

DOORKNOB COLLECTORS!!

Where can you. . .

- meet and hear Maudie Eastwood, Consultant and author of The Antique Doorknob.
- attend a seminar, exchange information with other doorknob collectors from around the country and decide if a collector's club would be desirable.
- display as much of your collection as you can carry with you.
- swap or sell your duplicates to other collectors.
- relax - dance - dine - tennis - swim or golf for a long weekend?

Where?? At the Red Fox Inn Best Western in Waverly, Iowa, from Friday afternoon to noon Sunday, September 11-13, 1981.

As a collector of doorknobs for the past five years, I have had the pleasure of meeting only two other collectors--Emil Miller of Omaha and Florence Jarvis of Grand Rapids. It was a great pleasure to meet these interesting people, and I would like to bring together more enthusiastic collectors from all across the country. That's the purpose of this letter - to invite you to share your knowledge and collection of doorknobs with others of like interest in a relaxing Waverly weekend.

Registration fee for the weekend is \$55/single or \$75/couple, which includes a Friday evening buffet dinner and a banquet on Saturday evening, featuring Maudie Eastwood as speaker.

In addition to providing two meals, the registration fee will be used to pay Mrs. Eastwood's expenses and incidental costs connected with the meeting. She offered to participate at her own expense, but we feel we owe her a great deal for her contribution to doorknob collecting. Any leftover money will be returned to the participants.

Each collector will be provided a 30" X 80" table for displaying collections in a large meeting room. (Doorknobs and related items only, please.) There will be no charge for the use of a table for guests staying at the hotel. The public will be invited to view the displays on Saturday afternoon and a nominal admission fee will be charged. The proceeds could be used to form a nonprofit corporation to further our interest, if desired.

I have enclosed information on room rates and services available at the Red Fox Inn. The Red Fox is a beautiful mini-resort and you may want to come early or stay late to visit other interesting places in Iowa. Described as "a gold mine of fine antiques" by a representative of the famed Sotheby Parke Bernet Inc. Auction House, Iowa truly is a collector's dream. But I must tell you, most of the available doorknobs in Waverly are in my collection!!

I hope you will be able to participate in this event. Since we do need to finalize our plans, please complete the enclosed registration card by April 15. Motel reservations should be sent directly to the Red Fox Inn. When making reservations, identify yourself as a doorknob collector.

Sincerely,



3/13/81

Registration

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

I will be able to attend and would like to register for the following:

\$55 Single

\$75 Couple

\$10 Table Fee. For those registered for the meeting but not staying at the Red Fox.

I will be camping and would like information on area camping facilities.

I will need transportation from the Waterloo Municipal Airport to Waverly.

Sorry, I cannot attend but would like to be notified of any future meetings.

Mailing lists were obtained from Maudie Eastwood and from The Doorknob Collector. If you know other collectors whose names may not be on these lists please let us know.

\$ _____ Amount Enclosed (Make checks payable to Collectors Club)

Send registration form and check to: Arnold A. Fredrick
221 2nd Street SE
Waverly, IA 50677

319-352-4090 (office)
319-352-4070 (home)

THE ANTIQUE DOORKNOB COLLECTORS OF AMERICA
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF SEPT. 13, 1981
WAS ATTENDED BY THE FOLLOWING COLLECTORS

1. Charles and Alva Bednar
1132 W. Roselawn
St. Paul, MN 55113
612-489-1090
2. Leonard Blumin
382 Throckmorton Ave.
Mill Valley, CA 94941
415-388-4990
3. Ralph F. and Florence Chelín
R.F.D. 5
Princeton, IL 61356
815-875-1896
4. Mark Davidovich
909 Palm Avenue
Carpinteria, CA 93013
805-684-4487
5. E. P. and Irma Dick
6815 South Humboldt
Minneapolis, MN 55423
612-869-5297
6. Maudie Eastwood
3900 Latimer Rd. N.
Tillamook, OR 97141
503-842-2244
7. Arnie and Tedi Fredrick
221 2nd Street SE
Waverly, IA 50677
319-352-4070
8. Lois Hatch
342 S. 23rd
LaCrosse, WI 54601
608-782-8741
9. John H. and Chlorene Holland
3434 N. 47th Way
Phoenix, AZ 85018
602-959-7568
10. Florence E. Jarvis
127 Prospect Avenue NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
616-454-7568
11. Jim and Lee Kaiser
4125 Colfax Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55409
612-827-7080
12. Gerald and Ardythe Leaders
901 Jeroleman
Dunlap, IA 51529
712-643-5970
13. Frederick L. and Ethadel Magnus
370 Washington Court
Fort Meyers Beach, FL 33931
14. Emil R. and Dorothy Ann Miller
8074 Cedar Street
Omaha, NE 68124
402-391-6015
15. Raymond J. and Loretta Nemeč
1424 Heatherston Drive
Naperville, IL 60540
312-357-2381
16. Arthur R. Pahlke
5208 South Christiana Avenue
Chicago, IL 60632
312-PR8-5634
17. Dan and Judy Peterson
Rt. 2
Mazomanie, WI 53560
608-767-3727
18. D. O. Razor
P.O. Box 456
Bellevue, WA 98009
19. Charles Wardell
P.O. Box 195
Trinity, NC 27370
919-434-1145
20. D. Emmet and Marjorie Wiemer
Box 3088
Sedona, AZ 86340
21. Raymond and Katherine Zyc
1042 Milton Avenue
Janesville, WI 53545
608-754-2643

September 16, 1981

DOORKNOB COLLECTORS !!

The convention is over but the memory lingers on! Tedi and I enjoyed meeting each and everyone of you and hope some year we can host another meeting in Waverly. The Manager of the Red Fox told me he has never had a finer group stay there and he hopes we will meet there every year!

Enclosed is a photo copy from the local paper and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of those in attendance. The Waterloo Courier is working on a story with pictures for their Sunday edition which I will send later.

KWWL television agreed to provide us a copy of their video tape of the convention... just for the price of the tape. We can keep it on file and perhaps loan it to any of you with a video player (Betamax I, 1/2"). More about this later.

Work on the governing rules is underway and will be mailed to you along with an application for membership in the near future.

Thank you again for the gift. I'm planning a special display with a plaque commemorating the occasion. As you know by now, I am sort of a "sentimental collector."

Arnold

Arnold A. Fredrick
Vice President
Antique Doorknob Collectors of America
221 2nd Street SE
Waverly, IA 50677

September 25, 1981

Mr. Rich S. Kennedy
7 Lafayette Place
Chatham, NJ 07928

Dear Rich:

Well, we are back in Arizona after attending the first annual Doorknob Collectors convention in Waverly, Iowa.

We are really sorry that you and Faye were not able to attend. You really missed a fine gathering of some of the finest people I've ever been with. I say this after attending at least two conventions a year for over thirty years in business.

Arnie Fredricks, our host and principal architect of organizing, did a superb job in pulling together a program that was jammed with education and fun. The Red Fox Inn was a very nice setting and with very fine accommodations - even the food was far above average for such an occasion.

Arnie had arranged for excellent publicity coverage with the local news media, T.V., radio and newspaper. The convention made the front page, pictures and all, in the Des Moines Register (a copy is enclosed). From that paper, news spread all over the country due to its uniqueness. Friends of ours were cruising down the Mississippi on a cruise ship and heard the news on the radio. Anyway, he did get excellent publicity.

We had 22 registered collectors. All had brought good examples for display. There were forty or more people including husbands, wives and guests. The public display brought over one hundred visitors to view the various collections and displays. It also brought in over \$100 in income to help underwrite the convention costs.

Trading time on Saturday morning was the highlight for some, as many had never before traded. I don't believe there was a delegate there that did not, through trading, improve his collection.

We were very privileged to have Maudie Eastwood present at the convention. She was our principal speaker on Saturday evening. She reminisced some about her first book and gave us a fine historical insight on doorknob and hardware manufacturing from the beginning. Her presence lent an air of respectability and credibility to the convention and to the art found in antique doorknob collecting.

Art Paholke, Chicago collector and past master in the art of locks gave a very interesting and informative slide presentation on the art and value

of collecting matching escutcheon plates and doorknobs. He inspired most of us to want to know more about the various periods and schools of design represented in most of our collections. Art gave each delegate a package containing catalog information on his vast catalog library as well as other reference materials.

Len Blumin, Mill Valley, California, gave an excellent overview of how he photographs his doorknobs in preparation for his forthcoming book on "Victorian Doorknobs". He distributed very excellent copies of his work to each registered delegate, which were to be used as helpful resource materials to all of us.

Dr. Blumin also gave us a few salient facts and suggestions on trading. He stressed that for many advanced collectors, one of the principal ways of improving one's collection is through trading. He further emphasized that the surest way to establish and retain a trading relationship is to be abundantly fair. He concluded with "one must give to get".

Emil Miller, Omaha, Nebraska, gave a thorough and complete overview on methods used in cleaning and restoring. He also covered the subject of acquiring additions to one's collection, largely through trading and establishing friendships with antique and flea market dealers. He emphasized the value and importance of fair dealings so as to retain desirable sources.

John Holland was asked to present a talk on giving talks on doorknob collecting to small groups. He distributed copies of the "talk format" for anyone's use, either in part or whole. He also presented each delegate with photostat copies of 17 pages of emblematic doorknob examples.

The final item on the conference agenda was the business meeting.

1. After much discussion, it was decided that we form a club with the official name of "Antique Doorknob Collectors of America".
2. The official publication of the club is to be "The Doorknob Collector", and that it be converted to a quarterly publication. That The Doorknob Collector become the property of the Antique Doorknob Collectors of America and that the editors continue to be Rich and Faye Kennedy. (This is, of course, with your written consent). It was felt that with your continued cooperation and support it could be expanded to include information and ways of helping our members which have not been heretofore employed.

The club will be able to give greater financial support to you as well as furnishing you with resource materials of all kinds so that you are somewhat relieved of trying to dig up information for each issue.

We promise you that we will furnish you every assistance so that it becomes the job of all members to supply educational as well as financial support. We will expound in more detail as soon as we have your reaction to the new concept.

3. It was agreed by all present that dues be set at \$20.00 per year per each family address. The dues structure provides that each paid-up member receive quarterly copies of "The Doorknob Collector".
4. It was unanimously agreed that another convention be held in 1982 - date and place to be announced. It was further agreed that it be held on the west coast, probably in the Napa Valley area near San Francisco.
5. Election of Officers - Much discussion was had on how many officers were necessary during the formative years. It was concluded that we have the following officers:

President
Vice President
Secretary-Treasurer
Member at Large

The following persons were elected to fill the above named positions for 1981-1982.

John Holland - President - Phoenix, Arizona
Arnie Fredrick - Vice President - Waverly, Iowa
Marge Weimer - Secretary-Treasurer - Sedona, Arizona
Darrell Razor - Member at Large - Bellevue, Washington

The President made the following appointments.

Membership Chairman - Arnold Fredrick
Convention Chairman - Len Blumin
Bulletin Editors - Rich and Faye Kennedy (subject to your acceptance as outlined)

The bylaws as presented to the assembled group, with minor refinement, was adopted. They will be mailed to all who were present, plus other selected collectors.

Arnold Fredrick will develop a membership form which will be made available to all registered delegates who pledged to form the membership committee for developing our membership.

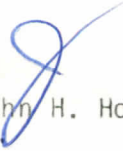
Each member whose membership dues are paid in full before convention time shall be deemed to be charter members.

The convention was concluded by expressing our appreciation to Arnie Fredrick our host, and to Maudie Eastwood for the work, support and confidence they gave to every member present.

Well, I hope I've covered the convention adequately for you. May I please have your reaction to the continued job of editing the bulletin on a quarterly basis.

I look forward to a warm and congenial relationship with you all and hope you'll plan on being at our next convention. You'll be glad you did.

Sincerely,



John H. Holland

cc: M. Eastwood
L. Blumin
A. Fredrick
M. Weimer
D. Razor
A. Paholke
J. Kaiser
E. Miller

Marge Weimer
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