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English Rose Tea Room

This year marks a remarkable milestone for the **English Rose Tea Room** as they enter their 25th year in business! What began as a heartfelt vision to bring the grace and ritual of traditional afternoon tea to the desert has grown into one of Carefree's most cherished destination experiences.

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But tea is only the beginning. The signature three-tiered trays is served with freshly baked scones, delicate finger sandwiches and exquisite desserts crafted in-house. The menu evolves with the seasons, highlighting bright flavors in spring, classic comforts in winter and playful summer touches that surprise and delight.

As the **Tea Room** celebrates this 25th year, they are especially pleased to offer Friday Evening Tea service through to the end of May. The shaded patio is equipped with cooling misters, allowing guests to enjoy tea al fresco even during the warmer months. Inside, the Tea Room remains refreshingly cool and inviting—a delightful retreat from the Arizona heat. Tea, after all, is not seasonal; it is timeless!

Over the years, the **English Rose Tea Room** has become more than a restaurant. It is a place where proposals have been whispered over teacups, friendships have deepened over shared scones and generations of families have made lasting memories. Many of their guests have been visiting since they first opened their doors—and now bring their children and grandchildren to experience the tradition.

"As we step into our 25th year, we are filled with gratitude." Jo shared, "Gratitude for the loyal guests who return again and again. Gratitude for the talented team who bring warmth and excellence to every table. And gratitude for our vibrant community that continues to support a local, independent woman-owned business. We invite you to join us—whether for your first visit or your fiftieth—and raise a teacup to 25 years of tradition, hospitality and the simple joy of gathering together. We look forward to welcoming you."

English Rose Tea Room is located at 201 Easy Street #103 in Carefree, AZ. Reservations and event details can be found on the website, www.carefreetea.com. Guests are encouraged to visit our website for the latest event calendar and details.

The Spicery Tearoom

The **Spicery Tearoom** is in Historic Downtown Glendale in one of Glendale's first neighborhoods. The building is a stunning example of Victorian style architecture. Built in 1895, the historic home is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places.

The house was built by Victor and Lilly Messenger. The Messengers were very active in Glendale which was incorporated in 1910. Victor was the first Town clerk, and the couple donated the first 400 books to start the Glendale Library system. In 1936, Harold and Mae Brewster



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In 1987 the Brewster sons sold their childhood home to Martha Campbell. This treasured dining destination then began when Martha opened the establishment, one of Arizona's first tearooms. Campbell restored the historic 1895 Messenger-Brewster home to a bustling happy place filled with the aroma of baking bread and the clink of porcelain teacups.

The **Spicery Tearoom** has been providing tea experiences for forty years. Husband and wife team, Bud and Lorraine Zomok, along with their dear friend Sue Berntsen, are the third owners of the tearoom. They purchased the restaurant in the summer of 2022. They also own Memory Lane Trinkets and Treasures located at 5836 W. Palmar Avenue adjacent to **The Spicery**.

The teahouse offers seating in the former dining room, library, and various bedrooms as well as on the patio when weather permits. The kitchen is the heart of the establishment where the menu is reminiscent of a time when you added a pinch of this and a dash of that to evoke

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The Spicery is open Monday through Saturday. Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and reservations are suggested. The three-course tea experience is freshly baked daily and is served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with a required two-day advance reservation.

Special events are planned throughout the year and additional events such as Princess Parties, weddings, baby and bridal showers are held on Saturdays and Sundays.

The Spicery Tearoom is located at 7141 N. 59th Ave., Glendale, AZ 85301. To make reservations or inquire about a special event call 623-937-6534, visit www.1895spicery.com and follow @1895spicery.

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Giveaway Winner from March-April Issue

We have one giveaway winner from our last issue.

Julie Langoni from Gilbert will be sent a \$30 Gift Certificate to be spent at her favorite Antique Register advertiser, **Beyond Expression** in Mesa. Julie told us this is her favorite shop because, "I always feel welcomed and they have a great selection of paintings."

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 \$30 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, California and Nevada this Spring and Summer!



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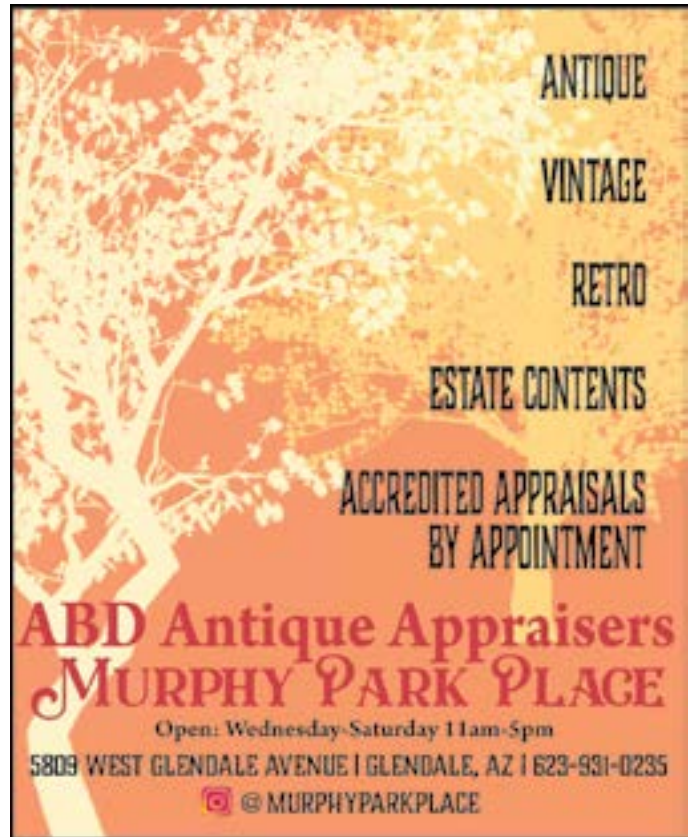
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Congratulations to The Rustic Hutch

The *Antique Register* sends huge congratulations to **The Rustic Hutch** in Mesa and owner Sandy Hanft on the upcoming 30th Anniversary! We are delighted when a long-time advertising shop reaches a special milestone and we wish them many more successful years to come! Be sure to check out their ad on this page so you do not miss the Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, May 9th.

Here is owner Sandy Hanft describing their shop and its journey . . .

The Rustic Hutch Celebrates 30 Years!

It seems like in the blink of an eye 30 years have gone by! 30 years since we took that leap to do what we loved. Crafting. And that evolved into **The Rustic Hutch**. When we opened in 1996, we started with primitive décor. As time has gone by, lots of styles have come and gone, Shabby Chic, Vintage, Farmhouse, etc., but we still love our primitives.



Over the years we've had some awesome vendors join our shop. Many have been with us for over 10 years. Lillian has been with us for 28 years with her handmade items! We have handmades, repurposed items, pickers and market items, just to name a few. We like having a variety of items in the shop to make our customers' shopping experience fun. Finding just the right items they are looking for.

You noticed I say "we." That's hard to change. Roger passed away 5 years ago, along with our shop dog Hailey. That was a very sad year

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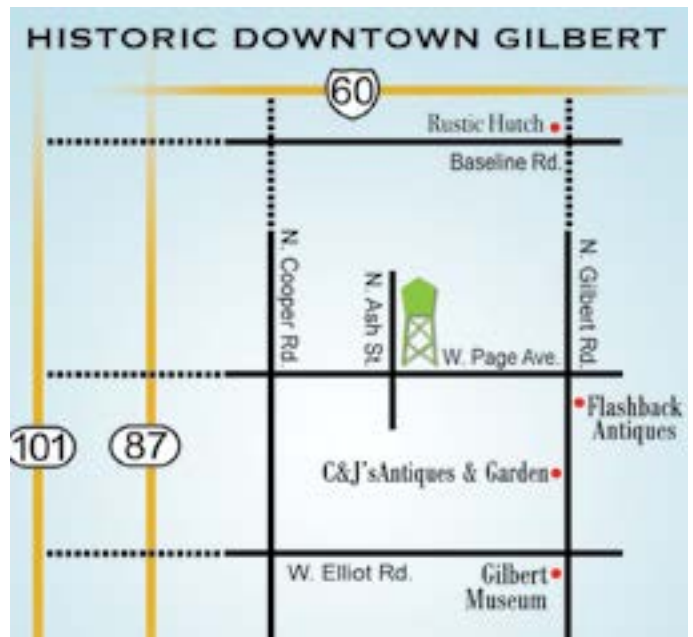
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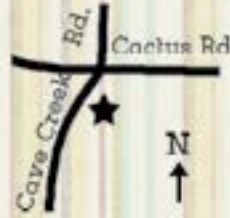
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John Henry Kittelson**

by Jim Olson

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In his youth and early adulthood, Kittelson lived the life he would later depict in art. He traveled widely throughout the West, growing up in South Dakota and California (as mentioned), but also working as a cowboy in places like Nebraska, Montana, Colorado and Wyoming. He learned the skills of a cowboy, horse trainer, rodeo bronc rider, saddle maker / leather carver and also fine-tuned his carpentry skills.

After settling in Colorado, he turned seriously to wood sculpture and leather work. He was known for his meticulous process. He preferred to use Basswood, sometimes purchasing entire trees and letting the wood cure before kiln-drying it to ensure stability. The quality of his carvings led to his election into the Cowboy Artists of America in 1966 along with such artists as Gordon Snidow and Grant Speed, placing him among the first 15 members of the association. 1966 was just a year after the organization was founded, and John was the only non-

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In 1957 he was commissioned to do a major project for the Cheyenne Frontier Days, doing carved leather plaques (pictures) for the winners of the events. He would go on to win many awards and recognitions throughout the years, but in the early days, he fed his family by cranking out small furniture type pieces such as carved cowboy boot lamps and handmade TeePee lamps, trunks covered in tooled leather, belts and other oddities which he would often finish in a day or less.

By about 1970, responding to growing demand, Kittelson began having his sculptures cast in bronze, but he eventually stayed with wood, telling family and close friends, that wood was more unique because each was a one-of-a-kind original, as opposed to one original with several castings made from it.

He later settled in Cody, Wyoming, where he worked as a full-time sculptor in wood (and less often bronze) and made fancy leather goods for the rest of his life. He is said to have been the first to make a "Saddle Purse." Today they are cranked out by the dozens for tourists, but back in John's day, he was the main man to get them from. His Western art carvings and leather continue to appear in major art galleries and auctions to this day.

Kittelson died on October 15, 2018, at the age of 88. He is remembered for the authenticity of his subject matter, the fine craftsmanship of his carving and his role as one of the early members of the Cowboy Artists of America.

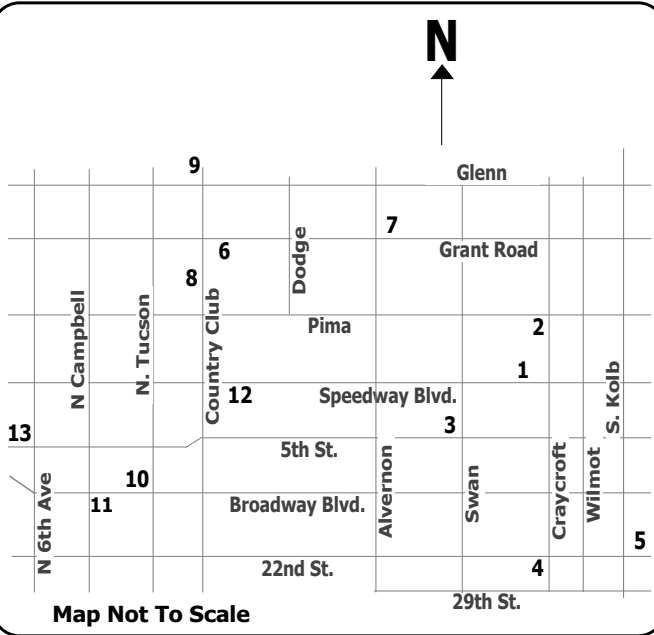
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by Jay Mark

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This photograph represents a minute sampling of the more than 1000 varieties of beaters, beater jars, and advertising beater stoneware jars that have been produced since 1856. Photo: Jay Mark

“improvement,” meaning a modification or enhancement of an earlier patent, “New,” as in Collier’s claims, tells us this was the first patent for such a kitchen appliance.

Collier explains his interesting justification for his patent: “The beating of eggs is a common operation in every

household...where eggs are used as a principal constituent in the preparation of many dishes but in a form less injurious to health than in their raw or coagulated state. Eggs prepared by beating are thoroughly charged with atmospheric air and would on account of their comparative easy digestion in this form, be used so, much more than they are, Were it not for the laborious, and fatiguing operation of beating the eggs by hand, which is usually performed with a fork or hand beater made for the purpose, by imparting to it a regular rotatory motion passing alternately through the eggs and through the air. The air is thus drawn into and incorporated with the mass in small quantities, requiring thus a long and tedious manipulation, to accomplish the complete charging with air.”

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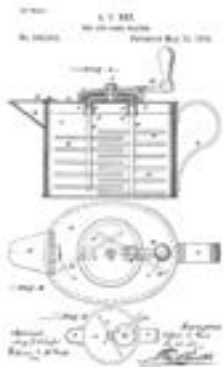
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Collier's common-sense invention opened the floodgates for hundreds of similar patents that would follow. The next one came just a year later. Through 1940, about 350 patents were issued in an effort to build a better "mouse trap" ...er...egg beater. Since 1856, over 1,000 different beater styles and configurations have been designed.

Varying shapes of blades, complexity of the gearing mechanisms and other operating features offered almost unlimited opportunities to earn a patent.

The first mechanical beaters, and those that ensued, were hand operated, which meant the user had to find a container in which to do the mixing without spillage or splatter. In 1884, Alfred C. Rex introduced a solution – "Egg and Cake Beater," a mixer/beater accompanied by a custom-designed tin container. In manufacture, it was often embossed "King Beater."

Rex and his partner Louis Kyser were prolific inventors; best known for at least two-dozen patents for mechanical banks, bellringer and other toys and even a novel icepick.

It wasn't long before special beater "jars" came to the market in both glass and stoneware. Many of the earthenware containers had rounded bottoms to accommodate the shape of many beaters. Another benefit to manufacturers was advertising.

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Many of the beater jars had paid advertisements imprinted on them.

In 1897, Sears' 786-page catalogue only offered one beater. It was made by Dover, one of the earliest and largest metalware companies. Price? 9 cents. Just for perspective, that's about \$3.54 today. Between 1870 and 1890, Dover produced about 4 million beaters, demonstrating just how popular the appliance was in the American home. By 1914 Sears was offering beaters with jars for 29 cents.

While hand-operated mechanical mixers are still manufactured, they began to be supplanted in 1919 when the popular "Kitchen Aid" brand electric beater was introduced by the Hobart Manufacturing Company.

In the 1920s, after the introduction of a durable "plastic" called Bakelite in 1907, beaters with Art Deco-styled colorful handles were introduced.

Regrettably, because of this brief article, I am unable to illustrate the incredible variety of beaters. You can view many of them on a Google image search, eBay, Facebook and other media. If you want to connect with other collectors, KOOKS-Kollectors of Kitchen Stuff on Facebook is the place to start.

An appreciation of the past. Think about this: So many early products, like beaters, were so well designed and crafted that they can still be used today. Unlike much of what we buy new today that has short lifespans. How many of those things will still be functioning a century from now?

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A GOOD BOOK: *The Eggbeater Chronicles*, by Don Thornton, 1999, provides the most valuable, comprehensive information about beaters with more than 1,000 pieces illustrated.

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