

*25th Anniversary*  
ANTIQUE DOORKNOB COLLECTORS OF AMERICA



*Charleston, South Carolina*

2005

## *President's Welcome Message*

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Welcome to the 25th annual convention of the Antique Doorknob Collectors of America. This convention will be remembered for several significant reasons. This year we find ourselves in the midst of “good old southern hospitality!” Charleston, South Carolina is a new experience for ADCA as our convention has never visited the southeast before.

Charleston has much to offer our visiting membership. By the year 1690, the city was the 5th largest population center in the new world. Its strategic location fostered many different industries including tobacco, indigo and the rice trades. The area is filled with architecturally significant mansions, government buildings and military forts. Our host, Rhett Butler and E.R. Butler & Co., has planned many great events so expect to truly enjoy your visit.

This convention will also be remembered as our 25th anniversary. Since 1981, doorknob collectors from across the nation have been inspired to visit one another once a year. Many knobs have been traded, bought and sold. Key friendships have been founded and a sense of extended family has developed. Who would have thought so many years ago that the love and preservation of door hardware would have created so much joy in all of our lives!

So relax and once again enjoy all that is planned for us during ADCA's 25th anniversary convention: it will truly be one to remember!

Stephen P. Rowe  
*ADCA President*

## *Host's Welcome Message*

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Greetings to our ADCA Members and Friends,

Charleston, South Carolina – True Southern Hospitality!

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the 25th Annual Antique Doorknobs Collectors of America convention July 25th to 31st, 2005. This is our annual gathering to reconnect with all our doorknob collector friends. We have planned a very exciting schedule, and we are happy share it with all of you.

Our theme this year is “Historical Materialism” (*Utility, History and Technology of the Material Sciences Used in the Manufacturing of Architectural and Builders’ Hardware Within the United States of America 1750-1950*), with an emphasis on compression technologies. Of course, along with best theme display, there will also be our usual categories of best of show and most creative for those of you who have brought a display. This convention is being widely publicized, which will enable us to exhibit to the public the appeal of the Victorian Decorative Arts and its important place in American history.

We have also planned several educational seminars; including a banquet night lecture on Charleston History by Mr. Jonathan Poston, nationally known speaker on the architecture of Charleston (Historic Charleston Foundation). You will still have ample opportunity to buy, sell, and trade with your fellow collectors, to partake the banquet/meeting, and of course do lots of bidding at the lively auction.

There are an infinite number of attractions in and around Charleston. If you have never attended a doorknob convention, you will not be disappointed. If you are a seasoned convention attendee, you will be glad you did.

Warmest regards,

Rhett Butler  
*Chairman, 2005 ADCA Convention*

## Convention Overview

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### Theme

Historical Materialism (*Utility, History and Technology of the Material Sciences Used in the Manufacturing of Architectural and Builders' Hardware Within the United States of America, 1750-1950*), with an emphasis on compression technologies.

### Highlighted Companies

Metallic Compression Casting Co.

Ornamental Wood Co.

Russell & Erwin Manufacturing Co.

### Materials

Base Metals: *Brass, Bronze, Iron, etc.*

Plated Metals: *Chrome, Copper, Gold, Nickel, Rhodium, Silver, etc.*

Patinated Metals: *Antiquing, Bower-Barff, Oil-Rubbed, etc.*

Minerals: *Clay, Bennington, Mineral, Porcelain, Pottery, etc.*

Glass: *Glass, Crystal, Argillo, Mercury, Nashua Dew Drop, etc.*

Natural Plastics: *"Bois Durci," Composition or Wood Powder, Gutta Percha, Hemacite, Horn, "Lava," Rubber, Shellac, Tortoiseshell, etc.*

Semi-Synthetic Plastics: *Casein, Cellulose, Vulcanite, etc.*

Synthetic Plastics: *Lucite, Plexiglas, Resin, Thermoset, etc.*

Naturals: *Bone, Wood, etc.*

### Technologies

*Blowing, Carving, Casting, Compressing, Forging, Forming, Grinding, Machining, Molding, Shaping, Spinning, Stamping, Turning, etc.*

## *Sunday, July 24*

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### **Pre-Convention Historic Tour Day I**

*Welcome to Charleston. ADCA Registration at The Mills House all day.*

#### *Morning*

- 7:00 – 9:00 Breakfast on your own.  
*Recommended: The Mills House Barbadoes Room*
- 9:00 – 12:00 Morning Historic Downtown Charleston Walking Tour.  
Declaration of Independence Walking Tour  
Historic Charleston Foundation (Self-Guided Tour)

#### *Afternoon*

- 12:00 – 2:00 Lunch on your own.
- 2:00 – 5:00 Afternoon Historic Downtown Charleston Walking Tour.  
Declaration of Independence Walking Tour  
Historic Charleston Foundation (Self-Guided Tour)

#### *Evening*

- 6:00 – 9:00 Dinner on your own.
- 8:00 – 12:00 ADCA Hospitality Suite Open (Room 238).

# Monday, July 25

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## Pre-Convention Historic Tour Day II

*Welcome to Charleston. ADCA Registration at The Mills House all day.*

### *Morning*

- 7:00 – 9:00      Breakfast on your own.  
*Recommended: The Mills House Barbadoes Room*
- 9:00 – 12:00    Historic Downtown Houses Carriage Tour.  
*Meet outside front entrance of the Mills House Hotel*

### *Afternoon*

- 12:00 – 2:00    Historic Downtown Houses Group Lunch at 82 Queen

### *Evening*

- 6:00 – 9:00      Dinner on your own.
- 8:00 – 12:00    ADCA Hospitality Suite Open (Room 238).

## *Tuesday, July 26*

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### **Pre-Convention Historic Tour Day III**

*Welcome to Charleston. ADCA Registration at The Mills House all day.*

#### *Morning*

- 7:00 – 9:00 Breakfast on your own.  
*Recommended: The Mills House Barbadoes Room*
- 9:00 – 12:00 Historic River Plantations Motor Coach Tour  
Middleton Place Plantation.

#### *Afternoon*

- 12:00 – 2:00 Historic River Plantation Box Lunch
- 2:00 – 5:00 Historic River Plantation Motor Coach Tour

#### *Evening*

- 6:00 – 9:00 Dinner on your own.
- 6:00 – 9:00 ADCA Board of Directors Meeting & Dinner.
- 8:00 – 12:00 ADCA Hospitality Suite Open (Room 238).

## Wednesday, July 27

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### Convention Exhibition – South Carolina Society Hall

*ADCA Exhibits: 2:00 to 5:00 (Open to the Public)*

#### *Morning*

- 7:00 – 9:00 Breakfast on your own.  
*Recommended: The Mills House Barbadoes Room*
- 7:00 – 9:00 ADCA Exhibition Hall / Display Setup.

#### *Afternoon*

- 12:00 – 2:00 Lunch on your own.  
*Recommended: Joseph's Restaurant*

#### *Evening*

- 6:00 – 9:00 Dinner on your own.
- 8:00 – 12:00 ADCA Hospitality Suite Open (Room 238).



## Thursday, July 28

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### Convention Exhibition at South Carolina Society Hall

*ADCA Exhibits: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.*

#### *Morning*

- 7:00 – 9:00 Breakfast on your own.  
*Recommended: The Mills House Barbadoes Room*
- 7:00 – 9:00 ADCA Exhibition Hall / Display Setup.

#### *Afternoon*

- 12:00 – 2:00 Lunch on your own.  
*Recommended: Jimmy Dengates – Authentic Irish Pub*
- 3:00 – 4:00 ADCA: The First Twenty-Five Years  
*Presentation by Maude Eastwood (2)*

#### *Evening*

- 6:00 – 9:00 Cocktails & Heavy Hors D'Oeuvres.  
*Sponsored by Brad Williams.*  
*45 Legare Street, Charleston, SC 29401*
- 8:00 – 12:00 ADCA Hospitality Suite Open (Room 238).

## Friday, July 29

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### Convention Exhibition & Auction at South Carolina Society Hall

*ADCA Exhibits: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.*  
*Packing Service Available 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

#### *Morning*

- 7:00 – 9:00 Breakfast on your own.  
*Recommended: The Mills House Barbadoes Room*
- 7:00 – 9:00 ADCA Exhibition Hall / Display Setup.

#### *Afternoon*

- 12:00 – 2:00 Lunch on your own.
- 2:00 – 5:00 ADCA Annual Live Auction (*Members Only*)  
*Featuring the Third Parcel of the Florence Jarvis Collection.*

#### *Evening*

- 5:00 – 6:00 Cocktail Bar Opens
- 6:00 – 7:00 Southern Banquet Dinner, South Carolina Society Hall
- 7:00 – 8:00 Presentation: Charleston History by Mr. Jonathan Poston  
*Nationally known speaker on the architecture of Charleston*  
Historic Charleston Foundation
- 8:00 – 9:00 ADCA Annual Business Meeting  
*Stephen Rowe, President.*  
ADCA Annual Award Ceremony.
- 8:00 – 12:00 ADCA Hospitality Suite Open (Room 238).

## *Saturday, July 30*

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### **Post-Convention Historic Tour Day IV**

#### *Morning*

- 7:00 – 9:00 Breakfast on your own.  
*Recommended: The Mills House Barbadoes Room*
- 9:00 – 12:00 Morning Historic Downtown Charleston Walking Tour.  
Declaration of Independence Walking Tour  
Historic Charleston Foundation (*Self-Guided Tour*)

#### *Afternoon*

- 12:00 – 2:00 Lunch on your own.
- 2:00 – 5:00 Afternoon Historic Downtown Charleston Walking Tour.  
Declaration of Independence Walking Tour  
Historic Charleston Foundation (*Self-Guided Tour*)

#### *Evening*

- 6:00 – 9:00 Dinner on your own.
- 8:00 – 12:00 ADCA Hospitality Suite Open (Room 238).

## *Sunday, July 31*

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### Post-Convention Historic Tour Day IV

#### *Morning*

7:00 – 12:00      On your own. Enjoy Charleston!

#### *Afternoon*

12:00 – 2:00      Lunch on your own.

*Recommended: The Mills House Barbadoes Room*

*“The Mills House Infamous Sunday Brunch Buffet”*

*“Smiling Faces. Beautiful Places.”*

*Thank ya’ll for coming! See you next year!*

## *25th Anniversary Patrons*

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### **Gold**

Ms. Patty Ramey (55)  
E.R. Butler & Co.  
Liz's Antique Hardware

St. Louis, MO  
New York, NY  
Los Angeles, CA

### **Silver**

Ms. Maude Eastwood (2)  
Mr. Dale Sponaugle (85)

Eddyville, Oregon  
Amherst, NY

### **Bronze**

Mr. Win Applegate (110)  
& Mrs. Carol Applegate (310)  
Mr. Len Blumin (3)  
& Mrs. Patti Blumin (500)  
Mr. Allen Joslyn (12)

Hamilton Square, NJ  
Mill Valley, CA  
Montclair, NJ

## *Mission Statement of ADCA*

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The Antique Doorknob Collectors of America is a non-profit organization devoted to the study and preservation of ornamental hardware. Established in 1981, the goal of the group is to collect, protect, and research antique builder's hardware, focusing on decorative designs, production methods, and period manufacturers. A long-term vision for the ADCA is the establishment of a public museum dedicated to the field of ornamental builder's hardware.

In addition to publishing an illustrated bi-monthly newsletter, the ADCA maintains an extensive archive of original manufacturers' catalogues and related materials. Able to inform and educate with displays and lectures through schools, civic organizations, or local libraries, ADCA members and resources are also available to preservation groups and restorers of historic properties for consultation and guidance.

Annual membership is \$25.00, and includes subscription to the newsletter. For further information or to join, call (973) 635-6338, or write to:

ADCA  
P. O. Box 31  
Chatham, NJ 07928-0031

### **Website**

The ADCA website can be found at: [www.Antiquedoorknobs.org](http://www.Antiquedoorknobs.org).

### **E-mail**

Hardware questions should be sent to [Antiquedoorknobs@comcast.net](mailto:Antiquedoorknobs@comcast.net).  
Newsletter/membership issues - [KnobNews@aol.com](mailto:KnobNews@aol.com).

## *A Brief History of ADCA*

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THE ANTIQUE DOORKNOB was published in 1976. The decades of 1950–1970 witnessed the often sad phenomenon known as urban renewal. Aging Victorian houses were destroyed to make way for modern city dwellings. With luck, salvage minded opportunists arrived before the wrecker’s ball and bulldozer. Ornate hardware plucked from the ruins made its way to the hands and hearts of collectors, one of whom was a shy and reserved beauty operator from Tillamook named Maud Eastwood. Not satisfied with merely owning a collection of salvaged doorknobs, Maud was driven by a need to learn. A true scholar emerged, and the hobby of doorknob collecting would never be the same.

Maud traveled, scoured libraries and patent documents, talked with collectors, “historians, artisans: anyone who might provide knowledge about the whys and wherefores of doorknob history. We are truly thankful that Maud then made an even greater commitment, embarking to share the fruits of her research with others. The result was a book, *The Antique Doorknob*, or “TAD” for short – a remarkable achievement. National publications such as *The OldHouse Journal* mentioned TAD with praise, and suddenly Maud was contacted from near and far by kindred souls who had succumbed to the strange compulsion to collect old hardware.

1977 saw the publication of a newsletter, *The Antique Doorknob*. It wasn’t long before the knobbers clamored to form an organization, and small groups of collectors began to meet. By 1981 things were heating up. Arnie Fredrick brought the pot to a boil with an offer to host a meeting of doorknob collectors from around the country. The first “convention” was held in Waverly Iowa in September, 1981, and those attending agreed to the formation of The Antique Doorknob Collectors of America, or ADCA. Bylaws were drafted, the club formally “incorporated” and ADCA was granted official status as a non-profit entity.

By the end of 1981 43 members had joined, growing to 100 in 1985 and to 200 active members in 1990. By year 2000 over 500 people had joined ADCA, with over 250 remaining as active dues-paying members.

For simplicity’s sake this account largely omits the names of those who played key roles in the early years of the club’s formation, but it took the dedicated efforts of many individuals to achieve its success.

## *Convention History*

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<i>Year</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Hosts</i>
1981	Waverly, IA	Mr. Arnie Frederick (1)
1982	San Francisco, CA	Mr. Leonard Blumin (3), Mrs. Patti Blumin (500)
1983	Naperville, IL	Mr. Raymond Nemec (350), Mrs. Loretta Nemec (8)
1984	Waverly, IA	Mr. Arnie Frederick (1)
1985	St. Charles, MO	Ms. Debbie Fellenz (31), Ms. Dolores Fellenz (30)
1986	Minneapolis, MN	Mr. James "Jim" Kaiser (5), Mrs. Lee Kaiser (5)
1987	Des Moines, IA	Mr. Al Still (37), Mrs. Janet Still
1988	Indianapolis, IN	Mr. Steve Menchhofer (60), Mrs. Barbara Menchhofer, Mr. Jo Mann (70), Mrs. Megan Mann (392)
1989	Iowa City, IA	Mr. Bill Byington (405), Mrs. Helen Byington (41)
1990	East Windsor, CT	Mr. Ed Thrall, Mrs. Flicka Thrall
1991	Lake Tahoe, CA	Mr. Joe Bornino, Mrs. Marge Bornino (123)
1992	Elgin, IL	Mr. Richard Balasa, Mrs. Lillian Balasa (71)
1993	Gaithersburg, MD	Mr. Dale Sponaugle (85)
1994	Milwaukee, WI	Mr. Gregory Filardo (97)
1995	Santa Monica, CA	Ms. Liz Gordon (111)
1996	Grand Rapids, MI	Mr. Gene DeLange (94), Mrs. Miriam DeLange
1997	King of Prussia, PA	Mr. Bob Rodder (167)
1998	Winnipeg, Manitoba	Mr. Bob Wilson, Ms. Valerie Friesen
1999	Portland, OR	Ms. Cathy Galbraith (494)
2000	Minneapolis, MN	Ms. Sally Hyslop (499)
2001	Bethlehem, PA	Mr. Allen Joslyn (12), Mr. Rich Kennedy (238)
2002	St. Louis, MO	Ms. Patty Ramey (525), Ms. Debbie Fellenz (31)
2003	San Antonio, TX	Mr. Brad Kittel (576), Mrs. Suzanne Kittel (647)
2004	San Francisco, CA	Mr. Leonard Blumin (3), Mrs. Patti Blumin (500), Mr. Marshall Berol (671), Mrs. Vicky Berol (450)
2005	Charleston, SC	Mr. Rhett Butler (292)

*List Compiled By Mr. Raymond Nemec (350)*



## *Past Presidents*

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<i>Year</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Hometown</i>
1981	Mr. John Holland (4)	Phoenix, Arizona
1982	Mr. Arnie Frederick (1)	Waverly, Iowa
1983-4	Mr. Len Blumin (3)	Mill Valley, California
1985	Mr. John Holland (4)	Phoenix, Arizona
1986	Mr. James "Jim" Kaiser (5)	Minneapolis, Minnesota
1987	Ms. Maude Eastwood (2)	Eddyville, Oregon
1987-8	Ms. Dorothy Miller (21)	Omaha, Nebraska
1989-90	Mr. Len Blumin (3)	Mill Valley, California
1991-8	Mr. Win Applegate (110)	Hamilton Square, New Jersey
1999-2000	Mr. Rhett Butler (292)	New York, New York
2001-4	Mr. Stephen Rowe (287)	Clovis, California

*List Compiled By Mr. Raymond Nemeč (350)*

## *Board of Directors*

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### **Officers**

President	Mr. Steve Rowe
Vice President	Mr. Brad Kittel
Secretary	Mr. Rich Kennedy
Treasurer	Mr. Allen Joslyn

### **Board Members**

Mr. Win Applegate  
Mrs. Vicky Berol  
Mr. Norman Blam  
Mr. Leonard Blumin  
Mr. Rhett Butler  
Ms. Maude Eastwood  
Ms. Cathy Galbraith (Board Secretary)  
Ms. Liz Gordon  
Mr. Steve Menchhofer (Archivist)  
Ms. Loretta Nemeč  
Ms. Patty Ramey

### **Committee Chairs, Etc.**

Archives	Mr. Steve Menchhofer (60), Archivist
Arnie Frederick Committee	Ms. Loretta Nemeč (8), Chair
Bookpeddler	Mr. Allen Joslyn (12), Chair Ms. Valene Best (425)
Convention Committee	Mr. Steve Rowe (287), Chair
Finance Committee	Mr. Leonard Blumin (3), Chair Mr. Rhett Butler (292) Mr. Allen Joslyn (12), Mr. Stephen Rowe (287) (Ex-Officio)
Nominating Committee	Mr. Leonard Blumin (3), Chair
The Doorknob Collector	Mr. Allen Joslyn (12), Editor
Victorian Decorative Art	Mr. Win Applegate (110), Editor
Website Committee	Mr. Brad Kittel (576), Chair
Welcoming Committee	Ms. Vicky Berol (450), Chair Ms. Cheryl Blam Ms. Sally Hyslop

## *ADCA Founding Members*

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The Following members participated in the forming of the Antique Doorknob Collectors of America in September of 1981:

<i>Name/Membership</i>	<i>Membership Status</i>
Mr. & Mrs. Charles (Alva) Bednar (6)	<i>Current Members</i>
Mr. Leonard Blumin (3)	<i>Lifetime Member</i>
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph (Florence) Chelin (22)	<i>Deceased / Non Member</i>
Mr. Mark Davidovich (25)	<i>Lifetime Member</i>
Mr. & Mrs. E.P. (Irma) Dick (13)	<i>Deceased</i>
Ms. Maude Eastwood (2)	<i>Lifetime Member</i>
Mr. Arnie Frederick (1)	<i>Deceased</i>
Ms. Lois Hatch (7)	<i>Lifetime Member</i>
Mr. & Mrs. John (Chlorene) Holland (4)	<i>Deceased / Current Member</i>
Ms. Florence Jarvis (24)	<i>Deceased</i>
Mr. & Mrs. James (Lee) Kaiser (5)	<i>Deceased / Current Member</i>
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald (Ardythe) Leaders (14)	<i>Current Members</i>
Mr. & Mrs. Max (Barbara) Liesman (32)	<i>Deceased / Current Member</i>
Mr. & Mrs. Frederick (Ethladel) Magnus (10)	<i>Deceased</i>
Mr. & Mrs. Emil (Dorothy Ann) Miller (21)	<i>Deceased / Current Member</i>
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond (Loretta) Nemec (8)	<i>Lifetime Members</i>
Mr. Arthur Paholke (51)	<i>Deceased</i>
Mr. & Mrs. Dan (Judy Ann) Peterson (16)	<i>Lifetime Members</i>
Mr. Darrell O. Razor*	<i>Deceased</i>
Mr. Charles Wardell (9)	<i>Current Member</i>
Mr. & Mrs. Emmet (Marjorie) Wiemer (18)	<i>Deceased / Current Member</i>
Mr. & Mrs. Ray (Kae) Zyc (23)	<i>Current Members</i>

*List Compiled By Mr. Raymond Nemec (350)*

\* ADCA Membership numbers were originally assigned by Mr. Raymond Nemec (350) in 1985. Mr. Darrell O. Razor was never assigned a membership number as he passed away prior to 1985.



ORNAMENTAL WOOD COMPANY

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*Bridgeport, Connecticut*



RUSSELL & ERWIN M

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*New Britain,*



MANUFACTURING CO.

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*Connecticut*



METALLIC COMPRESSION CASTING CO.

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*Boston, Massachusetts*



DESIGN NO. D11191  
*Patented May 13th, 1879*  
*Designed by Henry E. Russell, Jr.*



DESIGN NO. D11226  
*Patented June 3rd, 1879*  
*Designed by Rodolphe Christensen*



DESIGN NO. D11227  
*Patented June 3rd, 1879*  
*Designed by Rodolphe Christensen*



DESIGN NO. D11229  
*Patented June 3rd, 1879*  
*Designed by Rodolphe Christensen*

## “JAPANESE STYLE OF ORNAMENT”

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*Manufactured by the Russell & Erwin Mfg. Co.*



## *In Memoriam*

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Larry Bolen	May 27, 2005
Joe Mueller	June 14, 2005
David Smeltzer	Oct 15, 2004

Strong Son of God, immortal Love,  
Whom we, that have not seen thy face,  
By faith, and faith alone, embrace,  
Believing where we cannot prove;

Thine are these orbs of light and shade;  
Thou madest Life in man and brute;  
Thou madest Death; and lo, thy foot  
Is on the skull which thou hast made.

Thou wilt not leave us in the dust:  
Thou madest man, he knows not why,  
He thinks he was not made to die;  
And thou hast made him: thou art just.

Thou seemest human and divine,  
The highest, holiest manhood, thou:  
Our wills are ours, we know not how;  
Our wills are ours, to make them thine.

Our little systems have their day;  
They have their day and cease to be:  
They are but broken lights of thee,  
And thou, O Lord, art more than they.

We have but faith: we cannot know;  
For knowledge is of things we see;  
And yet we trust it comes from thee,  
A beam in darkness: let it grow.

Let knowledge grow from more to more,  
But more of reverence in us dwell;  
That mind and soul, according well,  
May make one music as before,

But vaster. We are fools and slight;  
We mock thee when we do not fear:  
But help thy foolish ones to bear;  
Help thy vain worlds to bear thy light.

Forgive what seem'd my sin in me;  
What seem'd my worth since I began;  
For merit lives from man to man,  
And not from man, O Lord, to thee.

Forgive my grief for one removed,  
Thy creature, whom I found so fair.  
I trust he lives in thee, and there  
I find him worthier to be loved.

Forgive these wild and wandering cries,  
Confusions of a wasted youth;  
Forgive them where they fail in truth,  
And in thy wisdom make me wise.

—*"In Memoriam,"* 1849  
*Lord Alfred Tennyson*

## *ADCA Policy On Gifts and Bequests*

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The Antique Doorknob Collectors of America (ADCA) is incorporated as a non-profit organization dedicated to the study and preservation of ornamental hardware. Since ADCA has been qualified as a tax-exempt entity [section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code], gifts and donation made to ADCA are in general tax deductible to the donor. ADCA will provide donors with appropriate written acknowledgements of all gifts in excess of \$250.

ADCA proposes to use gifts and bequests to achieve the ADCA mission of preserving ornamental hardware and educating the public about the history of the hardware industry in America and about the design and function of such hardware.

Examples of ADCA activities that promote its mission include:

Regular publishing of a newsletter about antique hardware and the activities of the ADCA and its members.

Maintaining archival materials relating to the history of the hardware industry, and making copies of such materials available to the public.

Maintaining an internet website to educate the public about ADCA and antique hardware, and responding to hardware questions posed by the public who visit the website.

Hosting an annual convention where ADCA members and the public can gather to see and learn about antique hardware.

Encouraging and facilitating the creation of public displays of antique hardware in appropriate public facilities, such as libraries and museums.

Supporting the publication of books and articles related to antique hardware and the hardware industry.

Gifts and bequests given by the donor without restriction will be used by ADCA under the direction of the ADCA Board, to support and promote activities such as those listed above. Gifts and bequests given with donor designated limitations will be accepted by ADCA if ADCA feels it can comply with the wishes of the donor, and once accepted the funds will be expended according to the limitation imposed by the donor. Donors should make unrestricted gifts by stating that the gift is being made to the "Antique Doorknob Collectors of America."

ADCA does not currently manage endowment funds, but ADCA will manage any endowment type of gift or bequest so as to preserve the corpus of the assets given and manage the assets so as to provide perpetual income for ADCA activities such as those listed above. Such endowment assets shall be considered "permanently restricted".

# *Bylaws*

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## ARTICLE I – OFFICES

SECTION 1. The principal office of the Corporation in the State of Iowa shall be located at 587 Somerset Lane, Iowa City, Johnson County, Iowa 52240 (REV. 8/95).<sup>1</sup>

SECTION 2. The registered office of the Corporation required by the Iowa Non-profit Corporation Act to be maintained in the State of Iowa may be, but need not be, identical with the principal office in the State of Iowa, and the address of the registered office may be changed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE II – MEMBERS

SECTION 1. CLASS OF MEMBERS. There shall be one class of members.<sup>2</sup>

SECTION 2. ELIGIBILITY OF MEMBERS. Anyone interested in antique doorknobs and related hardware is eligible to become a member with full voting rights and other privileges. However, any two or more family members applying for membership and living at the same address shall collectively be one member unless more than one family member at the same address pays the annual dues. In that event, each member at the same address and paying dues will be a member.

SECTION 3. MEMBER DUES. The annual dues required for membership shall be determined by the vote of the members. Dues may vary from year to year, but dues shall be the same for all members. Any member failing to pay dues within 90 days of January 1 of each year shall be automatically dropped from membership. (REV. 9/89).<sup>3</sup>

SECTION 4. ANNUAL MEETING. There shall be an annual meeting of members for the transacting of such business as may come before the meeting and for conducting annual elections. This meeting is to be held during the months of July to September of each year, unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors. Notice of the annual meeting, issued by the secretary, shall be mailed to the last recorded address of each member at least 30 days before the annual meeting.

SECTION 5. SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special meeting of the members may be called by the President or by the Board of Directors. A special meeting of the members may be called by members having one-fourth (1/4) of the votes entitled to be

cast at such a meeting. Notice of a special meeting, issued by the secretary, shall be mailed to the last recorded address of each member. No business other than that specified in the notice of the special meeting shall be transacted.

**SECTION 6. QUORUM OF MEMBERS.** Members holding 10% of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter to be voted upon, represented in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum.

**SECTION 7. VOTING OF MEMBERS.** Each member shall be entitled to one vote upon each item submitted to vote at a meeting of the members.

**SECTION 8. LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP.** The Board may grant a lifetime membership to a person judged to have made outstanding contributions to the Corporation and or to the field of antique doorknob collecting.<sup>4</sup> From time to time the Board may authorize the availability of the purchase of a lifetime membership subscription.

### ARTICLE III – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**SECTION 1. GENERAL POWERS.** The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation.

**SECTION 2. NUMBER AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.** The elected Board of Directors, excluding any emeritus position(s), shall consist of a minimum of ten (10) and a maximum of fourteen (14), who shall serve two years terms. One half of the directors shall have terms commencing in alternate years, and shall be elected at an annual election of the membership, by a majority of votes cast at such an election. Such directors shall start serving immediately after election and serve thereafter until their successors are elected and qualified. The Board, by a majority vote of those present, may appoint Directors to fill existing vacancies.<sup>5</sup>

**SECTION 3. EMERITUS DIRECTOR(S).** In addition to the elected Directors, there shall be a category known as “Emeritus Director.” Election to the position of Emeritus Director shall be considered for unique individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the welfare of the Antique Doorknob Collectors of America; shall require majority vote of the Board of Directors and confirmation by a majority of members voting at an Annual Meeting; and shall include full Director voting rights and eligibility to hold office.<sup>6</sup>

SECTION 4. VACANCIES. If the office of any director shall become vacant between annual meetings by reason of death or resignation, a successor may be appointed by the remaining members of the Board of Directors to fill the vacancy until the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors. A special meeting of the members may be called to fill the vacancy if the Board of Directors so desires.

SECTION 5. REGULAR MEETINGS. A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held during the five day period preceding the annual meeting of members, without other notice than this bylaw. At the discretion of the President, or by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, a second regular meeting may be held immediately after, and at the same place as the annual meeting of members, without other notice than this bylaw.<sup>7</sup>

SECTION 6. SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the President or any Director, who may fix any place and time therefor. Notice shall be given by personal notification to each Director.

SECTION 7. QUORUM. A majority of the currently serving Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 8. MANNER OF ACTING. The act of the majority of Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, except to the extent provided in the Articles of Incorporation and in these Bylaws.

SECTION 9. INFORMAL ACTION BY DIRECTORS. Any action required by the Iowa Nonprofit Corporation Act, to be taken at a meeting of the Directors of the Corporation, or any action which may be taken at a meeting of the Directors, may be taken without a meeting, if a consent in writing setting forth the action so taken is signed by all of the Directors.

#### ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

SECTION 1. NUMBER. The Corporation shall have a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and other such officers as may be deemed necessary. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person.

SECTION 2. ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE. The officers of the Corporation shall be elected each year at the annual meeting of members by a majority of votes cast at such election. Officers shall hold office for one year, and may suc-

ceed themselves, except that no person shall serve as President for more than four successive terms. Election or appointment of an officer or agent shall not of itself create contract rights. (REV. 10/93).<sup>8</sup>

**SECTION 3. VACANCIES.** A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, may be filled by the Board of Directors for the remaining portion of the term.

**SECTION 4. PRESIDENT.** The President shall be the principal elected officer of the Corporation and subject to the control of the Board of Directors, shall supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the Corporation. The President shall preside at all meetings of the members, and shall cause to be called regular meeting of the members in accordance with these Bylaws. The President, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint and remove, employ and discharge, and fix the compensation of all agents and employees of this Corporation other than officers appointed by the Board of Directors. The President shall make and sign all contracts and agreements in the name of this Corporation which are authorized by the Board of Directors unless the Bylaws provide that the Secretary shall also sign said documents.

**SECTION 5. VICE PRESIDENT.** In the absence of the President or in the event of President's inability to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of President, and when so acting, shall have all of the powers and be subject to all of the restrictions upon the President. Any Vice President shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to the office by the President or by the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 6. SECRETARY.** The Secretary shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provision of the Bylaws or as required by law; be custodian of the corporate records, and of all documents, the execution of which on behalf of the Corporation is duly authorized in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws; keep a register of the post office address of each member which shall be furnished by each member, and in general perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to the office by the President or by the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 7. TREASURER.** If required by the Board of Directors, the Treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of duties, in such sum and with such sureties as the Board of Directors shall determine. The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of, and be responsible for, all funds and securities of the Corporation; receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the Corporation; and deposit all such monies in the name of the Corporation in such banks, trust companies, or

other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of Article V of these Bylaws. The Treasurer shall in general perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to the Treasurer by the President or by the Board of Directors. It is the responsibility of the Treasurer to keep a record of all club property. (REV. 9/86)

## ARTICLE V – WRITTEN INSTRUMENTS

**SECTION 1. CONTRACTS.** The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents, to enter into any contract of execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

**SECTION 2. LOANS.** No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the Corporation and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a resolution of the Board of Directors. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

**SECTION 3. CHECKS, DRAFTS, ETC.** All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness issued in the name of the corporation, shall be signed by such officer or officers of the Corporation or in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 4. DEPOSITS.** All funds of the Corporation not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

## ARTICLE VI – OTHER PROVISIONS

**SECTION 1. FISCAL YEAR.** The fiscal year of the Corporation shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31 in each year. (REV. 9/89)

**SECTION 2. WAIVER OF NOTICE.** Whenever notice is required to be given to any member or Director of the Corporation under the provisions of the Iowa Nonprofit Corporation Act or under the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws of the Corporation, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be equivalent to the giving of such notice.

## ARTICLE VII – DISSOLUTION

The Corporation may be dissolved only on the affirmative vote of a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority of the entire membership, as determined through a written ballot. In the event of such dissolution, all assets shall be converted into cash, excepting real estate, equipment, and other fixed assets suitable for transfer to a museum or similar institution. After payment of all outstanding indebtedness, the assets of the Corporation shall be distributed to any worthy 501(c).3 organization<sup>10</sup> chosen by vote of the Board and approved by vote of the members at an Annual Meeting of the Corporation. This shall not be construed to mean that distribution shall be limited to one such organization, but only that such organizations must be non-profit and exempt under 501(c).3.

## ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS OF BYLAWS

SECTION 1. These Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new Bylaws may be adopted by the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors.

*Dated: August 7, 1999*

*Action: Passed by the ADCA Board, 7 Aug 1999.*

### NOTES

- 1 From 1981 until 1985, principle office was in Waverly, Iowa, home of founder Arnold Frederick.
- 2 ADCA does not have “sustaining,” “supporting,” or “inactive” classes of membership.
- 3 Previous By-laws allowed for purchase of a lifetime membership.
- 4 Lifetime memberships have been granted to Maude Eastwood and Len Blumin.
- 5 Originally, the number of Directors was set at eight (8), term was one year, and elections were held annually.
- 6 Maude Eastwood was granted a lifetime position on the Board in 1983, and was subsequently honored by being elected Emeritus Director.
- 7 The “second” meeting used to be required for the Board to elect officers (see footnote 8 below).
- 8 Officers were previously elected by the ADCA Board rather than by ADCA members.
- 9 Previous versions of the Bylaws did not contain any statement about dissolution of the corporation.
- 10 United States Internal Revenue Code of 1954



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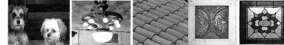
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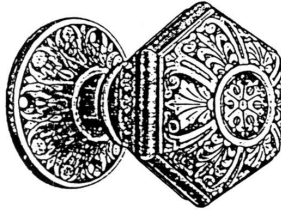
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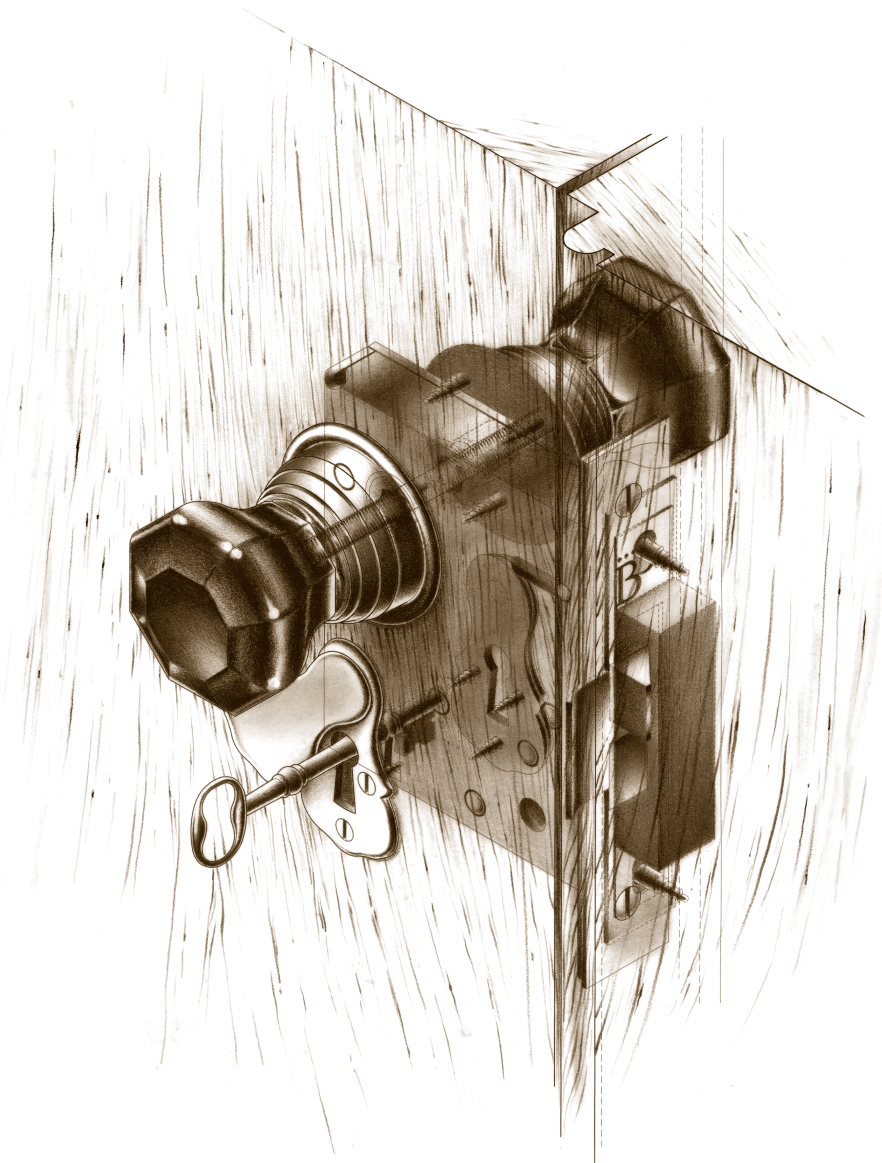
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