



Uhl Collectors Society



December 1996 / January / February 1997

Hand Turned by Jane Uhl

The next time you find a "hand turned" piece of Uhl Pottery think about the efforts of Jane Uhl to design such an object.

Jane and her assistant Robert Jefferies made these hand turned pieces.

Jane Uhl was the daughter of Charles Uhl. She had a brother Louis and a sister Helen.

When the pottery moved to Huntingburg, IN, in 1910, Jane's brother Louis was in charge of the new plant.

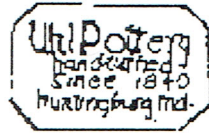
After studying art in Chicago, Jane Uhl returned to Huntingburg, IN, during 1925. She became a member of the board of directors in charge of the new art department.

Robert Jefferies was chose by Jane to become her personal assistant, hand turning several of the new designs produced by her. It was said that Jefferies answered to Jane Uhl only.

His goal was to get the pottery in the hands of collectors who would enjoy it.

The Blackstone Hotel in Chicago was one of the early private exhibition locations Jane chose to promote her designs.

In 1927 Jane Uhl exhibited at the John Herron Art Institute and Art Association of Indianapolis, IN. A \$30 first place prize was awarded to her for showing 14 hand turned pieces such as tankard sets, wine sets, bean pot, cookie jars, mugs, jugs, pitchers, bottles and a cup with saucer. Most of



these items sold for \$1 to \$3 each.

During 1929 Jane was elected to the "Jury of Selection" by ballot of the exhibitors at the Indianapolis Art Institute show.

The Indiana Industrial Exposition at the Indianapolis State Fair Grounds was utilized to display her hand turned pieces in 1930.

Some Uhl Society members might remember the 1988 convention when a Birmingham, Alabama antique dealer named Ed Richman sold over 200 pieces of Jane Uhl special designed pottery.

Though information is limited, it is thought that Jane Uhl was commissioned to produce wares for a wealthy Birmingham family with the last name of Swan.

This occurred during the 1920's and Jane traveled to England to visit

some castles to see examples of their pottery.

It is thought that the pottery was actually made in 1928.

Ed Richman sold the items he brought to the convention so fast that the buyers were unpacking the boxes for him. His goal was to get the pottery in the hands of collectors who would enjoy it and his prices reflected his wishes!

After getting married Jane Uhl left the pottery in 1931 and moved to Chicago. Later she retired to California where she died in 1965.

Her designs were ahead of their time and are a welcome addition to any Uhl Pottery Collector.

Club Officers:

President - Don Schwartz
Vice President - Joe Erbacher
Secretary/Treasurer - Beverly & Elma A. Leslie
Newsletter Publishers - Dave & Donna Swick

Board Members:

Dave & Tammy Lottes
Joann Smith
Herman & JoAnn Stock

Letter from the President

Greetings Fellow Uhlers:

On behalf of the board, our wishes are that the holidays for you and your families will be the very best. Your new board has met on two occasions since the '96 convention, and will be meeting again in January, 1997. I personally want to thank the board members, as we close out the old year, for all their voluntary time and efforts in maintaining this club a top-notch organization.

At our October meeting we selected the 1997 commemorative. A great piece to add to our collections. The efforts of board member JoAnn Smith are greatly appreciated.

Please return your membership dues, convention reservations, etc., as early as possible after the first of the year. I would remind you to make your room reservations as soon as possible also. Today is not too early. The convention dates again are June 20 and 21, 1997. If you will be staying at the Jasper Holiday Inn, the pool-side rooms will be available for those members who plan to set-up and sell Uhl pieces from your rooms. Please help us by not requesting the pool-side rooms when making your reservations, unless you will be selling Uhl.

You may also be interested in inquiring about accommodations at the Dutchman Inn at Huntingburg, a very nice and quiet place for your week-end stay, and also just five minutes from the convention site in Jasper.

May I again wish each of you a great 1997.

Don Schwartz - President

Convention Dates:
Friday - Saturday
June 20 & 21, 1997

Board Meeting

The Board of the Uhl Collectors Society met at the Jasper Holiday Inn on October 26, 1996.

Bonding was first addressed by the members and a decision was made to bond Beverly Leslie and Don Schwartz in the amount of \$25,000 each at the cost of \$250.00 total.

A discussion was held concerning the possibility of having educational sessions at the next convention.

Commemoratives for the next convention was discussed with the cost for the new commemorative to be \$32.50 and shipping will be \$7.50.

An audit report by Don Feldmeyer was read and made part of the minutes for file purposes.

Also the topic of commemorative molds being destroyed was discussed.

The next meeting will be held January 11, 1997, at the Dutchman Inn located in Huntingburg, Indiana, at Noon.

Audit

UHL COLLECTORS SOCIETY

August 28, 1996

First, I would wish to comment that all records were kept in a very professional, neat and orderly manner and excellent documentation was established and available for examination.

My audit was performed to obtain reasonable assurance that the income and disbursements are free of material misstatement. I found no material misrepresentations. All income that supports bank deposits was examined and check disbursements were reviewed and compared to the bank statements. The bank statements accurately present the financial condition of the **Uhl Collectors Society**. It is my opinion that as of August 1, 1996, the checking account balance of \$11,026.94 is not misstated and can be considered correct.

Signed by Don Feldmeyer
Auditor

Submitted by: Tom Uebelhor

**Officers
and
Board Members**

If you have a comment or suggestion concerning the Uhl Society, you can contact any or all of the officers and board members below.

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**Uhl Collector's Guide will
not be published**

Mr. Marion Lantaff announces that he is unable to complete work on the "Collector's Guide to Uhl Pottery" which was to be published by Collector Books.

He states that he was unable to get the commitment from major collectors, which he needed for this encyclopedia type book.

Mr. Lantaff is a Contract photographer/Author for Collector Books.

**Strictly
Classified**



Members can advertise free of charge.

Uhl for sale:

- ◆ Picket fence bowls; white, blue & brown
- ◆ Blue grape squat pitcher - Marked
- ◆ Tan plain barrel pitcher
- ◆ 7-Marked 16 plain barrel mugs
- ◆ Blue pitcher - Marked
- ◆ Brown pitcher - Marked
- ◆ Pink or mauve (?) 124 one gallon pitcher - Marked

If interested Contact:
Ruth Meyer, 4288 West 675 North,
Jasper, IN 47546 Ph. 812-695-5382

For Sale:

- ◆ 7 Gallon crock w/"Flour" on one side and the acorn on the other \$900.00
- ◆ Also in the same set the "Cake" crock \$350.00

Wanted:

- ◆ Advertisement whiskey jugs small to large, Uhl or not, from West Kentucky and Southern Indiana

If interested Phone: 502-827-2800

Pottery Pourri

Indianapolis, Indiana Mall Prices

This is a random sampling of items taken November 30, 1996.

Item	Price
2 qt. Squat Grape Pitcher - Brown-	\$85
#184 Small Pitcher - Natural -	\$37
Mini Acorn Jug - Brown - M	\$55 - \$75
Mini Shoulder jug - Green -	\$55
Mini Canteen Jug - blue - M	\$100
Mini Shoulder Jug - Brown -	\$35
#107 Pink Vase -	\$80
Acorn Jug - Brown -	\$77
Mini Football Jug - Brown -	\$75
Acid Pitcher - Medium size - Brown -	\$45
Mini Canteen Jug - Pink -	\$45
Lincoln Pitcher - Small Size - Blue - M	\$210
Dutch Shoe - Small size - Blue -	\$112
Mini Grecian Jug - Brown -	\$35
Mini Double Handle Jug - Green -	\$55
#115 Cut Flower Vase - Pink -	\$65
Bean Pot - 1 qt. - Brown - M	\$70
#529 Covered Casserole - Brown - M	\$65
#162 Grecian Jug - Pink -	\$65
#127 Flower Bowl - Pink - M	\$48
Barrel Pitcher - Brown -	\$45
M denotes "Marked"	

From us to U Collectors

Welcome to the holiday season and the chaos which can come along with it.

During the last board meeting there was discussion about conducting an informational program at the convention.

Our organization continues to grow and as time passes the opportunity to share "hands on" information from those who worked at the pottery diminishes.

Since much of the Uhl products are unmarked a good set of identification guidelines would help members make good collecting judgments.

With the help of Uhl Pottery employees and society members common ground on many aspects of the pottery lines for identification purposes could be established.

What is your opinion or idea? Drop us a line and let us know.

Happy Collecting!
Dave & Donna Swick

WELCOME

New Members



Darrell & Shirley Blankenship
2321 Trail Drive
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Lanesville, IN 47136

Duane & Sandra M. Gilger
Antiques & Collectibles
13019 Willow Drive
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Steve & Cheryl Rauscher
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Huntingburg, IN 47542

Mrs. Terry E. Clark
1112 10th Street
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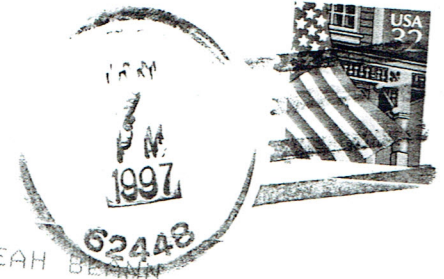
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