# 2023 Annual Holiday Shopping Guide

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for all the connoisseurs, collectors, and history lovers on your shopping list

hat could be more special than a holiday gift selected from the past? At Christmas time, the shelves of antique shops are filled to the brim with not only holiday-themed items such as vintage ornaments, tableware, and figurines but items that with a little creativity can be turned into a unique and special holiday gift in their own right. Two of the best places I've found to look for ideas that repurpose items from our past are Pintrest.com and Etsy.com. Armed with some ideas, head out to your favorite thrift stores and antique shops to see what you can find and think up! Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- Ceramic crocks of any size and Victorian-era birdcages make great planters for all-year-long display
- Antique picture frames make whatever picture you put inside something special and worth displaying
- Glass bottle decanters or other barware filled with a favorite spirit are a great way to gift someone's favorite drink
- Ceramic cooking bowls filled with recipe items and a handwritten recipe card make a gift that is both practical and fun to put together and receive
- Vintage holiday brooches and pins are keepsakes that make any clothing item more festive for the holidays
- Antique & vintage candlesticks with a supply of hand-dipped or aromatherapy candles light up any table setting or room
- Teacups and saucers are the perfect vessel for gifting tea and crumpets for a themed gift
- Whimsical cookie jars and vintage tins filled with homemade cookies and candies are a sweet gesture
- Hand-blown paperweights are beautiful to look at and practical to display on any desk or vanity
- Antique sterling silver serving utensils such as cake knives, teaspoons, and interesting serving pieces help to dress up a holiday table
- First/early editions of a beloved book show someone how well you know them and the authors they love to read and collect
- Hand-blown glass vases filled with a bouquet of fresh flowers is a welcome gift and something that will be reused throughout the year
- Vintage/estate jewelry is a gift that shows your appreciation for design and craftsmanship and the recipients' style
- Hand-woven baskets make a practical and special delivery vehicle for your gift and a gift in its own right, something to be used and displayed long after the holiday season passes
- Pyrex bowls are a great way to deliver a home-cooked meal as a gift to someone you are thinking about
- Vintage purses and scarves are unique pieces of fashion that never go out of style and are hotter than ever for that special someone who has everything and knows and appreciates quality
- Add to a collection. Is there a collector on your list? What do they collect? Coins? Figurines? Tools? Glassware patterns? Pottery? Cast iron pots? Books? Comics? Tin toys? You can find it all on the shelves of an antique shop or at antique markets and shows.

We hope you find new places to shop as well as inspiration in the pages of our Annual Holiday Shopping Guide. Happy Holiday Shopping!

Sincerely, Maxine Carter-Lome Publisher, Journal of Antiques & Collectibles

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# WHEN MONEY IS NO OBJECT



# OVER-THE-TOP HOLIDAY GIFTS

By Maxine Carter-Lome

f it's the thought that counts, the recipients of these over-the-top holiday gifts rank pretty special in the eyes of their generous gift-givers:

#### • A SNOW EVENT IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA •



As the man behind such megasuccessful TV shows as *The Love Boat*, *Charlie's Angels*, *Dynasty*, and *Beverly Hills 90210*, Aaron Spelling amassed quite a fortune that allowed him to make scorching-hot California chill like the polar caps for his kids. A giant snow machine did the trick, producing mountains of fake snow which made for festive white holidays at the Spellings' Beverly Hills residence. This "White Christmas" for his family cost Aaron Spelling \$2 million at the time.

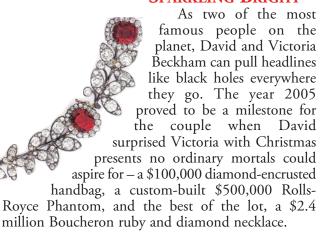
#### His Own Version of Paradise

While Brad Pitt has several top-selling films to his name, not many of his legions of fans know that the actor also has a passion for architecture. One architect that he really admires is Frank Lloyd Wright, especially the famed architect's muchvenerated creation, the Fallingwater. Angelina Jolie knew, however, and



before their eventual split, she presented her husband with a California waterfall and its adjacent lands for him to realize his dream of recreating his own version of the stunning Wright work. This thoughtful gift set her back \$1.6 million in 2012.

#### • Sparkling Bright •



#### DIAMONDS ARE A GIRL'S BEST FRIEND



Russian Empire's Catherine the Great was overly fond of diamonds, so when an 189.62-carat diamond in the shape of half a chicken's egg from India came to her attention, she was smart enough to enlist the help of her lover,

Count Orlov, to acquire it. Consequently, she named it Orlov's diamond and had it encrusted in the Imperial scepter. Some stories have Orlov present the diamond to Catherine as a Christmas gift. In reality, Orlov simply did not have the means to pay for the immense price of the diamond himself, considered "priceless" today. Catherine could afford it, however, but instead spun the Orlov gift story as a way to deflect criticism for her excesses, using the state budget on jewelry.

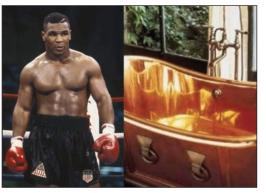
#### • RED FOR ELIZABETH •

Elizabeth Taylor's well-known jewelry collection of gifts from her husband Richard Burton and other well-heeled admirers is legendary. As a Christmas present in 1968, Richard Burton presented his then-wife with an 8.24-carat Puertas ruby, diamond, and gold ring by Van Cleef &



Arpels. He stuffed it in her stocking and after all the other presents had been opened, he told Elizabeth's daughter Maria Todd to take it to her. "One day I'm going to find you the most perfect ruby in the world" was the romantic promise Richard Burton once made to Elizabeth Taylor. The Welshman went on to add, "It's my favorite stone, red for Wales." When it sold at auction in 2011, Burton's Christmas gift to Taylor sold for \$4.2 million.

#### • AND THE GOLDEN TUB GOES TO ... •



Although former husband and wife Mike Tyson and Robin Givens hugged the limelight for the wrong reasons during their tumultuous marriage, there's no doubt the couple had had their moments. The former and controversial heavyweight champion could

certainly afford the best things in life. And he did, gifting his wife a 24-carat gold bathtub – a Christmas present with a price tag of \$2.3 million back then.

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HRISTMAS

Dealers, and Fans of Antique Holiday decor and more. This Enterprise presents two shows in Central Massachusetts each year filled with knowledgeable members sharing their collections for sale. Learn more Here!



#### Spun Cotton Santas & More

Cotton ornaments have their origins in 19th century Germany. Originally, shapes would have been made from cotton batting that was hand-molded around wire forms. Later, they would be made on a lathe with molds to form tightly spun shapes. These type of ornaments were originally used to decorate goose feather Christmas trees made in Germany in the mid-1800s due to deforestation.

Antique spun cotton Santas and other ornaments are very delicate and pull the viewer into a magical world.



#### The Matchless Wonder Star

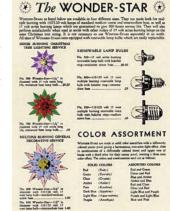
As described in his 1935 patent application, Paul Dittman of Chicago called his newest creation "an ornamental device embodying a multiplicity of prismatic light diffusing bodies with a light source." After immigrating to the U.S. from Germany, Dittman worked for George Westinghouse and was involved in the manufacturing of electric light bulbs. He and his partners started the Matchless Electric Company in 1912. The Matchless Star was first

made with glass and it was not until after World War II that the company started making the larger stars out of Lucite. The catalog page is from the late 1930s.

Prices for the stars were between 18 and 20 cents each for the 100 series, making them rather expensive for most people to own.

The company then started to sell them individually and people would add to their collection when they could. Today, you can expect to pay \$45-\$175 depending on size, color, and condition.











# nas Past Shines



#### Heubach Santa

This Santa (right) was created by the Heubach porcelain company in Lichte, Germany, in the mid-1800s. The name "Heubach" carries weight among holiday collectors for its rarity and its lifelike features. They made porcelain doll heads, figurines, and piano baby specialties.

Known for the the personality shown in Heubach Santas, these and other goods gained major attention when the full line of Heubach porcelain products was on display at the World Exhibition in Paris in 1900. Their holiday figures can feature crepe-paper or papier-mâché bodies and clothing. Heubachs are quite valuable. The Heubach company is still in

business today, after having gone through several generations and then was purchased by its employees in 1994. Learn more Here.





#### Erzgebirge Wooden Toys

There is no place more famous for its wooden toy-making than Erzgebirge, Germany's Ore Mountain Region of Saxony, which sits between the border of Germany and the Czech Republic.

After the mining for silver and precious metals began to dry up in the 1700s, the villagers found a new solution to poverty and unemployment — plenty of lumber trees across the landscape meant that the villagers could practice wood crafting as a new source of income.

Another advantage to this new skill was that it could be perfected by people of all ages, with Erzgebirge wooden figures made by families who passed their wood crafting methods and traditions from generation to generation. This beautiful example (left) is older and all hand-crafted and a treasured offering to any collector.







#### **Antique Cast Iron Tree Stands**

These stands were a heavy solution to a holiday innovation – bringing the Christmas Tree into the home and keeping it upright. According to Terry and Kim Kovel, "All the early Christmas trees were freshly cut trees from a nearby forest. By the 19th century in America, the fresh trees were brought into a church or home and decorated. But it was a problem to keep the tree upright [and watered] ... In 1876, a man in Philadelphia patented an iron tree stand and by 1919, a coneshaped tin stand weighted with sand or water was being sold. The stands had to be

heavy to keep the tree from tipping so they were made of cast iron. [They] had large screws that pierced the trunk to hold the tree in place. Collectors search for the iron stands made in unusual shapes, a Santa Claus, village scene or even a group of reindeer."

At the Yuletide Yankees show, there was an example from a vendor that needed some help. But from hearing about this wonderful example, it would be a tinkerer's (or elf's) dream to bring it back to its lit-up glory! See the working one as an example of a completed stand.

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#### • A LITTLE TOO "OUT THERE" •



For Christmas 2018, the rapper Kanye West gifted his wife Kim Kardashian with a \$14 million condo in Miami as a vacation home. Before the sale had been finalized, Kimye reportedly backed out, with West's rep saying that while Kardashian had certainly appreciated the gesture, she wanted a vacation home with a little more privacy.

#### • THE KING OF POP'S OUTERWEAR •

Speaking of the Kardashians, Kim and then-husband Kanye West set the bar high in December 2019 when they bought their eldest daughter, North, a \$65,625 jacket for Christmas at a Julien's Auction held the previous October. The velvet coat once belonged to the late Michael Jackson. "North is a really big Michael Jackson fan, and we knew she would love this," the KKW Beauty creator wrote via Instagram at the time. "We won this on an auction for Northie for Christmas. We had it



tacked up so she can wear it and the sleeves are half tacked up so when she gets older, we can untack this sleeve and it can grow with her, and she can have this for her whole life."

#### • Wheel. Of. Cheese! •

For Christmas 2015, singer John Legend made his wife Chrissy Teigen's "lifetime dream" come true by giving her a massive wheel of cheese.

#### ... AND THE BEST GIFT OF ALL

One example of a large gift given at Christmas time is the donation of \$1 billion to charity by Bill and Melinda Gates in 1999. This gift was distributed to various organizations working to improve healthcare, education, and economic opportunities for people in need.



## Happy Holidays!



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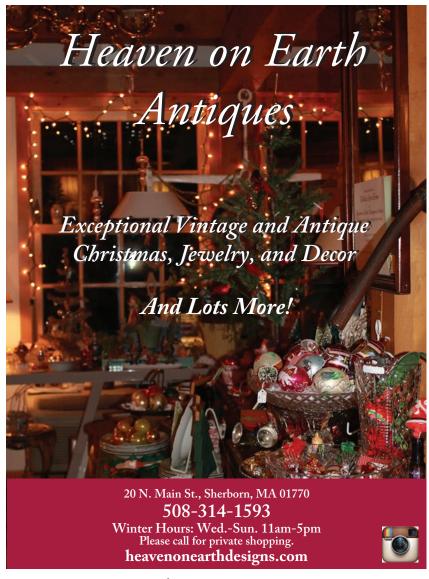
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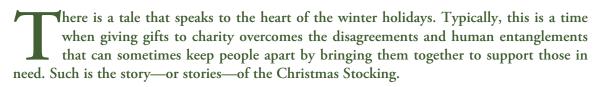
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# The Tradition of the Christmas Stocking Around

by Judy Gonyeau

The World



#### From the Christians

Perhaps one of the best-known renditions of the story is the one surrounding Saint Nicholas. Nicholas of Bari was born a nobleman in 280 A.D. in the city of Patara, Lycia – what is now known as Demre, Turkey. Nicholas lost his parents at an early age, and it is reported that he used his inheritance to help the poor and sick. As a young man, he became the Bishop of Myra and was immensely popular for his kind, generous heart. Living a life of celibacy, Nicholas never married or had children and was named "the gift-giver of Myra" for his generosity to them.

As the story goes, a poor widower living in the 4th century A.D. had three unwed daughters

and was on the brink of destitution when his story was shared with St. Nicholas. Knowing the man would not take charity, Nicholas snuck into the house using the chimney and filled the girls' stockings drying by the fire with gold coins (or later referred to as "gold globes"). The father now had dowries so his girls could marry well and he would not be alone and poor in his old age. Nicholas always gave his presents late at night in order to protect his identity. This folk tale has slight changes here and there depending upon who tells it, but the message is clear: be kind to those less fortunate.

#### From the Dutch

For the Dutch, the tale of "Sinterklaas" alongside his assistant Blac Pete ("Zwarte Piet") brought out the suggestion of stockings holding gifts. Each year the two would dock in the harbor of a different city and travel the city riding a white steed and a mule. Children, hearing of their arrival, would place treats for the animals such as hay and carrots in their wooden clogs and leave them out in hopes that Sinterklaas and Zwarte Piet would ride past their house.

After enjoying the treats left for them Sinterklaas would reward the children for their thoughtfulness with small presents and treats they brought with them from foreign lands. They were simple gifts that included candies, ornaments, nuts in shells, small toys, and other trinkets.



Greetings from St. Nicholaas (aka Sinterklaas) on this beautiful postcard with Zwarte Piet by his side.

**Title image:** This scene from a Victorian storybook features three children, dressed in white pajamas, gathered around a fireplace to hang up their long black Christmas stockings on the edge of the mantle. A fire is flickering away in the fireplace and the room looks warms and cozy.

When the Dutch came to America and settled in New York they brought their traditions with them. After a while, Sinterklaas became known as Santa Claus and their clogs were replaced with stockings.

Sinterklaas became known during the Middle Ages and wore a red robe, bishop's hat and golden staff. He had his helper Sorte Piet by his side, and together they handed out gifts to children on the night of Saint Nicholas Day, December 6. Zwarte Piet is a pre-Christian figure, and an example of how Christian and pre-Christian characters merge into the figure we later come to know as Santa Claus.

#### From the Norwegians



Sleipnir is so fast that when it runs it looks like it is sliding through the air.

In a more fantastical version driven by Norse mythology comes the story of the chief god Odin and his flying horse Sleipnir. Here, the tale notes that the children would leave out boots filled with hay and treats for Sleipnir to enjoy during the pagan Yule celebration (generally around December 21). Odin would reward the children with thoughtful gifts and candy. There is one connection between the flying horse and the flying reindeer of Santa Claus – Sleipnir had eight legs, and Santa had eight reindeer. Coincidence?



La Bafana is also called the "Italian Christmas Witch." Today, some children get a little toy and the chance to take a photo with Befana herself. You might spot her in the piazza.

#### From the Italians

The Italians tell of a witch named La Befana who decided not to go with the three wise men on their journey to Bethlehem to find Jesus. Later she regretted that decision and left to go on her own journey to bring gifts to the baby, but never found him, and gave the gifts to other children. Children still set out their shoes or stockings hoping La Befana will fill them on the night before the Epiphany (January 6). Children's stockings would be placed near the family presepio or nativity scene. Italians greet each other on that day by saying, "Buona Befana!"

There was another side to La Befana – she also was the originating factor to the tradition of bad children receiving coal or dark candy in their stocking. If children were naughty or unkind, they would not receive good candy, but less-sweet chocolate or a piece of coal.

#### From the Press

While the tales spread over the years, the actual use of stockings to be filled by Santa Claus can be dated to 1823 and the publishing of the poem A Visit of St. Nicholas attributed to Clement C. Moore.

Prior to the publishing of the poem, families tended to use their own traditional approach to the use of stockings in the Yuletide season. Once the poem was published, stockings became a more prominent element of Christmas, at one point out-pacing the Christmas Tree as the primary symbol of the season. Different regions had different stockings; most notably the New England stocking was known to be smaller in size used by "stingy" folk, while the stockings in the Mid-west areas like Chicago—where money was being



To ease the question of what to put in the stocking, this one comes complete and is an ad from the early 1900s.



made hand over fist at the time—were so large just about anything could fit.

In an article from The New York Times came an "Ode to the Christmas Stocking-esque" style column espousing the qualities of the "Smith" Stocking, which solved the issue of size when it came to putting gifts inside as it was made from elastic. While the writer does take a moment to laud the benefits of using a stocking for holding gifts vs. placing them around the Christmas Tree, it was not until the early 1900s that both were used together more as decoration for the season than the meaning behind them.

#### **Elsewhere Around the World**

Extremely rare

and highly collectible

cotton lithographed

Christmas stocking.

This early

home-sewn piece

was handmade by

S.H. Howe NY,

circa 1889.

This Disney-themed stocking is about

9 1/2 x 15 inches and is in really great

shape considering it is likely

from the 1960s.

In Puerto Rico, children celebrate Three Kings' Day on January 6, putting boxes of cut grass for the kings' camels under their bed the night before. The next morning they find a small toy in the box as thanks for their kindness.

In Hungary, St. Nicholas (called Szent Miklás) arrives on his feast day, December 6, and then leaves before Christmas. Tradition has it the children would place a boot on their windowsill to be filled

by Miklás. The boots must be clean and shiny or they will be filled with onions, raw potatoes, and coal.

> French children place their shoes by the fireplace with a treat in it for Père Noël's donkey. They wake to find candy, money, or small toys in its place.

In China, children hang muslin stockings and wait for Dun Che Lao Ren ("Christmas Old Man") to fill them.

#### **Stockings Over Time**

In the early 1800s, real socks and children's stockings were used to hold gifts from Santa Claus, but

over time the introduction of specially-made stockings began to take the place of the real ones. Many versions would be made by hand, often by the children themselves. While some companies started to create "pre-made" and "pre-filled" stockings, others made kits for parents and children to create personalized versions to decorate the mantle.



Vintage 1930's Christmas stocking featuring Santa and his toy sack at the North Pole

#### **World War II**

Soldiers serving overseas during WWII celebrated Christmas as best they could, and stockings were a part of it. Many soldiers would kneel down right there on



# GIFTS THAT KEEP ON GIVING

By Donald-Brian Johnson

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Christmas, the perfect presents for all the special somebodies on your holiday list might be just as close as the closest antique store. That's right. As songwriter Peter Allen once put it, "Everything old is new again. "In other words, when it comes to gift-giving, why stick to the tried, true, and brand-spanking-new? Finding just the right antique or vintage item, specifically suited to the personality of the recipient, shows a degree of thoughtfulness that a box of candy just can't meet, even if it is homemade peanut brittle. Additionally, your gift may be a "gift that keeps on giving," sparking a collecting interest and making future Christmas shopping a snap.

A few things to keep in mind when embarking on your holiday antique-shopping hunt:

Know What They Like. Is your best friend a dedicated dog lover? If so, she may not be much interested in starting a collection of ceramic cat figurines, no matter how cute they are. On the other hand, a vintage dog figurine might earn you a hearty "woof" of approval.

Know Their Surroundings. No matter how nifty that '50s-modern lamp looks in the store, if your friend's dedicated décor is Early American it's probably not going to be featured in a place of honor. And, your buddy with the one-bedroom condo is sure to find more pleasure in a holiday decoration that he only has to make room for once a year, rather than an oversized wall hanging he has to squeeze in somewhere year-round.

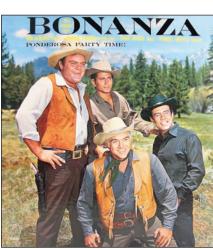
**Title image:** Let the unwrapping begin! Your gift recipients are probably "somewhat" older, but everyone's a kid a heart on Christmas morning when it's finally time to open the presents! (Reynolds Aluminum ad, early 1960s).

Know Their Budget. If the intent is to inspire a collecting bug, keep costs in mind. An antique snuff box at 500 plus-plus-plus dollars might be an extra-special gift for the extra-special person in your life, but in most cases (unless you plan on doing all the buying all the time), it's a one-shot wonder. If it's something that not only piques their curiosity but also keeps their wallet happy—say a selection of colorful greeting cards from the 1940s or '50s, available in big batches for less than \$25—chances are the impetus for a new collecting hobby will be a hit!

And now, here's my *Top Ten of Interesting Collectible Possibilities for Christmas Shopping* this season, culled from a list of hundreds of worthy contenders. All are space-friendly, budget-friendly, and awaiting a visit from you at your favorite antique shop, show, or mall:



It was only logical that he'd eventually make a recording: Leonard Nimoy Presents Mr. Spock's Music From Outer Space.



"We know you'll be as excited about our four new singing stars as we are!" The Bonanza boys, captured on vinyl for Ponderosa Party Time.

**ALBUM ODDITIES.** Mr. Spock recorded one. So did the entire cast of Bonanza, and "Lurch" from The Addams Family. Back when vinyl records were first in vogue, almost every celebrity who could carry a tune (sort of) put out a record album filled with the tunes closest to their hearts. In those days before auto-tuning, the results were often earsplittingly hilarious. Your pal with a good sense of humor will relish Mr. Spock's rendition of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Earth." Most of these unusual (and addictive) aural offerings, with their attractive color covers and extensive liner notes, are under \$20.

**ANNALEE FABRIC DOLLS.** Rumor has it that the facial features of each and every Annalee fabric doll, from jolly snowmen to caroling

mice, were based on the features of their creator, Annalee

Thorndike. Who can say for (Well, probably Annalee.) No matter the inspiration, these whimsical pose-me-anywhere dolls, with their cheery painted faces and colorful felt-over-wire bodies, add a note of happiness to every home. And (good news for the space-challenged), since many have holiday themes, you only need to display the dolls once a year! Whether hanging from the tree or peeping out from a mantel garland, they're sure to please. Under \$25.



Even Annalee mice enjoy Christmas.



The definition of "a jolly, happy sou!!" Snowman by Annalee.



Left: Ready to serve up Christmas punch: a somewhat solemn Santa mug, marked "Riddell, 1951."

**Below:** The Holt-Howard "tree tray" for snacks came in various sizes, to accommodate all appetites. This one is 10" l.

#### CHRISTMAS SERVING DISHES.

Like those Annalee Christmas dolls, holiday serving dishes stop by for a brief visit and then, like Santa, disappear for another year. That makes them the ideal collectible for those whose walls and shelves are already chock-full. Shapes and purposes are many, from Santa coffee mugs to tree-shaped tidbit trays. In the 1950s and '60s, when "decorating for the holidays" meant "decorating everything for the holidays," serving dishes like these were omnipresent. And, since many were mass-produced imports, they remain readily available, and all set to be pleasin' for the season. Most are available at \$25 and under.

**DECORATIVE HAIR COMBS.** Now here's a way to brighten up a dingy dresser top: with a collection of decorative hair combs! Although few of today's fashionable hairstyles call for them, jeweled combs, many



Fan shape decorative hair comb, with blue rhinestones on green, black teeth.



Faux tortoiseshell hair comb with lace pattern.

in graceful fan shapes, were the crowning glory for a lady's crowning glory from the mid-1800s until the 1920s; then the world flipped its wig for bobbed hair. Fashioned from a variety of materials ranging from celluloid and tortoiseshell to ivory and jet, in a rainbow of colors, and in sizes from 5-1/2" to 10-1/2", decorative combs are attractive accent pieces that even folks with crew cuts will enjoy. Prices start at about \$25.

**HAZELLE MARIONETTES.** Hazelle Rollins had the world on a string. From her headquarters in Kansas City, thousands of "Hazelle Marionettes" made their way across America, delighting youngsters from the 1930s into the '80s. Thanks to their "airplane control sticks," Hazelle marionettes could be manipulated by even the clumsiest among us. Characters were based on pop culture favorites, from *Batman and Robin* to *Daniel Boone*, plus such fantasy figures as "Alice in Wonderland" and the entire *Wizard of Oz* gang. Those interested in recapturing a childhood memory (even those with no intention of putting on puppet shows), will enjoy a "Hazelle" hanging around the house. \$50 and under.

A montage
of Hazelle
marionettes:
Hazelle Rollins
creations on display
at the Puppetry
Arts Institute,
Independence,
Missouri.
(Photo by Hank
Kublmann)





The tag accompanying this Kreiss creature reads "We Welcome Your Suggestions With Enthusiasm!" Really?

**KREISS CERAMICS.** Have a friend with a weird and wacky sense of humor? Here's just the gift to jump-start a

collection: a weird and wacky "Psycho Ceramic" from Kreiss! For funloving fans of the 1950s

and '60s, these quirky figurines provided plenty of chuckles. Although one horrified reviewer classified Kreiss novelties as an assortment of "deformed blobs, eccentric hillbillies, and fat, drunken Santas," these aggressively ugly, yet still winningly winsome figurals have continued to amass fans over the decades. After all, who can resist a menacing "Psycho" creature with enormous teeth and devilish eyebrows, and a tag announcing, "We Welcome Your Suggestions With Enthusiasm?" Most, under \$25.





"Valerie" lady head vase by Betty Lou Nichols, put to its intended use.

'60s, "Lady Head Vases" were a lifesaver. These diminutive depictions of elegant ladies (well, at least of their heads and shoulders), featured openings in the hairdos or hats, just for handful of spare posies that would otherwise be discarded. No floral inventory went to waste, and buyers went home with a unique alternative to boring, everyday vases. That uniqueness retains its appeal, making the vases an ideal gift for those who

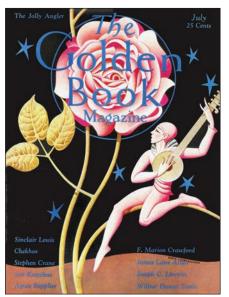
appreciate colorful decorative ceramics. And, while prices for some rarities can shoot into the stratosphere, an attractive startup selection can still be found at \$50 and under.



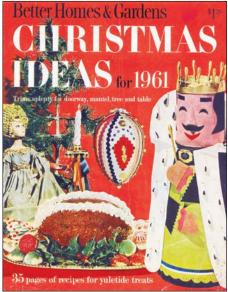
One of the best-known Kreiss Psycho Ceramics. The original hang tag read "The Doc Said Something About A Split Personality."



All the trimmings: the Napco "ribbon lady" head vase came in various sizes. This one is 4" h.



Cover of The Golden Book Magazine for July 1929. The illustration of an evening serenader is by Boris Artzybasheff.



So many suggestions, so little time! "Christmas Gift Ideas" from Better Homes & Gardens, 1961.

MAGAZINES WITH GREAT COVERS & CONTENTS. Now, here's a two-fer: a gift just as nice inside as it is outside! History buffs, and those with a yen for paper ephemera, will appreciate vintage magazines with beautiful cover images, and page after page of interesting, entertaining content. Such a-bit-off-the-beaten-track publications as *The Golden Book Magazine* and *Children's Play Mate* are time capsules of their eras.

They make for fascinating reading and look terrific framed. Search for magazines without noticeable tears, stains, or fading, and keep the interests of your recipients well in mind. For instance, those who hanker for the holidays should love a Better Homes & Gardens "Christmas Ideas" magazine of the early 1960s. Most, well under \$25.

"And the Dish ran away with the Spoon!"

Novelty salt-and pepper pair marked "Japan."

NOVELTY SALT & PEPPERS.

Spice things up this Christmas

with a gift of novelty salt-and-peppers! Mid-20th-century homemakers, looking to make table settings more enticing, sought out S&Ps that did more than just the obvious. How about a salt "Dish" running away with a pepper "Spoon?" Or a clever take on a 1950s TV set? (Just

turn the knob, and up pop the salt-and-peppers.) Thousands

What's on tonight? Turn the

knob, and the salt-and-peppers rise

out of this 1950s-style TV set.

Novelty salt-and pepper pair marked "Japan." of novelty S&Ps were produced during the 1950s and '60s, and thousands still pepper antique shops today. Even better: they're small, so a sizable collection works in a limited space. Prices are nice too: many can be found at under \$25 a pair.



there a tireless traveler on your gift list? Cater to that wandering spirit by prompting a

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A pennant to make sure honeymooners wouldn't Falls A pennant to make sure honeymooners woman to make sure honeymooners woman to forget their visit to New York's Niagara Falls. collection of vintage travel pennants! If they've been to Niagara Falls or the Black

Hills, what could be nicer than a pennant picturing the Falls or Mt. Rushmore? From the 1940s on, screenprinted pennants were a sure signifier that you'd "been there and done that." Today, collectible pennants can evoke similar memories or

inspire future travel plans. And, while travel pennants no longer flap from automobile aerials, their colorful illustrations and oversized lettering make these flags eye-catching wall displays that your friends will rally 'round. Most sell at well under \$25.



And there you have it: my Top Ten of Interesting Collectible Possibilities for Christmas Shopping. Of course, a walk through your nearest antique shop will add many (many) more to that list. Will any result in a lifelong collecting interest? Well, here's a personal memory: one Christmas long ago, my Mom, knowing my love for all things theatrical, gave me a figurine of a '50s-modern lady in a long flowing gown, holding a smiling mask. On the base was the ink stamp "Comedy." It didn't take me long to figure out that there was probably a similar figurine somewhere, toting a frowning face, marked "Tragedy." Sure enough, a search of antique stores in those preinternet days turned up "Comedy's" partner. The figurines were designed by Betty Harrington for



A Christmas gift, and the inspiration for a collection: Betty Harrington's "Comedy & Tragedy," designed in 1950 for

Ceramic Arts Studio.

Ceramic Arts Studio (CAS) of Madison, Wisconsin. That discovery led to collecting more CAS items (LOTS more), and an eventual book on the topic. Now there was a gift that really kept on giving!

#### Happy hunting! (And Happy Holidays!)

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Hanging stockings on rifles

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the grounds of the battlefield for services while others would seek out local churches and enjoy a meager Christmas meal with residents. Decorations being what they were, Christmas stockings were hung with care onto rifles and small hand-crafted gifts or items would be exchanged.

Following the War, homemade designs became extremely popular as the "Baby Boom" took place. Craft stores sold large varieties of knits, stencils, and supplies for recreating the perfect stocking at home reminding everyone of a better time and of a promise for a brighter future.

#### Mid-Century and **Beyond**

As the marketing of

Santa Claus kicked into high gear (Miracle on 34th Street told this tale when it came out in 1947), stockings throughout the 1950s typically featured Santa, his reindeer, and both in flight over a country home. It was not until the 1960s that the color red became the primary color for Christmas stockings.

Stockings also became marketing tools for other products. Some were filled with candy or other small gifts from certain manufacturers, and others had graphics highlighting Santa holding a Coke or Elves using Kodak cameras.

No matter what the age, the child in each of us always holds close those memories of opening the stocking to discover



Example of mass-produced stockings from the 1960s



the personal treats from Santa just for us. Even if we are parents and grandparents today, having a stocking full of special treats always makes the holiday sweet and the memories sweeter.



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At left: Examples of homemade stockings made from kits and personalized with names from the 1940s.

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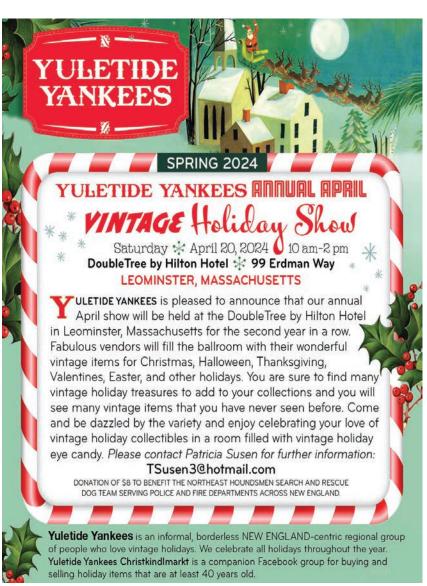
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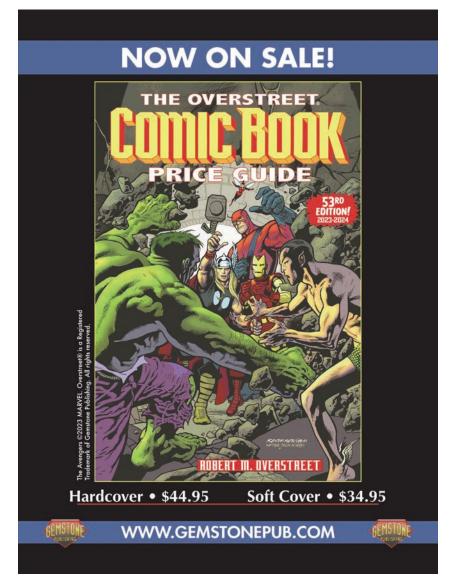
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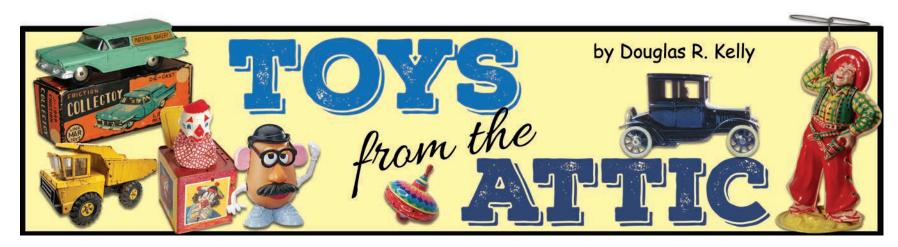


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#### The T in Tinplate

ost people familiar with automotive history know that Henry Ford's Model T put America on wheels. In fact, the T changed the course of history, being the first automobile to be built using true assembly line production processes when it was introduced in 1908. As time went on, Ford actually reduced the price of the Model T, due to increased efficiencies in the production of the car; this drove sales higher and higher, and Ford produced something like 15 million of the things before the Model T was phased out in 1927.

But there were very few miniature Model T's, not even a handful of toys, made during the actual car's lifetime. This doesn't add up, to my way of thinking; seems to me that toy makers would line up to have a chance to produce toys of the most popular car on the roads. The Moline Pressed Steel Company did produce a 12-inch, more or less, Model T in pressed steel during the 1920s, as a part of its "Buddy L" line of toys. Finding these today isn't easy and even battered examples sell for substantial dollars.

Strangely, it took a German toy manufacturer to give kids (and parents) an affordable model of the American success story. Gebrüder Bing, based in Nuremberg, Germany, had been making toys since the 1860s, and in the early 1920s, the company started producing a series of toy Model T's that combined the play value of a toy with decent, model-like accuracy. That kind of realism is difficult (often impossible) to achieve with the tinplate sheet stock that Bing used for these toys, and it's a constraint that was later avoided by the makers of Corgis, Dinkys, Tootsietoys, and so forth, which were made of diecast metal.

#### Four Versions

Bing offered the tinplate T in four body styles, all in the range of 6.5 inches in length, and each was a well-made toy that featured a clockwork motor. But they also had tinplate wheels, which of course offered little traction on tabletops and hardwood floors. The key for the clockwork motor was attached to a metal rod that protruded from beneath the running board on the driver's side of the toy. And, Bing made the front axle adjustable, so the car could run in a circle as well as straight ahead.



The 1924 Sears, Roebuck, and Co. catalog offered the four Bing Model T's.

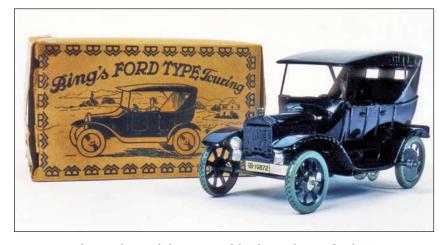
The prices have gone up somewhat since then.

In terms of colors, Bing followed Henry Ford's lead, offering only black models until Ford changed its color policy during the last year or two of the Model T production run. Most surviving Bings are all black; those with the original red or blue paint are considered more valuable than the standard black examples. The Coupe was probably Bing's most basic of the four body styles, with its two doors and boxy, upright

look. Like the real coupe, Bing's version came with "suicide" style doors (with the hinge at the rear of the door); this despite Ford giving the real Model T standard doors later in the production run. The Roadster could be called the sports car of the lineup, or as close to it as a Model T ever got. It actually was more show than go, given the T's comparatively low-power engine, but the Bing version at least sported a "pebbled" roof.

The Touring Car sported a gently curving roof that had a pebbled finish, mimicking the leather-covered top on the real touring car. Bing called the last body style a Sedan, although some might call it an early station wagon. It was a boxy, squared-off design and was based on Ford's "Fordor" model and featured the same suicide-type doors as the Coupe.

All four body styles apparently came with both male and female drivers.



Great period artwork graced the Bing Model T boxes, this one for the Touring Car.

#### **Incredibly 1920s**

For toys that are now 90 years old, Bing Model T's are not particularly rare. They're just so incredibly 1920s, and are accurate models for their era. But check for originality. A Bing can be repainted, and there are producers of replacement parts out there, some of which are well-made and tough to tell from originals. Original condition (excellent or better) examples usually sell for \$350 to \$450. That's for the standard black versions. If the original box is present, add \$100 to \$200 to the price. For colors other than black, I'd expect to see a price tag in the range of \$750-\$1,000 (again, for an original example in excellent condition).

By the way, along with the Bing photos here, if you cast your eyes upward to the "Toys from the Attic" banner on this page, you'll see that the Model T under my name is the Coupe version. Looks to me like the cowboy's in for a surprise.



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#### Antique and Vintage Gift Giving

by Charles Snider for Ruby Lane

n antique or vintage gift can be one of the most treasured and appreciated gestures for the holidays. An antique or vintage gift is unique, and it comes with its own stories and built-in histories that continue and live on with the new owner and recipient. Antique and vintage gifts are also perfect for the "person who has everything" or the "hard to buy for" person. Each gift is unique and you can wager that your gesture cannot be copied.

Here are some ideas for holiday antique gift-giving for a special someone on your list!

#### **A Good Sport**

For a sports fan, college or professional, there are many choices available to help a certain sports team's biggest fan and enthusiast. There are many framed gifts available for a sports fan that range from tickets and ticket stubs from significant games and matches to original black-and-white photography of a game or team. Of course, sports fans will also likely appreciate framed sports cards, and sports cards were printed for baseball, football, hockey, and many other sports. Antique sports team pennants and flags are also fine gifts and are readily available from online antique and vintage marketplaces.

Significant Silver

A very cool and unique holiday gift is a silver piece inscribed with a significant date or initials of the recipient. Historically, fine sterling silver was often inscribed with family initials, the initials of a newborn, the date of a significant event, or even an inscription like "Christmas 1924." Imagine the delight when the person receiving your gift sees that it is inscribed with a special date, but from 100 years ago, or they spot that the silver cup, spoon, plate, dish, or decorative piece has the initials of the recipient. For a number of years, I gave several different griing friends who recently had babies, a sterling

Antique Basketball sterling charm for the Interclass Champions of 1923 selling for \$28 at Rubylane.com friends who recently had babies, a sterling holiday gift that happened to have the month and day of their child's birth. It can be a longshot finding a sterling silver gift already inscribed with a significant or meaningful date or initials, but

the sterling silver market right now is so plentiful, so many pieces are available from online marketplaces that you may be able to find a beautiful and affordable sterling gift with the added sentimental value of a meaningful inscription.

**Popular Pets** 

According to recent statistics, two-thirds of American households have pets, and the antique market is full of unique gifts for dog and cat lovers. The English monarchs Victoria and Albert helped introduce the dog as a domestic companion and member of the family, just as the Presidents have done in the U.S. So, there are many antique dogs available in sterling, bronze, brass, and porcelain. Dogs are portrayed very realistically in many early paintings as well. You may very well be able to find an antique dog sculpture, paperweight, desk ornament, or painting in the dog breed of your choice. Dogs are also plentiful themes

in antique and vintage jewelry as well – brooches, lapel pins, cufflinks, and pins. In a personal example, I am a dog enthusiast myself and was given an antique soapstone carving, likely from China, that actually resembled my sweet Shi Tzu mix named Archie, and it is a gift that I cherish. Cat lovers in your life can also be gifted a very fine antique cat gift. There are many English, Chinese, and French-made cat porcelains, bronze, and brass figures and sculptures. A cool cat idea is also to find a cat antique that is inspired by Egypt. Cats are revered in Egyptian history and there

Cats are revered in Egyptian history and there are many examples of Egyptian-inspired cat items in the antique market.

Diamond Victorian Stickpin of a dog's head for sale on Rubylane.com for \$19,352



Sheffield Silver Frame selling for \$235 at Rubylane.com

Framing the Future

Formerly a very traditional gift, treasured and cherished, but displaced by the cell phone, are framed pictures. So, while a framed photo is no longer a traditional holiday, it now makes for a superb non-traditional gift, and antique frames are readily available in a variety of styles and metals and colors. Antique and vintage frames are available in the standard photo sizes (4" x 6", 5" x 7", 8" x 10" for instance), and are affordable even if made of fine sterling silver. Antique and vintage frames can be found that are

made of brass (for a golden color), sterling silver, and light and dark woods. The color and style of the frame itself should complement the decor of the recipient, and with the wide range of antique and vintage frames available, you can find a fine frame for a cherished picture of a celebration, trip, or other event that will delight your friend, family member, partner, spouse, or colleague.

Lower Pricing, Higher Value

Lastly, consider an antique gift because you will always be able to find one that suits your budget. You will find more flexibility and

options in the prices of antique and vintage gifts than the retail market will offer. You don't need to wait for a holiday sale to find the perfect antique gift for a dog or cat owner, sports fan, sailing enthusiast, movie, or TV buff; the perfect antique gift for just about anyone on your shopping list is out there right now! Happy holidays!



New York Yankee Stadium painting signed "Shelvey Dickerson" selling for \$250 at Rubylane.com



From Doug Kelly, writer of "Toys From the Attic" on Tipplate Toys

My experience has been that finding antique toys—truly vintage stuff—in antique shops and co-ops/malls is hit and miss. Really more miss than hit, because the vast majority of toys for sale in these places were made in the 1980s and 1990s, and even in the last 10 to 15 years. That's not antique, it's not vintage, and these newer items for the most part are common-as-dirt and should be priced at just a few dollars. Usually, these pieces are easily identifiable as new-ish, just look for clues like the words "Made in China" or things like the EU logo underneath the toy (or inside a battery compartment).

But be extra careful with cast iron and tinplate toys—many newer cast-iron pieces have no identifying marks on them, and often they're artificially "aged" to look old. One good clue: soft, clean, and supple tires on a cast iron toy car usually means a newer product (although these occasionally are put on vintage pieces due to the originals having crumbled away). And there's a tinplate friction-powered toy car that's become infamous among collectors ... made in the 1980s in India by Amar Toys, it's called the Minister Delux (with the last "e" missing). It's based on Pontiac tin toy cars that were made in Japan in the 1950s, and it does have a vintage look to it (the box does too). But it's a repro, or actually, it's more accurate to call it a re-creation of original Japanese tinplate toys. All of which would be fine were it not for the fact that it's often passed off as a 1950s original, with a price tag to match ... I've seen sellers trying to get \$100 to \$200 for these things while they claim it was made when Ike was in the White House. It's a \$20 to \$30 toy with zero collector interest—as it was when it hit the market in the 1980s—so buyer beware if one crosses your path in that antique mall you're enjoying on a Saturday morning.



From Jessica Kosinski, writer of "Antiques Peek and "What's Selling on eBay" on Action Figures

There are three basic reasons to collect action figures, which are for use, display, or potential investment value. Use is easy because you can buy any action figures and play with them, but display or potential investment is more difficult, as well as usually more expensive.

For best display or investment value, figures usually need to be sealed in original packages. There is also a grading system to measure the conditions of IB, IP, or OC (in box, in package, or on card) action figures. Besides packaging and condition, top priorities should be choosing sizes, subjects, and general compositions you like. For example, you might prefer action figures with or without bendable joints.

Certain franchises have highly collectible action figures, especially *Star Wars, Marvel,* and *Transformers.* Often, the earliest of those are among the most valuable, such as certain early *Star Wars* figures produced by Kenner. Rarity of particular figures is important as well. Most were produced in limited runs. Some are incredibly rare today, such as the British Palitoy jawa from *Star Wars* with a vinyl cape, as opposed to the more common cloth cape. Only a handful still exist.



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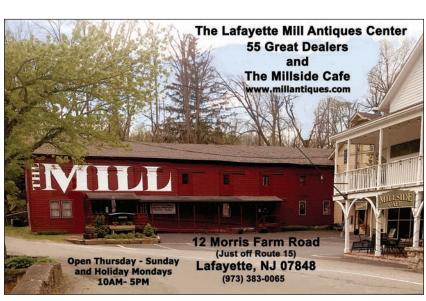
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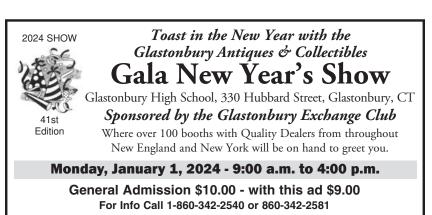
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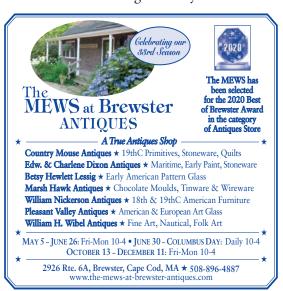


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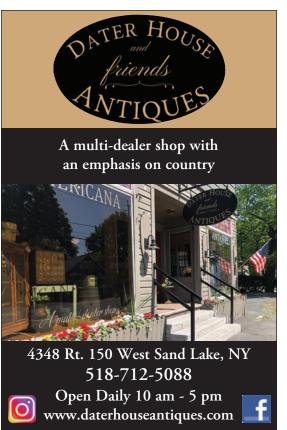
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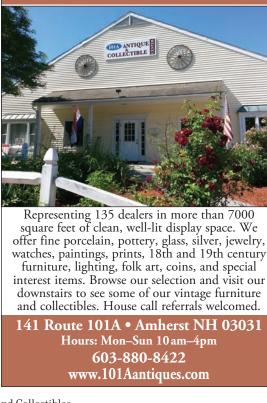




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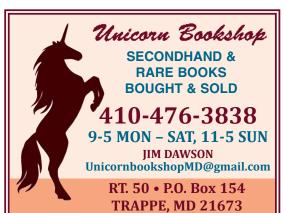




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