



# Uhl Collectors Society

January, February & March 2010



Dear Uhl Members,

We, as the board of the Uhl Collectors Society, want to apologize to all of you at this time. Les Bain, our President, has asked me to produce a newsletter. This may not be the best one since this will be the first one for me to collect information and send out. This is not one of my duties. We realize you pay your dues and we owe it to you. Wish me luck and I hope that you find this information helpful and enjoyable. The convention will be here soon and we want to see many of you enjoy it for another year. Remember to get your money in so we can turn over the proper reservations to the Jasper Inn in a timely manner. The deadline every year is March 31st. We have PLENTY of new things that will be available for you to see and purchase along with a few surprises to give each of you. As hectic as the convention can get for all of us it is a fun time for us to see the faces that we may only get to see once a year. The honest reason I joined was because of my parents, Norman and Sharon Patmore. I thought it was no big deal about being a member and thought it was another way to be with my parents. I volunteered to fill the spot of secretary/treasurer when the previous one had to step down since she was moving. I have been on the board for several years now and enjoy it very much. I have learned a lot about Uhl and have really enjoyed the history of it. I have included a few newspaper articles about the Uhl Pottery. I actually have a small collection started and add to it when I go to auctions. This is another place to meet up with our members. I hope all of you will think about joining the board as we will have a spot or two available at the convention to fill. Thank you for keeping our society alive. With each member we build the future of our society.

Thank you,

Amy Busler Secretary/Treasurer

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## The President's Recovery Plan

I as the Uhl President felt that I should come up with a Recovery Plan in this time of economic need.

Here is my plan:

1. Everyone in the entire country should go out and buy a piece of Uhl pottery to help stimulate the economy.
2. Tariffs should be placed on foreign pottery coming into the U.S. This helps potteries in this country. Let's reopen the factory.
3. Disinger's should get a tax credit for every new piece of Uhl that they produce.
4. Let's get a tax rebate for every new piece of Uhl you buy.
5. Let's send the U.S. President a piece of Uhl so that he can have it sitting on his desk. (Like Roosevelt.)
6. And last, don't take this serious. I'm just having fun.

President Les Bain

## "Uhl" Stamped 30 Gallon Crock Sells for Record Price

It was a briskly cool day and I was off to an auction in Ferdinand at Hilgeman's. The killer piece of the day was a 30 gallon Evansville Uhl crock marked with "Uhl".

I bought a soft drink from Shawntee Fehribach (one of our Uhl members) and proceeded to watch the auction. After a while, the item came up for bid. Several members started bidding. I was among them. It came down to Paula Bromm and Fritz Puckett bidding. Back and forth. Back and forth. The gavel finally came down with a bid of \$1500. Fritz was the proud owner. Even though I didn't get it, I thought it was great to see such a rare piece. A Dillsboro jug, also, sold for around \$600. The good pieces were holding their value.

Les Bain President

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## **A CROCK; WHAT IT SOLD FOR**

Recently, an odd colored Evansville 12 gallon recently sold for \$625 at a Sohn Auction. It was an unusual crock probably 1900-1908.

### **Uhl SIGNED CROCK SELLS**

The-Auction-Company sold a dark brown jug signed L. Uhl for over \$800 several months ago. The proud buyers: Don and Anna Mary Feldmeyer. Congratulations.

### **MORE EVANSVILLE UHL**

Very recently, an 8 gallon Evansville double handled jug sold for \$330 and a 10 gallon double handled sold for \$290. They both had the round Evansville stamp.

## **THE SEARCH IS ON**

Here are a few new places to find some Uhl Pottery.

### **TRADERBAKER'S MALL**

A new place to find Uhl has opened in Evansville. Traderbaker's store opened in the shopping center across from North High School. There are a mix of products sold throughout the store. It's kind of like a flea market. New and old items are sold here. Les Bain has found Uhl there and has been told that this store is a chain and has other stores in the community. The hours for the store in Evansville are 12-5 Sunday and 10-7 Monday through Saturday.

### **HAUBSTADT ANTIQUE MALL**

Several of our members are in this mall and the owner is joining too. Check this one out. It is located just off Highway 41 . The address is 1058 E. State Road 68, Haubstadt , IN 47639. Phone number is 812-768-6000. Open 12-5 Sunday and 10-5 Monday through Saturday.

### **FERDINAND ANTIQUE EMPORIUM**

Ferdinand Indiana has a new antique store. It is located at 1440 Main Street. The phone number is 812-367-1331. It has several pieces of Uhl for sale according to the manager Barbara. Hours for the store are Tuesday through Friday 10-6, Saturday 12-4, Sunday 12-4, and closed on Mondays.

**1849**  
**Uhl Pottery Co.**  
**First Pottery in United States Located Here**

Evansville has the honor of having the first potter plant constructed in the United States. Louis and August Uhl, who had been operating a potter in Lisberg, Germany, came to the United States in 1849. They came down the Ohio River and after stopping at Cincinnati for a while, continued on to Evansville. Here they decided to locate permanently and erected their plant at Ninth and Main street.

When the supply of good clay was exhausted in this immediate vicinity, the firm started to prospect for the desired product in the surrounding territory and found it in Huntingburg. With the advent of the Southern Railway the old plant was abandoned and a new one erected at what is now Illinois and Crown Avenue. In 1908, this plant was sold and the firm moved to Huntingburg. A salesroom and warehouse are still located in Evansville on US Highway 41.

The production of the company has been continually increased until, at the present time, the production is one carload daily.

Evansville Courier—February 9, 1941

**ANOTHER INDUSTRY FOR THIS CITY**  
**The Uhl Pottery Works, Capitalized at \$20,000 to locate in Huntingburg**

While there hasn't been much blow and bluster made about it, nevertheless it's true that Huntingburg has succeeded in landing another manufacturing establishment.

After several weeks' consideration, The Uhl Pottery Company of Evansville, has decided to move their plant to Huntingburg. The company, in which Charles, Edgar, and Louis Uhl are the leading members, is capitalized at \$20,000. The company manufactures pottery ware of all kinds—jugs, jars, flower pots, etc.—and employs from thirty to forty men. These gentlemen are well acquainted with the superior qualities of the clay in this locality, having used it for many years and were anxious to get right in the midst of it, thereby saving the cost of shipping the raw material to their plant. The only consideration demanded at the hands of our people was the donation of a site on which to erect their plant. The citizens soon made up an amount sufficient to purchase two and one-half acres near the Huntingburg Press Brick Works, and the work of erecting the buildings will begin at once.

The main building, which will be of brick, will be two stories in height and 60 feet wide by 161 feet long. There will be other buildings of frame. The machinery, which will require from fifteen to eighteen cars for its removal to this city, will be shipped as soon as temporary sheds can be constructed from housing the same until the main buildings have been completed.

This industry will mean much for our people. It will be but a starter in the matter of working up our clay into manufactured articles for the market and the prospects are that a sewer pipe factory and other clay working plants will soon follow.

Huntingburg Independent—June 26, 1909

## **Former Glazer at Uhl Sells Pieces**

A gentleman that worked as a glazer at UHL Pottery Company for years, Mr. Dilger, sold his collection recently. I purchased a V shaped piece in green that he said was a lunch hour piece. I also purchased a miniature urn with the initials of two individuals on it. This also was a lunch hour piece.

Les Bain President

## **UHL IS THE REITZ STUFF**

On Thursday, February 4 2010 at the Carriage House of the Reitz Home in Evansville Indiana, Les Bain (Uhl Society President) spoke to approximately 45 people about Uhl Pottery. He spoke on the history of the pottery and it's roots in Evansville and Huntingburg Indiana. People at the meeting showed great interest in Uhl and asked many questions. A great time was had by all that attended. Refreshments were served after the event. An actual A & L Uhl crock and an "Uhl Pottery Company" crock was displayed for all to see. In addition, there was a Hitler Pig, a Dillsboro jug, a Ransburg teapot, salt and pepper shaker, a square stamped Evansville jug, an upside down stamped 8 gallon Evansville jug, a commemorative bird house, a Huntingburg stamped churn and a hand turned stamped sugar bowl. I was trying to show an example of the different stamps and examples of Uhl.

Membership forms were available as well as samples of McCurdy's book and the new Anna Mary Feldmeyer/Kara Holtzman Uhl Pottery guide. It was really interesting when people brought some Uhl with them. Some people remembered the store on Fares Avenue that sold Uhl products. I hope that members will go out to events and tell people about Uhl. It's really a lot of fun and you meet some great people. Currently there are 21 pieces of Uhl on display at the Reitz home.

President Les Bain



# 2010 Membership Form

NEW \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP # \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse or Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

1. Dues for January 1-December 31 \$15.00
  2. Commemorative MAILED \$45.00
  3. Friday Banquet \$9.00 per plate for Member & Spouse(1-2) \_\_\_\_\_
  4. Friday Banquet \$17.00 per plate for Guest (one per member) \_\_\_\_\_
  5. Tables for Saturday Sale NO CHARGE Total Needed \_\_\_\_\_
- Membership, Commemorative and Meals TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE IS MARCH 31, 2010-----NO EXCEPTIONS**  
 Please take note that only one guest per membership except for children under 15 years of age. Each guest meal is \$17.00

CONVENTION RESERVATIONS  
 June 25 & 26  
 Jasper Inn in Jasper Indiana  
 1-812-482-5555

This number is for room reservations only!

Please send completed form with check or money order to:  
 Uhl Collectors Society  
 C/O Sam and Amy Busler  
 398 S Star Dr  
 Santa Claus, IN 47579

The business meeting June 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 is open to members only. If any questions call 1-812-544-2987.

**Please note: ALL commemoratives will be mailed again this year!**



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ANNUAL CONVENTION  
 JUNE 25-26, 2010

PECAN ROOM HALL

EARLY REGISTRATION FOR AUCTION ITEMS  
 THURSDAY JUNE 24, 2010 6:30 - 8:00PM

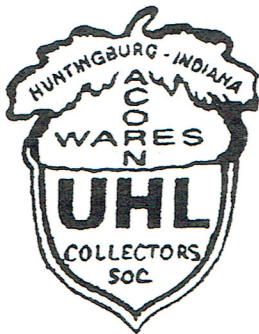
FRIDAY JUNE 25, 2010

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| CONVENTION REGISTRATION | 2:00-5:00 PM BANQUET HALL    |
| AUCTION REGISTRATION    | 3:00-5:00 PM PECAN HALL      |
| BANQUET ROOM OPENS      | 5:30 PM MAIN BANQUET ROOM    |
| BUFFET DINNER           | 6:30PM                       |
| AUCTION - CHIP KUGLER   | IMMEDIATELY AFTER DINNER     |
| ROOM TO ROOM, UHLING    | UNTIL VENDORS LOCK THE DOORS |

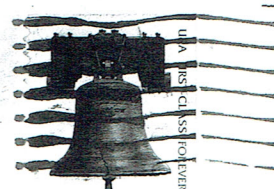
SATURDAY JUNE 26, 2010

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| VENDORS SET-UP   | 7:00 AM BANQUET HALL        |
| CONVENTION       | 7:30 AM BANQUET HALL        |
| UHL SALE         | 7:30 - 9:00 AM BANQUET HALL |
| BUSINESS MEETING | 9:30 AM BANQUET HALL        |

PLEASE COME AND ENJOY!!



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