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Pewter antiques have a silver lining

By William Flood

It's certainly no secret that pockets of traditional antiques have fallen out of favor. One category that's lost its luster is pewter — that's unfortunate, given the rich heritage of pewter making. Yet, the decline holds a silver lining; those who appreciate pewter can find wonderfully pewterware, often inexpensively.

For centuries, pewter was a household staple, valued for its beauty and utility. It was used for everyday items like cups and plates, and decorative pieces like candlesticks and serving trays. Pewter's earliest known use dates back to ancient Egypt, where artifacts like small statues, jewelry, and containers have been found. In Ancient Rome, it was used for items like drinking vessels and oil lamps, which have been unearthed in ruins and tombs. By the Middle Ages, pewter was a popular material for making tableware, utensils, and tankards, with many examples discovered in castles and monasteries. These artifacts often feature detailed designs showcasing pewter's exceptional malleability.

Due to its low melting point and ease of manipulation, pewter remained a favored material with metalworkers until the mid-19th century. During the colonial era, pewter industries bloomed in Europe and the Americas producing everything from tableware to teapots. Skilled pewtering guilds emerged, and regions like Sheffield, England, became celebrated centers of the pewter trade. At a time when the poor used wooden utensils, well-crafted pewter was a status symbol, often found in the homes of the wealthy. Archaeologists have found pewter objects in shipwrecks across Europe's colonies,



Above: There's nothing like the warmth of pewter to compliment primitive decor. (Photo: Dennis Jarvis, Flickr)

highlighting the material's significance in the daily lives of the upper classes.

Considered a practical, yet elegant alternative to silver, pewter's appeal continued into the Victorian era. By then, it had become less utilitarian, often used more for decorative objects like jewelry boxes, picture frames, and elaborate tea sets. By the 20th century, pewter was overshadowed by other metals like silver plate, and eventually stainless steel and supplanted by the mass production of pottery and glassware. Still, pewter remained available, eventually becoming popular for commemorative merchandise and reproductions.

> Pewter is an alloy, usually 85 to 90 percent tin. The remainder consists of other metals, including copper, antimony, and bismuth which enhance strength and/or

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Left: This touch mark is attributed to Blakslee Barns (1781-1823) who by was operating out of Philadelphia.



Above: This collapsible cup was commemorative produced for the Philadelphia 1876 Centennial Exhibition. A complete set, with its pewter case

Right: One of pewter's characteristics is its ability to hold fine details like those on this 20th-century candlestick



Above: This double-wick whale oil lamp (\$99) was crafted in the early 19th century by Massachusetts pewtersmith James Putnam.



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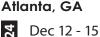
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Discover the history penned in old letters

BY WILLIAM FLOOD

For antique enthusiasts, paper collectibles — known as ephemera — offer a captivating window into history through items that capture snippets of daily life. Ephemera is wide—ranging, encompassing everything from vintage postcards and advertisements to road maps and old theater guides. It's a wallet—friendly hobby that is accessible to anyone with an interest. One of the most captivating subcategories of ephemera is old letters, which offer personal insight into historical moments and the lives of individuals from other times.

Whether it's a family's wedding announcement, a soldier's wartime reflections, or a business interaction with a customer, antique letters serve as both a time capsule and a narrative. Collectors treasure them for the stories they tell, their historical context, and even the artistry of the handwriting.

Old correspondence also offers a





Above: Letter collecting is very approachable financially. This lot of 11 Victorian-era English personal letters sold for just \$8.50.

meaningful way to explore social history, going well beyond mere names and dates in a textbook. Whether penned by famous figures or everyday people, letters reflect significant situations and how the writer responded to them. In that sense, a letter offers a rich narrative about personal interactions and the thoughts, emotions, and experiences of the people involved.

Old letters have gathered new significance since the art of handwriting correspondence largely disappeared once email started replacing traditional mail in the 1990s. Each surviving vintage letter is a poignant reminder of a time when personal correspondence was valued and deeply meaningful.

If you are eager to dive into this col-

Left: An 1890 letter by the Charles River Iron Works in Massachusetts (\$25) features a beautiful vignette of their factory.

Right: This tattered letter, steeped in history, was written by a military officer advocating for unpaid troops from the War of 1812, and written in a long-gone Baltimore tavern.

lecting hobby, an exciting world of possibilities awaits. Here are several varieties of old letters that collectors often seek. Each has its particular appeal:

Business Correspondence — Letters related to commerce, industry, or trade, offering insights into past business practices and relationships.

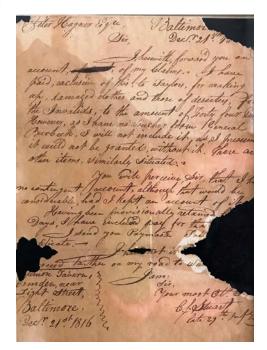
Family Correspondence — Letters exchanged among family members, discussing personal stories, relationships, and family dynamics.

Friendship and Love Letters — Personal notes shared between friends or loved ones, overflowing with emotional

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Above: A pair of letters between a young couple in 1872 provides a glimpse into their hopes and dreams.



Vintage bowling game hits a strike with a \$3,350 Bid

By WILLIAM FLOOD

SALISBURY, Mo — On Nov. 10, Iman Auction Company presented an exciting auction with a stunning array of vintage arcade games, coin-operated machines, pinball classics, antique safes, and a host of other rare collectibles. Nearly 1,000 items from the collection of the late Chris Calkins and his wife Tammy, of Shawnee, Kansas, were offered, featuring both restored and unrestored pieces, all available exclusively through HiBid.

The auction's top bid of \$3,350 was placed on an Evans Ten Strike bowling

CORRECTIONS

The website was incorrect in an article that ran in the Nov. 26 issue titled "Civil War uniforms march beyond estimates at McInnis auction."

The correct website for the auction firm is www.paulmcinnis.com

game, in full working order, complete with two balls and two keys. Bidding surpassed \$3,000 again on two fortune-telling machines: a working-condition horoscope machine with new plexiglass, updated light, and a key, pulled \$3,050. A tabletop Genco Magic Gypsy Grandma fortune teller, in working condition, fetched \$3,000. While it had a few flaws, such as a broken microphone and missing fortunes, the unit operated mechanically and included new stickers.

The pinball segment was well-represented, with three dozen available lots. The highest bid for a pinball machine was \$2,850, for a working-condition Williams Mini Golf, complete with keys. Two other machines also surpassed \$2,000: an original Midway Flying Turns, in working order, with keys and repainted legs, sold for \$2,800. An Atari Hercules, the largest commercially produced pinball machine at 7 feet tall, brought in \$2,750. Though it was in good overall condition, it had minor issues, including a malfunctioning flipper and button. However, it was otherwise operational and came with keys.



Above: Numerous guns from arcade games were among the parts lots. This lever-action rifle, missing its stock was grabbed for \$11.

Among six other pinball machines, prices ranged from \$180 for a working M-T Sales countertop Zig-Zag pinball-style skill game (missing its keys), to \$725 for a floor model Williams Jalopy, in working order with its keys. In addition, 17 lots of pinball machine parts were available, including tops, glass, and box lots of parts like coin returns, pinball wheels, and Gottlieb mechanisms.

Beyond pinball, jukeboxes were anoth-

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Above: The auction's highest seller was this H.C. Evans and Company (Chicago) Ten Strike, which sold for \$3,350.

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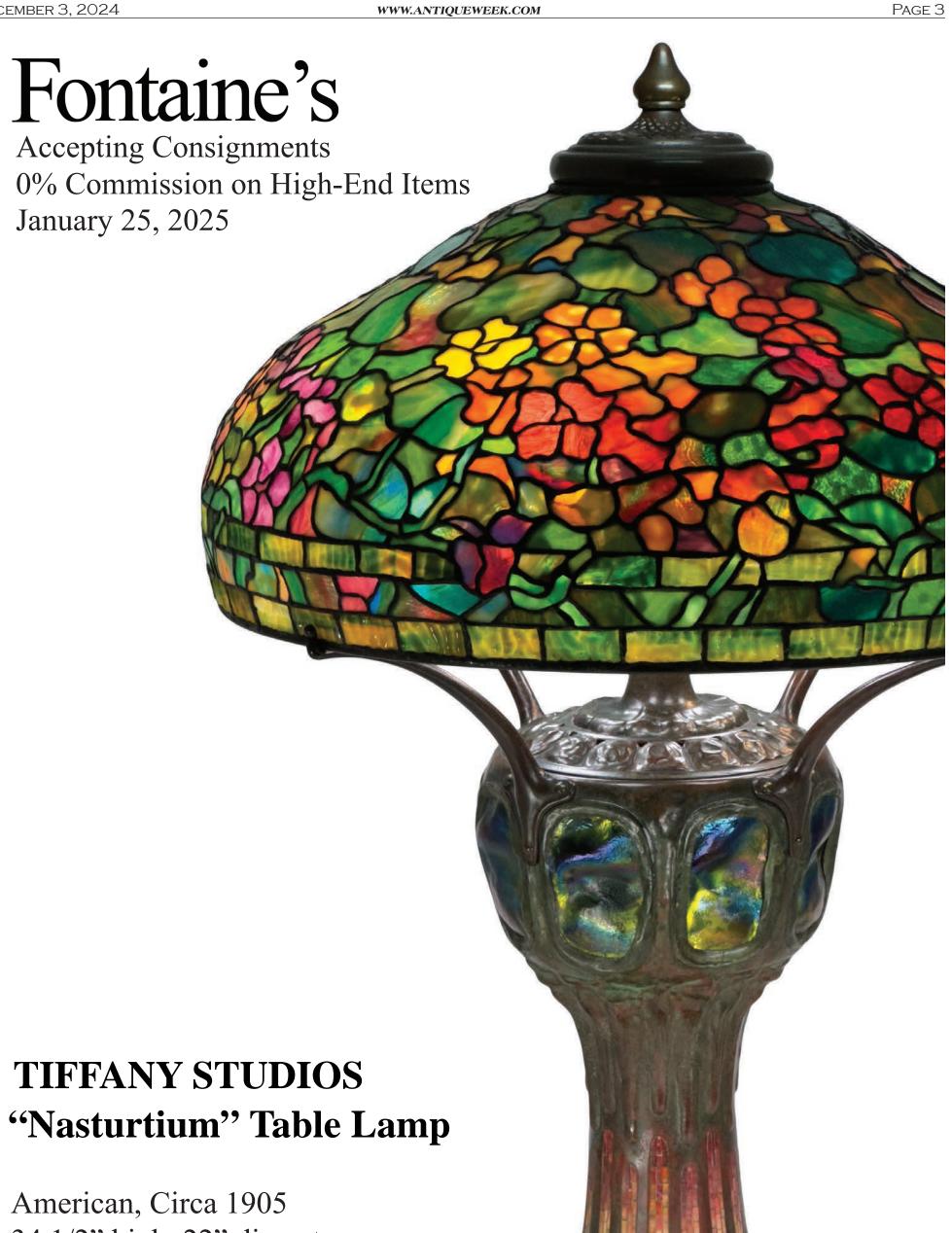
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Old Letters

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reflections and cherished moments.

Greetings and Holiday Letters -Correspondence sent for occasions like birthdays or Christmas often adorned with artwork and festive messages.

Legal Communications — Documents related to agreements, contracts, and other legal matters, showcasing historical legal practices and societal stan-

Military Correspondence — Correspondence from service members, often written during wartime, providing a glimpse into their experiences and pivotal historical moments.

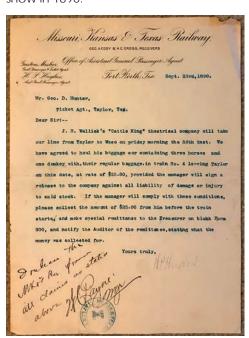
Political Letters — Communications regarding political campaigns or events, reflecting historical viewpoints and societal climates.

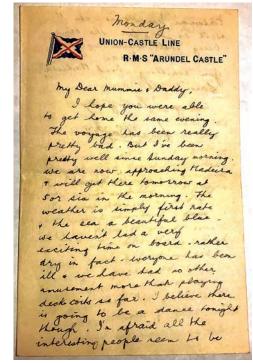
Scientific and Academic Letters — Exchanges among scholars and scientists, often discussing collaborations, research findings, and innovations.

Travel Letters — Letters penned during journeys, capturing experiences and observations from exciting locations.

Topics withstanding, collectors often gravitate toward letters possessing certain attributes. Among those are stampless letters, which were sent before the issuance of postage stamps or documents that employed wax seals which secured the letters and often indicated their source. Many collectors appreciate documents featuring visual vignettes that often showcase a company's building or hint at its trade. Some people prefer handwritten letters, while others prefer easier-to-read typed ones, valuing the progression of communication through time. Many collectors appreciate letters that retain their associated envelopes and stamps, providing a more complete

Below: This letter from the Missouri, Kansas, and Texas Railway confirmed the transport of a Wild West style traveling show in 1890.





Above: Probably written in the early 1950s, an English passenger aboard the RMS Arundel Castle wrote his parents describing his voyage to Portugal and eventually South Africa.

snapshot of the correspondence.

Regardless of the category or variety, antique letters are available at a range of prices, making them accessible to collectors whether on a budget or with ample funds for valuable pieces. While most correspondence was commonplace and not particularly rare or expensive today, other examples are prized for their historical significance, rarity, or condition, and command higher prices. For instance, authenticated letters penned by important figures like Abraham Lincoln or Steve Jobs can fetch tens of thousands of dollars, particularly if signed. Similarly, letters that document signif-

Below: This 1837 German church letter (\$5) still bore its wax seal.





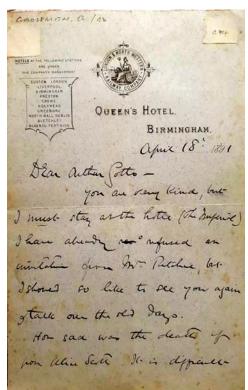
Above: A stampless letter from 1850, mailed from San Francisco to New Jersey (\$4.99), featured four pages of beautiful handwriting.

icant historical moments, like a Civil War officer's correspondence are sought for their rich historical content and can sometimes sell in the five—figure range. Well-preserved documents, particularly those with original features like envelopes and stamps, usually draw higher prices than those in poor condition, unless there are mitigating circumstances, like those salvaged from a factory fire.

If you're on the hunt for old letters, there are several good sources to explore. Among the best are ephemera shows where collectors gather to buy, sell, and trade old paper items. Those events often have exceptional items you won't find elsewhere.

Especially with valuable pieces, careful handling is crucial for keeping antique letters in good condition. First, always handle them with clean hands to avoid transferring dirt or oils that

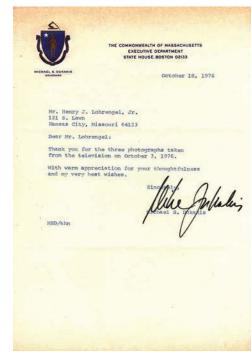
Below: A circa 1891 letter signed by English comedic actor George Grossmith (\$245) was written on letterhead from the hotel where he was staying.



can cause damage. When you store the letters, use acid-free sleeves or folders to protect them from deterioration, as regular paper can release harmful acids over time. It's also important to keep antique letters in a cool, dry place, away from direct sunlight and humidity, which can lead to fading and mold. If you want to display a letter, opt for a frame with archival materials and UV-protective glass to minimize exposure to harmful light.

Antique letters are more than just old pieces of paper — they are captivating windows into the past. Whether from a famous figure or an ordinary individual, each letter sheds light on someone's life and often on events that shaped our world. For collectors, old letters offer the opportunity to acquire fascinating artifacts while preserving history and keeping individual narratives alive for future generations.

Below: Political correspondence often involves notable figures. This 1976 example (\$15) was from the office of Michael Dukakis when he was Governor of Massachusetts.





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er category that generated notable interest, with a couple of units surpassing the \$2,000 mark. A Wurlitzer Hi-Fi, in working order with a functioning changer but no records, sold for \$2,500. A professionally-restored Rockola Model 1422, with one key for the door, but missing the one for the coin box, came in slightly below at \$2,450.

Slot machines were another staple of the auction, with multiple machines drawing over \$1,000. A Little Duke tabletop penny slot machine was the top seller, scoring \$2,100. It was in working order, with keys for each lock. Two floor model machines also saw bids over \$1,000. A Mills Chevron QT nickel machine on an oak stand brought in \$1,350, even with a loose side handle that kept the mechanism from operating (it did include keys for all locks). An El Cortez nickel slot, fully functional and with both keys, sold for \$1,050.

Most tabletop slot machines sold below \$1,000 but nonetheless received solid bidding. Going for \$450 was a 21 Vender countertop-style dime simulator blackjack slot game in working order. Later, a working-condition Columbia Groetchen Tool Company countertop nickel machine, with a cabinet by Churchill, made it to \$425.

For bidders drawn to arcade games, the offerings were plentiful. Among them was a Williams Ringer horseshoe game, in working condition with two keys. It sold for \$1,700. Bidding went to \$1,500 for a Donkey in the Goldmine game with a plastic sign front. While there was some cracked wood on the case, all mechanisms were working. A bit newer was an Un-Below: An American Eagle coin-operat-

ed gum machine, in need of some refurbishing sold for \$130. A similar Gem machine in full working condition reached \$190





Above: Jukebox offerings spanned everything from parts and wall boxes to complete, restored units, like this Rockola Model 1422 (\$2,450).

dersea Raider torpedo game in restorable condition, with all functional parts. It hit

Vending and gumball machines were similarly prolific, with everything from classic units to more unique devices. A 20inch, wall-mounted Fresh Gum dispenser sold for a tidy \$200, while an American Eagle gumball machine, with original paint but jammed with a coin, made it to \$130. A more traditional Oak Manufacturing gumball machine, featuring a glass globe with an original 5-cent sticker, and was paired with its key, sold for \$80.

For restorers, nearly 100 lots held projects. Those included a Pike's Peak trade simulator, while missing its back and ready for restoration, still commanded \$350. A pair of Challenger slot machines sold for a surprising \$160. They were untested, may have lacked parts, were missing keys, and

Below: A sole arcade ride, a non-working but cosmetically sound wooden Royal Mustang, bid to \$1,100.





Above: A solid, working, Williams Jalopy pinball machine sold for \$725

were in rough condition. Bringing in \$150 was a unique German Space Flight penny slot machine, ready for restoration.

Even the parts offerings in this auction were attention-grabbing. Among them were multiple lots containing the guns from coin-operated games. Examples included a cowboy-style pistol (\$27.50), a repainted Gatling gun with intact wiring (\$22.50), and an old West lever-action rifle (\$11)

While coin-operated machines dominated the sale, there was also a wide range of other collectibles for those seeking some-

Below: This working Williams Mini Golf pinball machine picked up the best bid in the category at \$2,850.





Above: Two mid-century-era scooters were presented. One was this intact Cushman, ready for restoration, that was carted off for \$850.

thing different. There were two vintage scooters — a 1959 restorable Cushman sold for \$850 and a similar-era Vespa rolled off for \$400. Eighteen antique safes sold for anywhere between \$20 and \$925: and, nearly 50 signs in various conditions, ranged from as low as \$1 for an Evans sign insert to \$1,200 for a 70-inch double-sided enameled Phillips 66 sign.

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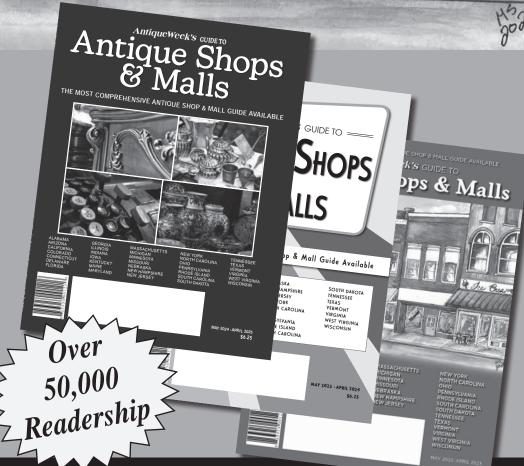
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 08

CALIFORNIA, Pasadena, Rose Bowl Flea Market 9am-3pm Canning Attractions tel: (323) 560-7469

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NEW YORK, Canaan, Anniversary Sale Noon Ralph tel: (713) 441-7641

Monday, December 02

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OHIO, Salem, Online Only Auction No Time Given Kiko Auctioneers tel: (330) 455-9357 Day 1 of 8

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 04

INDIANA, Shipshewana, Antique & Miscellaneous Auction 9am Shipshewana Auction tel: (260) 768-4129

NEW JERSEY, Bloomfield, Chic & Antique Auction

10am Nye & Co. Day 1 of 3

OHIO, Greenville, Online Only Auction Day 2 of 5

OHIO, Salem, Online Only Auction

PENNSYLVANIA, Downingtown, Online Auction

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 05

9am PookAndPook.com

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 06 ILLINOIS, LeRoy, Country Americana

Auction 9am FrickerAuctions.com Day 1 of 2

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TEXAS, Dallas, Space Exploration Auction No Time Given HA.com/6304

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Auction Day 2 of 2

ILLINOIS, New Berlin, Indian Relics Auction 9:30am Rainbow Traders tel: (618) 372-0248

INDIANA, Fowler, Comic Auction 10am ToysTrainsAndOtherOldStuff.com

INDIANA, Knightstown, Public Auction 10am BurgessAuctions.com

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KANSAS, Douglass, Antique Auction

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19 PENNSYLVANIA, Denver, Fine

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 INDIANA, Fowler, Train Auction

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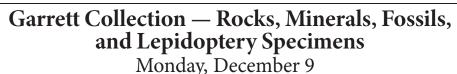
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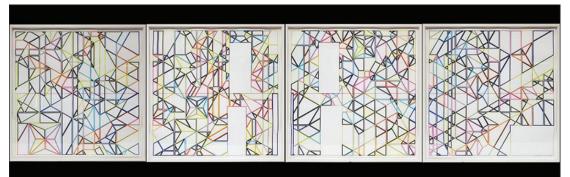


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Lawrence Campbell, American (1914-1998) Painting Oil on Board. "Rainy Evening



Oronzo Vito Gasparo, American (1903-1969) Painting Oil on Canvas "Ĕxtasy #2"



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covers with those from

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On the one hand, this might be the year when you spring for extravagant holiday decorations. There's the 7½ foot pre-decorated Christmas tree from Neiman Marcus, yours for \$8,000. How about a 10-foot-long

Santa sled, big enough for you and three chums to climb aboard, on sale now for just under \$6,000?

On the other hand, maybe not.

But with a little bit of ingenuity, any home can be transformed into a vintage winter wonderland, thanks to some well-chosen flea market finds. And who better to offer suggestions than Jimmie Bucci, president of the Vintage Tablecloth Lovers Club, not to mention a trusted friend of "Vintage Style"?

Let's begin with Jimmie's specialty. When it comes to a vintage Christmas tablecloth, "You can spend \$100, easily, or more, up to \$200 or \$300," Jimmie began. That's fine for the serious collector, but for those on a budget, there are alternatives. Christmas handkerchiefs not made by a collectable designer sell for about \$5; they add a festive touch to any room when placed under a potted poinsettia. And instead of displaying Christmas-themed linen towels in the kitchen, consider budget-friendly ones made of terrycloth.

Prices of vintage vinyl albums are on the rise. But when you have no intention of playing the record, its condition is of little interest. Instead, it's the cover that interests Jimmie. Next time you're at a thrift shop, check Below: This souvenir from "My Visit with Santa" displays colorful graphics. courte-

sy of Jimmie Bucci



for year-round fun.

But don't stop there. Jimmie noted that Golden Records, originally made to delight mid-century children, can add a nostalgic touch to any room for not much money. Again, Jimmie picks up these records, not to play them, but to enjoy the colorful graphics of their paper covers. Look for, among others, "Jingle Bells," "Frosty the Snowman," and "Santa Claus is Coming to Town." Similarly, Golden Books (often with many of the same titles as the records) are inexpensive finds; \$5 tops is reasonable. And while we're on the topic of music, old sheet music looks great framed or sitting on the music desk of a piano. Bonus points for regaling your guests with a holiday recital.

Old catalogs are getting pricey, according to Jimmie. He reports that Sears' Christmas catalog can "easily" top out in the \$30 to \$50 range. On the other hand, Christmas issues of old magazines are still available in the sweet spot of \$5. Think "Good Housekeeping," "Family Circle" and "Woman's Day" for retro fun. You never know what celebrity you'll find hawking products in ads.

Meanwhile, holiday salt and pepper shakers, which used to be an inexpensive way to jazz up the kitchen, are now fetching \$30 to \$50. Sad to say, modern holiday ceramics found in thrift stores cannot compare to the vintage ones.

I asked Jimmie what he thought about Annalee dolls. The answer, it turned out, was

Below: Sheet music for classic (and not so classic) Christmas songs looks great when displayed on the music desk of a piano. courtesy of Ruby McKerrow





Above: Christmas hankies are fun and affordable textile collectibles. courtesy of Jimmie Bucci

Right: From Kate Smith and Patti Page to Dean Martin and Liberace, mid-century recording artists grace collectable album covers. courtesy of Jimmie Bucci

not much. But for those who find the mischievous mice and whimsical carolers fun, they can be picked up for a fraction of their original price at flea markets. Again, group them together for maximum effect. Other holiday goodies to add to your shopping list include unused Christmas cards, but postcards can be a more affordable option for the diligent bargain hunter. Beware of reproductions.

Finally, just for fun, Jimmie can't resist "My visit with Santa" folders, complete with



photographs of children placing their orders with the jolly old elf. Especially entertaining, he concluded, are the ones with bored Santas and overwhelmed children. Ho ho ho!

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Pewter Antiques

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workability. The specific composition varies depending on whether a piece is functional or decorative. Historically, pewter was also mixed with lead to make it more malleable, but that created an invisible problem. Lead is toxic and can cause serious health problems with prolonged exposure. When found in everyday items like plates and mugs, it can leach into food or liquids, making them dangerous to consume. Centuries ago, many people, particularly sailors, suffered and even died from lead poisoning caused by prolonged use of pewter items. Around 1770, a new pewter alloy called 'Britannia' was developed, which was easy to work with, yet free of lead. Thankfully, modern pewter is typically lead-free, due to increased awareness of the health risks.

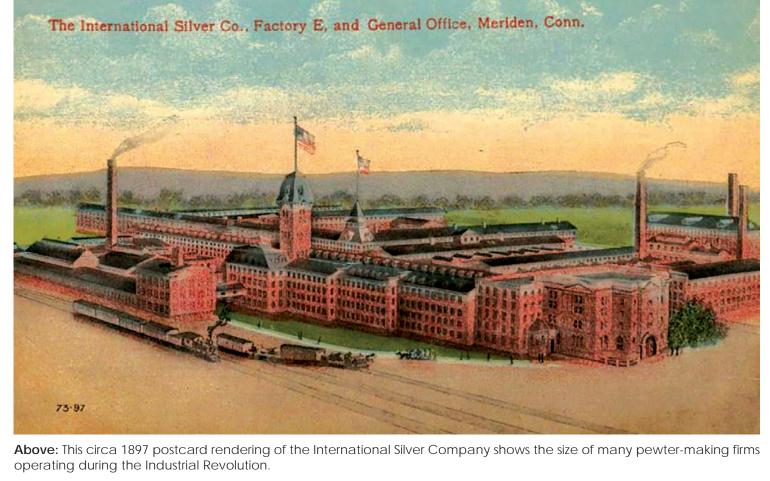
Pewter should not be confused with pure tin, which is soft and lightweight. A quick comparison between a tin cup and a pewter one will point out the differences in weight and robustness. Pewter also differs from silver and silver plate. While some antique pewter included small amounts of silver to enhance its shine, true silver pieces are still much brighter and reflective. Silver-plated objects, made from base metals coated in silver, can wear over time, exposing the underlying metal — something that doesn't happen with pewter.

Beyond its physical traits, antique pewter pieces hold a fascinating history, often traced through makers' marks (touch marks) left by craftsmen. Before the 19th century, most pewter was made by artisans working in small local shops. As early as the 1500s, makers began stamping or engraving marks to identify their work. Touch marks can not only identify the artisan, but the location and era in which a piece was made.

Among the many artisans, some stand out for their contributions to the trade. Thomas Williams, an 18th-century English pewtersmith, gained fame for his finely crafted tableware and flatware. His business



Above: Objects like this pewter trinket box (\$22) were a familiar sight in the 1970s and '80s.



eventually became A.E. Williams, a company that remains in operation today. Williams' pieces are highly collectible and in great demand. Similarly, James Yates, a British pewterer from the mid-1800s, was known for his distinctive mugs and tankards, which are frequently found at auctions and online.

Many European pewter makers emigrated to the Americas in the 18th century, gaining prominence there. One of them was William Will, a prolific pewterer known for tankards and teapots. Will emigrated from Germany around 1750, eventually opening a shop in Philadelphia. Another, Simon Edgell, trained in pewter and brass work in England before emigrating to North America around 1710, also settling in Philadelphia. Many of his pieces are found today in museums.

What began as an imported craft evolved into a thriving homegrown industry in the American colonies. By the mid-1600s, pewter was being made in most colonies, although many early colonial pewtersmiths didn't leave marks on their work. By the 1700s, the industry was flourishing. In 1755, for example, Thomas Danforth opened a pewter workshop in Connecticut, specializing in household goods. His business later evolved into today's Danforth®, a company that produces everything from barware to decorative items. Pennsylvania, known for its immigrant pewter smiths, also became a hotbed for homegrown talent. Among the local artisans was Parks Boyd, who worked in Philadelphia from the late 1700s to early 1800s. Boyd's covered highly collectible and frequently appear at auction.

In addition to renowned individual craftsmen, larger pewter-making enterprises emerged that, while operating on a larger scale, nonetheless manufactured high-quality products.

One example is James Dixon & Sons, which formed in Sheffield around 1800 and lasted until 1976. Another Sheffield maker, Fenton Brothers, was founded in 1850 and not only manufactured pewter but sterling silver and silverplated items. The company survived until the outbreak of World War II. In America, numerous companies formed particularly in the industrial northeast, including Connecticut's Meriden Britannia Company. It opened in 1852, eventually becoming part of the larger International Silver Company, which lasted into the 1980s.

Because of its heritage, the market for collectible pewter remained strong through the 1980s, especially for 18th and 19th-century pieces. However, by the 1990s, interest waned as vintage trends shifted toward mid-century modern. Today, you can easily find old pewter languishing in nearly all the typical haunts. Antique dealers often note a lack of demand, and estate sales often offer well-maintained pewter collections from families uninterested in it. Thrift stores can be particularly fruitful because staff are typically ignorant of pewter's significance. Old pieces are often mixed in with cheap metalware or kitchen goods. In short, it's relatively easy to find beautiful, well-made pewter pieces at a fraction of their former price.

everything from barware to decorative items. Pennsylvania, known for its is softened, there are still exceptional pieces that can fetch commensurate prices. Items from the early 18th century — especially British export pewter with identifiable marks and American colonial-era pewterware — remain highly prized by collectors of primitives and traditional antiques. As

Below: This ornate 19th-century teapot (\$29) showcases the evolution of pewter from purely functional to more decorative pieces.



with any historical collectible, fakes and forgeries do exist, so it's wise to buy top-grade pieces through reputable dealers who vet their merchandise. Of course, for the knowledgeable and dedicated antique hunter, there's always the possibility of discovering a hidden treasure among everyday items at a show or shop.

Beyond rarity and age, items in excellent condition, free from dents or damage, are generally more valuable than those that show wear. However, today's collectors are more driven by personal interest and enjoyment than financial value. Many are drawn to the warmth, beauty, and history of pewter pieces, rather than their potential resale value.

Remember to exercise caution with older pieces. As mentioned above, antique pewter often contains lead, which can pose a health hazard if used for dining. Lead was removed from English pewter in 1974, and by the 1980s, most U.S. manufacturers followed suit, making lead-free pewter the industry standard. However, if you're unsure of a piece's age or composition, it's best to treat it as decorative rather than put it into functional use.

Considering the current market, there's no better time to dive into antique pewter, as the prices for well-made pieces are within reach. Whether from the 1750s or 1950s, good pewterware is being passed by, despite the fine craftsmanship and unique beauty. Now is a perfect opportunity to start or add to a collection before old pewter becomes sought after once again.

If you are interested in learning more about collectible pewter, a good resource is The Pewter Society: www. pewtersociety.org

Below: Wilton Company, established in Pennsylvania in the 1930s, developed Armetale, an aluminum alloy imitation pewter often used in collectibles.



Below: A set of three vintage English pewter tankards was available for just \$25.



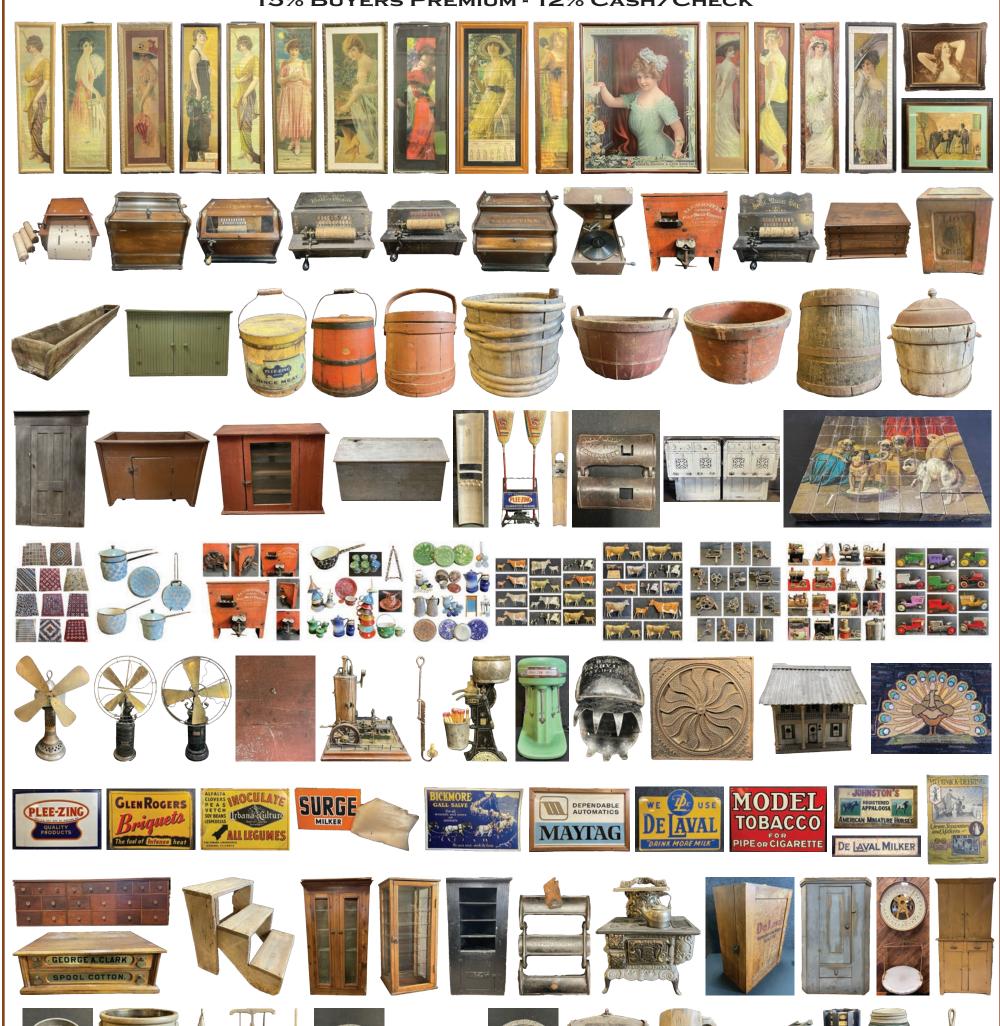
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