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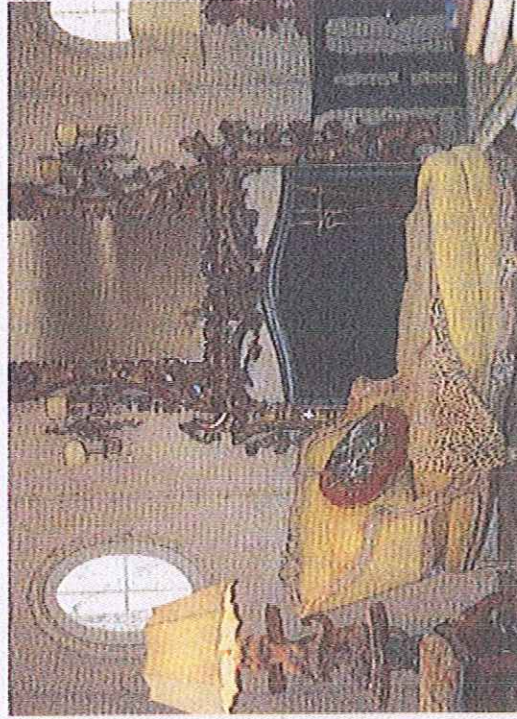
HISTORIC HAVEN

Retreat for 1930s actors to be restored to vintage glory

BY SHARON KORBECK
ANTIQUÉ TRADER EDITOR

Seeking to revisit the glory and elegance of the 1920s and 1930s, the curators of the historic Ten Chimneys estate in Wisconsin hope to raise an additional \$1.7 million to complete renovations.

Ten Chimneys, located in pastoral Genesee Depot, is the 60-acre estate that was the longtime home of theater stars Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne. The late couple, married for more than 40 years, found solace from the footlights of New York at this wooded Midwest retreat.



An elegant chaise and ornate fireplace create a warm feeling in one of the estate's main sitting rooms. At left, Alfred Lunt's boot, now transformed as a planter, whimsically sits outside the garage.

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Star gazing

The latest Star Wars episode is on the horizon, and collectors are clamoring for original toys. This Mint-in-Package Jawa action figure with vinyl cape can command up to \$3,500.

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Show Highlights

Rainbow connection

Iowa plays host to Czechoslovakian show and convention

BY LINDA KUNKEL
FOR ANTIQUE TRADER

Collectors came from around the country to "ezech" out the Czechoslovakian Show and Convention held April 18-21 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The theme of the convention was Celebrating the Czechoslovakian Decorative Arts. Collectors not only celebrated the arts, but heritage as well.

At the show, attendees and buyers were confronted with a sea of color — mostly reds, oranges and yellows, the traditional colors of Czech glass.

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"We're just starting to get first documentation for pottery out of some of the factories," she said.

Mary Gawle of Cincinnati, Ohio, had a colorful Garland & Stripes set of hand painted Czech pieces at \$325.

Ron Lemelin of Livonia, Mich., showcased a 1920s Kralick marquetry piece and a 1900s Rindskopf vase.

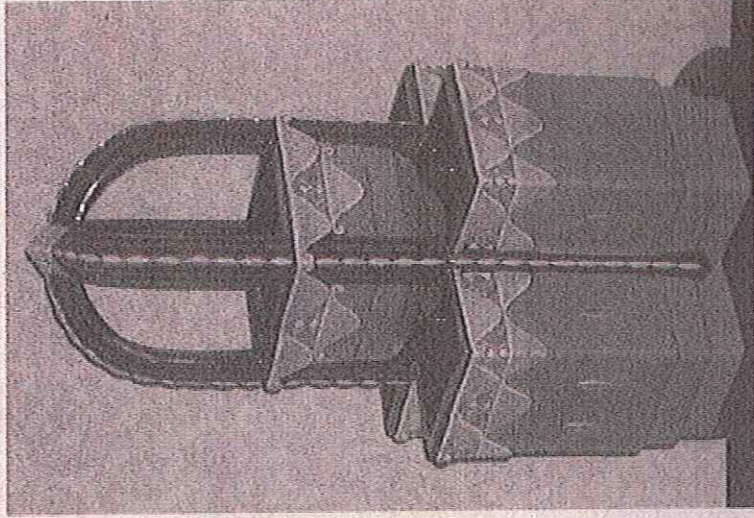
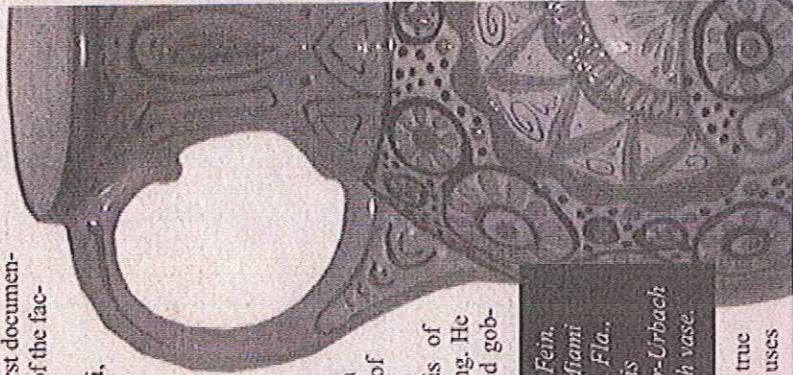
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Czechoslovakia is now called the Czech Republic, so newer glass will bear this mark.

Club members brought their finest pieces to the show.

Cheryl Goyda and Gillian Hine of Pennsylvania brought an extensive grouping of dinnerware, vases and popular animal figures. Goyda gave a seminar on Dittmar-Urbach pottery and shared a catalog with the club. (These are very hard to get).

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Cy and Karen Beeman of Media, Pa., brought a unique Amphora tankard with a Peter and the Wolf design. The piece, made in Austria, was tagged at \$595.

Vinny Giarrusso of Liverpool, N.Y., had many pieces from the Loetz factory. Loetz is often regarded as the *creme de la creme* of the art glass.

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David Fen, from Miami Beach, Fla., had this Dittmar-Urbach 12-inch vase.

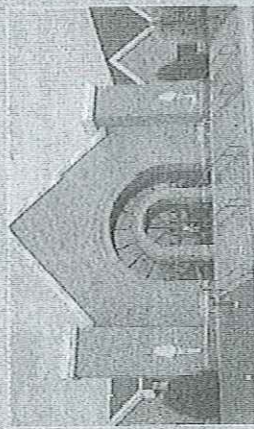
This 13-inch flower basket was listed at \$750 by John and Nancy Smith of Boyds, Md.

Czech it out

From May 16-Oct. 21, The Corning Museum of Glass will sponsor an exhibit titled *Glass Behind the Iron Curtain: Czech Design, 1948-1978*.

For more information, call (800) 732-6845 or check the Web at www.cmog.org.

Outside view of The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library.



Where is my home?

Just inside the door of the permanent display at The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library is a beautiful painting appropriately titled *Where is My Home*. This is also the title of the national anthem of the Czech people.

Items from Czech cultural heritage have found

a home in the progressive city of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The museum and library, dedicated in 1995 by President Bill Clinton, Czech Republic President

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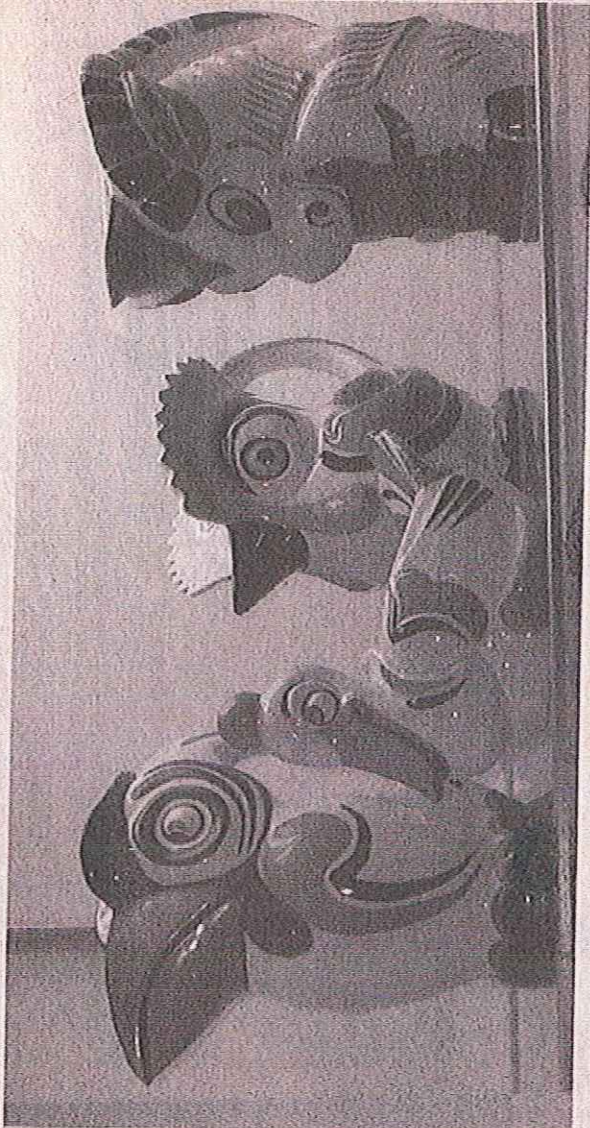
The newer perfume bottles of Rocky and Marilyn Rockholt came from the Czech Republic. They tagged a four-inch aqua ramsey at \$2,750 and a 7-1/2-inch ramsey by Hoffman for \$2,450.

An auction, seminars and cultural events at the national museum were scheduled concomitantly with the convention.

Throughout the show, club members and featured guests presented seminars on Dittmar-Urbach Research; Fakes, Forgeries and the Czech Connection; Collecting Czech Decorative Arts; and an Introduction to Czech Glass.

Cedar Rapids is also home of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library.

The 2003 convention will be April 11-13 in Columbus, Ohio. For more information write Cheryl Goyda, P.O. Box 137, Hopeland, PA 17533, call (717) 738-2678 or e-mail mzzech@aol.com.



Cheryl Goyda of Hopeland, Pa. and Gillian Fine of Easton, Pa. brought these popular animal figures.

Read all about it

Here are some books to help collectors learn more about Czech items.

- *Collectible Bohemian Glass from 1880-1940* by Robert Truitt (B & D Glass, 1995)
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- *Bohemian Decorated Porcelain* by Dr. James Henderson (Schiffer Publishing, 1999)
- *Czechoslovakian Pottery* by Sharon Bowers, Sue Closser and Kathy Ellis (The Glass Press, Inc., 1999)
- *A Guide to Czech & Slovak Glass* by Diane E. Foulds (European Community Imports, 1995)



Charles and Barbara Plummer of Wheaton, Md., featured this fun set of nine fish serving pieces. Each piece was listed at \$35.