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ACROSS THE AUCTION BLOCK

Rolex Submariner dives in with a bid of \$130,000

BY NANCY KELLY

LESLIE, Mich. — While gathering inventory for his February Estate Fine Jewelry Auction, Brad Stoecker of Epic Auctions was asked by an estate representative to help sell a Rolex watch. As he and his staff researched this timepiece it was discovered to be an exceptionally rare and historically significant early example of Rolex's inaugural Submariner.

The watch was produced for a very brief period during the formative years of the

Right: A massive, 24-inch-long silver squash blossom necklace signed J.W. Silver, dating to the mid-20th century, was taken with a high bid of \$650.

Submariner line, circa 1954, and reflected the experimental and transitional nature of Rolex's earliest Swiss made professional dive watches. This museum-worthy specimen was defined by its complete absence of a depth rating and minute track marks on the bezel, a configuration believed to have preceded the



standardized dial layouts that followed. Other distinguishing features included period-applied radium, and the long-hour Mercedes hand associated with the earliest Submariner production. The value of this stainless steel watch was enhanced by the fixed bezel and the original hang tag.

When it came time to

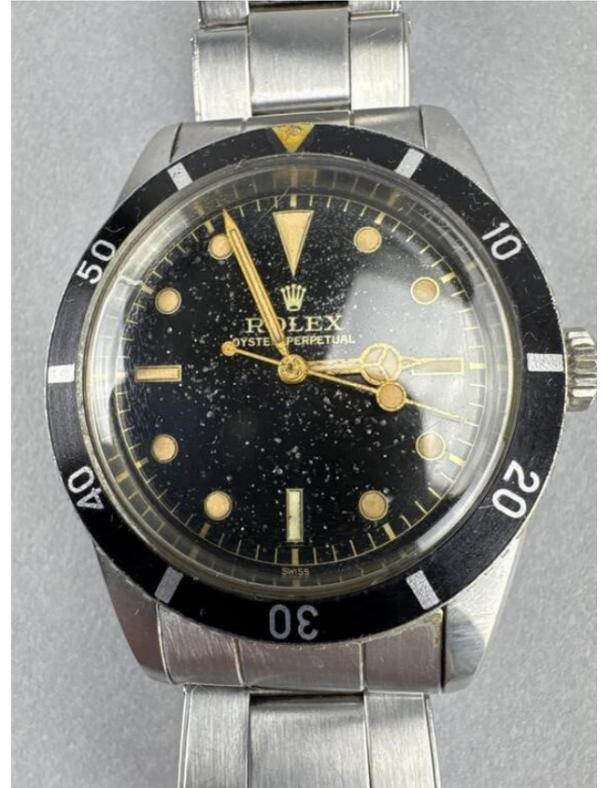
Left: A group of hinged bangle bracelets closed with a high bid of \$130.



Above: Featuring an image of a standing woman, this 14K gold band Sardonyx cameo ring, circa 1915-1930, drew a final bid of \$230.

sell lot number 16 the mood changed to one of anticipation and excitement. Brad said he had bidders lined up from Montreal to California ready to claim this prize. It had remained at a pre-auction price of

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Above: The much-anticipated sterling silver Rolex inaugural Submariner watch did not disappoint, drawing a final bid of \$130,000.



FEATURE

Lady Columbia: The historical first image of America

BY LARRY LEMASTERS

Columbia, also known as Lady Columbia or Miss Columbia, is an early female personification of the United States. Columbia is also the historical name applied to the Americas, the New World, and the United States' capital the District of Columbia. Other places named after Columbia include

Columbia University, Columbia, S.C., and the Columbia River. Columbia remains the central component of the logo of Hollywood film studio Columbia Pictures.

Images of the Statue of Liberty, erected in 1886, basically replaced the personified images of Columbia as a female symbol of the U.S., and, by 1920, Lady Liberty was seen as an aspect of

Columbia mixed with a touch of the Goddess of Liberty.

Historically, Columbia was used beginning in the 1730s to refer to the original 13 Colonies that would form the United States. The name Columbia derives from Christopher Columbus.

The earliest personification of North America, as seen on European maps and art, started in the 1500s and reflected the Native Americans who inhabited the land. North America was often depicted as a partly dressed woman in bright feathers, which served as her headdress. Often, she was seated on an alligator. Over time, this

Right: Original World War I poster by Paul Stahr shows Lady Columbia with outstretched hands. This poster was offered on the Internet for \$600.

image softened to that of an Indian princess.

Massachusetts Chief Justice Samuel Sewall first used the term "Columbina" for the New World in 1697. The name "Columbia" for America first appeared in 1738 in Edward Cave's *The Gentleman's Magazine*.

By the time of the American Revolution in 1776, the name Columbia had gained acceptance as an alternative, poetic name for North America or the fledgling United States.

By 1773, in

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Left: This Civil War envelope bears the message "Loyal to the Union."



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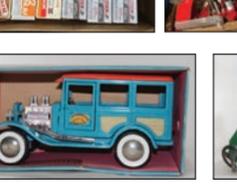
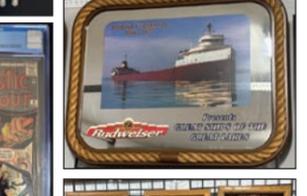
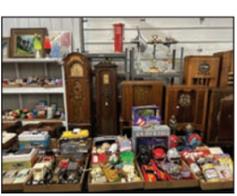
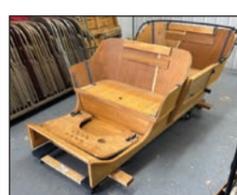
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10:00 am Session 1	Mitchell Estate - Part 1 Vintage and Antique Radio Lifetime Collection w/lamps and other fun items	Toy Session Buddy L, Pressed Steel, Marx, Corgi, Japanese Tin, Cast Iron Banks and More	Comic Book Collection Silver Age Comics - Sev Graded, Bronze, and Modern
11:00 am Session 2	Mitchell Estate - Part 2 Vintage and Antique Radio Lifetime Collection w/lamps and other fun items	Estate of Sam Cipriano Automotive Collection Session #1 Cars, Bodies, Bigger Items Will be outside (Session 1 only)	Silver, Jewelry and Coins Great Selection of Jewelry, Rare Coins - Graded and Raw, Lots of Gold, Key Dates and Historical
Noon Session 3	Antique Session #1 Weather Vanes, Advertising, Primitive and Early Furniture, License Plates, Lanterns, Padlock Collection, Tools, Cameras, ETC.	Estate of Sam Cipriano Automotive Collection Session #2 Model T Parts, Model A Parts Large Selection of Fantastic Parts	Estate Firearm Collection 40+ Long Guns - Many Shotguns - Great Brands like Winchester, Remington, and Browning
1:00 pm Session 4	Antique Session #2 Weather Vanes, Advertising, Primitive and Early Furniture, License Plates, Lanterns, Padlock Collection, Tools, Cameras, ETC.	Estate of Sam Cipriano Automotive Collection Session continued Model T Parts, Model A Parts Large Selection of Fantastic Parts	Estate Beer Mirror Collection - Wildlife and Complete Sets, Ammo, Reloading, Knives and Sporting Good Related



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LANSING, MI 48906 zone 5

I have no further use for the following household items and auto:
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AUTO: 2010 Volkswagen Golf w/26,500 miles.

HOUSEHOLD: LG X Boom mini Hi-F- system, NIB; 5 Stained glass table lamps; Hissène 40" TV (3/24); Dyson Universal vacuum; Large assortment of deco items; B&D compact refrigerator;



Pensive & Blythe; Costume jewelry; 1882 German Family Bible; Asst. wall metal artworks; Blue & white ceramics.

OTHER ITEMS: Cosco painter's stepladder; Asst. yard tools; B&D battery lawn mower; Worx snowblower; Large quantity

of miscellaneous items. Round pedestal dining table; Kitchen work cart; Bissell Quick Steam carpet cleaner; Hoover Power Dash pet carpet cleaner; Igloo 4 bottle wine cooler, NIB; Asst. cookware, dishes, utensils; 5 Folding bookshelves; Round oak pedestal dining table 4/4 pressed back chairs; Snack table set, NIB; Fisher Jr. stereo radio; Asst. pottery, glassware, ceramics; LG 40" TV; GE portable dishwasher; Asst. women's clothing, shoes, hats; Asst. new items in boxes.

OLD THINGS & COLLECTIBLES: Walnut marble-top parlor table; 9 Brass candle holders, 2 elephants, Buddha figure; Opalescent hobnail glassware; Rattan high chair; Ceramic Arts Studio figurines: 2 Encore; Lady, 2 Duck vases,

of miscellaneous items. **CONSIGNMENT:** Wicker baskets; Pictures; Antique table lamp; Wrought-iron floor lamp; Ephemera paper goods; Old books; Smalls; Commode; Primitive bench; Hat boxes w/old hats; Spoon carved commode; Armchair; Floor lamp; Old Monopoly game pieces; Empire dresser; Plank blanket chest; Wood toolbox; Oak dinette table w/2 chairs; Oak corner shelf.

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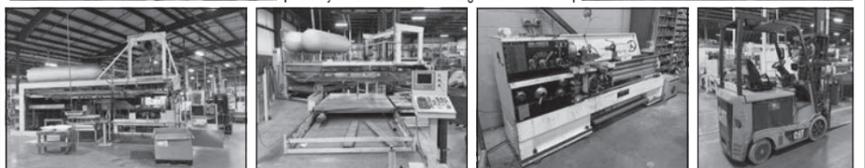
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- John Brown R-223 Rotary Thermoforming Machine
- 1997 John Brown R244TS Rotary Thermoform Machine
- 1984 John Brown C-4200 Continuous Feed Thermoforming Machine
- 1968 John Brown TP-30 Horizontal Trim Press
- 1968 John Brown TP-10 Horizontal Trim Press
- 1972 John Brown Vertical Trim Press
- 1970 John Brown 821+D Continuous Feed Thermoforming Machine
- 1988 John Brown 2025R Continuous Roll Feed Thermoforming Machine
- John Brown Pneumatic Vertical Trim Press
- 1994 Cumberland 378 Plastic Granulator
- AEC Central Chiller System
- 1970 Koehring / Brown 821-D Continuous Feed Thermoforming Machine
- 2018 Caterpillar EC25N2 Fork Lift Truck
- Cumberland 15x24 Plastic Granulator
- Oblyer Single Sheet Shuttle Thermoforming Machine
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- 1983 Wortex UP-730D In Line Plastic Grinder
- 1993 Kustom Manufacturing K-3632 Single Sheet Shuttle Thermoforming Machine
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- Philadelphia Tramrail Company Hydraulic Baler
- (2) Tannewitz Vertical Band Saws
- Yale E108V17566Z Fork Lift Truck
- Tennant 5700XP Floor Scrubber
- A-Frame Gantry Crane
- 2019 Lincoln Idealarc CV-300 MIG Welder
- Stretch Wrapper
- 1980 Acra WS-18VA Vertical Milling Machine
- Pneumatic Cut Off Press
- 1997 Yale ERP035 TFN369E082 Fork Lift Truck
- 2001 Orion H77/15 Stretch Wrapper
- Parma Work-A-Matic Vertical Band Saw
- 2002 Temptek CF-20A Central Chiller Unit
- 1978 Miller Dialarc HF Arc Welder
- Jet JDP-17MF Single Spindle Drill Press
- 2022 Lincoln Easy MIG 140 MIG Welder
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Columbia

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Massachusetts, the name Columbia, reflecting America's identity, was applied to a variety of items or places, including a ship built in that year — the Columbia Rediviva. Following America's independence, the name Columbia became popular and was given to



Above: Lady Columbia, shown as America free from tribute, on the face of this 1785 medal, which was produced at George Wyon's private mint in Birmingham, England.



Above: Confederate \$100 bill from 1861 with Columbia at left.

many counties, towns, and other areas, including in 1791 when commissioners appointed by President George Washington named the area destined to be the seat of government for all of America the territory of Columbia, which, in 1801, became known as the District of Columbia.

During the Civil War, the Union issued currency depicting the bust of George Washington and allegorical figures, such as Lady Columbia. The Confederacy also issued currency with Columbia on it. Today, both Blue and Gray money depicting Columbia is highly

sought after by collectors.

Other Civil War items that Columbia collectors seek are envelopes mailed by Union forces. Often during the war, Union soldiers drew Columbia and the American flag on envelopes, to show their allegiance to the Union, before mailing the envelope to loved ones. Many philatelists collect historical envelopes.

In the early 20th century, Suffragists used Columbia's image to appeal to all women to insist on their right to vote. During the first 20 years of the century, women dressed as Columbia in parades to support women's suffrage.

The most collected image of Columbia decorated the Purple Heart certificate during World War I. With America's entry into the war, the image of Columbia standing over a kneeling "doughboy" was issued instead of Purple Hearts, showing Columbia give "to her son the accolade of the new chivalry of humanity" for injuries sustained in the War to End all Wars. This image of Columbia, at that time, was more popular than Montgomery Flagg's image of Uncle Sam.

In 2023, the US Mint issued a commemorative medal, showing Columbia holding an American flag and shak-



Above: John Gast's 1872 painting American Progress depicts Columbia as the goddess-like Spirit of the Frontier, carrying telegraph lines across the Western frontier to fulfill America's Manifest Destiny.

ing hands with an American Indian. This medal is a replica of one issued in the 1800s and given to Native Americans who ventured to Washington, D.C.

As other images of America evolved, Columbia quietly slipped into history. Today, few Americans even know her name.

Columbia was a goddess-like personification of America and liberty itself when America was young and needed images to cling to. Today, Lady Liberty has replaced Columbia, and the true image of America is now Uncle Sam, but there was a day when colonialists, settlers, politicians, Americans, and the world took one look at the image of Columbia and recognized her, with her hand outstretched, as the mythical woman offering to accept the world's tired, poor, and huddled masses yearning to breathe the air of freedom in America.



Above: Lady Columbia certificate given to wounded soldiers during World War I. This image shows Columbia recognizing an American World War I Doughboy soldier as having suffered injury.



Above: Lady Columbia from a Columbia Records phonograph cylinder package.



Above: Vincent Aderente painted this World War I recruitment poster — "Columbia Calls - Enlist Now for U.S. Army."



Above: Columbia 5: This April 6, 1901, cover of Puck magazine shows Lady Columbia wearing a warship hat bearing the words "world power" as her Easter bonnet.



Above: This 1910 Suffragist postcard depicts a "Young Miss Columbia" imploring America to give women the vote.

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Mall collectibles recall memories of fountains and food courts

BY WILLIAM FLOOD

National news has been reporting a retail twist: Gen Z is bringing back the mall. They're drawn to the same things that once made these centers weekend destinations and social hubs for Boomers and Gen-Xers — hanging out with friends, grabbing a food-court snack, and enjoying hands-on shopping. But with some malls reinventing themselves and others disappearing entirely, nostalgia has become a strong pull. Collectors are turning to mall memorabilia to celebrate and preserve the spaces that shaped countless weekends.

Malls have a longer history than many realize. The idea started with Cleveland's Arcade, built in 1890 as the first indoor shopping center in the country. In the early 20th century,



Above: The 1989 edition of Mall Madness by Milton Bradley recalls the heyday of '80s mall culture and can sell for the low \$100s.

planned complexes like Country Club Plaza in Kansas City (1929) and Highland Park Village in Dallas (1931) emerged, catering to a growing

number of shoppers with automobiles. The concept of centralized shopping flourished further in the

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Right: A 1970s postcard of Rochester's Midtown Plaza centerpiece, "Clock of the Nations," sold for a healthy \$15.



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\$42,000 for several days, but when the lot went live it suddenly jumped to \$70,000. Several minutes of active bidding commenced and when the dust settled the winner claimed their treasure for a final bid of \$130,000. Brad commented that he wasn't sure he wanted to check his blood pressure at that moment.

Befitting the title, there were numerous other fine jewelry items to dazzle the bidders in this 331 lot online auction. Prices quoted do not include the buyer's premium. There was a very popular 7-inch 14K yellow gold tennis bracelet with an estimated value of 2 Carat TW diamonds, 24 round diamonds and 168 baguette diamonds. The intricate workmanship of this piece really provided an outstanding design. It was eagerly claimed with a final bid of \$900. Not far behind, a similar tennis bracelet finished at \$800.

This auction included a variety of jewelry options that were quite unusual and unique. The 24-inch-long silver squash blossom necklace was signed J.W. Silver Squash Blossom Pawn Necklace. It was dated to the mid-20th century and described as the "Old Pawn Era" style. Consisting of 10 squash shapes and 17 large turquoise stones, this very impressive necklace was



Above: Sterling silver Ray Bennett signed turtle pendant featuring stones of many colors was claimed with a final bid of \$160.



Above: Associated with good luck, long life and harmony, this vintage Navajo whirling log design pendant was taken with a high bid of \$210.

taken with a high bid of \$650.

The Eisenberg Original large pendant necklace was another amazing, eye-catching piece. This circa 1930s-1940s pendant featured a large marbled green molded Czech glass cabochon surrounded by emerald-tone and clear rhinestones. The necklace was marked A & Z STERLING, and even with one emerald being professionally replaced it still commanded a final bid of \$450. The Navajo whirling log design is associated with good luck, long life, and harmony. A vintage Fred Harvey-Era whirling log turquoise sterling pendant measured 34 inches with a 2.5 inch charm. It was claimed with a final bid of \$210. A brilliantly colored sterling silver Ray Bennett signed turtle pendant included turquoise, coral, green, blue, and other delightfully colored stones. Measuring 3 inches by 2 inches, a \$160 bid took it home.

Several vintage time pieces intrigued the audience. First, the Official Railroad watch, marked Cleveland, Ohio, dated circa 1920. This open face Keystone J Boss time-piece had no engraving. Despite some damage it was in very clean and running condition and earned a final bid of \$500. A delicate Hamilton 911 14K rose gold 17 jewels



Above: An Eisenberg Original pendant necklace featured a large marbled green molded Czech glass cabochon surrounded by emerald-tone and clear rhinestones. Marked A & Z STERLING, it required a bid of \$450 to take it home.

wristwatch was mounted on a Hadley bracelet. Although it was reported to need repair the closing bid still rose to \$450. Seiko's first World Time watch presented a fascinating bit of history. This Daini Seikoshia Company watch was a special edition for the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. It featured 17 jewels but did not include a wrist band and was not in running order. It still drew much interest, finishing with a high bid of \$425.

The selection of rings covered many categories. A 14K yellow gold ladies five diamond ring featured two larger and three smaller diamonds firmly mounted in their gold prongs. This lovely size 4 ring was taken with a final bid of \$375. An unusual 14K lady's emerald cut green tourmaline leaf ring was designed with the stone set to one side and the leaves balanced around it. This size 9 ring was claimed with a final bid of \$350. There were numerous other rings made of gold, with diamonds and other gemstones, but one that stood out as unique featured a 14K gold band supporting a Sardonyx cameo, circa 1915-1930 that depicted a woman standing next to a pillar. This antique beauty drew a final bid of \$230.

Capturing an entirely different vibe, one lot of four ornate hinged bracelets offered another option. Featuring both antique 1885-1910 era d'epargne enamel along with later period examples, this lot closed with a high bid of \$130.

With the variety of offerings and prices ranging from luxury to very affordable, it is safe to say that there was something at this auction that would appeal to many tastes or budgets.

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Above: The intricate workmanship of this 7-inch 14K yellow gold tennis bracelet with embedded diamonds drove the bidding to a final \$900 price.

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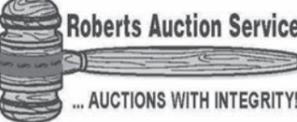
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Mall Collectibles

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post-war suburbs, giving rise to developments like Town & Country in Columbus, Ohio, and Lakewood Center in California. Each laid claim to being a “first of its kind” — a distinction that still sparks debate.

The fully enclosed, climate-controlled complexes that most people envision today arrived in 1956 with Southdale Center in Edina, Minn. It sparked a national trend that reshaped retail for decades. By the 1980s, malls had become cultural institutions: nearly every midsize city had one, and larger metropolitan areas often had several, each with its own character and loyal shoppers. Suburban locations dominated, though downtowns built their own to lure back shoppers. The popularity of malls even caught Hollywood’s attention, with films like *Fast Times at Ridgmont High* and *Valley Girl*, which portrayed “the Galleria” as a quintessential teen hangout.

Sadly, the rise of e-commerce in the 1990s undermined bricks-and-mortar commerce, taking a particular toll on malls. By the 2000s, foot traffic had dwindled, anchor tenants closed, and prolonged COVID-19 shutdowns pushed many properties past the point of recovery. The strongest survived, while others were shuttered or repurposed into facilities like community college campuses and health-care complexes.

While much of the country was writing the mall’s obituary, a quiet revival was taking place. Screen-saturated teens began seeking tangible places for real-world engagement. At the same time, the generations that grew up at the mall found themselves nostalgic for the fountains, plant-filled nooks, and



Above: This 1970s May Co. shopping bag, now a \$60 collectible, recalls a major anchor lost when Federated bought the chain and rebranded it as Macy’s.

holiday crowds, and started returning.

Sensing the shift, developers and landlords began rethinking their approach and started redefining their properties as destinations rather than mere retail environments. Increasingly, they’ve incorporated entertainment venues, restaurants, art installations, and attractions like the soon-to-open Netflix House. One Ohio plaza even transformed a former Sears into a church. All of these efforts aim to rekindle the sense of place and community that originally defined those vibrant corridors.

The changing landscape of malls has inspired collectors to seek out objects from them as they once were, whether it’s something as simple as a paper directory or as stunning as a store sign. These objects let people hold onto a tangible piece of that era while helping to preserve a defining slice of late 20th-century culture. Among the most sought-after collectibles are:

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Ephemera — devotees appreciate these paper items not only for their availability, but because they serve as visual time capsules. Newspaper ads for grand openings, promotional handbills for “Back to School” sales, maps, coupon booklets, and restaurant menus all capture elements of their earlier vibe. Even branded shopping bags — once tossed without a second thought — have become sought-after pieces of retail history. Prices for paper collectibles often start around \$5 and can hit the low \$100s, depending on rarity and condition.

Architectural Salvage — This is the most dramatic and rarest category, and can encompass things like signs from long-closed stores, directory cases, lighting fixtures, or planters from courtyards. Unlike salvage from buildings like old theaters or factories, mall pieces often disappear quietly during renovations or demolition. When they resurface, they’re especially prized for their often one-of-a-kind connection to a particular complex. It’s com-

mon to see salvage pieces priced in the hundreds or even thousands of dollars.

Furniture — Because most retired mall furniture gets sold or discarded in bulk, many pieces lose their provenance as they filter into thrift shops or liquidation warehouses. Yet some items are easy to identify like food-court chairs bearing a logo or tables in colors that reflect the commercial designs of the 1970s. Furniture can be surprisingly affordable, sometimes under \$25 for a table or set of chairs, while more decorative pieces like benches might run into the low \$100s.

Photography — Both professional and personal images form another rich category. Press photos documenting ribbon-cuttings, holiday events, or grand openings often show a plaza at its peak. Family snapshots and 35mm slides might capture children on Santa’s lap, teenagers at a mall restaurant before prom, or other



Above: Tokens like these were often used at mall arcades, rides, and vending machines rather than quarters (\$2).

everyday moments with the marketplace as the backdrop. These are generally affordable, often starting around \$3 and rarely running above the double digits.

Postcards — Plentiful and inexpensive, postcards are among the most popular mall collectibles, and were generally issued in these facilities’ most prominent days. Popular images feature store-lined interiors, aerial views of the complex, or iconic features like clocks and fountains, offering a glimpse of the place as it once was. Postcards often start around \$1 and typically top out near \$25.

Souvenirs — At the height of their popularity, retail complexes and their stores frequently produced branded merchandise to encourage customer loyalty. Ashtrays, matchbooks, and commemorative items celebrating holidays or special events were once offered as impulse buys or giveaways. Today, these pieces offer a charming glimpse into the traditions and marketing strategies that made these places a central part of everyday life. Premiums like these typ-

ically run \$5-\$50, depending on the item.

Hunting for mall memorabilia can feel a bit like those afternoons spent wandering the Galleria — full of surprises and the thrill of discovery. Antique shops and antique fairs often turn up unexpected treasures. Advertising and ephemera shows and advertising-themed auctions can have anything from brochures to signs, while architectural salvage companies sometimes have large pieces like lighting or display cases from lobbies.

Malls may be different now, but the artifacts that remain from their heyday keep their earlier spirit alive. Every sign, bench, photograph, or souvenir mug is a tangible piece of a once-vibrant retail culture — and an unforgettable slice of American life.

For anyone interested in mall history, www.deadmalls.com offers user-contributed photos of closed centers, searchable by state. On Facebook, the Mallstalgia group covers plazas nationwide, while countless pages and groups are devoted to individual locations.

Below: A vintage South Coast Plaza (Costa Mesa, California) gold snowflake lapel pin — possibly worn by staff — was a nice catch at \$9.

Below: This 1988 Cleveland Galleria souvenir Christmas tree plate is a classic example of a vintage retail holiday keepsake (\$10).



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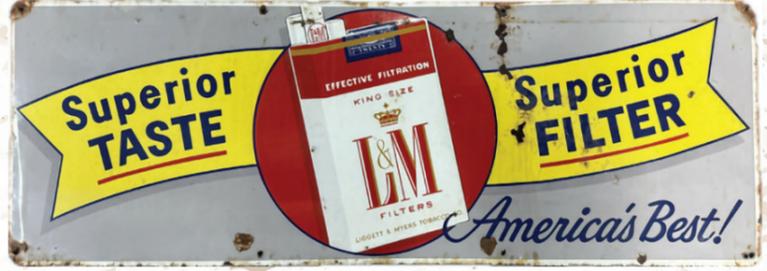
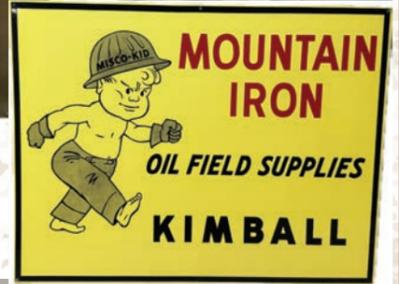
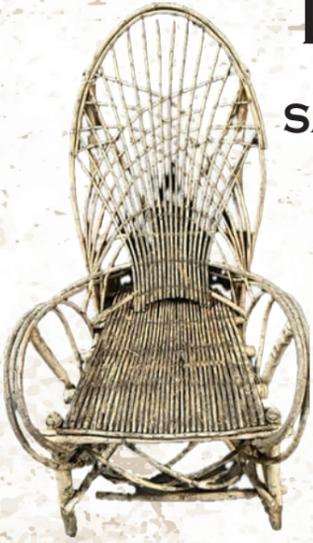
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