



# The Doorknob Collector

December

1981

NO. 1

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

If you really enjoy your hobby of collecting doorknobs and related hardware, you would have loved the 1st annual Doorknob Collectors Convention in Waverly Iowa, held this past September.

Arnie Fredrick of Waverly, was the principal organizer, along with Emil Miller of Omaha.

The convention was well organized. The publicity was excellent. One of the highlights of the convention was "Trading Time". Each of the 21 different collectors, representing 11 states, improved his or her collection thru the trading medium and many had not traded prior to this convention experience.

The focal point of the convention was Maudie Eastwood, author of "The Antique Doorknob". She proved beyond any doubt, in her convention program talks, that she deserves the honor which she holds, as the historical authority on the "Art Form", which we all love.

The education program and the fellowship and fun of meeting other collectors, was worth the trip. Arnie Fredrick did a superb job as host.

The group organized the "Antique Doorknob Collectors of America". Officers were elected and By-laws were adopted.

The whole group wishes to express sincere thanks to Faye and Rich Kennedy who have edited and published the "Doorknob Collector", which has been the spokesman for collectors for several years. They have agreed to permit the "Doorknob Collector" to continue as the official voice of A.D.S.A. They have chosen, because of personal pressures, not to continue as editors and publishers. Thanks Faye and Rich, for all you have done.

The good news, announced by Arnie Fredrick, Vice President of A.D.C.A., is that Lee and Jim Kaiser of Minneapolis have agreed to become the new editors of our newsletter, with A.D.C.A. as the publisher.

We hope more of you will want to support A.D.C.A. with your membership. We will be working hard to give you your money's worth by providing an organization thru which your interest and knowledge will grow.

John H. Holland, President

FROM THE EDITORS

It is with a good bit of trepidation that we accept the editorship of the Doorknob Collector. We have always enjoyed receiving the newsletter when Faye and Rich Kennedy were producing it, without thinking much about the effort they put into it. However, with the support and cooperation of a far better organized group than the Kennedys' had to work with, we do have an advantage. We will give it a good try.

We believe the newsletter should continue to be a forum for members to exchange ideas and information, to publish news of interest to other collectors, and to feature educational and technical material. We also hope that the classified advertising aspect can be expanded.

The only way these things can happen of course, is through contributions from the readers. **SO - P L E A S E - SEND US ANYTHING YOU THINK WE CAN USE.**

For the first year the D.C. will be published quarterly. In time, if circumstances indicate a need, the frequency will be increased.

---

Len Blumin of Mill Valley, California (near San Francisco) has accepted the chairmanship for the 1982 convention to be held in September, in the San Francisco area. More details on this subject will be announced in later issues.

**Catalog Lending:** Old hardware catalogs are hard to find and usually quite expensive. We have found that a catalog or selective parts of a catalog can be copied quite successfully on an ordinary office copier if it has been properly serviced.

Charles Wardell of Trinity, No. Carolina recently allowed us to copy his "Locks and Builders Hardware" by Henry Towne, and a couple of Corbin catalogs.

Mr. Wardell has told us he would let other collectors copy his catalogs if they pay the shipping costs both ways.

We have a Reading Catalog #19, circa 1911, which we would lend out for copying. It's a heavy catalog and costs about \$7 to ship parcel post.

Perhaps other collectors have catalogs they would be willing to loan, and there are undoubtedly many collectors who would like to get copies of specific catalogs. We for example, would like to get copies of Branford and Russell & Erwin catalogs.

Our attorney says there should be no legal problem in copying a catalog because the copy rights have long since expired and the catalogs are not being reproduced for re-sale.

---

Eveileb Ti Ro Ton:

J. B. Bonkrood is alive and well

**LET'S HEAR FROM YOU - LEE AND JIM KAISER**

*Warm  
holiday  
wishes*

DOORKNOB COLLECTORS!!

The First National Convention of Doorknob Collectors was held in Waverly, Iowa, September 11-13, 1981.

A club was formed--Antique Doorknob Collectors of America--to bring together those individuals interested in the design, history, and collecting of antique doorknobs and related hardware. Governing club rules are attached.

The following officers were elected:

President

John Holland                    3434 North 47 Way                    Phoenix, Arizona 85018

Vice President

Arnie Fredrick                    221 Second Street, SE                    Waverly, Iowa 50677

Secretary-Treasurer

Marjorie H. Wiemer                    Box 3088                    Sedona, Arizona 86340-3088

Member at Large

D. O. Razor                    P.O. Box 456                    Bellevue, Washington 98009

Your interest in antique doorknobs and related hardware makes you eligible to join the club, and by doing so now, you will become a charter member. Simply complete the application and mail with your check or money order to the address shown.

- - - - - DETACH - - - - -

1982 MEMBERSHIP DUES  
FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 1981, ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1982  
\$20.00 FAMILY (SAME ADDRESS)

ANTIQUe DOORKNOB COLLECTORS OF AMERICA

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Marjorie H. Wiemer  
Box 3088  
Sedona, Arizona 86340-3088

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_