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## SHOW NEWS

### Springfield Antique Show shines 1 year after lockdown

BY WILLIAM FLOOD

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio — The weekend of March 19-21 was somewhat of a landmark date in Ohio, as it represented nearly one year to the day when the state shut down for COVID.

Jenkins Promotions,

like all large show promoters, saw its show series halted for most of 2020. By July, Jenkins was able to restart the series, and while certainly rocky, the outcome has been laudable. Now, one year after the pandemic abruptly changed the antiques industry, the Springfield shows are a testament to how large antique events can get back on their feet.

No doubt, the weekend's near-perfect

Left: There were plenty of good advertising pieces for sale like this 40-inch working Dippitydoo's ice cream store sign for \$525.

early spring weather helped attract attendees. Saturday morning opened at the Clark County Fairgrounds to 48-degree temperatures and a virtually cloudless sky. By noon, temperatures had hit 60-degrees and jackets came off. The hundreds of shoppers were obviously enjoying the fresh air and sunshine, while the outdoor vendors were benefiting from the traffic. Everyone seemed upbeat, and to be cliché, the air was figuratively and literally, full of excitement.

While it was a smaller show, outdoor booths were spread along three thoroughfares flanking a pair of interconnected buildings that housed the inside venues. At one of the first spots along the main pathway was Grandma's

Collectibles from Athens, Ohio. With no shortage of shoppers in his booth, owner Chuck reflected, "It's turned out to be a super day. The crowds really came out." Among the wares drawing attention were a pair of duck decoys for \$15 and a small collection of vintage airplane models running \$25 to \$40. In the adjacent booth, Tim, also from Athens was a bit more cautious. "OK comes to mind," he stated. Yet, it was only 10 a.m. and with alluring prices like \$14 for a 20-inch

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Right: There were a few good primitive pieces to be found, including this dough box priced at \$900.



## FEATURE

### Peter Cottontail still hopping down the bunny trail

BY LARRY LEMASTERS

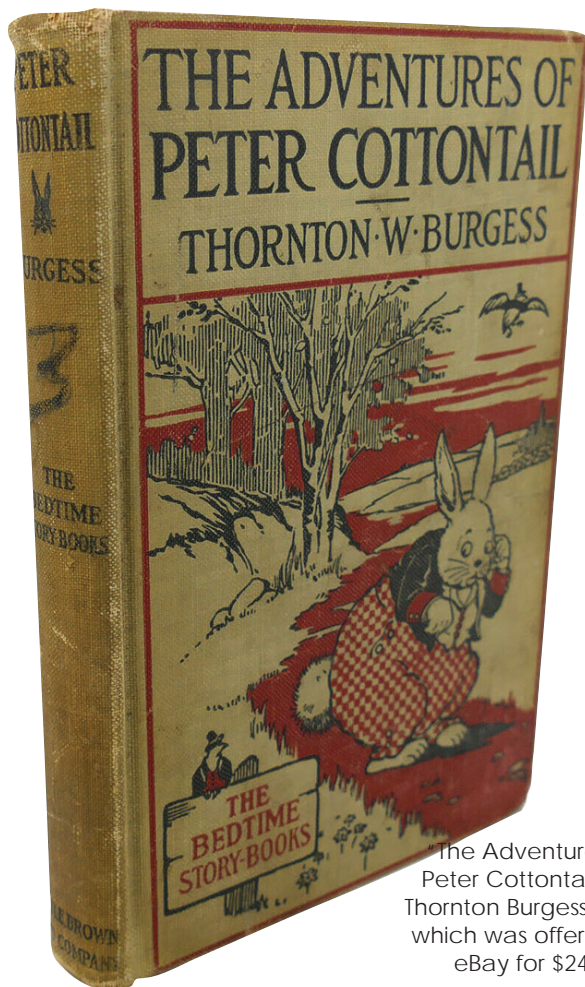
Peter Cottontail is best known for his 1971 Easter television special *Here Comes Peter Cottontail*. The television special was based on Priscilla and Otto Friedrich's 1957 novel *The Easter Bunny that Overslept*.

Even before this popular television special, Peter Cottontail was famous. In 1950, Peter Cottontail enchanted Baby Boomer kids when popular western movie star and "Singing Cowboy" Gene Autry recorded the holiday classic song "Here Comes Peter Cottontail," which peaked at number 3 on the U.S. Billboard Hot Country Singles chart.

The song *Here Comes Peter Cottontail* is still used, especially for television advertisements around Easter, and is one of the most popular secular Easter songs ever composed. The song had a catchy jingle —Here comes Peter Cottontail/Hoppin' down the bunny trail/Hippity hoppin', Easter's on its way—that all Baby Boomer children knew, and it informally gave the Easter Bunny a name—Peter Cottontail.

The full popularity of Peter Cottontail dates to 1910 when Thornton Burgess, an author from Springfield, Mass., published his *Old Mother West Wind* series of stories, which included a rabbit named Peter Rabbit. In 1914, Burgess published one of his best-known stories *The Adventures of Peter Cottontail*. In this now famous story, Peter Rabbit, unhappy with his plain sounding name, changed his name to Peter Cottontail.

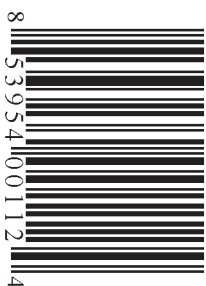
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The Adventures of Peter Cottontail" by Thornton Burgess, 1914, which was offered on eBay for \$244.



Metal wind-up Peter Cottontail by Mattel, circa 1953, that is valued at \$30.



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11:00am Session - Jewelry & Related incl. Gold, Sterling, Costume, Designed, Victorian, Sterling Silver Flatware etc.

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Dennison Rd. approx. 4 miles. Go South on Dennison Rd. 1.5 miles.  
Auction is located on West side of road.

DUNDEE, MICHIGAN 48131 zone 6

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SATURDAY, APRIL 3rd @ 10:00 AM

INSPECTION: Friday, April 2nd, 3:00 PM-5:00 PM

LOCATION: 12255 48TH AVE.

DIRECTIONS: Take M-45/Lake Michigan Dr. west of Grand Rapids 9 miles or East  
of Allendale 2 ½ miles to 48th Ave., north 1 ½ miles. (Ottawa Co.)

ALLENDALE, MI 49401 zone 4

Due to the death of his brothers and farming partners, Bill & Eugene Potgeter, Ken &  
Shirley Potgeter have sold the farm and retired. The farm has been in the family for near-  
ly 80 years and 3 generations. Absentee bids accepted from qualified bidders.

Overview includes:



TRACTORS & COMBINE: 1970 IHC Farmall 826  
diesel; 1971 IHC 574 gas; 1953 IHC Farmall Super M;  
1941 Farmall BN Culti-Vision; 1954 Ford NAA Gold-  
en Jubilee; 1939 John Deere D unstyled; 1982 IHC  
1420 Axial-Flow diesel combine w/15' grain head 3PT.  
EQUIP: JD 9550 back hoe w/24" bucket; Shop-built tile  
digger/layer; Holland transplanter; White 458 8-shank 7'  
chisel plow; Hi-lo mast; Orchard air blast sprayer; Hyd.  
drive 7' hay mower; 4RW cultivator; 6' back blade;  
Rino brush hog; Tractor hyd. log splitter; Posthole dig-  
ger; Shop-built posthole digger; Fertilizer spreader &  
others. FARM EQUIPMENT: MF 12 hay baler; IHC  
470 17' wheel disc; (4) IHC 5 btm. 16" semi-mounted  
plows; IHC 2 btm. 16" quick hitch plow; IHC 37 15'  
wheel disc; IHC 1RW chopper; IHC 7' bolt-on swivel  
wheel hay mower; David Bradly 5-bar hay rake; Brillion  
10' culti-packer; 40' double chain conveyor w/flex PTO

drive; JD 7 PTO corn sheller on single axle; Hay wagon; 4'x8" utility trailer; Running  
gear w/primitive loose hay rack; 38" & 34" Snap-on duals & others; 15'x8' shop built  
tandem axle trailer; Shop built 4' pull-behind rototiller; John Bean field sprayer; 6'x40'  
PTO transport grain auger; Hammer mill w/dust collector/bagger; Sev. augers & more.  
GRAIN BINS: 200 bu. gravity grain bin; 2000 bu. Butler bin LAWN MOWER &  
MINI-BIKE: JD 318 hydro garden tractor; matching JD rototiller & snow thrower; Su-  
zuki 90 CC mini-bike. FARM SHOP & MORE: SS 250-gal bulk tank w/self-contained  
cooler; (6) Sears stainless milkers; buckets & sink; A-frame 8' wide, 9' tall w/chain fall;  
Drill press; Air compressor; Hand & Power  
Tools; Bolt bins; Gas engines; Scrap iron &  
lots more. ANTIQUES & FARM PRIM-  
ITIVES: HENCH & DROMGOLD #20  
double ear corn sheller w/motor; 1rw riding  
cultivator w/steel wheels; Hay tedder w/steel  
wheels; 15+ steel wheels; Flat belt lacer w/  
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Chevrolet 4 cyl. gas engine; Large amount of  
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Cabinet, Several Lighted Display Cabinets, Claw Foot Organ Stool, 2 - Vintage Lane Cedar Chests, Prime-  
tive Cabinets w/Old Paint, Multi Shelf Storage Cabinet, Slab of Wood Table Top, Vintage Drafting Stool



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Mobil Regular, 8' Coca-Cola Santa Claus Standee Great Condition, Great  
Old Hamm's Beer Advertising Sign, Pepsi Clock, "Johnny on the Spot" Ad-  
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Show Boat Light Up Sign, Car Quest Belt & Hoses Metal Cabinet, Cold  
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Victorian Walnut Dresser



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Pump Sign

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Soldiers Pin, Patches/Uniforms/Sabre Belt/Military Air Force Googles/Photos + Many Other Items, Old Hand  
Made Quilts, Wood Dough Bowl, Whip Lladro Figurines, Roseville & Hull Pottery, Royal Doulton Toby  
Mug, Anchor Hocking Oldsmobile Pitcher & Glasses, Indian Pottery & Artifacts, Mickey & Minnie Turn  
Around Cookie Jar, Fenton Fairy Lamp, German Lidded Beer Stein, Several Clocks, Crosman BB Pistol, Tas-  
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Silver Mill Brand Frozen Food can and just \$4 each for 70s-era Playboy tankards, his sentiments likely picked up as the day went on.

Four booths away, the owners of North American Resale from Dayton, Ohio, were selling merchandise as fast as they could put it out. Center-stage was a complete mid-century modern blonde wood living room set anchored by a boomerang coffee table, all priced for \$785. Out in front, a 40-inch lighted and working Dippitydoo’s ice cream shop sign sat ready for a buyer with \$525 and a big chunk of wall space.

Across the aisle was Melanie who drove three hours from Temperance, Mich., to set up at the show. The Springfield “regular” complimented the show’s attendance, saying, “There is a tremendous flow of customers, way better than I expected.” She quickly added, “The cool morning temperatures haven’t slowed things down a bit.” Her merchandise was eclectic and the pricing very reasonable, like the pair of 1950s patriotic coin bank dolls for \$38 and a 70s-era globe upon a weather station base for \$39.95.

Along the east side of the building sat about a dozen dealers, including one who outfitted his booth to attract spring-time buyers. Staged together front-and-center was an early 20th-century double washtub for \$195, a “flower bed” made from a doll’s bed filled with artificial flowers, and a perfect accompaniment to it all – a large vintage wicker basket filled dozens of seed packets priced five for \$1.

Antique tool vendors are a common sight at Springfield shows, many of whom offer tools exclusively. This time, tool sellers were conspicuously packed with buyers, enough so that it was often difficult to get near the tables. One of them, a vendor on the west side of the building, was stocked with all manner of antique block planes, both wood and metal framed. Pricing of \$65 to \$75 was typical.

As shoppers browsed, regular announcements were made regarding social distancing and required masking. Perhaps it was because vaccinations had reached the age 40 group in Ohio, but only about a half of all attendees (and vendors) were masked. Outdoors, that didn’t seem much of an issue; inside, things were more disconcerting as it was often close quarters and uncomfortably crowded, making distancing difficult. Nonetheless, those packed buildings fur-

**Below:** For \$900 somebody could take home their own Ronald McDonald statue.



**Above:** While furniture was sparse this time, there were a couple of dealers decked out with large pieces. One local dealer offered this 1900s-era painted blanket chest for \$395.



**Above:** You never know what you’ll see at these shows. A pair of shoppers arrived in this 1980 Cadillac hearse. It immediately attracted a throng of Instagrammers taking pictures.

ther affirmed how happy people were to attend the show.

One of the dealers inside, a 26-year veteran of the show, Fred from Columbus noted, “The crowd is great. It feels like Extravaganza.” His booth, like so many, was filled mainly with smalls, including diecast cars, glassware, and assorted advertising pieces. Not far away was Brenna from Springfield. She and her family had sold at the show for about 15-years. “The attendance seems back up to pre-Covid,” she stated, adding, “There are lots of buyers and plenty just shopping.” Her booth was filled with toys, games, and other smalls, like a box of mini Barbie dolls priced at just \$1 each.

Whether indoors or out, furniture was in somewhat short supply at this event. It appeared as if vendors were being a bit cautious, focusing on smalls that, no doubt, made it easier for them to set up and take down. One of the few sellers offering larger

pieces was Roadhouse Antiques from Springfield. Co-owner Beth said, “It’s been a great weekend so far.” When asked what merchandise was selling, she indicated, “It’s been a little bit of everything; primitives, Victorian antiques, and Arts and



**Above:** Plenty of eye-catching items could serve practical purposes, like this 20-inch Silver Mill Brand Frozen Food can (\$14) which would make great storage.

Crafts pieces have all been moving.” She pointed to spool cabinets and wood cabinets as being particularly popular. Yet to sell by Saturday afternoon was a circa 1904 painted blanket chest for \$395 and an early 20th-century bow-front Victorian china cabinet, also for \$395. Among the few other large pieces of furniture spotted at the show were a circa 1830s dough box for \$900 and a 1900s-era dresser for \$395.

For those interested in upcoming Springfield events, the next monthly show takes place April 17-18. The big date for your calendar is May 14-16, which brings the next Springfield Extravaganza and what could be up to 2,000 vendors to the fairgrounds. For more information: <https://springfieldantiqueshow.com/> 937-325-0053

**Left:** Merchandise was often available at noticeably good prices, like these Playboy club tankards, snatched up for \$4 each right after the fairgrounds opened.



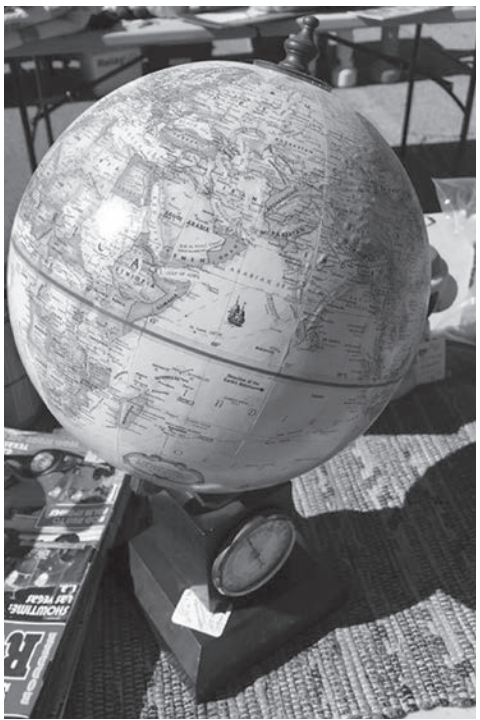
**Above:** Block planes could be found in one booth.



**Above:** Reasonably priced smalls like this pair of patriotic doll banks (\$38) dominated the show.



**Above:** One seller offered a rarely seen Philco T-5 shortwave radio that looked like it just came out of the box. It was priced enticingly at \$275.



**Above:** One vendor who trekked three hours from Michigan offered a wide array of items, including an interesting 70s-era globe atop a weather station base, available for \$39.95.



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**ZONE 2**

Sat., Apr. 10, Art Smith Auctions, Retirement, Hersey, MI

**ZONE 4**

Sat., Apr. 24, Art Smith Auctions, Retirement, Rockford, MI

Sat., Apr. 24, Dales Auctioneering Service LLC, Household, Tractor, Holland, MI

Sat., May. 1, Art Smith Auctions, Miscellaneous, Ravenna, MI

Sat., May. 8, Art Smith Auctions, Retirement, Byron Center, MI

Sat., May. 8, Dales Auctioneering Service LLC, Farm Consignment, Holland, MI

Sat., May. 22, Dales Auctioneering Service LLC, Vintage Car Part, Zeeland, MI

Sat., Jun. 5, Art Smith Auctions, Estate, Muskegon, MI

Sat., Jun. 5, JP Auction Sales Service, Equip., Tools, Holland, MI

Thu., Jun. 10, Art Smith Auctions, Estate, Trufant, MI

**ZONE 5**

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## ZIP code provides clue to dating of plush Mack bulldog

**Q** I have a plush, standing Mack Truck bulldog. One cloth label reads: "DESIGNED EXCLUSIVELY FOR MACK TRUCKS." A second cloth label has two Big Top tent silhouettes above "Animal Fair, Inc. / Chanhasen, Minn © / 55317 / HAND WASHABLE" beside which is a text block that begins with "CONTENTS: / ALL NEW MATERIAL / SHREDDED SYNTHETIC / FOAM." The bulldog has a light brown (tan) body, a yellow crown on its head, blue eyes, nose, and mouth, and a red ribbon around its neck. I believe it is scarce. Can you tell me when it was made, what the production run was, and how much it is worth?

**A** Let's start with the basics. "55317" is the Zip Code for Chahassen, Minn. Zip Codes were introduced on July 15, 1963. Your stuffed toy was made after this date. Mack Truck celebrated its 75th anniversary in 1975. Al-

### RINKER ON COLLECTIBLES



**BY HARRY L. RINKER**

though I found no confirming evidence on the Internet that your stuffed Mack Bulldog was part of the 75th anniversary souvenirs Mack Truck created, the concept remains in the "realm of possibilities." A Feb. 1, 2017, article by Richard Crawford entitled "Stuffed toys were made in

was located on 78th Street in Chanhasen in a building that now serves as the High Timber Lodge that is part of Country Inn and Suites. Girl Scout troops and school groups raised funds by selling stuffed plush animals created exclusively for them by George Grooms. Henry the Dog, with a small storybook attached to his neck, and an assortment of furry animal friends were Animal Fair, Inc.'s top sellers. In the 1970s, George Grooms sold Animal Fair, Inc., to Guy Shoennecker. He gradually moved the majority of production to China. China created the "skins" which were sent to an Eden Valley, Minn., plant to be stuffed. The showroom and warehouse in Chanhasen closed in the 1980s. Your plush Mack bulldog dates between the late 1960s and the mid-1970s. No manufacturer or retailer ever releases production run information. My best guess is that production ranged from the mid-hundred to low thousands. As a result, your stuffed Mack bulldog is common rather than scarce. Determining how it was

distributed requires additional research. It may have been a giveaway to a person who visited a showroom to look at a Mack truck or purchased a new truck. Mack also sold advertising merchandise. A search on WorthPoint.com revealed 74 listings for "Mack Truck stuffed bulldog." The majority sold through on eBay between \$15 and \$30. I did not find an image that exactly matched your bulldog in this search. Using "Animal Fair Mack bulldog" as a search string, I found a 1971 Animal Fair Mack bulldog. It was not a match to your plush Mack bulldog. The fact that I was unable to find an exact match does not discount the fact that your plush Mack bulldog is common. It has a secondary market value between \$20 and \$25. I recently purchased a codfish weathervane for \$170 from the estate sale of a New England antiques dealer. The seller told me the codfish weathervane dates from 1900. The weathervane appears to be made from copper and painted over (rather roughly) with serval coats of gold paint. The previous owner added a heavy, more modern iron display base. The piece displays nice, and I have no intention of selling it. I would appreciate your thoughts on its authenticity, age, and approximate value. Let's begin with a question you did not ask: "Did the seller lie about the age?" The answer is yes. Your weathervane is a 1960s decorator reproduction. It was made from molded copper. I found several unpainted and painted examples when I searched WorthPoint.com. It is common for sellers to paint and otherwise falsely age reproductions (exact copies) and copycats (stylistic copies) to allow them to suggest (a polite term on my part) an older date of origin. My guess is that the only place this weathervane ever appeared was in an owner's den or living room. I wish more of my readers would tell me what they paid for something when sending me a question. Knowing the sale price allows for a high degree of interpretation. First, the sale price should have set off an alarm bell. An almost 125-years old period weathervane, especially one that exhibits outdoor use, does not sell for \$175. The asking price was a clear indication the seller knew the piece was much later. Second, WorthPoint.com has multiple listings for identical codfish weathervanes. Prices range from \$100 to \$150. One of the criteria of a "fair price" is a willing buyer and willing seller. You were a willing buyer and the seller was willing to sell to you. Since there are no fixed prices for antiques and collectibles, the \$170 you paid was "fair" at that moment in time. You paid slightly over the secondary market retail. Since you bought the codfish weathervane for display purposes and have no intention of selling it, my suggestion is to forget what you paid and simply enjoy the piece. **Q** I have a souvenir booklet entitled "AMERICAN POLISH PARTICIPATION / NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR 1939." It is over 100 pages in length. The colored cover shows one of the fair buildings and features the American and Polish flags. What is it worth?

**A** The Polish Pavilion at the 1939 World's Fair was located in the Government Zone. Jan Cybulski and Jan Galinowski were the architects. Poland spent approximately one million dollars on the building's construction. **See Rinker page 7**



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**Rinker**  
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struction. Its 70,000 square feet included space for 11,000 exhibits. The Polish Pavilion opened on May 3, 1949, and marked the 148th anniversary of Poland's first constitution.

The Court of Honor featured documents that stressed Poland's democratic traditions. Another section called attention to Poland's contributions to the settling of the United States. The building's Hall of Science featured more than 200 Polish inventions and also stressed its maritime

development. A bar, café, and deluxe restaurant were in a separate building.

The site also contained a bronze statue replica of King Ladislaus II Jagiello by Stanislaw K. Ostrowski, a sculptor, housed on a pedestal at the pavilion's entrance. The Polish government in exile presented the statue to the City of New York in 1945. It is now located in New York's Central Park. The Polish pavilion's murals are currently housed at Le Mayne College in Syracuse, New York.

On Sept. 1, 1939, Germany invaded Poland. A day later over 10,000 members of the

Polish National Alliance gathered at the Polish Pavilion to express their support for a free and independent Poland. The Polish government in exile kept the Polish Pavilion open for the 1940 season. When the New World's Fair ended in autumn 1940, the Polish government in exile sent most of the artifacts to Chicago for storage in the Polish Museum of America. The pavilion itself was torn down.

Despite this great story, there is little collector interest in your booklet. Further, your copy is in fair to good condition. As such, its secondary market retail value is between

\$8 and \$12.

Q Do old high school, college, law school, and nursing school diplomas and baptismal certificates dated from the mid- to early 20th century have any value?

A With the exception of family value, which is not a monetary value, the answer is basically no.

The possible exceptions are: (1) diplomas and baptismal certificates that belong to a person of national importance [valuable because of the name connection] or a major resident of a local community [possible value to a local historical society who will

want them as a donation as opposed to buying them], (2) have a large vignette of an actual building associated with the institution issuing the diploma [of minor value to a local collector, a few bucks each at most], and (3) printed by a collectible lithograph company such as the American Banknote Company [a long shot at best].

Offer them first to the family. If no takers, try the local historical society. If this fails, contact the librarian at each of the institutions [another long-shot]. If these three avenues fail, consider the landfill.

Harry L. Rinker welcomes questions from readers about collectibles, those mass-produced items from the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. Selected letters will be answered in this column. Harry cannot provide personal answers. Photos and other material submitted cannot be returned. Send your questions to: Rinker on Collectibles, 5955 Mill Point Court SE, Kentwood, MI 49512. You also can e-mail your questions to harrylrinker@aol.com. Only e-mails containing a full name and mailing address will be considered.



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# Peter Cottontail

FROM FRONT PAGE

Peter instantly believed his name change made him sound more important, so he began putting on airs and trying to live up to his new, important sounding, name. But the change proved short lived when his friends all mocked him. After just a few pages in the book, Peter returned to his original name — Peter Rabbit — because, as he said in the book, “There’s nothing like the old name after all.”

Burgess continued to write about Peter Rabbit until 1960, and at the height of Peter Rabbit’s fame, Burgess syndicated his stories in over 15,000 daily newspapers. And in all those years, Peter never used the name Peter Cottontail again.

Still, as nicknames often do, the name stuck, and Peter Rabbit has been known as Peter Cottontail for over 100 years now.

Burgess’s use of the name Peter Rabbit for his furry protagonist has often confused both children and adults since eight years before Burgess named his character Peter Rabbit, Beatrix Potter, a British children’s author, published, in October 1902, *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, which featured a bunny rabbit named Peter Rabbit and was an overnight success. In fact, as early as 1893, Beatrix Potter wrote a short story about four little rabbits named, Flopsy, Mopsy, Cottontail, and Peter.

Legend has it that when Thornton Burgess began making up bedtime stories for his four-year-old son, the boy was already familiar with Potter’s Peter Rabbit and loved the rabbit and its name. The boy insisted his father use the name Peter Rabbit in his stories, so Burgess “line borrowed” the name. He took line borrowing to a whole new level when he borrowed two names from Beatrix Potter—Cottontail and Peter, combining them into Peter Cottontail.

At the time Burgess borrowed these

This Peter Cottontail, holding a copy of “The Adventures of Peter Cottontail,” is a ceramic music box that plays Peter’s song. It is valued at \$24.



Above: This new in box “Peter Cottontail” by Mark Roberts is valued at \$340.



Above: Peter Cottontail music box, that plays “Here Comes Peter Cottontail,” by Lefton, circa 1987, that is valued at \$23.

names, the laws surrounding character identity theft were vague and lenient, so Burgess benefitted greatly from Beatrix Potter’s literary success.

Today, Peter Cottontail is still the unofficial name of the Easter Bunny, and nearly all Peter Rabbit collectibles, and there are many of them, are based on Burgess’s Peter Rabbit (AKA Peter Cottontail).

In 2002, Diamond Select decided to produce action figures based on the television special *Here Comes Peter Cottontail*. These action figures were limited to special markets (such as comic bookstores) in 2002, but in 2003 they were mass marketed and available everywhere toys were sold. Peter Cottontail and other action figures originally sold for \$7.99.

Peter Cottontail’s action figure is 5 ½ inches tall and has an articulated neck, shoulders, and thighs, allowing children to pose him in vari-

ous ways. Peter’s ears were made of a softer plastic, so they retain a floppiness. This action figure comes complete with a basket full of Easter eggs and Antione the Caterpillar.

Three additional action figures from *Here Comes Peter Cottontail* are Donna, Peter’s girlfriend, Irontail, Peter’s nemesis and a “bad” rabbit, and Seymour Sassafras, who helps Peter give his eggs away.

There are many other Peter Cottontail collectibles. Mattel Inc. released a metal wind-up Peter Cottontail in 1953 that can still be found in secondary markets for about \$30. And nearly every rabbit music box ever made plays the song “Here Comes Peter Cottontail,” making all these music boxes, even if the rabbit is



Above: Peter Cottontail toy figurine, circa 2001, by Cipriano Studios. This figurine is one of four in this set, and it is valued at \$20.



Above: Handmade, ceramic Peter Cottontail with Easter basket from 1974. This figurine is marked on the bottom “Happy Easter,” and it is valued at 15.



Above: Peter Cottontail Carrot Company art print on canvas. This new, decorative art piece is valued at \$35.

Beatrix Potter’s Peter Rabbit, a Peter Cottontail collectible.

The one collectible that most Peter Cottontail collectors desire is an original copy of Thornton Burgess’s 1914 book *The Adventures of Peter Cottontail*. This book is occasionally offered on eBay for around \$250. Since the book first gave the world Peter Cottontail, it is considered the Holy Grail of Peter Cottontail collectibles.



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a limited listing at this time. Please check website week of auction for updates and  
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**VEHICLES: 2005 Toyota Tundra 4x4, V-8, 4 door, (Salvage title); 1997 Dodge Da-  
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# Items for work or play could be found at Vander Kolk Auction

BY KARIN MILLIMAN

DORR, Mich. — Vander Kolk Auctions & Appraisals recently held an online auction with over 350 lots of merchandise. There were some stand-out unusual items at this auctions that you just don't see every day.

A cranberry scoop brought a bid of \$29. This unique piece would also make a great conversation piece in your vintage farmhouse. A vintage rope twister may have caught your attention at the Vander Kolk Auction. This unique treasure brought a high bid of \$42. It was made to sit flat on a table and the rope was threaded through a maze of pulleys, which twisted the pieces together to make the rope which came out the other end, much stronger. These rope twisters came in many different configurations, ranging from extremely simple, to complicated to use. The one at this auction was in bad shape and would not work like it was, but some major cleaning would make it a conversation piece displayed on a porch or in a man cave.

A unique piano stool featured a very tall back. The legs ended with glass ball feet, and the dragons on the back made this a very different piece to use in your home. It could be used as bar stool seating, or displayed in a corner in your sitting room, and yes, even used for playing the piano. It had a comfortable looking spindle back with a round piece of wood that swiveled on top of what appeared to be an ordinary dining room table seat. The final bid price on this piano stool was an impressive \$81.

David Winter cottages attracted a high amount of interest. These were cottages made by John Hine, Media Arts Corporation and Enesco between 1980 and 2002. David Winter was the artist that supplied these lifelike conversation pieces. A combination of reality and imagination made them popular all over the world. Winter took to hiding a tiny mouse in many of his sculptures, in 1982. It was great fun to look closely and discover this tiny friend. In 1991, the mouse had disappeared and was replaced for a while with an owl. The owl was harder to find as it was often in the bushes and overgrown brush and many times got painted over in the production. When col-

lectors discovered the mouse had been replaced, they petitioned for it to come back, so it did in 1993, with the owl visibly flying away on a sculpture called "On the Riverbank". A group of 56 of these cottages made the hammer drop at the price of \$200.

Craftsmen were paying attention when a black Craftsman rolling tool chest complete with a few tools was put up for bid. It took persistence and \$150 to own this one. A Shop series RK7240.1 10-inch table saw was sold for \$101, while a Craftsman 6-inch bench grinder on a stand sold for \$73. A Central Machinery tabletop drill press with a vise brought a bid of \$46.

A matched pair of Die Hard 1150 portable power booster packs brought bids of \$61 and \$52, and a Chicago Electric 90 amp wire welder sold for \$78. A Pittsburgh ¾ drive socket set sold for \$63.

If you were looking to update your kitchen display with a nice vintage piece, a general store pie safe could be had for \$123. This was a gorgeous piece in great shape that sold for a reasonable price and still retained the original wavy glass in the display doors along the front. Another general store display piece was sold. This one was a countertop display case that brought a bid of \$61.

There was a unique cabinet with glass fronts on the drawers. It was missing three drawers and was in rough shape. One of the glass fronts read "Hair Nets Single Mesh" showing that this piece was also, at one time, a store display unit. That was the only drawer that still retained the original signage, but it did lend a clue as to the original use. It sold for a bid price of \$65.

A piece for either household use or general store use was a Remington Rand nine-drawer index card cabinet. It was in great shape and it took a bid of \$96 to own this one. A glass door bookshelf was sold for \$95 and a wooden chest filled with older toys from the 1950's era was sold for \$50.

A nice display piece consisting of eight school world maps was still housed in the original hanging wood box. The maps retreated into the box when not in use. There were maps from Africa, Europe, Asia and Australis, United States, South America; France, Germany, and



This is very unusual piano stool, complete with a back to help you "tickle the ivories" just a bit longer. It reached a bid of \$81.

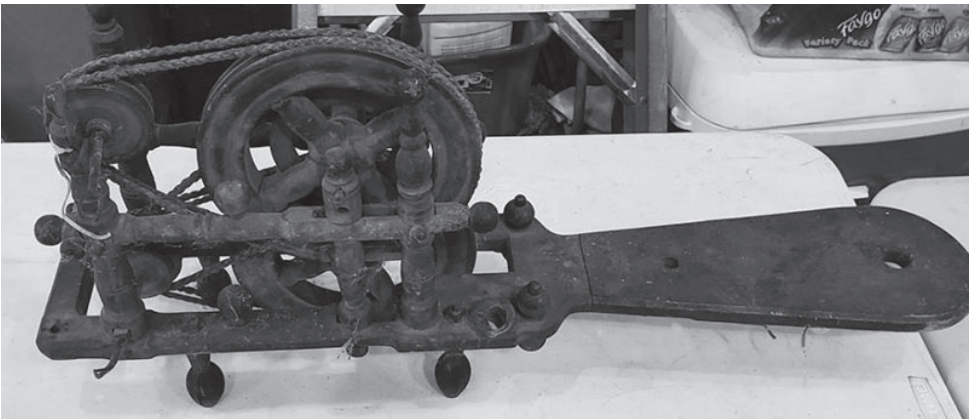


Above: This general store pie safe display would look great in a farm house kitchen today. It sold for \$123.

Spain; the West India Isles and a world map. These were in decent condition but would take a rather large place to display them. They brought a final bid of \$44. Going along with the maps, was a set of 13 Atlas vintage books. These were in decent condition and it took \$63 to claim these treasures.

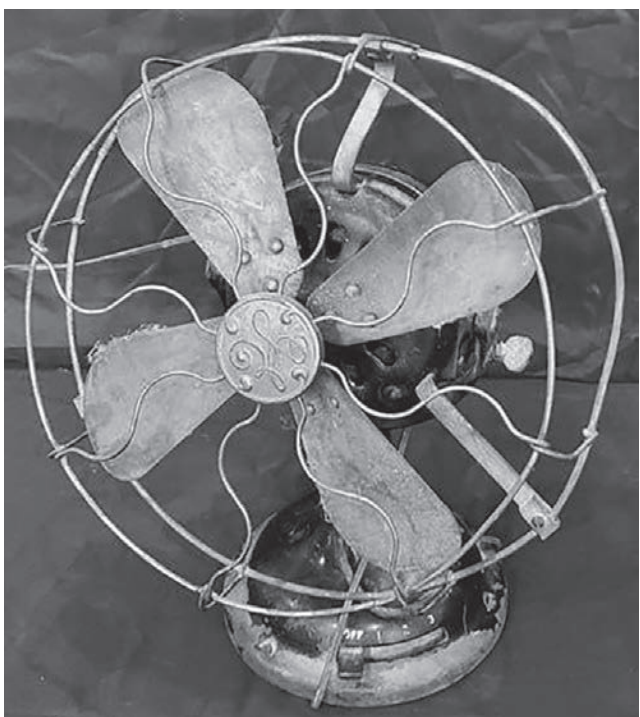
A vintage fan was sold for \$85. This one was a General Electric 12-inch blade fan with brass blades.

Sticking with the vintage was a spinning wheel. It had a tag tied to it that said, "Brought from Netherlands in

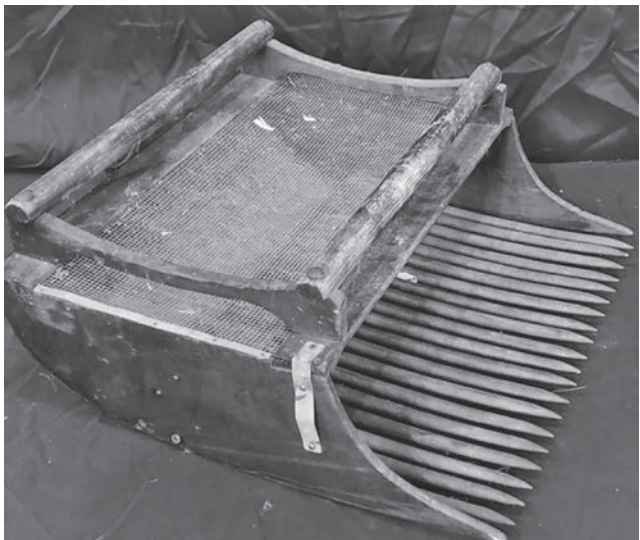


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1876 by Mrs. Van Hill, mother of Mrs. Maggie Van Hill Devries." The tag gave it provenance and kept the history with it as it was moved to a new home. It sold



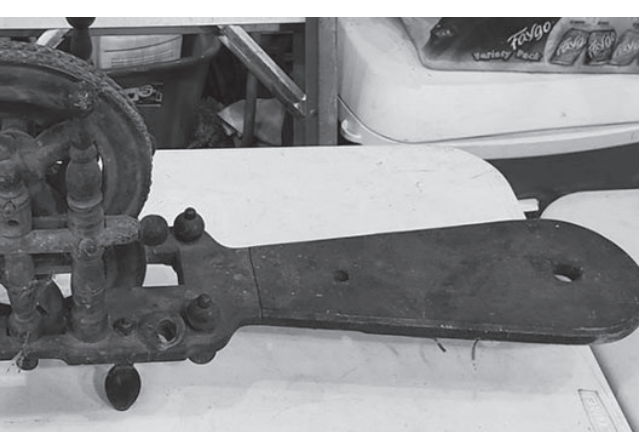
Above: A great vintage piece, this brass blade fan would be considered extremely dangerous now, with room to get your fingers in between the spinning blades. It sold for \$85.



Above: Looking for a unique item? Then check out this cranberry scoop that sold for \$29.



Above: David Winter began hiding a tiny mouse amongst these cottage sculptures. A bid of \$200 took home 56 of his cottages.



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