



CZECH COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

June 2004

President's Message



CCA is alive and well! The last six months have been personally challenging for me. I do see the light at the end of the tunnel though, and I thank all of you for your concern. I am anxious to see everyone in Fort Worth. My love of Czech, Convention and the CCA family has never wavered.

Our goal was reached, with the March invoicing, to convert all membership due dates to March 1st. Thank you for bearing with us as we worked through this process. Thanks to Linda Racey and Sherry Stevenson, the conversion came off without a hitch. The Board of Directors will now have a better sense of the financial position of CCA for the coming year.

We continue to welcome new members. This is exciting for the future of CCA. I would urge all new members to attend Convention. It is, in my mind, the quintessential experience for Czech collectors. Convention is the only place where you will not only see so much great Czech but also be able to share your ideas, knowledge and enthusiasm with others of like mind. Get involved and volunteer some time either at Convention or during the year. For CCA to remain fresh and viable, the participation of the members is essential.

See you in Fort Worth.

Cheryl Goyda

Welcome New Members

Marie Blanche
Verdigre, NE.

Paul & Rene Cronquist
Brooklyn Park, MN

Robert Galloway
West Carrollton, OH

David Blake
Cleveland, OK.

Czechoslovak Heritage Museum
Oak Brook, IL.

Southern California Report

January & February 2004 we attended 3 antique shows, 2 markets, and visited numerous antique malls between San Diego and Santa Barbara, CA. Dealers from many states, and Europe, (including a dealer with several Amphora items) were present at Del Mar & Pasadena. The Del Mar Antique Show (a Calendar production) scheduled January 9-11 and the Long Beach Antiques & Collectible Market, held monthly on the 3rd Sunday. Both proved to be superb sources on those days to find Austrian, Bohemian, and/or Czech (ABC) decorative items. At both sites dealers included ceramic ABC items within displays at reasonable prices. (Note: ABC glass items were limited).

This was our initial visit to the Long Beach Show, but we've heard favorable comments and it is one we want to revisit!! This event features 800+ dealers. We found excellent selections, and the friendly dealers are willing to deal! We were amazed to find a dealer from England selling Czech decorative ceramics, 100+ patterns! (We did give him a CCA membership application). Both events are held in convenient locations (close to freeways) and ample parking is provided.

At the LA Pottery Show February 7 & 8 we found two interesting ABC items: One had the Bloch & Co. mark (Kovel's New Dictionary of Marks p. 139 "N"), and a Vienna Art Ceramic mark (Kovel p. 155 "B"). Generally, prices were higher than at the Del Mar Show. The LA Pottery Show is held in the Pasadena Convention Center.

The Santa Monica Bustamonte Antique Show (January 24-25) and the Rose Bowl antique flea market were disappointments because we didn't see (didn't find) any interesting pieces. The Rose Bowl flea market is held the 2nd Sunday of each month. (Our Southern CA contacts have told us this market has changed).

Antique malls vary from above average to "not worth the effort." CCA members Lauren & Bill Baldwin continue to maintain an excellent display of ABC merchandise, mostly glass, at DeWitt's in Carlsbad, CA; only minutes north of Del Mar. Overall, unusual ABC items in malls are not to be found.

Jean Humlicek

Exceptional Art Glass & Porcelain Auction

Jackson's of Cedar Falls, IA, held an *Exceptional Art Glass & Porcelain Auction* on October 25-26, 2003. Sunday the 26th featured the Bob and Deborah Truitt collection of fine Bohemian glass.

What an opportunity this was for beginning as well as advanced collectors to purchase Bohemian glass with provenance. The pieces for sale were used to illustrate their books, *Collectible Bohemian Glass, Volumes I & II*. Bob & Deborah attended the auction and graciously autographed books and visited with those in attendance - which makes owning a piece of glass from this particular collection even more special!

The auction was well attended and phone bidding was active. At one point the auctioneer said we were bidding against phone bidders from all over, including the Czech Republic. We saw the following CCA members in the bidding audience: Bob Stinson and Jerry Buchanan from TN, Willie Luse from IA, Carole Grantt from VA, and of course the Truitts from IN. We may have missed some members, and no doubt other CCA members took part in the absentee and phone bidding.

The mix of high quality glass was breathtaking. Selling prices ranged from \$60 to \$3400 plus a 15% buyer's premium. Many of the pieces went well above the auction estimate. We are probably thought of as Amphora collectors, but we felt like a couple of kids in a candy store. The bidding frenzy added to the thrill of actually being able to make a purchase.

Bob and Deborah Truitt shared some of their thoughts with us about the auction. First of all, they "were pleased to see such extensive interest in the full range of Bohemian glass." They think "this is a good sign for Bohemian glass in the near future." They noted, with interest, that "not just the Loetz pieces brought high prices; 19 of their pieces sold for over \$1000 - 12 made by Loetz, 3 by Kralik, 2 designed by the Glass Schools, and one each was made by Harrach and Reidel." They think "collectors realize that other firms made wonderful glass and that glass is starting to be recognized with higher prices than in the past - without being attributed to Loetz." Bob and Deb also believe "because of the large number of knowledgeable buyers and the positive identification of the glass, the auction catalog, with prices realized, should serve as a good price guide for the next several years."

As the new care-takers of these pieces, the Truitts hope we will keep them and pass them on to future generations of collectors who will also appreciate them.

Phil & Arlene Larke

2004 Show and Convention Notes

CCA is off to Fort Worth, Texas for the 2004 Convention. The official Convention dates are June 18th-20th, but plan to arrive several days early and stay afterwards to experience the flavor of Fort Worth. The Convention committee is working on a schedule of events for those who plan to come early.

Fort Worth is home to many fine Museums. The National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame celebrates not only cowgirls, but also writers, artists and women from other walks of life that have exhibited "spirit, courage and leadership". The Modern Art Museum " maintains one of the foremost collections of postwar art in the central United States", the Kimbell Art Museum's collections encompass" objects in period form antiquity to the 20th century", and the Amon Carter Museum" houses the finest examples of American Art".

Other attractions include the Water Gardens, the Fort Worth Zoo, the Botanical Gardens, and of course the Stockyards where you can witness a longhorn cattle drive. Information about these attractions and directions will be available to members upon check in.

If you are in town Wednesday evening you will be able to view two Czech collections of CCA members. Henry & Corlyn Adams and Patrick & Gayle Gordon have graciously agreed to open their homes to CCA members. Both collections are focused on glass. Henry & Corlyn have an impressive collection of baskets along with their other items. Patrick & Gayle have many exquisite items, but a special treat is their focus on blue & green Czech glass. Their homes are only a few miles apart so please take advantage of their generosity. Any opportunity to view a Czech collection is a treat.

Dinner Friday night should be an adventure. For \$20.00 per person a Texas style dinner is on tap at Los Vaqueros. Please register for this ahead of time on the registration form. This will allow us to give the Los Vaqueros an accurate count ahead of time. Of course, if you should decide at the last minute to attend, that is O.K. too. This is an action packed Convention!

The regular events will be on the schedule as well. The dealer show and sale will be outstanding as usual. The auction will feature Burt Smith's collection. The Awards Banquet is always a special night and the business breakfast meeting on Sunday is important as well, so don't book a flight out until Sunday late afternoon. Enjoy everything Convention has to offer and then stick around and experience Fort Worth.

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Midwest Auctions

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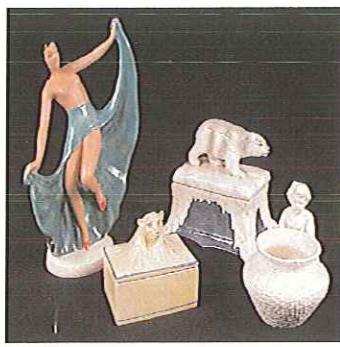
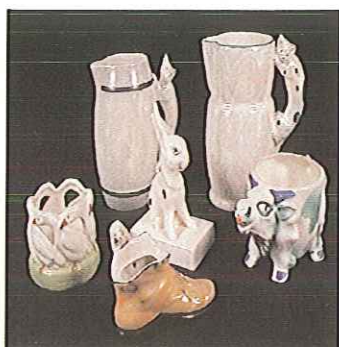
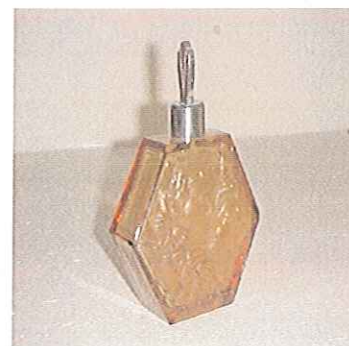
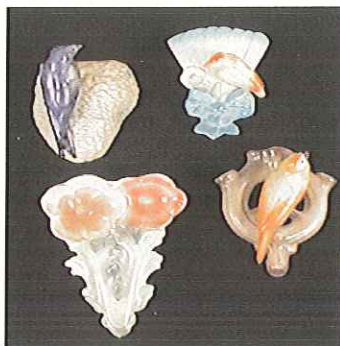
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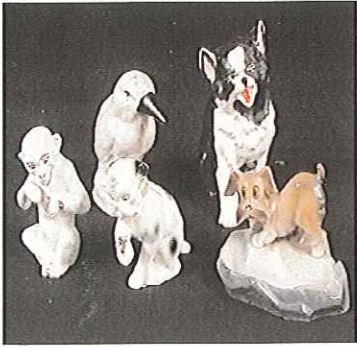
Auction Action 2004

The core of this year's auction will be comprised of selections from Burt Smith's collection. Burt's wife Rochelle, felt that Burt would be pleased if his prized pieces were offered at the CCA convention. Burt was a pioneer collector of Czech pottery. The focus of his collection was pieces bearing the dime mark. There is plenty to choose from, CCA members should be able to add some nice pieces to their collections. We will all remember Burt and his passion for Czech pottery. The balance of Burt's collection will be offered at Midwest Auction's annual Memorial Day auction at their facility in Greenville, Ohio. Contact Jim Wroda at 937-548-2640 for more details.

The auction will be rounded out by additional consignments including glass and perfumes. Pictured is a sampling of the items that will be offered. This is not a complete representation, as some of the items will be arriving in Texas in time for convention.



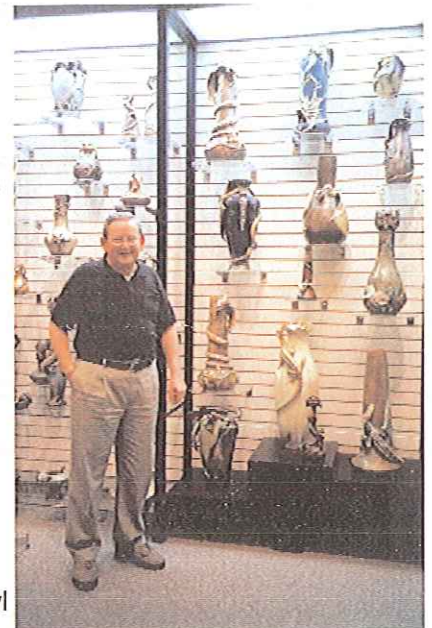
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On The Road Again



I sure have been on the road a lot since my last article, but I've been chasing down sports memorabilia, not Czech collectors and their collections. But, prior to my unexpected life change, I was able to swing by Richard and Linda Scott's house in Ohio. Unfortunately, Linda was out of town, but Richard graciously shared their home and their collection with me. To see their Amphora collection in person was truly amazing. I could see how one could become hooked on Amphora. The forms alone are fascinating. Adding in the wonderful colors and glazes makes Amphora unique. In the everyday course of collecting and hunting, one would not run across such pieces. The Scott's collection is at the same time comprehensive and breathtaking. Thank you, Richard for sharing your collection with me.



Cheryl

2005 Convention

DATES: May 20th-22nd

WHERE: Holiday Inn
Gaithersburg, MD

Set aside these dates now for the CCA Convention in 2005. Gaithersburg, MD is mid way between Baltimore, MD and Washington DC. Gaithersburg is accessible via the Baltimore or Washington Airports.

The 2005 auction will be comprised of deceased CCA member Bertie Hrbek's Collection

Member Booth 2004

The member booth will be available again this year at Convention. The member booth gives each CCA member the opportunity to have items for sale on the show floor. The guidelines are as follows:

Jean Humlicek and CCA volunteers will be receiving merchandise outside the showroom on Thursday, June 17th from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Also on Friday, June 18th from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

During show hours, items for sale will be received at the member booth.

Nothing will be sold from the booth before the show opens. The booth will be open show hours.

Limit of ten items per member, as space allows on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Items for sale must have a price tag clearly marked with the member's initials and the price. All items will be sold for sticker price.

Members may pick up their remaining items and receive payment at any time.

Fees to put items in the member booth will be based on ticket price, and are payable when you check in your items. The fee is charged whether they sell or not.

Fee Schedule:	Sticker price: \$ 10.00 - \$ 25.00	Fee: \$ 1.00
	\$ 26.00- \$100.00	\$ 3.00
	\$101.00 and over	\$ 8.00

Jean Humlicek
Member Booth Chair

CCA Member News

The CCA family extends its sympathies to Patty & Gene Ferguson as they cope with the loss of Patty's mother.

Congratulations are in order for Gillian Hine, as she embarks on a new phase of her life. Gillian will be getting married in July and moving to Australia. We wish her the best of luck and know that she will continue to be involved in CCA. Gillian extends an open invitation if you are ever "Down Under."

2004 CCA SHOW & CONVENTION

Where: Fort Worth, TX

Dates: June 18th, 19th - 20th 2004

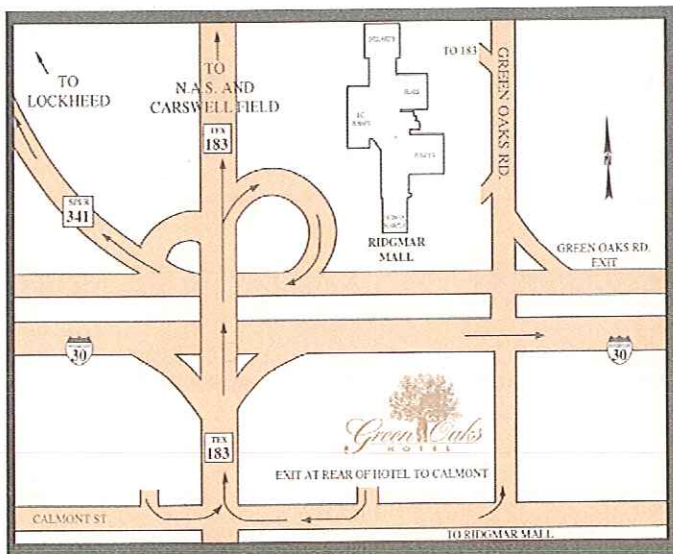
Facility: Green Oaks Hotel
6901 West Freeway
Fort Worth, TX 76116

Room Rate: \$69.00 (Single-Quad)

Reservations: 1-817-738-7311
Identify yourself as a member of The Czech Collectors Association

Schedule

Thursday:	Registration	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday:	Registration	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
	Seminar- "Hidden Treasures"	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
	Seminar- "Mrazek Pattern Madness"	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
	Show Hours	2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
	Auction Preview	3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday:	Seminar- "Cutie Pooties"	8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
	The history of Czech Perfumes	
	Auction	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
	Show	3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
	Cocktails	7:00 p.m.
	Annual Awards Dinner	7:45 p.m.
Sunday:	Breakfast Business Meeting	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
	Show Hours	10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



Ideally located on the suburban west side of Fort Worth's business district, Green Oaks Hotel is a neighbor to Lockheed and Naval Air Station JRB (Carswell Field). Ridgmar Mall is right across the street, and downtown Fort Worth is just five minutes from the hotel, which is easily accessible to all freeways. Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport is 25 miles away with park/ride shuttle service available to and from Green Oaks. For your convenience, American Airlines and Enterprise Car Leasing operate offices in Green Oaks Hotel's Lobby.

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