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The **Vintage Market Days® of Arizona** event will be located at Rawhide Event Center, 5244 N 48th Street in Chandler, AZ. Hours for "A Very Vintage Christmas" are:

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## History of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day has been a day of celebration since the United States of America began. Presidents George Washington, John Adams and James Madison each issued proclamations declaring Thanksgiving as a holiday. In 1863 during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln made this Thanksgiving Day Proclamation to promote unity and healing. In his proclamation he asked his fellow citizens "to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a day of thanksgiving and praise..." Since that time, Thanksgiving has been celebrated each year.

It was not until 1941 that Congress designated the fourth Thursday in November as the official Thanksgiving Day and President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed it into law creating the federal holiday.

The Presidential proclamation and the Congressional designation made Thanksgiving an official holiday that we celebrate today but for centuries prior, Thanksgiving gatherings and Native American harvest festivals had been celebrated. The beginning of Thanksgiving Day began in the early 1600s when settlers in both Massachusetts and Virginia gathered together to give thanks for their survival, for their abundant harvest and their faith. The most widely known early Thanksgiving is that of the Pilgrims in Plymouth, Massachusetts, who feasted for three days with the Wampanoag people in 1621.

Today, Thanksgiving Day is celebrated by households all across the country. Folks often travel long distances to spend time with friends and family and Thanksgiving is often one of the busiest travel days of the year.



*Vintage Market Days, continued from page 3...*

• **Friday, Dec 5:** 9–10 AM VIP Early Shopping \$20 | 10 AM–5 PM \$15

• **Saturday, Dec 6:** 10 AM–5 PM \$10

• **Sunday, Dec 7:** 10 AM–3 PM \$7

Tickets: Include re-entry all weekend | Kids 12 & under free  
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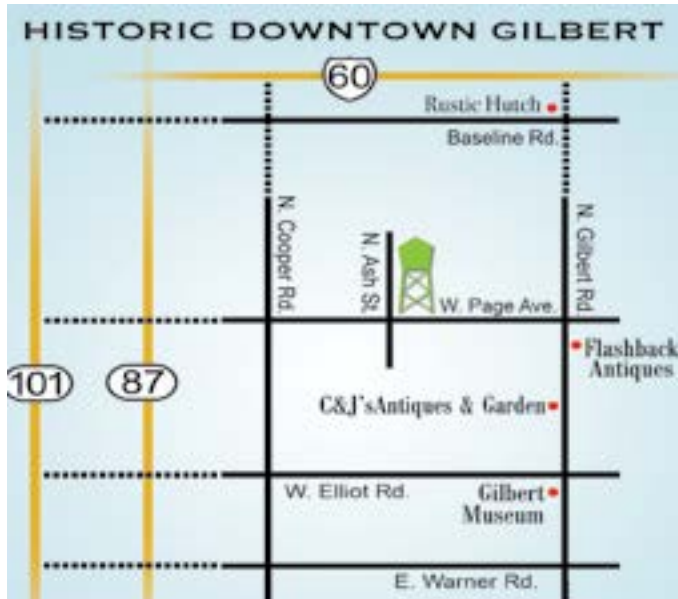
"This event is the perfect holiday tradition for girlfriends, moms, daughters and grandmothers to enjoy together." Said Amber Walpole, event organizer. "It's more than shopping – it's an experience filled with inspiration, creativity and Christmas magic."

For more information, please visit <https://vintagemarketdays.com/market/Arizona/index.php>, or follow on Instagram: @vintagemarketdaysofArizona and Facebook: @vintagemarketdaysofArizona





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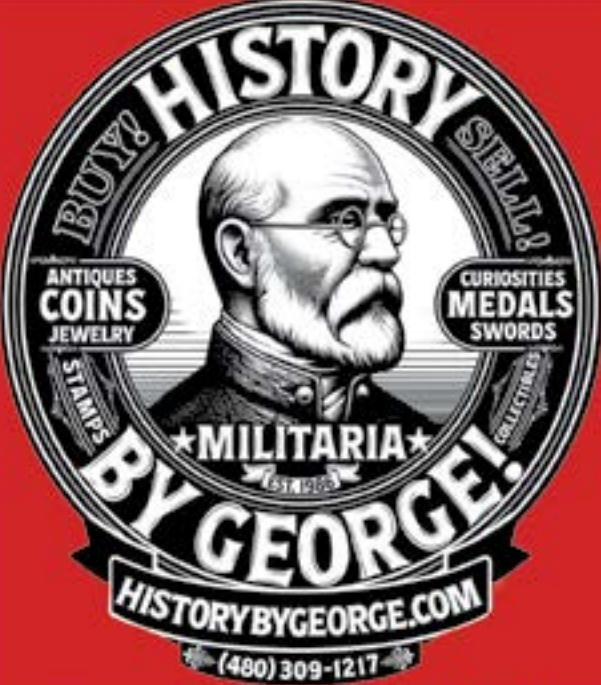
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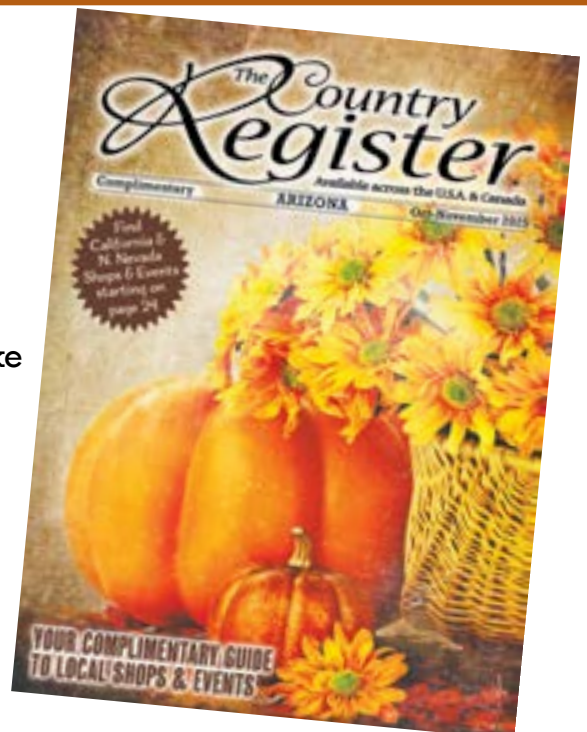
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## Giveaway Winner from Sept-October Issue

We have one giveaway winner from our last issue.

Colleen Shanahan from Scottsdale will be sent a \$25 Gift Certificate to be spent at her favorite Antique Register advertiser, **The Antique Trove** also in Scottsdale. Colleen told us why this is her favorite advertiser, "It's not just a store, it's an experience! So many unique items and vendors."

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 about your favorite advertiser. Remember to take a copy with you as you travel in and around Arizona, California and Northern Nevada. We wish everyone joyous and safe holidays!

### UPCOMING EVENTS IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN GLENDALE

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## "Collections"

by Shelby Kottemann

I'm not a pack rat. You might say I have "collections." Recently, I collected my favorite cozy socks so that when they inevitably go out of fashion, I'll have no worries. My feet will be warm forever! On a shelf in my closet rests a small bag filled with my favorite lipstick, that did get discontinued! I'm so glad I have my collection!

I don't just collect small things. My great-grandmother's tea cart stands across the room from me, serving as my coffee bar. The morning sun is shining on the small oak kitchen table where my family sat together for 26 years. In the windowsill beside it sits a geode I found tucked at the back of my grandpa's bookshelf, the last remnant of him after my uncle cleared their home out for sale. It's always been near me.

Some of my collections are for creating. Like some adorable stickers from the 90's that are prime for scrapbooking and pique my interest just as much as they did when I was a child. There's a collection of authentic vintage fabric scraps sitting on my sewing table right now. Some are the leftovers from colorful aprons and homemade dresses. Others are printed flour sacks from the 1930's. My great-aunt, Vera, gave them to me one day.

"These were my mother's. I want you to have them because I know you're the one who will do something with them." she said with resolve.

Indeed I am. I'm currently making a quilt from them. I'm going to give it to my mom for Christmas so that she can snuggle up with her grandma's love. I even found the "Shower to Shower" powder that Grandma H used every day. With a light dusting, the quilt will bring back that comforting memory too.

I'm what they call an old soul. Throughout my life, I've had more close friends in their 80's than of my own age. There's Marvin, the retired farmer, Jeanne, the wise artist. There was Bill, the WWII Navy veteran, Yvonne, the church pianist, Dave, who could have been a great comedian. With my gravitational pull toward this salt-of-the-earth generation comes more loss. I keep my collection of memories with them written in a notebook. I don't ever want to forget how special they were.

You see, collections can be so much more than clutter. I don't want the things I love to go away, so in my own way, I keep them, like that family kitchen table. I give them new life, like Grandma H's scraps. I honor them, like the stories of my old friends. To me, they're collections of all the love I've encountered in my 32 years of living. I imagine as I grow older, my collections will only grow more meaningful to me –and larger!

*Shelby Kottemann is an Author, Reiki Master and Founder of "Love's Nature LLC" for the love of nature and the nature of love. Her email is [contact@inlovesnature.com](mailto:contact@inlovesnature.com). To learn more, visit the website [www.inlovesnature.com](http://www.inlovesnature.com).*







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## History of Christmas Trees

Germany is credited with starting the Christmas tree traditions known as the Tannenbaum or Weihnachtsbaum in the 16th century. The American Christmas tree tradition was introduced by German immigrants, particularly in Pennsylvania. One story tells about a Hessian soldier, Henrick Roddmore who was captured at the Battle of Bennington, Vermont in 1776. After the war, he went to work on the farm of Samuel Denslow in Windsor Locks, Connecticut. For 14 years Henrick put up and decorated Christmas trees in the Denslow family home.

The first Christmas tree retail lot was established in 1851 by a man named Mark Carr from Pennsylvania. Mark hauled two ox sleds loaded with Christmas trees from the Catskill Mountains to the sidewalks of New York City. He continued his business until 1898.

On December 22, 1882, Edward Johnson, an associate of Thomas Edison, created the first string of Christmas tree lights. They were first sold in New York City and initially, only the wealthy could afford electric lights. In 1903 the American Eveready Company began selling the



first pre-wired, socket-ready strings of holiday lights, making them more accessible. By the 1920s electric lights became more affordable and widespread.

### Christmas Trees in the White House

Franklin Pierce set up the first Christmas tree in the White House in 1859. In 1889, Benjamin Harrison placed a Christmas tree in the Second Floor Oval Office and some consider this to be the first official White House Christmas tree. President Pierce is widely hailed as having the first White House tree, but it was not until 1923 that President Calvin Coolidge lit up the first "National Christmas Tree" on the White House lawn.

First Lady Frances Cleveland was the first to use electric Christmas lights on a presidential Christmas tree in 1894. Previously candles were used.

In 1961, First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy started the tradition of a decorative theme for the official White House Blue Room Christmas tree. She chose a "Nutcracker Suite" theme that featured ornamental toys, birds and angels modeled after Pyotr Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker" ballet. Since 1961, each First Lady has selected a theme to guide the decorations of the official Christmas tree and the White House for the holiday season.

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by Jay Mark

That short marketing phrase may be one of the most recognizable and memorable of the last half of the 20th century. It was created to give products promoted on television an air of credibility, quality, integrity of the seller and legitimacy. Just because they were advertised on TV.

I prefer to call it the official badge of “schlock advertising.” My apology if you still love your Veg-o-Matic.

After all, who really needs the Pocket Fisherman? Invented by Samuel Popeil about 1962 the gadget came onto the market in 1972. Since then, it has sold more than 2 million to people who apparently need to have a collapsible Pocket Fisherman (bait not included) handy when impulse compels a stop at water body to catch the night’s dinner.

While the names Popeil and Ronco are two of the most recognized names in what is called direct-response mail-order that is placed via phone or online, they weren’t the first.

Although often attributed to the Popeil father and son, the “As Seen on TV” logo featured on their products, was actually started by a fierce competitor A.J. Khunabi, founder of Telebrands a serious rival. Khunabi never copyrighted or trademarked the logo so, it has always been free to use.

The Popeil empire began with Samuel J. Popeil, born in New York City in 1915. After demonstrating products on the streets of New York, Sam, along with his younger brother Raymond, were successful enough to found Popeil Bros, Inc.

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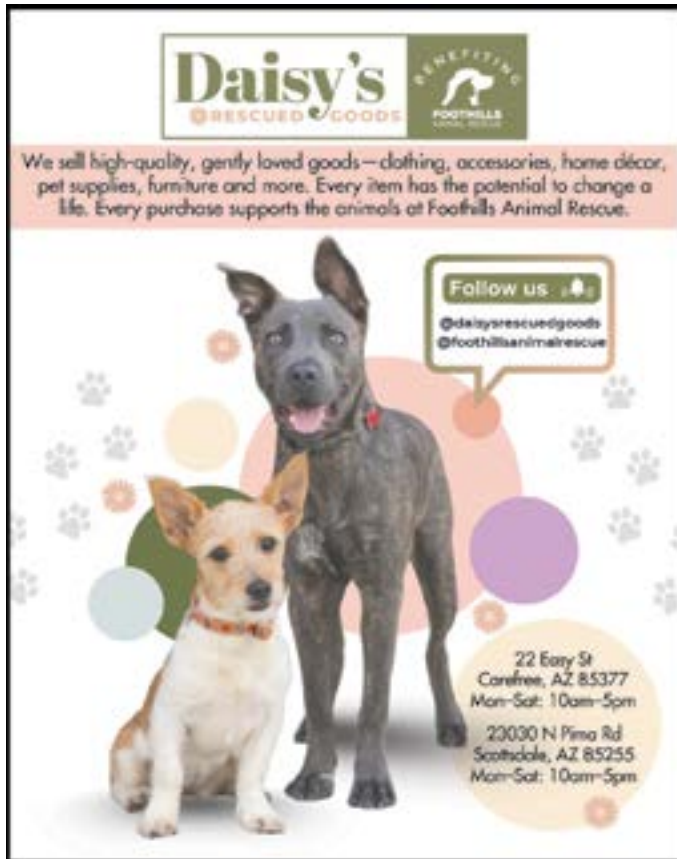
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In 1945, the two moved to Chicago to continue selling kitchen tools. A bright, inventive guy, Sam, began coming up with his own improved designs like a donut maker, juice extractor and sandwich pie-maker.

With help from relatives and his son Ronald, born in 1935, who grew up in the business, Popeil did demonstrations of their growing line of his own products on street corners, in stores, fairs – wherever they could draw an audience.

While Ron and his dad often clashed, the brash Ron was the best salesman – sometimes, while still in his teens making more than \$500/day. With the dawn of television in the 1950s, Ron saw a much larger market to pitch to.

By 1958 Ron was on TV with a 3-minute “infomercial” hawking his dad’s Chop-o-Matic. Those early years earned Sam Popeil millions of dollars. As more products came on line, more were sold on TV.

Early on Ron came up with memorable phrases: “but wait, there’s more!” and “if you order now...” Or, one more: “Set it and forget it.” If you want to view an early Popeil commercial, check it out on YouTube. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FGo7W\\_mbWCE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FGo7W_mbWCE)

In 1964, after making millions pitching gadgets on TV, Ron Popeil struck out on his own with a direct marketing company named Ronco. Thereafter, like his father, he began developing and promoting his own products.

Maybe because of the success of Ronco, the Popeil Bros failed. In 1979, it was liquidated and sold. Five years later, Samuel passed away. Although Ronco thrived, it also went

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through bankruptcy failed several times, but always coming back.

In 2005, at age 70, Ron sold the company for a hefty \$55 million dollars. He passed away in 2021.

What is the most popular Ronco product? The Showtime Rotisserie & BBQ has sold more than 8 million. Later iterations are still on the market.

Because of the enduring popularity of Popeil and Ronco products and their often-kitsch nature, they have endured as collectibles. Others collect for their aesthetics, design values and uniqueness.

As proof of the interest in Popeil and Ronco products, there are many collectors. Gen Xer's lead the crowd. Tim Samuelson, of Chicago, has amassed more than 125 products that have been displayed in museum exhibits of Industrial Arts.

Many of the gadgets are just ridiculously fun. How can you say "no" to Mr. Microphone that came on the market long before the Karaoke craze. One, complete with box, was recently offered on eBay for \$199.00.

An indication of the popularity of Popeil/Ronco products are two books focused on their history -- *The Rise and Fall of the First Popeil Gadget Dynasty* by Andrew Mateja (2013) and *But Wait! There's More!: The Irresistible Appeal and Spiel of Ronco and Popeil* (2002)

A comprehensive list of Popeil/Ronco merchandise listed below:

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Virtually an antique himself, or maybe a collectible, Jay Mark, has more than a half-century experience in the antiques business. He owns *Those Were The Days!* an online specialty bookstore. A recognized historian, he also teaches, lectures and writes about antiques and history. Reach him at [jaymark@twtdbooks.com](mailto:jaymark@twtdbooks.com)

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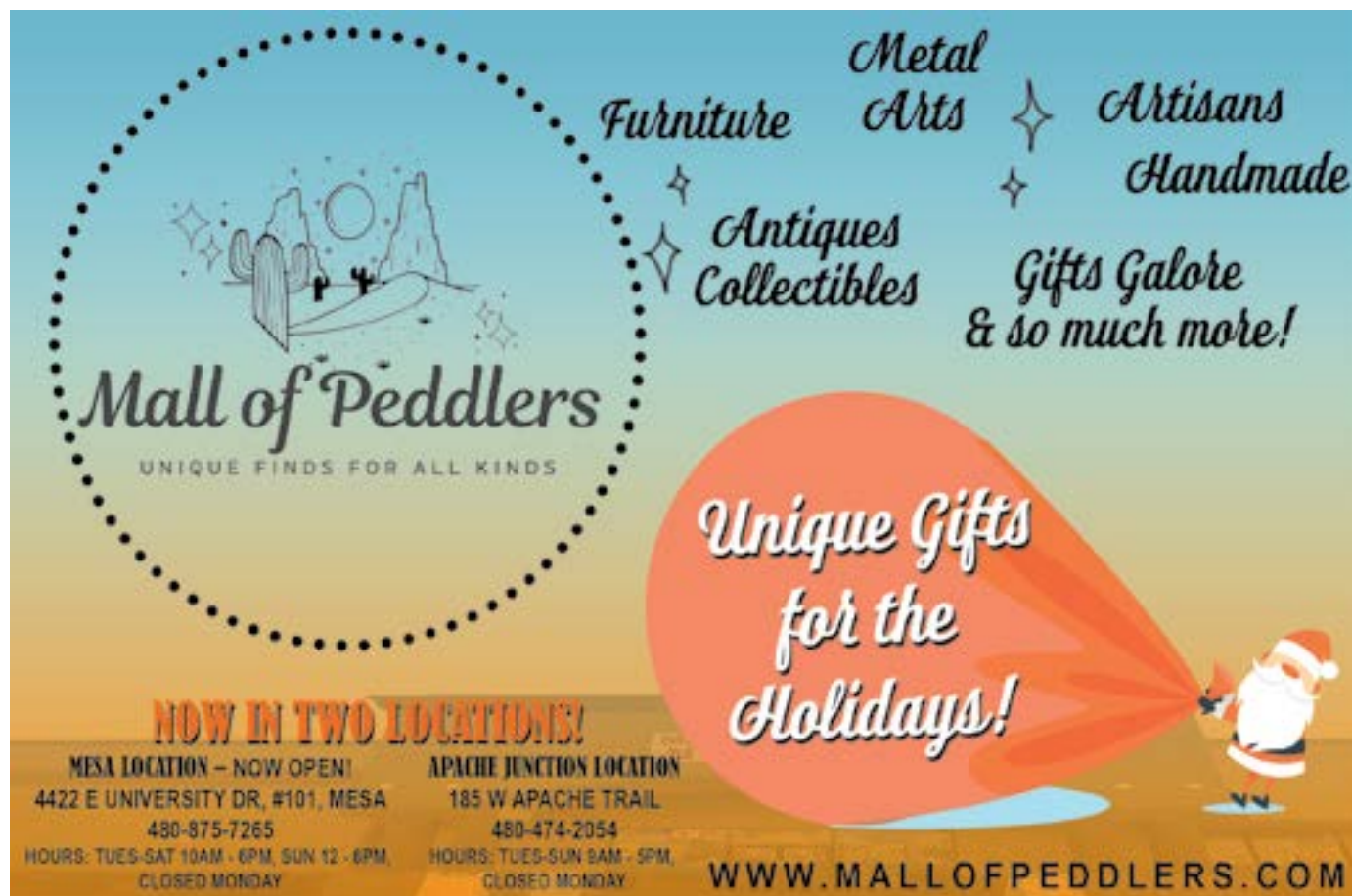
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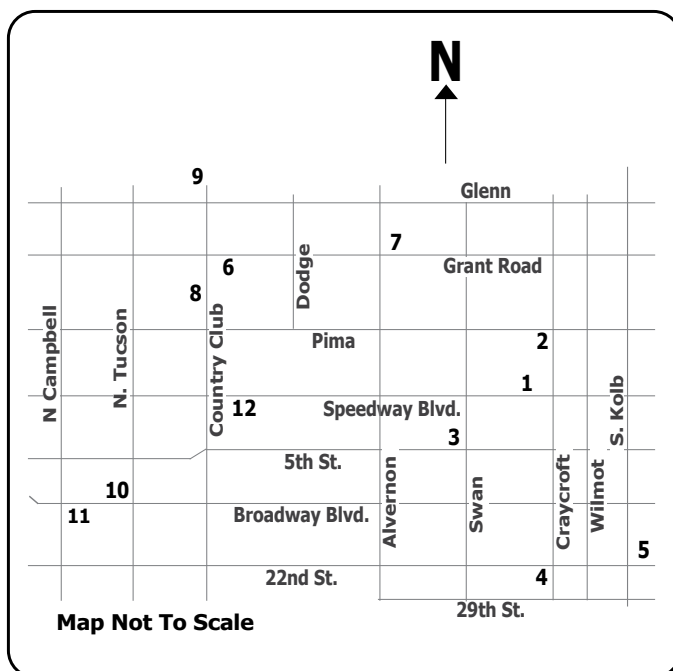
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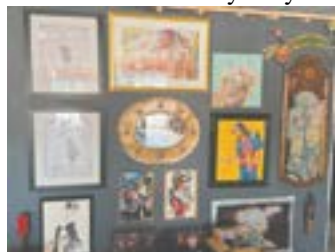
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Stepping into this store takes you on a journey filled with nostalgia and wonder. A haven for antique enthusiasts, **Gypsy Caravan & Emporium** specializes in sourcing and highlighting rare and unique vintage items to add character and history to your



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## Collectors Corner

### History of the Cigar Store Indian

by Jim Olson

Long before neon signs, flashy logos or a social media post, shopkeepers had to be creative when it came to catching a potential customer's eye. And if you were selling tobacco products, there was one unmistakable sight that said it all — a carved wooden Indian figure, standing stoic on the sidewalk. Beckoning without saying a word. This iconic piece of commercial folk art, traditionally known as a "Cigar Store Indian" and today often referred to as a "Carved Native American Figure," has an interesting history.

#### Trade Roots

The story starts in the 17th-century. Not long after European traders were introduced to tobacco by Native Americans, tobacco became a sought-after commodity in Europe and early tobaccoists looked for a way to let potential customers know what they were selling. This was a time when literacy was low and signage was largely symbolic (think of a striped barber's pole). Now enter the carved Native American figure to represent tobacco, usually posed with a clutch of cigars in hand. These carved wooden figures acted as a visual representation of the origin of the product. Kind of a nod to the folk who introduced tobacco to the world.

Interestingly, many of the early carvings produced in Europe were not very accurate since most woodcarvers there had never actually seen a Native American before. Still, the public got the message: Native American tobacco sold here.

#### Adopted and Refined in America

By the mid-1800s, as American towns and cities grew, the cigar industry was also booming. These carved figures became a common fixture on the streets of America as well. If you were walking through a downtown during that era, chances are you'd spot one standing proudly outside a tobacco shop.

Many of the craftsmen back then who carved these figures were former ship carvers who once decorated sailing vessels with intricate figureheads and ornamentation. But as the maritime industry shifted to iron-hulled ships, their skills were redirected towards things such as commercial signage, and cigar store Indians became one of their most visible outlets.

It wasn't just Native American figures either. You might see soldiers in uniform or fashionable ladies dressed up, all of which were intended to convey a product message, atmosphere or certain appeal. Still, the image of the stoic Native American holding a cigar or tobacco bundle remained the most iconic of them all.

#### Carved Billboards on the Sidewalk

These figures were larger than life in more than one sense of the word. Most stood anywhere from four feet to over ten feet tall and were often brightly painted. Some had smoking pipes or wore elaborate beadwork and headdresses, while others were simplified silhouettes meant to be seen from a distance. But most weren't just advertisements, they were hand-crafted street sculptures, often personalized and designed to halt people in their tracks. In a way they were the original form of "branding" for a business.

#### Decline in the 20th Century

As the 19th century gave way to the 20th century, times were changing. City ordinances began to crack down on obstructions on sidewalks. And with rising literacy, shopkeepers started relying on printed signs more than visual ones. Add the increased cost of labor and throw in war-time scrap drives, and it's no surprise that many of these figures disappeared from view. While some were repurposed, others were stored in basements or old barns. But thankfully a number of them survived — rescued by collectors and historians who saw the value in preserving them. Today many survive in museums, antique shops and private collections.

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### A Complicated Legacy

Like many objects from the past, the cigar store Indian figure has a complicated legacy. On one hand, it's a reminder of skilled craftsmanship and a time when advertising was literally carved by hand. But to some it's a reflection of how stereotypical Native American imagery was used to sell tobacco products. That said, these figures do remain valuable to many as pieces of folk art. They speak of a different time — a time when folks thought differently than today. They remind us of the entrepreneurial spirit of early America and of the craftsmen who adapted and thrived in that era. It was a time when a single carving on a sidewalk could communicate more than words: Native American tobacco sold here.

### For the Collector

These figures are now much more than old store signage. Today they are artifacts of American commerce and culture. If you are fortunate enough to come across one of the originals — whether at an estate sale, auction or tucked away in an old trading post somewhere — do your homework. The age, condition, size, craftsmanship and especially provenance will all affect its value. Earlier figures dating to the 1800s with original paint, documented history or a known carver can command high prices. But even later

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reproductions have a strong collector interest — particularly if the carving has a bold personality or was made by a well-known carver (or family of carvers).

Whether displayed in a personal collection or thoughtfully preserved in a museum setting, the cigar store Native American figure is more than just a throwback to an old piece of advertising — it's an important chapter of American commerce and folk-art history.

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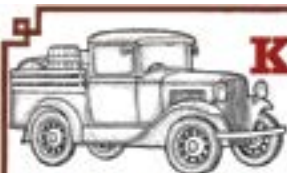


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## Uranium Glass - Interesting History and Facts

by Lesley Storts

Have you ever seen glass that glows bright green under a black light? If so, you were probably looking at uranium glass. Uranium glass is typically yellow or yellow-green in color but can also be added to other colored glass such as cobalt.

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) describes uranium as a radioactive element that naturally occurs in rock, soil and water. We even have uranium in our bodies! The term radioactive means that as uranium decays over time, energy is released.

As a pincushion maker that uses uranium glass, I often get asked if the glass is dangerous. Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU.org) stated that in the 1830's, uranium glass gained in popularity and was originally made using natural uranium. A lot of glass production was halted during war time.



When makers began manufacturing uranium glass post 1959, they used depleted uranium. Depleted uranium is leftover after uranium is processed for nuclear fuel. According to IAEA, depleted uranium is considerably less radioactive than natural uranium. This is good news for people who handle this type of glass. However, testing has been conducted on drinking glasses made with added uranium and there is evidence of the uranium leaching into the fluid (ORAU.org). I do not eat off or drink from uranium glass dishes. According to Antiquequery.com, we come into contact with objects such as smoke detectors, bananas, spinach, baked potatoes and orange-red Fiesta Ware (from 1950-60s), that contain more radiation than uranium glass!

Here are some interesting facts about uranium glass listed by the World Nuclear Organization (world-nuclear.org): heavy metal used as an energy source for many decades, common in earth's crust, can be recovered from sea water, discovered in 1798 and named after Uranus which was discovered 8 years prior. Radioactive decay is slow - millions of years and the main source of heat at the earth's core. Australia has the largest source of uranium (not mined). Majority of mined uranium comes from Kazakhstan for the previous 10 years.

Uranium glass can be enjoyed without glowing; however, it is always fun to see it light up. Many antique dealers will display uranium glass collections in a blacklight case that shows off the pieces. I find it helpful to carry my own small blacklight flashlight when searching for glass. I have found many pieces that are not labeled as "uranium" glass probably because the seller was unaware. It is also helpful to know that uranium glass can also be called Vaseline or canary glass. I purchased my blacklight flashlight on Amazon for less than \$10. The best way to know if a piece of glass is made with uranium is to shine a light on it!

*Lesley Storts is a long-time quilter, crafter and fiber/textile artist. Part of her craft and fabric works include custom pincushions made in antique glass. Additionally, Lesley is a longarm quilter providing edge to edge and custom quilting. To learn more, visit her website: [www.stortsmarket.com](http://www.stortsmarket.com), find her on Instagram: [@lesleystorts](https://www.instagram.com/lesleystorts) or Etsy: [StortsMarket](https://www.etsy.com/shop/StortsMarket)*





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