



The Doorknob Collector

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ADCA to visit the Pritzlaff

by Greg Filardo

The *Pritzlaff Hardware Company*, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin was one of the oldest dealerships in the midwest. The business closed about 20 years ago.

The original building [center section in photo] was built in 1875. There is an antique shop on the first floor. The original walk-in safes still are present with beautifully painted doors and hardware.

Located one block from the Milwaukee river, the firm sold virtually every pattern of ornamental hardware available in the United States. Milwaukee homes had an abundance of styles and types of hardware.

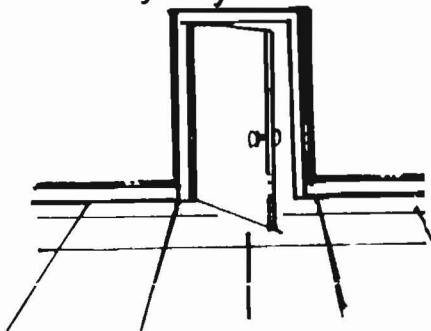
The Pritzlaff Hardware Company Building is one of the many interesting sites for ADCA members to visit while attending the 1994 convention. •



ADCA Convention - Milwaukee, Wisconsin - August 5-7, 1994

THE OPEN DOOR

by ray nemec



Milwaukee in 1994

The 1994 annual Antique Doorknob Collectors of America Convention will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from August 5th to August 7th. Convention chair-person is Greg Filardo who promises opportunities to visit the many interesting buildings and sites in the area along with the usual convention schedule.

Several ideas for something different have been discussed. All-in-all, the 1994 convention should be one that attending members will enjoy and remember.

This is the first convention in Wisconsin. Following is a list of past convention sites and chairperson(s):

1982 San Francisco, CA	Len Blumin
1983 Naperville, IL	Loretta Nemec
1984 Waverly, IA	Arnie Fredrick
1985 St. Charles, MO	Debbie Fellenz
1986 Minneapolis, MN	Jim & Lee Kaiser
1987 West Des Moines, IA	Al Still
1988 Indianapolis, IN	

Steve & Barbara Menchhofer	
1989 Iowa City, IA	Helen & Bill Byington
1990 E. Windsor, CT	Ed & Flicka Thrall
1991 So. Lake Tahoe, CA	

Marge & Joe Bornino	
1992 Elgin, IL	Lillian & Richard Balasa
1993 Gaithersburg, MD	Dale Sponaule

Bits and Pieces

by Win Applegate
President

In the Post-Convention News Letter, Arnie Fredrick was shown with the plaque he received honoring him for his contributions to the organization. This was a very significant moment and I believe it is important that those of the ADCA members not present know the words so respectfully inscribed:

Let It Be Known That At Its Thirteenth Annual Convention The ADCA Recognizes "Arnie" As Its Key Founder. It Was Through His Guidance And Wise Counsel That The Foundation For This Lasting Organization Was Established. For His Consistent Support And Treless Effort The Organization Honors its Member #1 With LIFE MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBER:

Although, it is a fine idea, it isn't practical to use the News Letter to introduce each new ADCA member. I am making an exception this time as we welcome Donald Hill of Pasadena, California.

Early in his career, which I figure began somewhere in the 1920's. Donald spent his lunch hour walking the dumps. In those days, EVERYTHING went to the dump. For a man who did not eat lunch, every day seemed to have its rewards. Don's collections are numerous and very interesting.

One collection, of course, is door knobs....all collected one-at-a-time: no trading, no bag brought back from a flea market, no sidewalk superintending at a demolition site, just one-at-a-time on his lunch hour walk through the dump.

Donald says he still remembers when and almost exactly where he came across most of them. BUT, those days are gone, now junk-to-the-dump is side-tracked via the FLEA MARKET.

Donald's second career is as interesting. A serious and competent inventor, he attacked a problem facing all gas

utility companies today....deteriorating gas mains. It is his couplings and tools that facilitate the relining of gas mains with PVC (plastic pipe). His inventions are used by the tens of thousands throughout the world.

We welcome this fine friend of mine, Donald Hill, but lament that he waited until he was in his mid-eighties to join us.

IT'S A GOOD FEELING WHEN....

You say, "I picked up tow hand-blown cranberry glass knobs for two-fifty apiece.

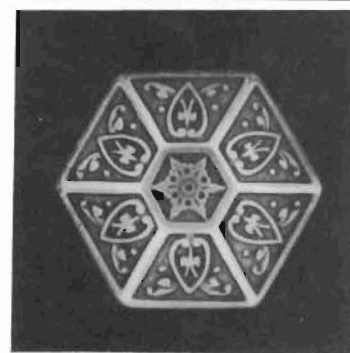
Later, she says, "I've been thinking, \$250 apiece is probably not a bad price for such rate knobs."

You say, "No. I meant two dollars and fifty cents each!"

I have been reviewing a brief video of Milwaukee done by Greg Filardo as plans are being finalized to make Milwaukee our Convention City for 1994. What an architecturally rich town it appears to be! Greg, is deep into the planning for the August event and you will be, of course, hearing much more soon. •

DEADLINE

All ads, material and articles for the May-June 1994 issue of *The Doorknob Collector* should be in the hands of the editors by April 25, 1994.



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ANTIQUE DOORKNOB COLLECTORS OF AMERICA

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - OFFICES

Section 1. The principal office of the Corporation in the state of Iowa shall be located at 221 Second Street, Southeast, Waverly, Iowa, Bremer County, Iowa.

Section 2. The registered office of the Corporation required by the Iowa Nonprofit 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.

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 family member living at the same address and paying dues will be a member.

Section 3. Member Dues. The annual or lifetime 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 after November 1 of each year shall be automatically dropped from membership. (Amended September 12, 1989 to read as follows: Eliminate lifetime dues and change date to January 1. 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 day after January 1, of each year shall be automatically dropped from membership.)

Section 4. Annual Meeting. There shall be an annual meeting of members for the purpose of electing Directors and for the transacting of such other business as may come before the meeting, during the month of 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 time set for the annual meeting.

Section 5. Special Meeting. Special meetings of the members may be called by the President or by the Board of Directors. A special meeting of members may also be called by members having one-fourth (1/4 th) of the votes entitled to be cast at such meeting. Notice of a special meeting, issued by the Secretary, shall be mailed to the last recorded address of each member at least 30 days before the time set for the special meeting. 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 matter submitted to vote at a meeting of the members.

Section 8. Lifetime Member. Maudie Eastwood of Tillamook, Oregon, shall be granted a lifetime membership in Antique Doorknob Collectors of America in grateful appreciation for her many contributions to the art of collecting antique doorknobs.

ARTICLE III - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. General Powers. The business of 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 Board of Directors shall consist of seven (7) members who shall be elected at the annual meeting of the members by a majority of the votes cast as such election. Such Directors shall hold office for one year and thereafter until their successors are elected and qualified. (Amended September 11, 1983 to read as follows: In addition to the seven(7) elected members, Maudie Eastwood shall be granted an emeritus position on the Board with voting rights and eligibility to hold office.) (Amended August 14, 1991 to read as follows: The Board of Directors shall consist of seven (7) members who shall be elected every other year at the annual meeting of the members by a majority of the votes cast at such election. Such Directors shall hold office for two years and thereafter until their successors are elected and qualified. In addition to the seven elected members, Maudie Eastwood shall be granted an emeritus position on the Board with voting rights and eligibility to hold office.)

Section 3. Vacancies. If the office of any director shall become vacant between annual meetings by reason of death or resignation, a successor shall 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 members may be called to fill the vacancy if the Board of Director so desires.

Section 4. Regular Meetings. A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held without other notice than this Bylaw immediately after, and at the same place as, the annual meeting of members.

Section 5. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the Chairman or any Director who may fix any place and time therefor. Notice thereof shall be given by personal notification to each Director.

Section 6. Quorum. A majority of the number of the Directors fixed by these Bylaws shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 7. Manner of Acting. The act of the majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors except to the extent otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws.

Section 8. Informal Action by Directors. Any action required by the Iowa Nonprofit Corporation Act to be taken at a meeting of 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, shall be signed by all the Directors.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1. Number. This Corporation shall have a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other 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 annually by the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Board of Directors held after each annual meeting of members. If the election of officers shall not be held at such meeting, such election shall be held as soon thereafter as conveniently may be. Vacancies may be filled or new offices created and filled at any meeting of the Board of Directors. Each officer shall hold office until his successor shall have been duly elected and qualified or until his death or until he shall resign or shall have been removed in the manner hereinafter provided. Election or appointment of an officer or agent shall not of itself create contract rights. (Amended October 8, 1993 to read as follows: The officers of the corporation shall be elected every other year at the annual meeting of the members by a majority of the votes cast as such election. Such officers shall hold office for two years, and thereafter until their successors are elected and qualified. Election or appointment of an officer or agent shall not of itself create contract rights.)

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 unexpired portion of the term.

Section 4. The President. The President shall be the principal elective 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. He shall preside at all meetings of the members, and shall cause to be called regular and special meetings 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. 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. The Vice President. In the absence of the President or in the event of his inability to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all of the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. Any Vice President shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President or by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. The Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the members and of the Board of Directors meetings in one or more books provided for that purpose; see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws or as required by law; be custodian of the corporate records, and to 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 to the Secretary by such 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 him by the President or by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. The 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 surety or 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 moneys due and payable to the Corporation; and deposit all such moneys 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.

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 or 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. Check, Drafts, Etc. All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Corporation, shall be signed by such officer or officers of the Corporation and 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 this Corporation shall begin on November 1 and end on the October 31 in each year. (Amended September 12, 1989 to read as follows: The fiscal year of this Corporation shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31 in each year.)

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 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 - 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 this 13 day of September, 1982.

John Holland
President

ATTEST:

Marjorie H. Wiemer
Secretary/Treasurer 1981/1982

ORNAMENTAL DESIGN IN ANTIQUE DOORKNOBS

by Len Blumin

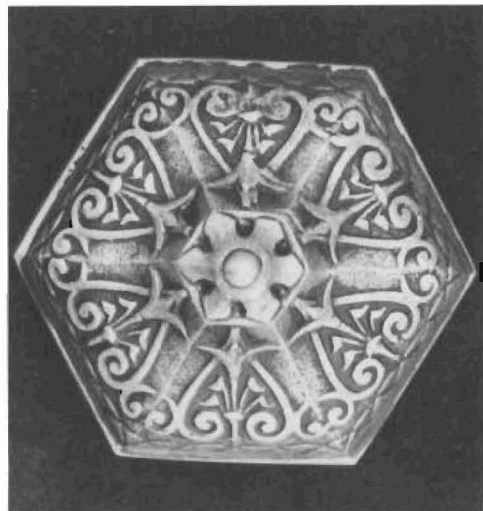
Odd-shaped Knobs

- C-124** Iron "screen door" type knob, also one-piece "Rankin-style". The mate to this knob has "pull" in the center.
- C-125** Cast iron hex with face. Rivets from knob face project through back to hold knob together. Same perimeter as C-121.
- C-126** Large bronze hex, origin unknown.
- C-127** Bronze hex, similar to C-102.

C-124



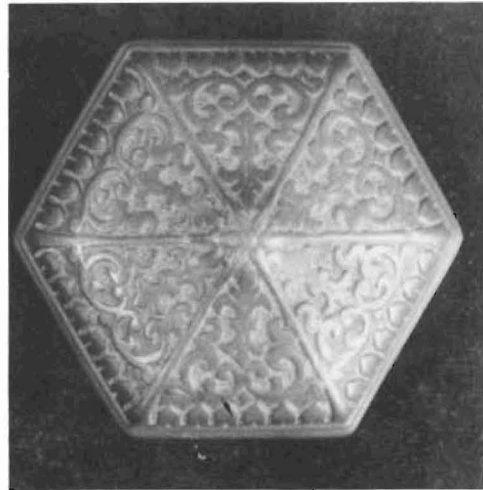
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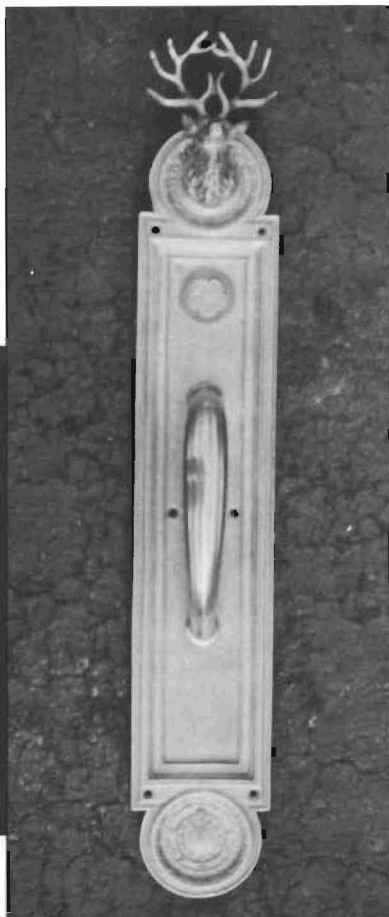


A Wise Decision

Richard Wise shows off a recent addition to his collection, purchased from the owner of the building, a former Elks Lodge. Richard found out you can be rewarded by asking about the hardware on the front door. •



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Three named to Hall of Fame

The Lock Museum of America, Inc., of Terryville, Connecticut, announced in its January 1994 Newsletter that three inventors of locks have been chosen for the 1994 Hall of Fame. Frank E. Best and Walter R. Schlage, founders of companies bearing their names, and Henry G. Voight were selected.

Best founded the Best Universal Lock Company in 1925 and was awarded 58 patents. Schlage founded the Schlage Lock Company in 1926 and was awarded 64 patents. Voight, a long time employee of Russell & Erwin and Sargent & Company was, according to the Lock Museum's newsletter, "the most prolific inventor in the lock industry with a total of 306 patents."

For more information on these three gentlemen and their patents, you can contact the Lock Museum of America, Inc., P.O. Box 104, Terryville, CT 06786-0104. Annual membership dues are \$15.00. •

Identifying doorknobs

This is the second of a series which cross-references the number appearing in Lionel Moes 1984 catalog with those assigned by Leonard Blumin.

Moes	Len Blumin's
Enterprises Catalog	Victorian Decorative Art
A-13	G-103
A-14	M-125
A-15	B-117
A-16	F-124
A-17	B-128
A-18	B-121
A-19	L-107
A-20	K-208
A-21	F-114
A-22	F-116
A-23	D-128
A-24	K-214b

(Compiled by Edward Sobczak)

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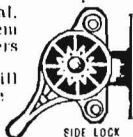
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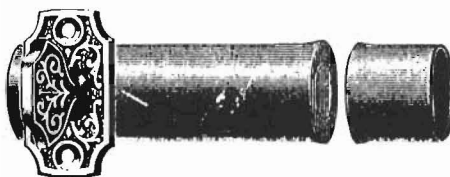
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FROM THE ARCHIVES

by Barbara Menchhofer

From One Woman's View...

Steve has agreed to let me write this article...my view of hardware catalogs. Not the same as a man's view but interesting just the same.

Ladies, you know how you are when you get that Spiegel catalog through the mail. You can't wait to sit down and pore over it - drinking in every fashion on every page. Well, I think some hardware catalogs make me feel the same way. Give me an old catalog to delve into and I'm happy.

To go from page to page taking in each and every detail of the gorgeous hardware is very captivating. I actually find myself oohing and ahing at some of the illustrations. Thinking that if I had to choose just one design for a doorknob from this catalog, I couldn't do it.

I think that some of the older catalogs from the late 1800's, with their detailed drawings, are beautiful. The drawings look so realistic and the books are so artistically done. It is amazing to think of the skill and craftsmanship that was present in door hardware of this period.

Then there are the catalogs from the early to mid 1900's. Some have included articles of history about the companies and their founders with a little trivia and humor thrown in.

I have just finished looking through one of my favorite catalog, the Yale & Towne 1910 Catalog #20, and it is very interesting. This is the one that we offered through the Archives last spring. The hardware is just beautiful and the data the catalog gives is very informative. More on this catalog in future issues.

Some see catalogs as being mundane and utilitarian but, I see them (especially the older ones) as being entertaining and works of art. A few I especially like are the early Russell & Erwin catalogs, Hopkins

& Dickenson, Corbin, Yale & Towne and A.G. Newman.

If your opinion of catalogs and hardware differs from mine that's OK because, after all, this article was written from one woman's view. •



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New members(Roster Update)

Glen Pauley, Jr. #366
603 4th Ave.
Carolville, IA 52241

Betty Ellis #367
247 Derby Turnpike
Orange, CT 06477

Rick Pistone #368
25021 Coriander Court
Newhall, CA 91381

Steve Dennis #369
Steve's Services Unlimited
848 South Alandale Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90036

Change in address

John Van Kluyve #194
42 Casson Lane
W. Paterson, NJ 07424-2751

Karen & Clark Bright #291
80-Q No. Cabrillo Hwy., #236
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

Kent Westbrook #307
16891 Stevens Canyon Rd.
Cupertino, CA 95014

The Doorknob Exchange

Members are reminded that your dues entitle you to advertise items for sale, trade or wanted at no charge.

FOR SALE: The knob pictured in **The Doorknob Collector** #57 (Jan-Feb. 1993) page 6 - center knob in cast iron. (excellent condition) 30.00.
Steve Menchhofer (#60)
5538 W. 25th Street.
Speedway, IN 46224
PH: 317-291-6043

FOR SALE: Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias-Indiana (O-203 TDC #22 page 4) doorknob in bronze. Small knob with small escutcheon \$22. Large Knob with escutcheon \$32.
Steve Menchhofer (#60)
5538 W. 25th Street
Speedway, IN 46224
PH: 317-291-6043

FOR SALE: Bronze doorknob A-316 profile of Christopher Columbus by Russell & Erwin. \$75.
Steve Menchhofer (#60)
5538 W. 25th Street
Speedway, IN 46224
PH: 317-291-6043

WANTED: To buy doorknob with the alphabet "K" or "E".
Carol Meermans (#34)
30516 Maple Drive
Bay Village, OH 44140
PH: 216-871-8683

WANTED: To buy #A-304 or #A-305 (no reproduction).
Loretta Nemec (#8)
1424 Heatherton Drive
Naperville, IL 60563
PH: 708-357-2381



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