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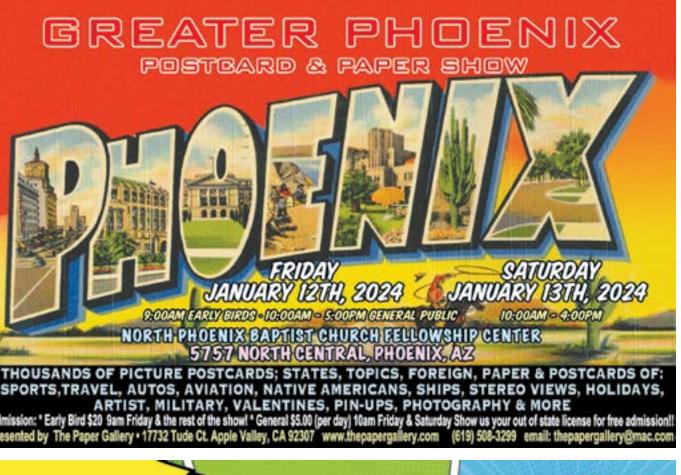
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The Phoenix Antiques, Bottles & Collectibles Club (P.A.B.C.C.)

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# **2024 ANTIQUE SHOW!**

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# Friday, Feb. 23rd, 2024 4pm-6pm

Early Bird Admission from 2:00pm-4:00pm is \$10.00 General Admission from 4:00pm-7:00pm is \$3.00

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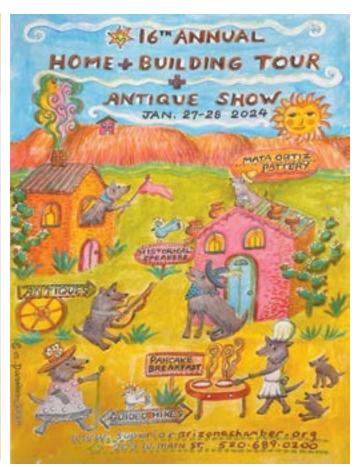
The **16th Annual Superior Home Tour & Antique Show** will take place on January 27th and 28th in the historic mining town of Superior. Hosted by the **Superior Chamber of Commerce**, the event offers ticket holders a chance to explore several unique homes in the historic community. This year's tour includes five unique homes, two historic buildings and one new park. Visit homes and buildings, shop for amazing antiques, shop at the Farmer's Market, take a guided hike and enjoy live entertainment.

Both days begin with a pancake breakfast. Throughout the day, attendees can explore at their own pace while also taking part in guided hikes or listening to dynamic speakers. Attendees will hear stories of Superior's history and the legends who *Continued on page 8...* 

## PABCC 2024 Antique Show & Sale Will Be in Phoenix on February 23rd & 24th

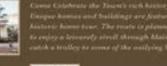
The **Phoenix Antiques, Bottles & Collectibles Club** (**PABCC**) will host its **Annual Antique Show & Sale** on Friday and Saturday, February 23rd and 24th, at North Phoenix Baptist Church, 5757 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix.

PABCC holds this unique opportunity once a year to give its members and others the opportunity to liquidate antiques and collectibles that they have purchased either for their personal collection or, in some cases, for resale. This is an event you *Continued on page 12...* 











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## FRIDAY & SATURDAY - March 8th & 9th, 2024

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Fountain Hills has a little something for everyone and the premier shopping at Scottsdale is only 20 minutes away. Our refreshments are well known; this year we will have horological videos playing. Take a break and learn at the same time. Friday sandwich orders will be taken & paid for at the registration table.

Quick reminders: Make your hotel reservation early as this is high season. Your mart table must be staffed by 9:30am or it will be re-sold or folded down. Folks who don't need a table but want in during set-up should include an extra \$15 per person for early bird admission. If you want your mart table to be next to a friend, you must send in your registrations together in the same envelope. We will accept items for the auction on Friday morning. A maximum of 40 items will be auctioned this year, but more next year if you like the format. The auction fee is \$5 per lot.

#### 2024 ARIZONA SUNSHINE REGIONAL Friday March 8th -- Saturday March 9th, 2024

Fountain Hills Community Center, 13001 N. La Montana Dr., Fountain Hills, AZ General Chair, Frank Wagner, Email: <u>FrankWagnerRealtor@gmail.com</u> Phone: 602-622-7687 Host Chapter: Valley of the Sun #112. Co-host: Keywinders of Arizona #46

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Friday, Mar 8th: Registration opens 7am; Mart setup 7am - 9am; Mart hours: 8am – 3pm; Auction 3pm; Banquet 7pm Saturday, March 9th: Mart set up 8:30am, Registration 9am; Mart hours 9am – 3pm

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## Antique & Vintage Clothing Buttons Show & Sale in Avondale, February 24th & 25th

Many people have no idea that clothing buttons are avidly collected and that a large group of button lovers and collectors comes together every year in Arizona to buy, sell and compete with these fascinating fasteners. Sponsored by the **Arizona State Button Society (ASBS)**, the Annual Convention attracts button enthusiasts and the curious from all over the state who

> will enter competitions, shop and trade and attend educational workshops. The 2024 Button Show and Sale will be held on February 24th and 25th at the Hilton

Sale will be held on February 24th and 25th at the Hilton Garden Inn, 11460 W Hilton Garden Way in Avondale. The theme is "Summer in Paris - 2024 Olympics" and hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. The non-profit group

asks for a\$5.00 donation at the door. Children are admitted free.

There are antique and vintage buttons that will appeal to almost everyone. Tiny treasures surviving the 18th Century, breathtaking Victorian picture buttons, miniature glass paperweight buttons, fine enamels and whimsical Bakelite are just some of the examples of the types of buttons that can be found and purchased at this show from the country's finest dealers.

Each year, **ASBS** members enter their competition trays of buttons just before the show. Each tray entered focuses on a specific material, era, size or topic, with judging taking place on the Friday before the show.

After judging, all the trays that were entered into competition are placed on racks for public viewing during the Show. The winners receive prize money and are awarded ribbons.

Button collecting first became an organized hobby in Chicago in 1938. The National Button Society was then formed and their first show was the following year in Chicago. Button collecting didn't come to the state of Arizona until the 1970s and there has been an annual show in Arizona since 1973.

Arizona has four active button collecting group clubs that meet monthly and are located in the West Valley, East Valley, Tucson and Prescott—all of which are associated with the **ASBS**. Membership dues are \$20 per year (\$2 for Junior members) and include an emailed Bulletin three times a year with articles, photos, project topics and more.

For more information about the **ASBS Annual Show**, **ASBS** Membership and joining a local club follow the group on Facebook www.facebook.com/arizonastatebuttonsociety or email Arizonastatebuttonsoc@gmail.com

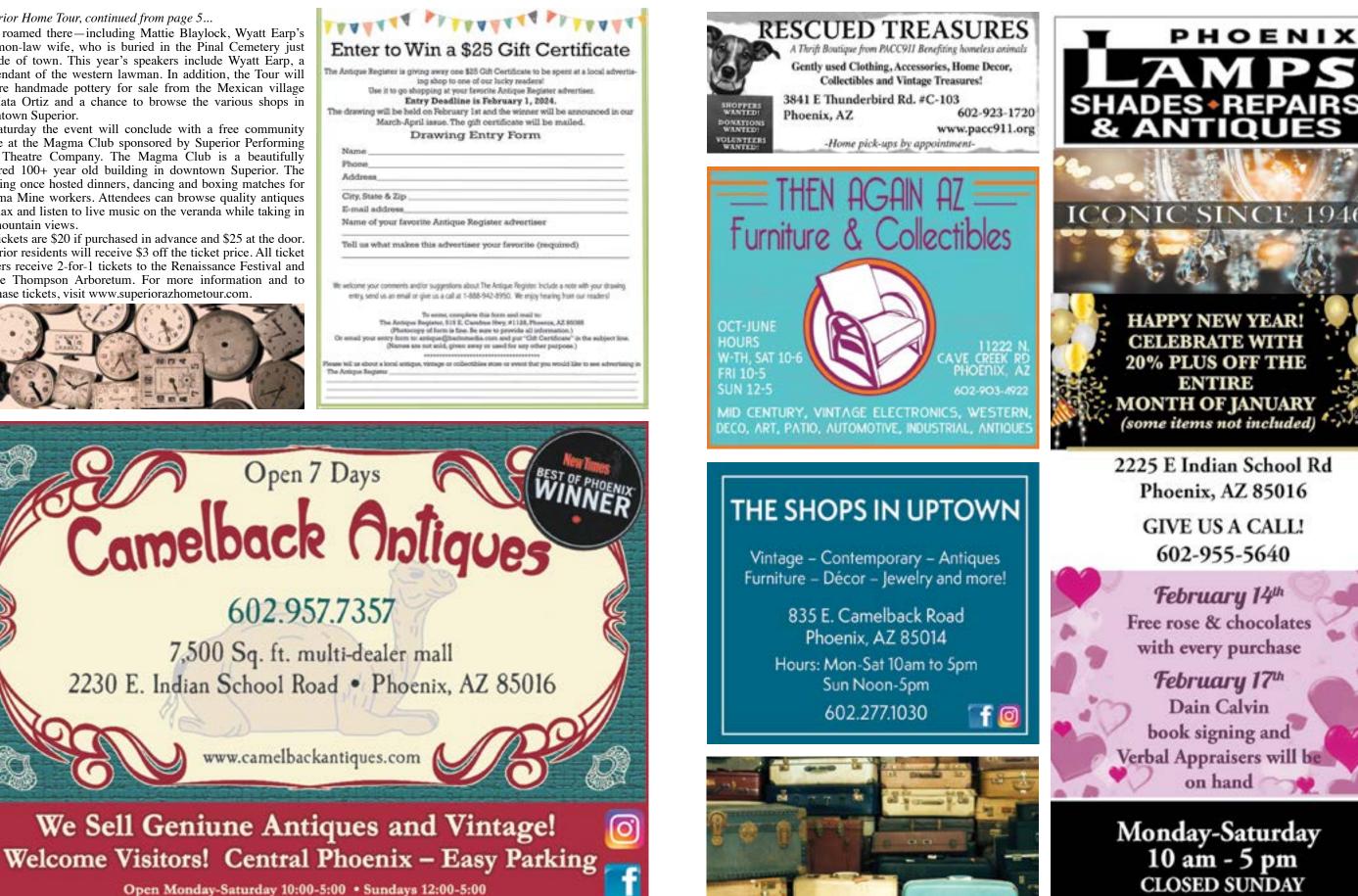


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2024 World Doll Day Shows & Events Schedule PHOENIX: MARCH 2<sup>st</sup>, 2024 16am - 3pm





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once roamed there-including Mattie Blaylock, Wyatt Earp's common-law wife, who is buried in the Pinal Cemetery just outside of town. This year's speakers include Wyatt descendant of the western lawman. In addition, the feature handmade pottery for sale from the Mexican of Mata Ortiz and a chance to browse the various downtown Superior.

Saturday the event will conclude with a free condance at the Magma Club sponsored by Superior Per Arts Theatre Company. The Magma Club is a be restored 100+ year old building in downtown Super building once hosted dinners, dancing and boxing mat Magma Mine workers. Attendees can browse quality or relax and listen to live music on the veranda while the mountain views.

Tickets are \$20 if purchased in advance and \$25 at Superior residents will receive \$3 off the ticket price. A holders receive 2-for-1 tickets to the Renaissance Fest Boyce Thompson Arboretum. For more information purchase tickets, visit www.superiorazhometour.com.



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by Barb Stillman, Publisher Celebrating a new year is something we look to with excitement and anticipation. But it can be disquieting too because we don't know what the future holds. Reflecting on the past year, we put aside any negativity and make resolutions to create a more positive new year. As you may know, I am not the best at making or keeping resolutions, so I look to the new year with open anticipation for what is to come. Sometimes the reality of life can overwhelm us and it helps us to cling to the positive.

Many use the New Year to make changes in their lives and businesses. Some of the shops that are part of The Antique Register "family" like to be creative and I love to see how the owners move the merchandise and décor to make new displays or do a total remodel or some have even changed locations. These changes can be motivating and bring a revitalization to the owner, employees and visitors alike. There is always positivity that I get talking to them about their businesses as they are truly passionate about their work. They brighten my life and my work.

Life will bring change too and for some shop owners those changes can be life altering to their businesses such as health issues, family situations, rising overhead costs and some even being displaced. What inspires me about our shop owners is how they remain optimistic that the future is bright and they will overcome the day-to-day challenges. They are committed and embrace change and I admire their courage and optimism.

"Shop Local" is more than a catch phrase and one that means the world to the shops. It's an important reminder that nearly all the shops, events and services in this paper are small businesses owned by neighbors and friends. They genuinely appreciate each and every guest because it reaffirms their dream and encourages them to find new ways to make it a great experience for those customers. Additionally, you may make a new friend or two along the way because we think we have the friendliest and most helpful shop owners ever.

We look forward to the New Year with optimism that 2024 will bring positive change for all! A good New Year's resolution would be to explore a new shop and The Antique *Register* is the perfect guide!

The next time you visit an advertising shop or event, please let them know that you appreciate them and thank them for providing this magazine! They love to hear from you and so do we. Drop us a note or email us at antique@barlomedia. com. We have a contest each issue where one lucky reader will be selected to win a \$25 Gift Certificate to spend at one of their favorite advertising shops. You can find the entry form on page 8. Be sure to enter the drawing and let us know who your favorite advertising shop is!

As we ring in the New Year, we hope that 2024 is a year of good health, happiness, prosperity and joy for all!

On behalf of all of us at The Antique Register, Barb



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*PABCC*, *continued from page 5*... don't want to miss.

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You can find all types of items, such as Advertising and Signs, Blakely Gas Station Collectibles, Kitchenware, Linens, both costume and native American Jewelry, Old Tools, Depression Glass, Dolls, Vintage/Antique Bottles of all kinds, Railroad collectibles, China and more. There's just too much to list!

The Antique Show & Sale's General Admission hours are 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday. General Admission is \$3. Special Early Bird hours are available on Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. with an admission fee of \$10. There are discount coupons for \$1 off admission in the Show ad in this issue of The Antique Register.

**P.A.B.C.C.** has a diverse membership that shares an interest in collecting. Monthly meetings are held from September through June on the first Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. and include a brief business meeting, collectible or historic program, refreshments and a show & tell period. Blakely Gas Station collector Patty George will give a presentation at the February 7, 2024 meeting. The location is Heritage Heights Clubhouse, 3030 E. Mission Lane, Phoenix, (32nd Street south of Route 51). Guests are always welcome. Dues are \$25 annually. For information, contact Patty George at blakelycollectibles@ yahoo.com or call 602-908-1053.

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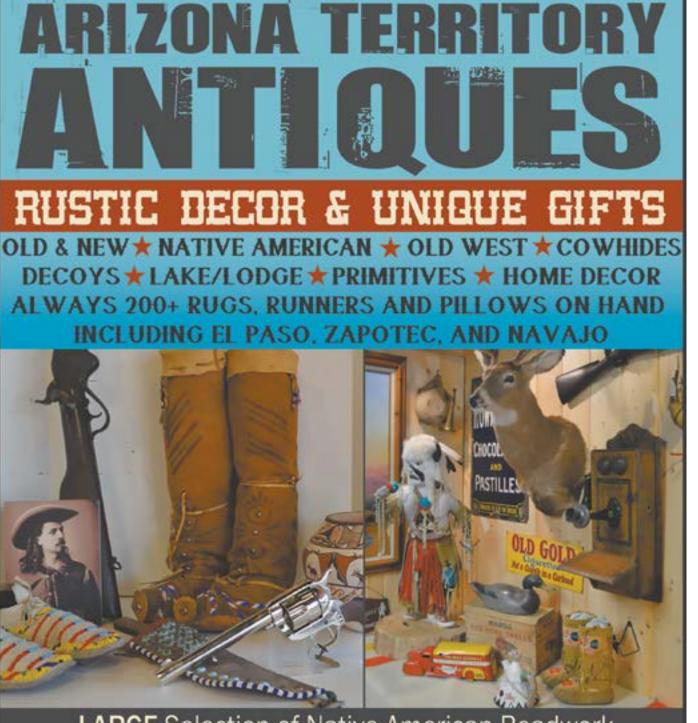
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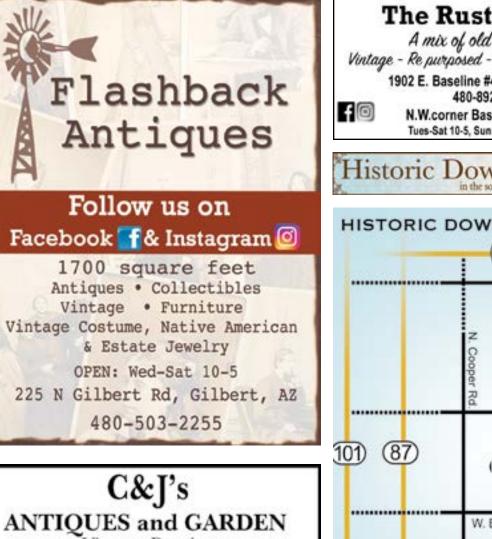
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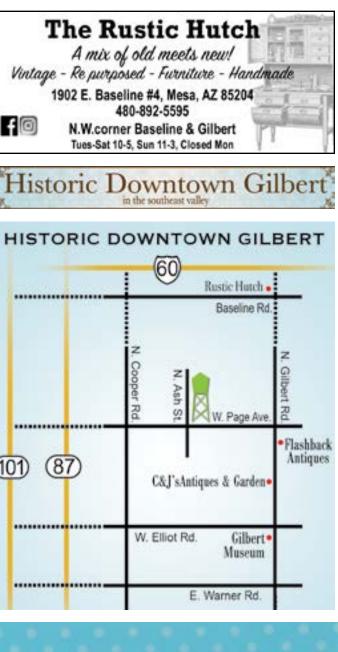
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# Nancy and Me and **Mystery Makes Happiness Times Three!**

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by Barbara Kalkis Some words are just a turn-off. "History" comes to mind, "Broccoli" and "beans" are not far behind, along with encouraging phrases like, "Just five more...laps, push-ups, minutes waiting." Sadly, another one of those words is "books." It seems like reading a real paper book is too old-fashioned. The trend now is to read online or just skip looking at words and stream the movie version. The movie's never the same, but you get the general idea.

I understand this. There's nothing picturesque about holding a book some inches from your nose. Holding a phone is much better. We can drift inside and out of a story and take a selfie at the same time.

Incredibly, there is a population who treasure books. No flicking fingers running across a screen here. We hard-core readers savor the feel of paper. We can flip pages and reread certain passages again and again.

My favorite genre is mysteries. I shadow the heroes as they snoop around the crime scene, uncover clues that the police have missed and display exquisite timing in figuring out motive and means and bringing bad guys to justice. Agatha Christie, Dorothy L. Sayers, Helen MacInnes, Arthur Conan Doyle are early masters who always pulled a surprise out of their plots just as readers were wandering toward a wrong conclusion.

But I became bored with the new heroes. They all seem tormented by guilt, bad childhoods, broken relationships - and worse. It was torture reading about their lives, let alone the actual crime. Fortunately, after being fed-up by the whining written word, I was rescued!

My Sister and Nancy Drew Rescue Me.

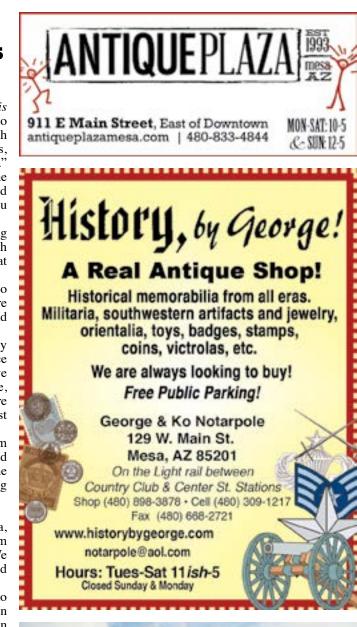
My sister, who visits every used-book sale in her area, recently spied four old Nancy Drew books and snagged them all for me. She, my eldest sister, and I were all huge fans. We read every book in the series until we all became sophisticated high schoolers.

Now the books are considered classics. They deserve to be. Each book begins with everyday events that can happen to anyone and morph into a nefarious plot. A conversation in sign language becomes a secret code. A fire destroys a mansion that holds old secrets. A clock holds clues to a family feud. A vacation in Scotland reveals danger in the Highlands.

Begun in 1930, the series touched on crimes still relevant today: stealing, smuggling, cheating people of their rightful inheritance, conning the elderly out of their fortunes, threatening others.

Beyond the mystery, we can relate to some aspect of Nancy's life. She lives in a small town. Having lost her mother, Nancy is raised by her working dad, Carson Drew. Hannah Gruen is their faithful housekeeper who has a mothering role. Although She comforts others. She doesn't seek flattery, recognition or popular, Nancy's trusted friends are two cousins, Bess Marvin remuneration. and George Favne (ves, a girl.).

Unlike many current heroes, Nancy's character has depth. She is resourceful, as when she tapped a call for help. She dissects problems logically rather than emotionally and then solves them. She asks her father for help and their mutual love occurs! and respect is refreshing. She remains steadfast and determined when tied up, locked in a closet, thrown off a ship, run off a road or facing down criminals. She doesn't wallow in self-pity.





The original Nancy Drew series lasted until 2003. I think the books remained popular because of Nancy's character, as well as the stories. She's a hero who shows us how to navigate life's mysteries and enjoy a happy ending. Until the next adventure

©Barbara Kalkis. Barbara is a high-tech veteran, but her real loves are writing and teaching. She's the author of Little Ditties for Every Day: A Collection of Thoughts in Rhyme and Rhythm. Contact her at BarbaraKalkis01@gmail.com.





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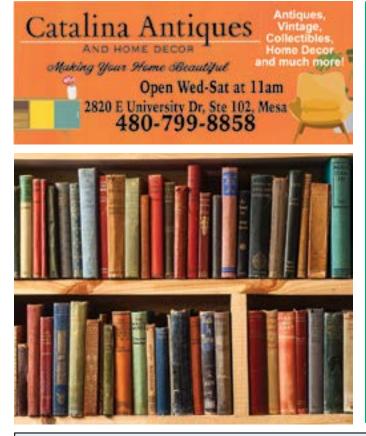
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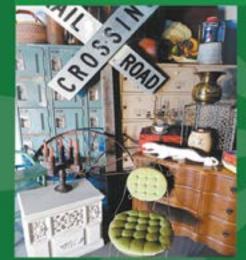


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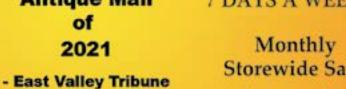
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We love hearing from our readers about how they enjoy The Antique Register and use it to hunt for great finds, interesting items and special events. In this issue, there is another \$25 Gift Certificate giveaway so be sure to enter and tell us where you pick up the paper. Remember to take a copy with you as you travel in and around Arizona this winter! We wish all a very Happy New Year!

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dedicated to the misery of pressing out wrinkles in the entire load

That gets one thinking. Why do we iron clothes in the first place? Why can't wrinkled garments be fashionable? I am sure any woman who has done the strenuous job, would universally agree that ironing was another asinine brainchild of a man, who immediately assigned the task to a woman.

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"Sad Irons", continued from page 24...

When was and who ordained that smoothing wrinkles should be fashionable, we are still unsure. But we do know the Chinese were performing the thankless task with heated metal surfaces, more than 1000 years ago. If the term "wrinkle" first appeared in the 15th century, it had to follow that "ironing" out "wrinkles" would follow soon after.

Pressing wrinkles with a hot, flattened iron surface emerged in the 17th century. Originally fashioned by blacksmiths, each was an individual creation. As foundries arose, manufacturing became standardized. Over time, the efficiency of irons was improved by a pointed oval, polished surface

topped with an iron handle.

To heat, the iron was placed atop a cooking stove or in a hearth fire. The cumbersome devices could top ten pounds in weight, and cause burns to the hand by heat transfer to the handle. Women wore an oven mitt or wrapped the handle in a towel to avoid injury. Because

The first major advancement of inefficiency, the irons cooled quickly. And needed to be in sad irons came in 1872, with reheated frequently. Another the novel invention of 19-yearchallenge was keeping the old Mary Florence Potts, for sole plate clean so as not to whom her creation was named. damage garments. All-in-all, ironing was one of a housewife's most miserable jobs.

Some welcomed relief came in in 1870 when 19-yearold homemaker Mary Florence Potts, of Ottuma, Iowa, was awarded a patent for a dramatic improvement to sad irons. In her application Potts highlighted features like a hollow iron that could be filled with non-conductive materials like paster that kept heat concentrated on the base. Later, to reduce weight, asbestos was often used, adding another danger to ironing. Most notable was a detachable wooden handle that made managing the iron cool to the touch.

"Mrs. Potts Cold-Handle Sad Iron," as it came to be called, was sold as a boxed set of three irons and one removable handle for 70 cents (about \$21 today). That way at least one iron could always be kept hot, thereby reducing ironing time. Potts also made both ends of the iron pointed because heat was most dissipated from the ends. When one end cooled, the other could still be used. Right on the heels of the Potts patent, Henry W. Seely received

popular use.

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get After several years of self-marketing, until well into the Mary Potts sold her patent to the Enterprise Mfg. Co. An advertising trade 20th century, Mrs. card promotes the interchangeability of the Potts Sad Irons iron's handle.

were continually manufactured virtually unchanged until 1951. For her invention, Florence Potts, became one the most successful woman inventors of her time.

As for the origin of the term "sad iron," it was not a reflection on the drudgery of hours spent pressing clothes with a hot, heavy



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iron. The word "sad" is a 17th century derivative of the Old a patent for an English word "sald," meaning solid, referring mostly to the heft unreliable electric of the iron. The first appearance of the name in print came in iron in 1882. It 1759, in an ad for the appliance in an edition of the Newport wouldn't be until (Rhode Island) Mercury. Flat irons, a less-popular alternative the 1920s, that name, were likely in use much earlier because it is believed they the electric iron originated in Europe as early as the 13th century. would come into

As new fashions appeared in the late 19th and 20th centuries, specialty irons evolved. Distinct irons were needed to handle Because some elaborate decorated clothing, ruffles, pleats, fluting and the like. rural areas didn't

Unless you are glutton for punishment and want to see just how unpleasant ironing can be, you might want to consider another use for these mechanisms of misery. Door stops come to mind. Or paperweights. Or with painted ornamentation, intriguing decorative items.

VALUE: The best thing about collecting sad irons, is they can be acquired for relatively inexpensive cost. While rare or unusual examples can top \$30, many can be purchased for less than \$10. How you decide to use them is up to you.

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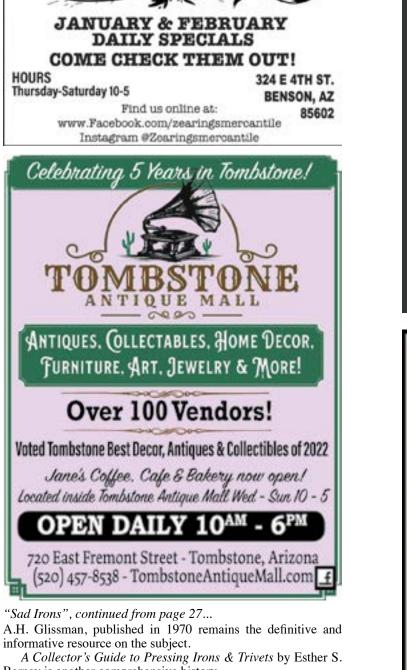
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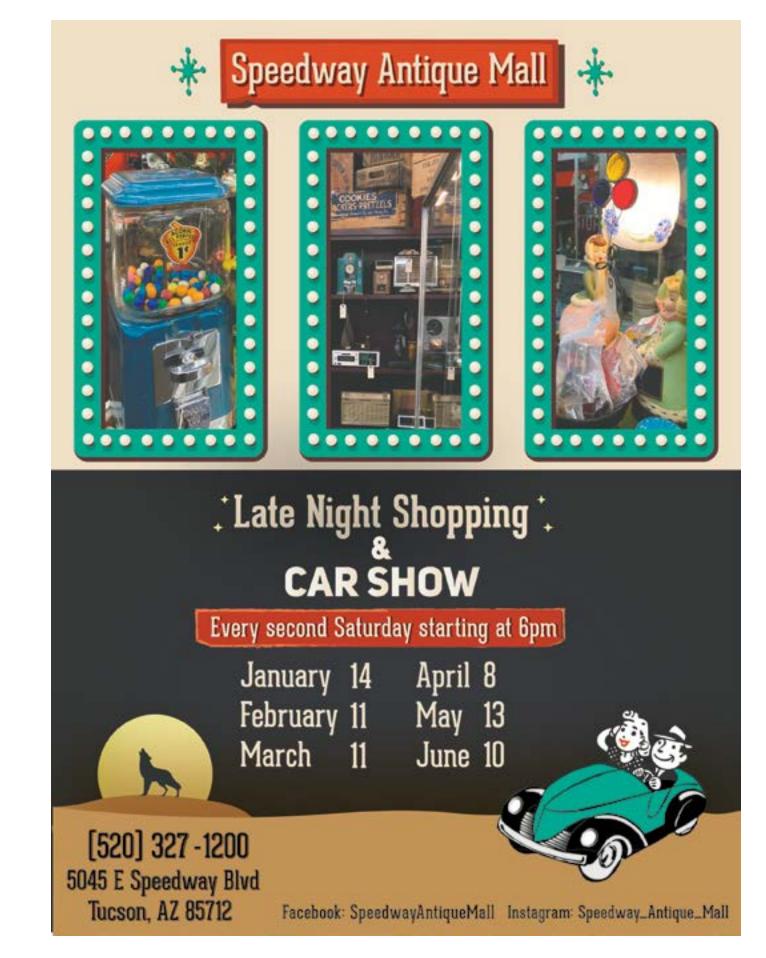
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Associations. For the last two years, Olson has been the Vice President of the National Bit, Spur and Saddle Collector Association (NBSSCA), and in October 2023, he was elected to the board of the Colt Collectors Association (CCA) during their annual convention.

Olson expressed his dedication to this role, stating, "I am honored to serve the collecting world through these great associations. I am passionate about western collectibles, and I feel a strong

sense of duty to bridge the gap between the outgoing Collectors, (who are slowly aging out) and the next generation. Getting the younger generation interested and preserving the history AZ. is very important."

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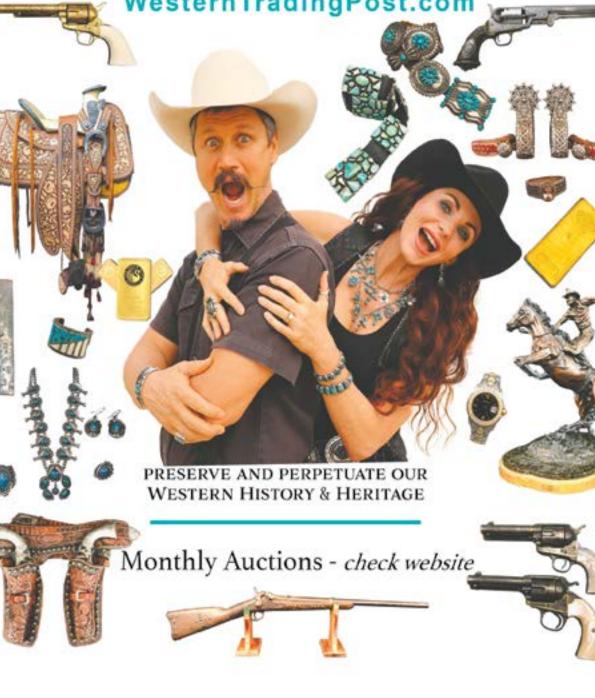
Jim Olson, leading the team, has played a pivotal role in the Trading Post's significant milestones, including a notable auction where a squash blossom necklace set a world record and sold for \$112,000, showcasing their commitment to quality Western collectibles.

For two years, the Trading Post has also entertained the public through a reality TV show broadcasted on The Cowboy Channel and Great American Westerns, with additional content available on their YouTube channel.

In exciting news, Western Trading Post is expanding its reach with a new location set to open in Wickenburg in 2024. This expansion will allow even more enthusiasts to experience the thrill of live auctions and the beauty of Western heritage. So, watch for more information to come on their new location.

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## Collector's Corner Winchesters of the West Iconic Lever Action Rifles of the Old Frontier

by Jim Olson

When envisioning images of the "Old West" the mind often conjures scenes of sprawling landscapes, fearless cowboys, outlaws — and the ever-present lever action Winchester rifle. This firearm, symbolic of an era defined by exploration and frontier spirit, was wielded by frontiersmen, Native Americans, cowboys, lawmen, and adventurers who found themselves in the American West during its heyday.

This remarkable period, spanning roughly from the aftermath of the "War Between the States" to the turn of the 20th century, is compact but loaded with legends and tales that have transcended time.

Although our modern exposure to the Old West is primarily through movies, it's undeniable that the films have played a pivotal role in bringing the essence of this era to a wider audience. Western movies are known for showcasing the iconic lever action Winchester rifle. However, it's essential to recognize that historical accuracy is not always a priority in films. Notably, many Western movies feature Winchester model 1892s and 1894s, rifles that were introduced well after the events being depicted onscreen.

This brings us to the focal point of our discussion: the classic Winchester lever action rifles that defined the West. Throughout the Old West era, seven distinct lever action Winchester models were introduced: the models go by the year of their initial release: 1866, 1873, 1876, 1886, 1892, 1894, and 1895. While other Winchester firearms emerged during this time as well, these lever action rifles stand as the quintessential icons of the period.

For those aspiring collectors and enthusiasts looking to get a foot in the door, the models '66, '73, '86, '92, and '94 are prime subjects for exploration. To study these five models is to acquire a wealth of knowledge and understanding about approximately 90% of the Winchester firearms associated with the West.

\*The model 1866, renowned as the "Yellow Boy," stands as the inaugural iconic Winchester rifle under the Winchester name. Recognizable by its gleaming brass frame, this rifle represents not only a collector's treasure but also a priceless historical gem.

\*The Winchester 1873 boasts a distinctive feature—an unmistakable rectangular brass spot on the frame's underside. While the '76 model shares a similar characteristic, the '73 earned the moniker "The Gun That Won the West" because it was so prolific. This rifle likely saw more action than any other during the Old West era.

\*In Winchester's lineage of designs, the model 1886 takes center stage. Conceived by visionary John Browning, this lever action model was engineered to handle larger calibers more effectively than its predecessors. Its excellence was so universally recognized that even Theodore Roosevelt counted it as his favored firearm.

\*A model 1892 featuring an iconic large loop lever, has etched itself into the memory of thousands of movie enthusiasts, thanks to legends like John Wayne and Chuck Connors using one onscreen. The model 1892 was an upgrade meant to replace the 1873s and catered to those who preferred .44 and smaller calibers. It remains one of the most recognizable Winchester rifles of old Western movies.

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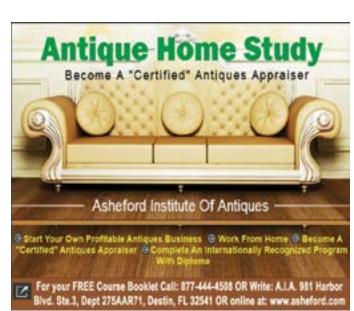




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The **Glass Gatherers** is a fun and informational new group that meets monthly on the 3rd Saturday to share with other collectors and dealers of antique, vintage and modern art glass. When organizer, Gordon Murray started the group in October 2023, he envisioned a small group of collectors and was amazed at the interest and response. Gordon told us, "When I started **Glass Gatherers** in October, I really thought our membership would be a small core of older long-time collectors of traditional antique glass. But in just 2 months we've added over 55 members with an average age of about 40, and most collect vintage/ modern glass from a wide range of manufacturers and artists. They're eager to learn and share, and passionate about searching for deals at antique malls, auctions and estate sales."

The **Glass Gatherers** club meeting locations and program topics are on their Facebook group page: Glass Gatherers Phoenix or you can email at GGPhoenix8@gmail.com."



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\*Then emerges the model 1894, a game-changer which introduced smokeless-powered cartridges. Linked to figures like Tom Horn, this rifle significantly popularized the .30-30 caliber. Surprisingly, only about the initial 350,000 of the 1894 models were crafted before the 20th century, elevating their value as collectibles compared to their post-1900 counterparts.

Mastering these five models, each with its own distinct appearance, marks a significant step toward gaining Winchester expertise. However, the journey doesn't stop there. Exploring models like 1876 and 1895, as well as branching into the singleshot models and lever action shotguns, unveils a realm of diverse classic Winchester Arms from the Old West worth looking into.

Collecting these relics of a bygone era has become a passion for many, and you might be among those captivated by the allure of classic Old West arms. From each, you grasp not only the tangible craftsmanship of a bygone era, but also a piece of history that continues to inspire fascination and respect for the frontier spirit.

Numerous folks enjoy collecting classic Winchesters arms of the old West period, perhaps you are one of them!

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