



The Doorknob Collector

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Des Moines Was Great

President Dorothy Ann Miller Reports

The seventh annual convention of THE ANTIQUE DOORKNOB COLLECTORS OF AMERICA was great and we had a wonderful time.

Some of our new members attended for the first time. They included: Win Applegate, Jeff Beutner, Frances and Lawrence Bolen, Gene and Miriam DeLange, Gerald Dick, and Don and Dixie Friedman. We look forward to having these enthusiastic new members back again next year.

Des Moines is a great place for a convention, and the Sheraton was an excellent choice for our meeting.

Janet and Al Still were able and gracious hosts. Our thanks go to them for all of the planning and hard work that they put into this project.

On Thursday, those of us who arrived early, enjoyed a tour of the Salisbury House, Terrace Hill (The Governor's Mansion), and the beautiful Iowa State Capitol Building.

Friday morning we set up our displays. Several of our member dealers were there with an assortment of the "goodies" for sale. Buying, selling and trading proceeded at a brisk pace throughout the day.

Friday night's banquet was followed by the President's

message by Maude Eastwood. After Maudie's message the Archivist, Dorothy Ann Miller, presented a short talk, which included an explanation of what is involved in getting the old hardware catalogs copied, and a clarification of the different order categories of copied catalogs.

Saturday morning was devoted to more buying, selling, trading, voting on the display contest, and general good fellowship.

On Saturday afternoon, we opened our display room to the public and the turn out was very good. During the time of public viewing, on Saturday afternoon, Jan took those members who wished to go, on a visit to the many antique shops located in West Des Moines.

I can't seem to find the right word to describe the food at the Saturday evening banquet, because it far surpassed being just delicious. A big "Thanks" go to Bill and Helen Byington for taking over the display contest. The four categories and their winners were: One knob - Dorothy Ann Miller, Two to three knobs - Win Applegate, Four to six knobs - Arnie Fredrick, Best of Show - Ed and Flicka Thrall. Congratulations to the winners!
Miller/P2



Iowa gave Doorknob Collectors a big welcome.

New Look

THE DOORKNOB COLLECTOR has made some changes. We have a new look with this issue. The nameplate has been repositioned and the club's official logo has been added. In addition, we have gone to a three column format.

The logo was designed by Emmet Wiemer, a charter member. His efforts were in response to ADCA's appeal for members to submit drawings. Mr. Wiemer's sketch was selected as the winner.

Miller (from P1)

Len Blumin was honored with a lifetime membership and is our first "Gold Card Member." This was in recognition of his tireless work and generous contributions to the club.

President Maude Eastwood presented Arnie Frederick with a jacket to be signed by all of the members, as a way of saying "Thank You, Arnie, for all that you have done for our Club. If you had not organized that first convention in Waverly, we probably would not exist as a club today."

We were fortunate to again have Col. L.W.Andressen for our annual auction. There were some fabulous pieces of hardware to be vied for, and the bidding was spirited.

Our regular annual meeting was held Sunday morning, at which time the President announced the appointment of John Holland as Chairman of the new Education Committee. We know that John has a lot of good ideas that he is anxious to implement.

The newly elected officers for the 1987-1988 year are: President - Dorothy Ann



Dorothy Ann Miller, President

Miller, Vice President - Len Blumin, Secretary/Treasurer - Ray Nemec, Secretary of the Board - Debbie Fellenz, Archivist - Alice Chadonich. Board members at large are: Maude Eastwood, Bill Byington, Win Applegate, Steve Menchhofer and Al Still.

We enjoyed our farewell luncheon at the lovely new home of Al and Janet Still. Loretta presented Janet and Al with the prized "Cherub" knob and a special doorknob apron as tokens of our appreciation for all of their work.

On behalf of the entire Club, I want to say: "Thank you Maudie, for stepping in as our Interim President, at the time of the passing of our President, Jim Kaiser."

Permit me to extend my personal thank you to the entire ADCA membership for their demonstration of confidence in me, when they approved my election as President of **THE ANTIQUE DOORKNOB COLLECTORS OF AMERICA**. I consider this to be an honor.

ELECTION HELD

Election for members the Board of Directors was held at the organization's annual meeting on Sunday, September 27, 1987. Those elected or re-elected were: Win Applegate, Len Blumin, Bill Byington, Steve Menchhofer, Dorothy Ann Miller, Ray Nemec and Al Still. Maud Eastwood is a permanent board member. The board elected Miller President, Blumin Vice President and Nemec Secretary/Treasurer. Debbie Fellenz was named Board Secretary and Alice Chadonich Archivist.

Dorothy Ann Miller becomes ADCA's sixth President. John Holland was elected President in 1981, Arnie Fredrick in 1982, Len Blumin in 1983 and 1984, Holland in 1985 and Jim Kaiser in 1986. Maud Eastwood succeeded Kaiser after his death in February 1987.

Arnie Fredrick was elected Vice President in 1981. Len Blumin was elected to that position in 1982, Loretta Nemec in 1983 and 1984, Al Still in 1985 and Maud Eastwood in 1986. When Eastwood became President in February 1987, Charles Bednar was elected by the board to serve out the balance of the term.

Frank Peters was the first person to become a lifetime member of ADCA, taking advantage of the club's offer in 1982.

1988 CONVENTION IN INDIANAPOLIS

Indianapolis, Indiana, has been selected as the site for the 1988 **Antique Doorknob Collectors of America** annual convention. Joe and Julie Mann and Steve and Barbara Menchhofer will host the convention.

The convention has been tentatively set for September. The exact dates and more information will be given in the next issue of **THE DOORKNOB COLLECTOR**.

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1987 Convention in Action



Dolores & Debbie Fellenz



Florence Jarvis
Miriam & Gene DeLange



Lawrence & Frances
Bolen



Don & Dixie Friedman



Helen & Bill Byington



Loretta & Ray Nemeč



Greg Filardo



Jeff Beutner & Charles Wardell



David Olafsen



Barbara & Steve Menchofer



Alva & Charles Bednar



Gerald & E.P. Dick



Flicka & Ed Thrall



Donna & Florence Chelin



Patti & Len Blumin



Walter & Mildred Bright



Janet & Al Still



Blanca & Carlos Ruiz



Chlorene & John Holland



Ethladel & Fred Magnus



Ardythe & Gerald Leaders



Edith & Dean Campbell



Helene & Stephan Lys



Lee Kaiser & Mark Davidovich



Joe & Martha Mueller



Dorothy Ann Miller & Alice Chadonich



Win Applegate



Arnie Fredrick



Gene Moen



Maude Eastwood

THE DOORKNOB COLLECTOR'S roving camera was not around when members Jack and Ann Cooney of Villisca, Iowa, and Dick and Dottie Daugherty of Sparks, Nevada stopped by at the convention for brief visits on Friday. Next year we hope to get your pictures for our convention issue....Many collectors stop at various Antique Shops on their way to the convention. Dean and Edith Campbell, from Newberg, Oregon, came up with the best find. A pair of Hummingbird knobs were found, for less than \$3.00 in an antique Mall in St. Joseph, Missouri....The annual auction held on Saturday night brought a record \$3,144.50 gross. The club netted \$477.80. Knobs generally were going at about the same prices as last year but some quality knobs and more lots helped bring in the dollars....Ray Nemeč's "blue light special" (unbeknowned to Loretta) at the close of the trading session brought a flurry of activity at the Nemeč table....Congradulations to Joe and Julie Mann on the birth of their daughter Megan Nicole born August 22, 1987, 6 lbs 2 oz. and 19½" tall. Proud Grandparents are Steve and Barbara Menchhofer....Members are asked to send information to Loretta Nemeč whenever they exhibit knobs, give talks, or have programs, etc. A file will be maintained of these events. As a non-profit organization we must maintain records of the many services our members render....For those who attended the buffet at Al and Janet Still's home on Sunday afternoon, it was the perfect ending to a perfect convention.

CASH STASH



AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

Highlight of this year's convention--The Saturday night auction--was marked by generally spirited bidding that saw one cobalt blue glass knob fetch the surprising figure of \$80.00. Among the "set minimum bid" items auctioned, lively interest centered on an offering of verified Louis Sullivan designed hardware from the former 1893 St. Nicholas Hotel, in St. Louis. The Sullivanesque style was unmistakable in the design and the knob bore the identifying "S^TN."

VICTORIAN DECORATIVE ART

By Len Blumin

\$10.00 (plus \$1.00 postage)

ADCA, P. O. Box 126
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The popular feature **ORNAMENTAL DESIGN IN ANTIQUE DOORKNOBS** by Len Blumin will be resumed in our next issue.



NEW ARCHIVIST

Alice Chadonich has been appointed Archivist of **THE ANTIQUE DOORKNOB COLLECTORS OF AMERICA**. She succeeds Dorothy Ann Miller, who was elected president of the organization.

All correspondence should be sent to:

Alice Chadonich, Archivist
Emil Miller Memorial Library
4701 Harrison Street
Omaha, NE 68157

Last Call

At the annual meeting held September 27, 1987, **ADCA** voted to discontinue the lifetime membership offer which has been in effect since the organization's inception in 1981. As of January 1, 1988, the club will no longer accept lifetime membership dues. Members who had been considering taking advantage of this generous offer can still do so by sending their checks in the amount of \$150.00 to the **ADCA**, P.O. Box 126, Eola, IL. 60519-0126 before January 1, 1988.



Are the Nemečs Giving the Doorknobs Away?

FROM THE ARCHIVES
BY Alice Chadonich



It was indeed gratifying that so many of our members showed an interest in the copied catalogs which were brought to the convention. For those of you who picked up order blanks and have already sent them in, your orders will be processed shortly. An order blank will be printed in an upcoming issue of **THE DOORKNOB COLLECTOR** for anyone else interested in sending for catalog copies.

The "EMIL MILLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY" has now grown to 16 volumes with our latest donation of Penn Hardware Catalog C. 1907 from Frank Peters of Aromas, Calif. We are very appreciative for this most recent addition to the Library.

Chales Bednar has loaned us his Buhl & Sons, 1884 catalog for copying and we appreciate his kind offer to the Club.

Should anyone have catalogs they would allow to be copied, please send us a listing of the manufacturers and dates. We are grateful for any assistance our members can give toward helping to expand the Archives and Library.

Yes, They Have Legs



Obituary

Members of ADCA were saddened to learn of Evelyn Nichols death earlier this year. Mrs. Nichols, 65, died in Flint, Mich., February 23, 1987.

Mrs. Nichols and her husband, Norman, long time club members had attended the 1983, 1984 and 1985 annual convention.

CLASSIFIED AD SECTION

Members are reminded that your dues entitles you to advertise items for sale, trade or wanted at no charge.

FOR SALE. Supplement Number One to Antique Builders Hardware by Maud Eastwood for \$4.75 plus \$1.00 shipping and handling. ADCA, P.O. Box 126, Eola, IL. 60519-0126.

WANTED. Issues numbered 3, 4 and 7 of **THE DOORKNOB COLLECTOR**. Jeff Beutner, 2704 N. Shepard Ave., Milwaukee, WI. 53211.

WANTED. Old hardware catalogs. Loretta Nemec, 1424 Heatherton Dr., Naperville, IL. 60540

WANTED. Two doorknobs with the letter "K" on them. Lee Kaiser, 6040 Morgan Ave. So. Minneapolis, MN. 55419. Phone 612-861-6215.

WANTED. ARIZONA HIGHWAYS magazine, any single issued prior to 1940. Walter E. Bright, 11 E. Papago Dr., Tempe, AZ. 85281. Phone 602-946-4709.



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DISPLAY WINNERS: Flicka and Ed Thrall, Dorothy Ann Miller, Win Applegate and Arnie Fredrick. See Page One.