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**In this issue, Mark Coleman Interviews Society Founder Sue Maynard! She gives us her history of How & Why She started the Society way back in 1985.**

**By: Press Secretary  
Mark Coleman!**

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## *Interview with Sue Maynard*

*By; Mark Coleman*

### **How did you start collecting UHL?**

My first Collection was started on December 10, 1983 in an Antique shop in Nappanee, IN. That is where I found a 1 Gallon shoulder jug with our last name on it. That jug became a Birthday present for my husband. It also started my very first UHL collection.

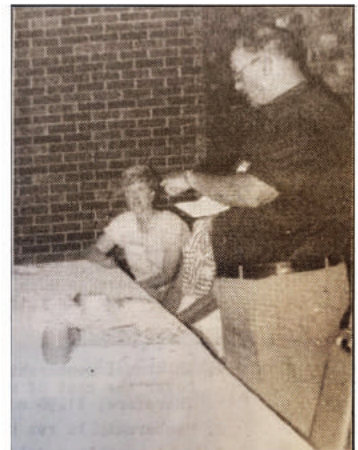


### **Do you remember how the idea for the Collector's Society originated?**

I had done some research, including a visit to the library in Huntingburg. We learned about the Pottery there, but we also learned that there were other collectors doing research at the library. Finally in June of 1985 I placed an ad in the Tri-State Trader, looking for others interested in an UHL Pottery Club. There were several responses and specifically, Jim Cummings. Jim and I were great collaborators. I started publishing a newsletter for \$1.50 per year. That basically covered my expenses.

### **How many were at the first convention? Where was it held and what are your Special Memories?**

Jim Suggested we get together and share experiences and knowledge, and so we did. The first gathering was at the Dutchman Best Western Inn, in Huntingburg Indiana. We had a Breakfast meeting with Bill Disinger as speaker. Bill was a Great Grandson of Louis Uhl and lived in the Uhl home in Huntingburg. The meeting was followed by a show and sale. There were 11 households in the club at that time. Those 11 were: John & Sue Uhl, Brenda & Greg Shine, Lucille & Jim Cummings, RT & Pete Moll, Wanda & Felix York, Donna Lindeman, Roberta & Roger Shelton, Leah & Dale Blann,



*President Jim Cummings, presiding.*

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Jane & Roger Etter, Pat & Charles Birkmeier & Linda & Don Summers. There were 17 additional guests at the Gathering and 6 of them joined the club That made a total of 17 Charter Members.

### **What is your Relationship to the Company family?**

We have no direct relationship too them that we are aware of.

### **I'm sure there are great memories of Gatherings.**

#### **Can you share a few?**

A highlight of the 1986 Gathering was the display of a 1938 Huntingburg Basketball pottery Trophy. It was one of only a few made. The owner had it under a glass dome and guarded it intently. A second memory highlight was a guided tour, by Bill Disinger, of the Uhl Home which included the fireplace of broken pottery pieces. In 1987 the first formal commemorative was made. It was the Blue Miniature Mug. This 1st commemorative also started the tradition of breaking the Mold for the commemorative. The Club also got a great article in Antique Week that year. It was written by new member Don Johnson who was an associate editor of Antique Week.

### **What were some of the early milestones for the club?**

Certainly, the Antique Week article in 1987 was huge.

In 1988 the Club officially became a not-for-profit organization in Indiana.



*Gene Hackman -- Auctioneer  
and Don Summers giving a hand.*

In 1988 the Club had its 1st members only auction with Gene Hackman (Not the actor) serving as Auctioneer. This Gathering was at the Days Inn in Jasper, IN. Jim Cummings retired as President in 1989 & Roger Shelton took over as President. I also left the job as newsletter editor but continued as Secretary -Treasurer.

In 1990 Earl McCurdy's UHL Guide Book was published. It was very sought after by

UHL Collectors. Also in 1990, the Evansville Museum of Arts & Science had a special UHL display. This display was a great membership promoter.



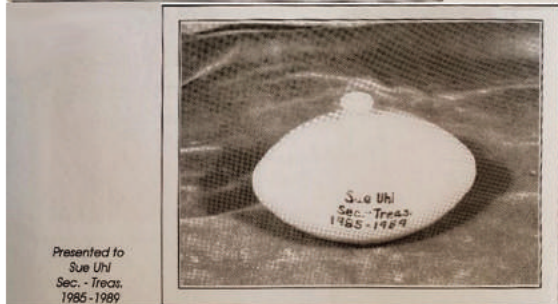
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**Was there a time you were not at the Gathering in the early years?**  
1990 was the first year I had to miss a Gathering as I was living in Arizona at the time.



1989 Off-white Football Jug.



Presented to Sue Uhl Sec. - Treas. 1985-1989

**What was your favorite Commemorative?**

A Couple of my favorites are the personalized 1989 Football Commemorative noting my service to the Club and the UHL Logo needlework made and framed for me by Edith Uhl in 1988.

**How many pieces do you or have you owned?**

I have collected and sold two entire collections. I am now working on my third.

**Do you have any advice for new collectors?**

If you are an UHL Collectors Society member now, maybe you should start thinking about getting

involved more, from offering to be a registrar at the Gathering to serving as an officer. If you are not an UHL Collectors Society member yet, you would be most welcome to join by contacting any member or officer for details. You may join with our mail in membership form or on-line at the new Membership Store.

**Any final thoughts to inspire our Readers?**

I think everyone has their favorite piece they've collected or inherited that aren't necessarily the most rare or valuable. They become favorites because of the memories associated with them.

**Thank You So Much Sue!**

**You began the Venue to give us fellowship & Memories that will last a Lifetime!**

**Sue actually is an Author. You may contact her to purchase one of the few copies of her book she has left at: [elmhurst1969sue@gmail.com](mailto:elmhurst1969sue@gmail.com)**

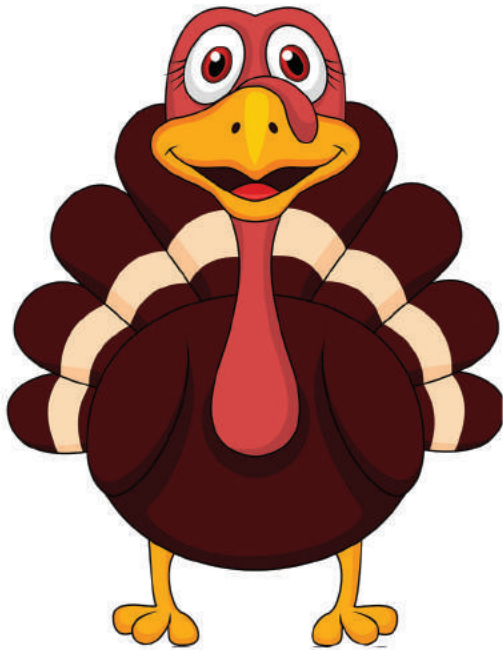
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*Yes It's Early but.... Happy Holidays!*

**As this is the last Newsletter before the  
beginning of the Holiday Season,  
Your Officers want to wish you  
A Happy & Safe  
Thanksgiving,  
Christmas,  
&  
New Year!**





## From Your President

Greetings all,

I would like to say many, MANY, thanks to Sue Maynard for taking the time to work with Mark Coleman and put the interview article together for us all to enjoy! We learn more about our passion every day.

Your officers are working on several more surprises for next years Gathering. There will be more than one great display this next year and we're going to get you all involved. I'm not going into details, but you will be able to learn and see alot more than you have in the past. I want you all to think of what the favorite item is in your personal collection. That's all on that for now, but you will learn all about it in the next Newsletter.

At the business meeting Saturday morning after the dinner and auction, it was voted on that we will attach the financial reports to the 2nd quarter newsletter instead of the 1st. It will now be mailed and available to year prior paid members, the **beginning of January**, with all of your renewal / gathering paperwork. We will continue to email it and put it up on the web site with a link for paid members as soon as it goes to the printer for earlier viewing. I have re-written part of the on-line membership store to make it easier to set up and pay everything on-line. I removed the pick one up / mail one option. you now either pick up or have mailed your commemoratives.

Speaking of Commemoratives, You are going to lose your mind on what we have in the works. As always, we aren't saying what it is, but you're going to LOVE it in 2021.

I want to personally thank all those who sent letters & cards, phoned & emailed me with their appreciation of how the Gathering came together in 2020. It was a tough job for all your officers, but we made it happen and we learned and grew stronger from it! We're here for you! We listen and do our best to work your thoughts, requests & suggestions into the club! Keep letting us know what you're Thinking! As always, I will have more later!

Regards, Russ Uhls

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