



CZECH COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

March 2005

Czechoslovakian Pottery Copies

by David Fein

As a Czech pottery collector one should be cautious especially when buying on the internet. In the past we were aware of the Japanese copies of our favorite animal pitchers including the Raven (often called the toucan) in a 5" size smaller than the Czech molds, the Elephant also in a smaller size, and lately the Dog, in the exact same size. This pottery is usually heavier than the Czech and the paint is much more prone to cracking and chipping and the pottery to crazing.

The English pottery copiers have been much more adept. The standard pitcher molds of LOSTRO, BIRMA, BATNA and latest find the "W" have all been copied. (photo1) Usually these copies had painting patterns much like the Czech but not a standard Czech painting pattern.

This past Summer I purchased a pitcher on the internet in a standard pitcher mold and a standard pitcher pattern (photo2) and when it arrived to my dismay it was not Czech. If I had seen the piece in person I would have known by the pottery weight and painting crispness that it was not Czech, but this is not possible with the internet. (photo3). We know from the literature of English pottery certain companies made these pieces specifically to compete with the less expensive Czech Pottery that was so popular in the 1920s and 1930s. (continued on next page)



Photo #1

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Czechoslovakia Pottery Copies

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So to the Czechoslovakian pottery collector, be on your guard, you have been warned. We are in the process of compiling a list of companies as well as photo examples of Czech pottery copies. If you have an example in your collection please forward it to me at dbf57@hotmail.com
Happy collecting!!



Photo #2



Photo #3

CORNING MUSEUM TO FOCUS ON CZECH AND BOHEMIAN GLASS

CCA members Robert and Deborah Truitt are to be two of the speakers at the Corning Museum of Glass for the museum's 44th Annual Seminar on Glass. This year's seminar will be focusing on Czech and Bohemian Glass, and it runs September 28 to October 1, 2005. For more information call 607-974-4048, or go to www.cmog.org and look in "Research, Teach and Learn."

The museum is in Corning, New York, not far from Buffalo. It is a fabulous museum for anyone interested in glass, and worth a trip by itself. But if you go to the Seminar, look for Jean and Duane Humlicek, who are already making plans to attend! (Thanks, Jean, for the heads up!)

FLORIDA WINTER CONVENTION

Every Winter members of the CCA converge on Florida for the warm weather as well as the annual monster antique shows. This year was no exception. This years selection of Czech Pottery , Glass, and Amphora delighted the visiting members, proving the increasing popularity of our prized items.

In the past years Dave Druse, Jack Hillard, Cherly Goyda, Kent Greenbaum, Phil and Arlene Larke, Ron Lemelin, Sandra and Ian McMillan, Sherry and Lohren Stevenson, and Joe Mattis have come down for the Winter shows, we're waiting for you.

David Fein



David Fein, Patty Giarrusso, Mike Goyda (Cheryl's oldest son), Vinny Giarruso, and Jeff Weller enjoying the Miami Beach Antique show.



Vinny and Patty Giarruso with Cheryl's Mother Dotty and son Mike.

20TH CENTURY DECORATIVE ARTS SHOW IN CINCINNATI ATTRACTS CZECH COLLECTORS

Cincinnati, Ohio is the home of one of the most unique antique shows in the country. Aptly named the 20th Century Show and Sale of Vintage Modern Design, this annual event focuses exclusively on mid twentieth century items. At the show, one could find great deco items, lots of fabulous 50s furniture (including some breathtakingly UGLY lamps!) and we are beginning to see some psychedelic 60s stuff sprinkled in. Of course Czech glass and ceramics fit right in!

Yours truly was there as a dealer, with a good representation of my Czech wares, and a stack of leftover newsletters to give away to potential members. I talked up the club and the convention, sold some nice glass and hopefully made some new friends. Even Rayne Haines, one of the regular glass appraisers on Antiques Road Show, poked her head in to see what I had. It was a great show!

Mary Gawle

MEMBERS NEWS

MEMBERS JEAN AND DUANE HUMLICEK FEATURED IN *ANTIQUE & COLLECTABLES* "COLLECTOR'S SPOTLIGHT"

Congratulations to Jean and Duane on the honor of having your collection featured in the January 2005 issue of *Antique & Collectables Monthly Newsmagazine*! The full page color spread with the heading "Scottsdale Collector Has Fascination With Bohemian Decorative Arts" pictured several pieces from their collection, as well as personal accounts on how they came to collect Czech items. The article also included a very nice plug for our club! Way to go, Jean and Duane!!

TRANSITIONS

CCA sends its heartfelt condolences to member Linda Racey, who lost her beloved husband and fellow CCA member Jack Cathcart this past year.

Sincere condolences also go to member Bob Stinson for the loss of his dear mother.

CORRECTIONS

Patti and Gene Ferguson let us know that they were improperly credited for some of the great pictures in the last newsletter. We have Aggie Elwell to thank for the photos. My apologies and gratitude, Aggie!

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Registration Form

6th Annual CCA Czech Show and Convention
May 20-22nd, 2005
Gaithersburg, MD

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

_____ Number attending all 3 days- Fee \$75.00 per person
Or

_____ \$95.00 per non-member

_____ Number attending Friday- Fee \$30.00 per person

_____ \$35.00 per non-member

_____ Number attending Saturday- Fee \$40.00 per person
(Includes Awards Banquet)

_____ \$45.00 per non-member

_____ Number attending Sunday- Fee \$25.00 per person
(Includes Breakfast)

_____ \$30.00 per non-member

Please mail payment made out to CCA, along with the registration form to:

Cheryl Goyda
PO BOX 137
Hopeland, PA 17533

___ Yes ___ No I would like confirmation of my registration.

*If you desire confirmation please include e-mail address or enclose a SASE. Thanks.

___ Yes, I (We) would be able to volunteer some time at convention.

**2005 CCA CONVENTION AND SHOW
GAITHERSBURG, MARYLAND
(between Baltimore and Washington DC)
MAY 20, 21, 22**

LOCATION: Holiday Inn Gaithersburg

Two Montgomery Village Avenue

Gaithersburg, Maryland 20879

Phone: (301) 948-8900

Fax: (301) 858-1940

Toll Free: 1-800-HOLIDAY

web site: www.higaitersburg.com

Room Rate: single: \$89.00 double: \$89.00

Please identify yourself as a member of the Czech Collectors Assoc.

SHOW SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 19th

Registration

6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Friday, May 20th

Registration

8:45 a.m.- 9:30 a.m.

Seminar

9:30 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.

"Loetz Glass: 1885 to 1935"

Speaker: Jeff Weller

Seminar

11:00 a.m.- 11:30

"Czech, Bohemian, Austrian Collectibles:

What's the difference?"

Speaker: Jean Humlicek

Seminar

11:30 a.m.- 12:00 noon

"What You Should Know

Before Going To Auction"

Speaker: Cheryl Goyda

Consignments for the CCA Member Booth

1:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.

Auction Preview (see page 7 for more info!)

2:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Annual Show & Sale

4:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 21st

Registration

8:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m.

Seminar OR Annual Show & Sale

(to be announced)

8:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m.

Auction Preview

9:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m.

Auction

10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Annual Show & Sale

4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Cocktails

7:00 p.m.

Annual Awards Dinner

7:45

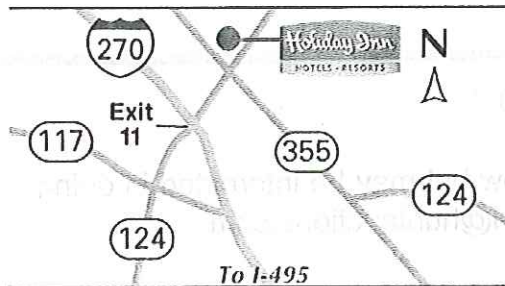
Sunday, May 22nd

Breakfast Business Meeting

9:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m.

Annual Show & Sale

10:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.



The hotel is located about 40-45 minutes from Reagan National Airport. From there you can take the Metro subway to the Shady Grove Metro Station, where the hotel shuttle bus can pick you up.

Other nearby airports are Dulles, about 45 to 50 minutes away, and Baltimore Washington International, which is about 1 hour away. No shuttle service is provided to these airports.

The hotel has a regular shuttle bus that goes to the nearest Metro subway station, where the train can get you to the heart of DC in 40-45 minutes. Our location is also about one hour from Baltimore, MD.

President's Message

As I try to collect my thoughts to write this, my final President's message, reminiscing distracts me. Special memories from every Czech Convention run through my mind like a film clip. Embedded in those memories are you, the members of CCA. Many of you I have known for a long time. Some of you I see only once a year, others I am fortunate to see throughout the year. I have enjoyed our journey together, not only collecting and learning about the Czech Decorative Arts, but through life as well. I thank all of you for your friendships and support over the years.

Through all the ups and downs, one thing, our common love of "Czech" has kept us together and carried us through. I ask each of you to make a concerted effort to attend Convention this year and bring your enthusiasm with you. This will be a planning Convention. The Board members' terms are up this year. Four seats will be vacant. What will CCA look like going forward? Will we continue to have a Board or we will reorganize in a different form. Change can be challenging but rewarding at the same time. I view change as an opportunity. This is the year for members that have not yet served to step forward and share in the planning of the coming years of CCA, along with the input of the seasoned contributors.

We have much work to do and a years' worth of catching up to do. See you in Gaithersburg!

Cheryl Goyda

GETTING THE WORD OUT

CCA members: How often have you wondered how many folks "out there" are collecting Austrian, Bohemian, &/or Czechoslovakian decorative arts, wanting to learn more about what they are collecting, but have never heard of CCA?? We need to inform them about our organization!! Obviously, word of mouth cannot do the job; thus, we need to tell those collectors about CCA and the convention in Gaithersburg, MD, May 20-22, 2005. Getting the word out requires PUBLICITY. CCA members in the Gaithersburg area have some outstanding ideas for publicity, but other parts of the USA, & possibly, Canada need the information. Please contact me if you would write an appropriate article, or assist with publicity in any manner!! Your assistance will be greatly appreciated!! Thanks, Jean Humlicek, Publicity Chr.

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DEALERS WANTED

Anyone who has never set up as a dealer for the show but may be interested in doing so, please contact Cheryl Goyda at cheryl@huntauctions.com

2005 CONVENTION AUCTION

Auction: Saturday, May 21st 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn Gaithersburg

Auction Preview to be held Friday, May 20th 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
and Saturday, May 21th 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

The auction will include the collection of the late Bertie Hrbek out of Ocala Florida
which consists of approx. 500 pieces including perfumes, glass and pottery.

Conducted by Jim Wroda Auctions

For more information call 937-548-2640 or check out www.jimwrodauction.com



