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ACROSS THE AUCTION BLOCK

Music box and Pewabic vase tie with \$9,000 bids

BY NANCY KELLY

YPSILANTI, Mich. — Schmidt Antiques and Auctions once again gathered an incredible inventory from estates and private collections to present at their March Gallery

Auction. This in person and online event was just the tonic to treat the cabin fever blues. Detailed descriptions of each item were easily accessible on the website before and during the auction. Prices here do

not include the buyer's premium.

A late 19th century Swiss coin-operated music box featuring an automaton dancer dressed in a lacy white gown drew one of the top spots in the auction. This 47-inch-tall display housed the dancer on the upper level and the music box mechanism below, presented in a walnut case and all visible behind glass panels. The tunes were accented by three mechanical musicians striking bells during the performance. This fascinating treasure flew past the pre-auction estimates



and drew a final bid of \$9,000.

Also bringing a \$9,000 bid was a 3-inch tall Pewabic Pottery vase. The tapered vase dated circa 1905 featured a scene with mice scamper-

Left: Pewabic Pottery drew enthusiastic collectors to this event including this 3-inch tall, tapered vase dated circa 1905 that reached an impressive final bid of \$9,000.

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Above: Swiss coin-operated music box featuring an automaton dancer flew past the pre-auction estimates and drew a final bid of \$9,000.

FEATURE

Handy vases for holding flowers

BY LARRY LEMASTERS

One of the most beautiful types of vases to come out of the Victorian

era is the glass hand vase. A glass hand vase is cast to look like a hand holding a vase in the shape of a fan, cornucopia, torch, trumpet, or bunch of leaves.

Glass hand vases first appeared around 1870 and were quite popular as a decorating fad for about ten years, but by the mid 1880s, the Golden Age of glass hand vases was past.

John Derbyshire and Sons of Manchester, England, manufactured one of the earliest glass hand vases. Made in 1874, the vase is shaped

Left: Antique, John Derbyshire Vaseline uranium glass hand vase under ultra violet light. This vase was recently offered on Etsy for \$86.

Right: Enamel-decorated Bohemian glass hand vase in rare left-hand version.

like a sheaf of leaves and is identified by the Derbyshire trademark "JD" and an anchor that is on the base of the glass. This early hand vase is highly collectible with green "Vaseline" glass one of its popular colors; although, it was also made in black, yellow, and frosted flint glass.

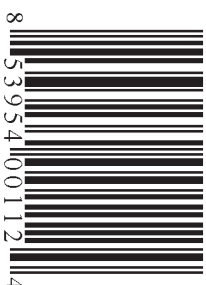
The majority of glass hand vases from the 1800s were made in England, the United States, or Bohemia. And most glass hand vases are right handed. Left-handed vases are extremely rare and highly sought after. Expect to pay a large premium for such a vase. Superstition



during the Victorian Age furthered the belief that the left hand represented sinister acts or evil in general. To avoid having a left handed object in the

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Vaseline (green) glass hand vase by Fenton, circa 1930s. Vaseline glass is highly collectible today.



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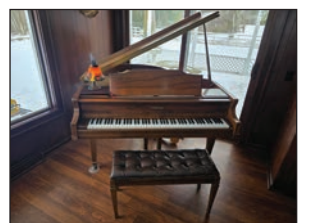
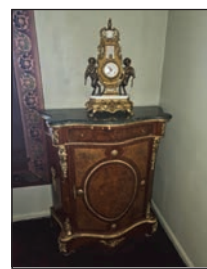
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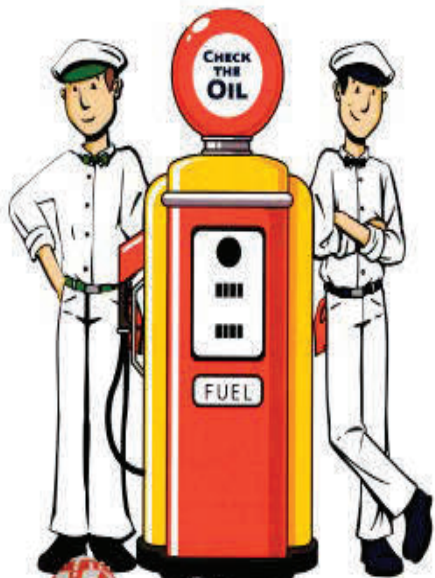


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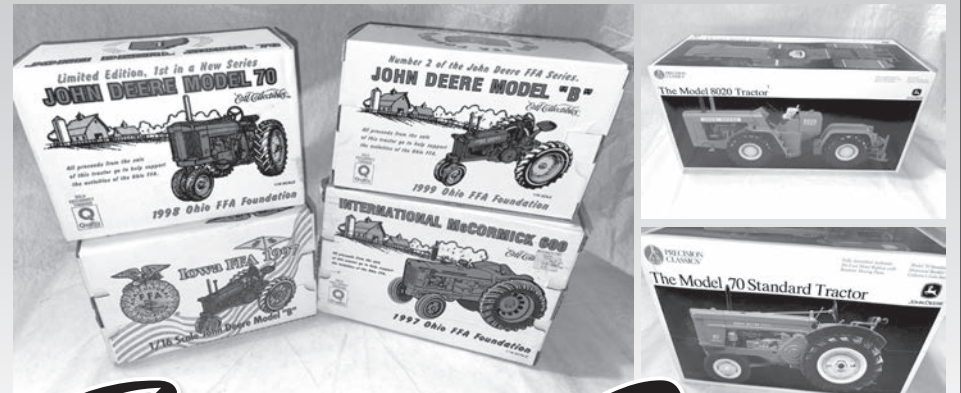
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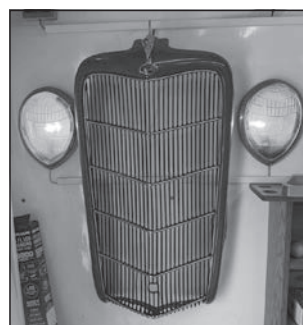
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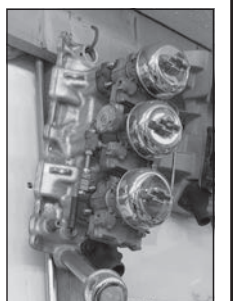
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Hand vases

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home, matched pairs of glass hand vases were almost always made using two right hands.

According to Deborah Truitt (author of *Collectible Bohemian Glass 1880 – 1940*) large quantities of glass hand vases were manufactured in Bohemia during the Victorian Age. Many of these vases were made with opaque or cased blown glass, and they often featured enameled decoration, a feature that grew in popularity after the Industrial Revolution. Truitt states that “nearly every home [in Bohemia] contained a studio for painting,” so there were thousands of small decorating companies that applied decorative finishes to glass hand vase blanks made by the Bohemian glass companies.

The decorative fad of glass hand vases also swept the United States in the 1870s. Gillinder and Sons of Philadelphia was one of the early American glass companies to manufacture glass hand vases (circa 1872). One sought after Gillinder vase is the glass hand vase manufactured for the 1876 Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia. This vase, made in frosted flint glass with the words “CENTENNIAL 1876” on

the base, resembled a hand holding a sheaf of wheat.

Today, reproductions of Gillinder’s Centennial vase are readily found, so be careful when purchasing this vase.

A second American company that produced glass hand vases was George Duncan and Sons. Duncan manufactured colored — clear, amber, amethyst, blue, apple green, and Vaseline — glass hand vases in the 1880s up through 1893 when the company closed.

In the 20th century, the Akro Agate Company of West Virginia (famous for its glass marbles) manufactured an entire line of miniature glass hand vases. The company ceased production in 1949 and closed its doors in 1951. These vases were made in “marbleized” colors and carry the Akro Agate trademark—a crow flying through the letter A.

Fenton Art Glass has produced the largest amount of collectible glass hand vases, particularly the Fenton vases from the 1930s; although, Fenton continuously made glass hand vases for about 100 years.

One of Fenton’s popular vases is the cornucopia glass hand vase (called “Cape Cod”). According to old Fenton advertisements, these cornucopia vases were “Reproductions of Early

Right: This antique, Victorian Era hand vase with tulip is made of bisque. It is valued at \$165.



American Days.”

Milk glass collectors seek Fenton’s 1940s milk glass “hobnail” cornucopia hand vase. This vase was made in clear, opaque blue, Vaseline, amethyst, and topaz colored glass, showing the diversity that can be achieved in a collection.

And Carnival glass collectors love Fenton’s Carnival glass hand vases, which were won at fairs and carnival midways during the Great Depression.

Competing with Fenton’s Carnival glass hand vases was the Jain Glass Works Ltd in Firozabad, Uttar Pashar Province, India, which produced carnival glass hand vases throughout the 1930s.

Of all the glass hand vases produced, perhaps the most breathtaking is the “Raindrop,” a Victorian vase made of “mother of pearl” glass. With an outer layer of blue frosted glass over an inner layer of white glass, these vases are as rare as they are beautiful.

Marinka Bozzec (author of *Glass Hand Vases*) wrote, “Blue is the most common color in glass hand vases.” Glass hand vases were produced

in opaque blue, clear blue, and cased cobalt blue colorings.

Bozzec also warns that during the 20th century, “Hand vases have been made from old moulds or new moulds which copy the old designs. Unfortunately, most hand vases are automatically labeled as “Victorian,” whether they are or not.”

An excellent resource for glass hand vases is Marinka Bozzec’s article “Glass Hand Vases” found on the Online Glass Museum website: www.theglassmuseum.com.



Above: Vintage glass hand vase holding a cornucopia. This vase is nearly nine inches tall and is valued at \$80.



Above: 1876 Philadelphia Centennial souvenir glass hand vase.



Above: Cornucopia hand vase by George Duncan & Sons, circa 1886. Blue was the most popular color for glass hand vases.



Above: Clear frosted glass hand vase by John Derbyshire and Sons, circa 1874.

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ing through tall grass set off by an iridescent glaze in subtle shades of green. It displayed the Pewabic maple leaf mark and was in great condition with only minor wear. Two large Pewabic vases also performed exceptionally well. The 18-inch-tall baluster form vase with ribbed linear texture was decorated with a mottled lava glaze in shades of iridescent grey, blue and pale purple and it was embossed with the "Pewabic Detroit" emblem. A similar vase measuring 13 inches tall was attributed to Mary Chase Stratton and was also glazed in pale iridescent colors. Both vases proved popular, each closing with a high bid of \$6,000. An unusual tile showed a scene from Alice in Wonderland with a



weeping Alice being comforted by the white rabbit. This 10 by 12 inch item earned a \$1,000 high bid. In all, 24 pieces from the Pewabic factory were available from this collection.

A beautiful selection of Russian silver was offered. An early 20th century Russian oval footed bowl decorated with an overall basket weave exterior included bear heads for handles on the two sides and a lizard hunting a fly on the front. Marked in Cyrillic for the workshop of Pavel Ovchinnikov, this precious item stood 5 inches tall by 11 inches wide and measured 24.37 troy ounces total. Despite some minor surface wear and one repaired foot it still garnered a final bid of \$6,000. A brilliant blue enamel early 20th century Russian miniature silver frame with cast garlands and pearl and gemstone accents housed a printed portrait of Tsar Nicholas II. It measured 4 inches tall and was impressed Moscow 88 Zolotnik with a right facing Kokoshnik hallmark. This intricate item closed with a final bid of \$1,100.

Intricate wood carving on any furniture item is always attractive, but this unusual subject



Above: This turn of the century barber chair with wood pony was produced by Koken Barber Supply Co. of St. Louis. It was taken to a new home with a high bid of \$1,800.



Above: Extensive wood carving set off this handsome oak Belding's National icebox, which required a final bid of \$3,000 to take it home.

proved popular here. An oak icebox was decorated with griffin topped columns, paw feet, and many extensively carved features on the panels. This Belding's National icebox stood 54 inches tall and displayed a beveled mirror, brass hardware, and a nameplate. It had been beautifully refinished, and despite minor wear this handsome piece was claimed with a final bid of \$3,000. Another less elaborate but nicely carved oak icebox was taken with a \$550 high bid.

Beautiful alabaster, jade, and celadon carvings were well represented. Combining mediums, a cast bronze figure of Napoleon astride a carved alabaster horse was a massive figure, standing

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Right: An unusual Pewabic tile showing a scene from Alice in Wonderland with a weeping Alice being comforted by the white rabbit earned a \$1,000 high bid.



Left: A beautiful collection of Russian silver included this early 20th century oval footed bowl that garnered a final bid of \$6,000 during an auction conducted by Schmidt Antiques and Auctions.

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24 inches tall. Dated to the late 19th century, this unsigned master-piece drew a final bid of \$2,200. Six Chinese carved celadon jade figures showcased detailed workmanship in their designs. Carving subjects included a bat, sage, Buddha, scholar, koi fish, and swan. The largest measured 3 inches and the collection of six was claimed for \$2,000.

Attending an auction with this caliber and varied inventory is an exciting experience as one never knows what will be offered. A good example of that was the Koken child's barber chair. Standing a total of 45 inches tall, this turn of the century piece was designed to help the youngster enjoy the barber experience as it displayed a carved wood pony with leather reins for the child to climb onto while in the chair. Produced by Koken Barber Supply Co. of St. Louis, Mo., this cast iron chair had been reupholstered but otherwise was in very good condition and was taken to a new



Above: Six intricately carved Chinese celadon jade figures with subjects including a bat, Buddha, and swan were claimed for \$2,000.

Right: A tabletop oak letter box marked Asprey & Son was often used during the 20th century at hotel desks. This 17 inch tall appealing item was taken with a final bid of \$900.



home with a high bid of \$1,800. To pamper the women, there was a lady's shoeshine station. It consisted of an upholstered chair with an iron frame and polished nickel finish complete with modesty panel on the front that cleared a \$750 final bid.

An early 20th century brass stationary steam engine model consisted of many intricate parts and realistic forms. It measured 11 inches tall by 16 inches long, was designed to sit on a tabletop, and would be delightful to see in operation. There was a ladder that led to the upper level and a railing surrounding the main part of the system. Some minor wear and loose components could easily be taken care of by the collector who claimed it for a high bid of \$700.



Schmidt Auctions is looking forward to their clock auction on May 9. They are also seeking quality consignments for their next Gallery Auction in June. Details can be found at <https://schmidtsantiques.com/>

Above: Ladies could have their shoes shined at this station designed specifically for them. It featured a modesty panel to help ladies feel more comfortable. This unusual item left with a high bid of \$750.

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Above: Bronze Napoleon proudly rides his alabaster horse. This 24-inch-tall unsigned figure, dated to the late 19th century, drew a final bid of \$2,200.

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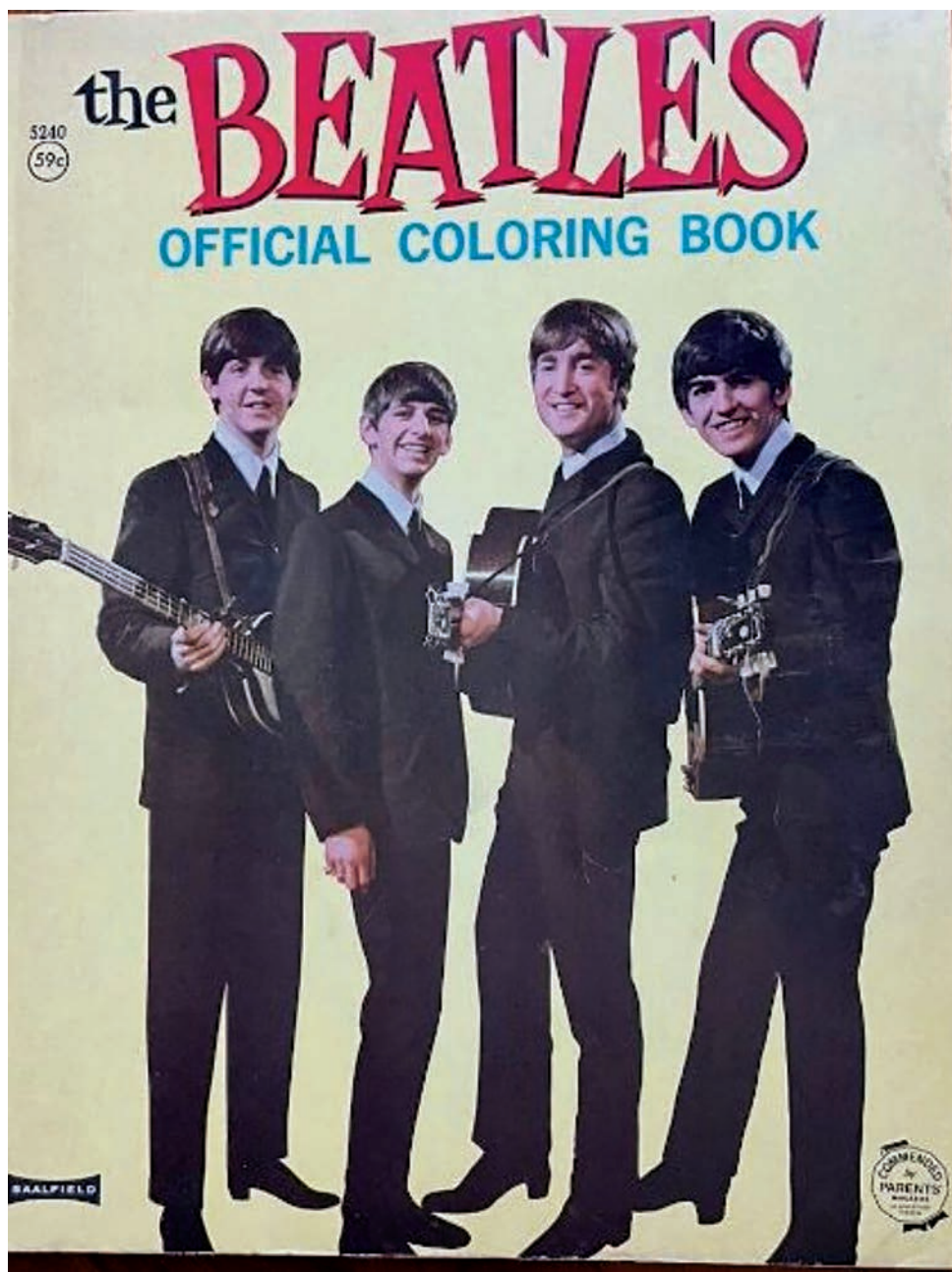
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President John Fitzgerald Kennedy was dead. People of color were assembling and standing up to protest segregation. Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream and the threat of nuclear war loomed on the horizon. A lot was happening during the 1960s – and it was all carried upon the strains of beatnik music.

The Swinging Sixties were made up of a generation that decided to shun the traditional rules of their parents. Anti-materialistic and more spiritual than religious, they viewed a new world through psychedelic eyes and a cloud of patchouli incense. Bell-bottoms and tie-dye, moccasins and fringe – most teenagers of the era were part of a curious collection of bohemian music lovers. By the time the long-haired Beatles stepped foot on American soil, the band already had a following bigger than the U.S. music industry had ever seen.

Liverpool native John Lennon was 22 years old when he and his band – The Beatles – signed with EMI records in 1962. A songwriter and rhythm guitarist, Lennon shared lead vocals with 20-year-old band member Paul McCartney, who played bass and keyboard and assisted with songwriting. Nineteen-year-old George Harrison played guitar, ukulele and keyboard while contributing vocals, and 22-year-old Ringo Starr added vocals and drums to the band.

The Beatles' debut single "Love Me Do" was released in the United Kingdom on Oct. 5, 1962 and peaked at number 17 on the music charts there. They made their debut on American television on The Huntley-Brinkley Report on Nov. 18, 1963. Over 20 million viewers tuned in. Within four months, the band held the number one and number two spots on America's Billboard Hot 100 chart with their



Above: The Beatles 1964 Coloring Book. Courtesy of: John Beaudette

tracks "I Want to Hold Your Hand" and "She Loves You." The seeds of 'Beatlemania' had been planted and were growing rapidly.

On Feb. 7, 1964, the band touched down on US soil where they were scheduled to perform live on The Ed Sullivan show. The crowd of nearly 5,000 screaming fans that had gathered at John F. Kennedy International Airport in Queens was only a hint of what was to come. Over 73 million people watched the program, an entire generation instantly seduced by the Brits with their falsetto cries and addictive musical mix of dreamy folk and rollicking rock.

On Feb. 11, 1964, The Beatles performed before 8,000 people at the Washington Coliseum. The screaming from the audience was so loud

that the music couldn't be heard. Teenage girls swooned until they lost consciousness and had to be carried away by security. A level of delirious idolatry unlike history had ever seen would only rise in the coming months.

Later that year, the feature-length motion picture "A Hard Day's Night" featured 36 hours in the life of the band as they prepared for a television performance. The film was nominated for two Academy Awards and the sound-track spent 14 weeks in the number one spot on the Billboard Top LPs chart.

A Beatles concert at New York's Shea Stadium in August of 1965 broke generated revenue records as well as attendance records as it seated 55,000 people. Security measures never before needed for musical performers in America had to be instituted every-

where the band went. They traveled in armored cars and moved about under the cover of police escorts. Blockades had to be erected outside recording studios, and medical attention supplied to the hundreds of injured fans every time a frenzied riot charged past barriers at concerts.

The fan worship of the Beatles was detested by the older generation – making the concept even more appealing to millions of teenagers determined to rebel against society's norms. The charges against The Beatles for fostering 'cultish' behavior would only become more vigorous when Lennon announced that the band was "more popular than Christ."

In 1965, the Christian Crusade published a book titled "Communism, Hypnotism and The Beatles." The book referred to the band as "anti-Christ beatniks" who were destroying the mental stability of children with their vulgar and profane influence. It warned that the type of worshipful behavior taking place at Beatles concerts would lead to an eventual revolution. After Lennon's comment regarding their godlike popularity, many fans burned their



Above: 1976 Beatles Record Store Display Courtesy of: anonymous collector.



Above: Vintage 30-page Unused Beatles Scrapbook by Western Printing & Lithograph Company Courtesy of: eBay seller estateofsocrates.

records and several radio stations refused to play their music. Protestors, angry at such a show of egotism, crowded outside concerts issuing threats of violence.

There were millions of others, however, who weren't fazed by the comments, as they held the band in a divine light. Many people brought their sick and disabled children to concerts, begging the band members to 'cure them'. A number of teenaged girls stood on ledges or sent messages, threatening to commit suicide if a band member did not agree to meet her. The unmatched chaos had turned into a dangerous hysteria that became more than John, George, Paul and Ringo had ever bargained for. In 1966, they decided to cease touring. In the studio, they recorded hits such as "Penny Lane" and "Strawberry Fields Forever." The band split up in 1970. Ten years later, John was fatally shot by former fan Mark David Chapman. It was alleged that the assassin had become angrily disheartened by John's ego and luxurious lifestyle. George died from lung cancer in 2001.

Over the last 40 years, music and motor sports promoter Chris Agajanian has amassed over 2,000 pieces of the band's history. Appraiser Gary Sohmers, known as 'The King of Pop Culture', cataloged the collection. A former appraiser on PBS's 'Antiques Roadshow,'

VH1's 'For What It's Worth,' and a WBZ monthly radio show which focused on valuing antiques, Sohmers is known for his colorful Hawaiian shirts, the collectibles store he runs, and the rock opera he produced. "I like to stay busy," he said.

Sohmers has been buying and selling Beatles memorabilia for 50 years. "The moments the Beatles captured back then still reverberate with excitement," he said. "They crafted a spirit and an energy. They put in the time to craft a sound and a vibe that didn't exist. I listen to them and I can't stop myself from grooving. They are forever. Generation upon generation."

When it comes to Agajanian's collection, which includes George's glasses, Paul's pink and purple ruffled shirt, instruments, posters and records, Sohmers noted what he believes to be the grandest item in the groovy accumulation. "He's got John Lennon's beige suit. I mean, come on. There's only one. That's the ionic item in that collection," he said. Sohmers has valued the collection at \$2 million.

Other items that make up the collection are a wax bust of John, George's gold medallion, vintage fan merchandise, concert tickets, photographs, records, and posters.

For those who are not intent on purchasing 2,000 collectibles, flea markets and auctions regularly turn up vintage Beatles items to be bought singularly. Vintage newspaper and magazine articles following the band's rise to fame are going for as little as \$2, while photographs signed by the band are commanding over \$10,000. Although the market isn't flooded with remnants of Beatlemania, it isn't dry either. Eight days a week, there are plenty of old records and posters, far-out pin-back buttons and fab trading cards floating around with price tags on them.



Left: Vintage Plastic Beatles 3-D Cake Topper Courtesy of: Nicole Benningsdorf

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