ 375
69	White Cat Planter with Blue Markings - unmarked	\$ 600
70	2002 Commemorative (acorn ashtray) donated for scholarship fund	\$ 25
71	Pair #162 Rose Ewers	\$ 30
72	#164 Purple Crème de Coffee	\$ 40
73	10 Gallon Evansville Crock	\$ 200
74	Cannelton Ashtray - minor nic	\$ 40
75	Big White Piggy Bank	\$ 125
76	1941 Pink and Green Merry Christmas Jug	\$ 90
77	Blue and White Mini Churn with White lid	\$ 230
78	2022 Commemorative - Yellow / White	\$ 55
79	Large White Pig Bank	\$ 250
80	Large Bean Pot with Lid - marked	\$ 25
81	10 Gallon 2 Handled Crock (one handle missing)	\$ 60
82	5 Gallon Crock	\$ 50
83	Blue Squat Pitcher with lid - marked	\$ 75
84	2021 Commemorative - Blue Chicken Jug	\$ 65
85	Sun Dial on Pedestal - some chips on top	\$ 225
86	Group of 4 Egyptian Flower Pot	\$ 240
87	1 Quart White Crock donated for scholarship Fund	\$ 25
88	Blue Round Ice Pitcher - marked	\$ 35
90	127 Rose Bowl & Rose Overcurl Mini	\$ 30
91	Liberty Bell Lamp without base	\$ 10
92	#117 Rose Vase - marked	\$ 55
93	Light Green Bean Pot	\$ 75
94	2 Vases - White and Blue	\$ 50
95	4 Inch White Picket Fence Bowl	\$ 55
96	Blue Horse Jug	\$ 125
97	Rose Salt and Pepper Shakers	\$ 30
98	#123 Blue Vase - marked	\$ 25
99	2021 Commemorative - Blue Chicken Jug	\$ 50
100	Light Blue Bulbous Pitcher - unmarked	\$ 50
101	Black Baby Shoe - marked	\$ 30
102	Pair Light Blue Slippers	\$ 25
103	Brown Squat Pitcher - marked	\$ 35
104	Green and Tan Hanging Basket	\$ 35
105	2021 Commemorative - Blue Chicken Jug	\$ 40
106	Peach Bulbous Smallest Grape Pitcher - marked	\$ 30
107	Blue Lamb Planter	\$ 80
108	Peach Strawberry Planter	\$ 50
109	Blue Bowl	\$ 25
110	Brown Canteen Mini - Alta Sherry & 1996 Commemorative - Christmas	\$ 55



Total Sales \$ 21,790  
 Buy Back \$ (3,380)  
 Net Sales \$ 18,410

