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FEATURE

Statue of Liberty collectibles shine bright this year

BY LARRY
LEMASTERS

The Statue of Liberty was a gift to the United States from the people of



France in 1886. French sculptor Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi designed the Statue and Gustave Eiffel, of Eiffel Tower fame, built the metal framework.

The Statue of Liberty is designed as a classically draped woman, inspired by the Roman goddess of liberty — Libertas. The woman holds a torch above her head with her right hand, and in her left hand she carries a tablet inscribed “JULY IV MDCCLXXVI,” which is July 4, 1776, in Roman numerals. The woman’s left foot is stepping on a broken chain and shackle, commemorating the national abolition of slavery following the American Civil War.

The plan for the Statue of Liberty was for the people of France to pay for the sculpture’s completion and shipping, and for the United States to pay for the site and pedestal upon which the statue would rest. Financing for the project proved difficult for both countries.

Originally intended for the United States centennial in 1876, the completed statue was not dedicated until 10 years later. The sculptor, Bartholdi, completed the head and torch-bearing arm first, so these pieces were displayed at several different international exhibitions in the hope that

donations would follow. The torch-bearing arm was displayed at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia in 1876, and it remained on display for six years,

1876-1882, in Madison Square Park in New York City. Finally, the statue was finished, and it was



Above: This pre-9/11 New York City snow globe features both the Statue of Liberty and the Twin Towers. This snow globe is valued at \$15.

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Above: Statue of Liberty torch flashlight, circa 1950s valued at \$30.

FEATURE

Raise a glass to Falstaff collectibles

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Most of us remember Falstaff Beer, which was produced by the Falstaff Brewing Corporation located in St. Louis. Its production peaked in 1965 with over seven million barrels brewed annually. By 1975, product had dropped by 70 percent, and its main label Falstaff Beer ended production in 2005.

Falstaff Brewing was originally formed as Lemp Brewery of St. Louis in 1840. In 1903, the

company changed its name to Falstaff. For its new name, the brewery chose a Shakespearean fictional character, Sir John Falstaff.

Sir John Falstaff appeared in three of Shakespeare’s plays — Henry IV, Part 1 and Part 2, and The Merry Wives of Windsor. While he does not actually appear in King Henry V, his death is mentioned. Falstaff is a comic buffoon who embodies some of Shakespeare’s most loved character features, such as a fat, vain,

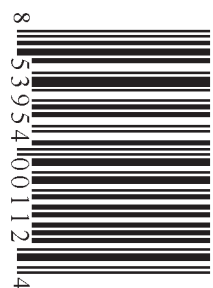


Above: This tin litho, 16-inch Falstaff Bear advertising sign is valued at \$50.

boastful knight, who spends most of his time getting drunk at the Boar’s Head Inn with petty crim-

inals. Falstaff’s only source of income appears to be steal-

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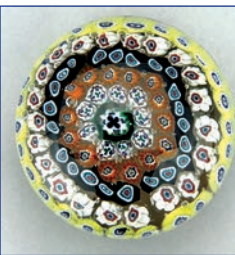
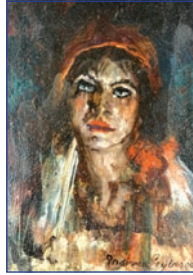
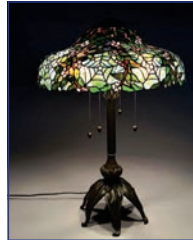


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FLINT, MI 48506 zone 6

After close to 40 years of collecting all over the U.S. I have decided to sell all at public auction.

OLD THINGS & COLLECTIBLES: Loetz vase, Stevens & Williams case glass soup tureen & ladle, Several pc's lead crystal cut glass, Plaster statue of David, Lenox Winter Greeting pc's, Johann Haviland service for 8 china set, Pink Depression water pitcher, bowl, 2 candy dishes, Numerous small to large cloisonne vases, Henry Molnie oil painting, signed, 2 Regulator wall clocks, Shooter marbles, Moser ruby vase, signed, Webb pink vase, Large Fritz & Floyd collection, Moser red vase, 1869 Pierre-Jules Mene "The Accolade" (Size is 25.5" wide, 15" deep and 15.5" tall and weighs 54lbs) bronze statue recast, Fredrick Remington "Mountain Man" bronze recast statue 28"Hx10"wx17"L, Bronze Fairy statue, Large bronze stag deer sculpture, Loetz Brill vase, 2 Capo-De-Monte table lamps, Several pc's hand carved soapstone, Several pc's Fenton glass, Hand carved cardinal from desert stone, Cut-to-clear cobalt vase, Cut-to-ruby table lamp, Ty Beanie Babies collection, Ty Beanie

Buddies, Spaghetti hair poodle collection, McDonald Special Edition Collector Set, Imperial Glass slag set pc's, Jim Shore snowmen pc's, Crystal chandelier, Lenox Cardinal china set (many, many pc's), Poodle figurine collection, Cast iron swag lamp, 5 Gallon crocks, butter churn, jug, Black amethyst & black glassware. **ROSEVILLE POTTERY:** Clematis, Rozane, White Rose, Bushberry, Futura, Pinecone, Magnolia, Clematis, Bushberry, Eariam, Zepher Lily, Ivory, Rosecraft, Bleeding Heart, Columbine, Freesia, Donatello, Wincraft, Florentine, Futura, Foxglove, Peony. **FURNITURE:** 3 Curved glass china cabinets, Cedar chest, Flander bedroom set, Chrome floor lamp, Wrought iron round end table, 1905 Cable baby grand piano, Sligh grandfather clock, 3 Needlepoint arm chairs, Scalloped plate glass coffee table w/iron base, 54" TV, Mid-Century hand decorated china cabinet, Wrought iron kissing be3nch w/2 chairs, Oriental bamboo mirror, Oriental black lacquered chest, Antique pier mirror, Woodward patio table w/plateglass top, Console table, Erwin 4 drawer chest, 2 French Provincial loveseats, French Provincial china cabinet, Thomasville dining room set, Curio cabinet. **COINS & JEWELRY WILL SELL AT 9:30. COINS:** Several hundred Mercury & Roosevelt silver dimes, 10 Half dollars, Morgan Dollars: 1879,80,81,82o,82s,8 4,85,87o,(2) 90o,91,02o, 1924 Peace dollar, 2 Silver rounds. **JEWELRY:** 19-14K men's & ladies rings, some with diamonds, 4-10K Rings, 1-14K & 2-10K Men's bracelets, 14K Necklace w/cross, 2-Platinum rings, Total gold weight about 237 grms. **OTHER ITEMS:** Kennedy rolling toolbox, Craftsman 2pc rolling toolbox, Assorted hand tools, Assorted Christmas decorations, 2 Cement flower baskets, fishing boy, bird bath, 5 flower urns, bench, Troy Bilt snowblower, Stihl FS45 line trimmer, Other items. **Terms:** Cash, check, credit cards w/3.9% user fee. All items will be sold as is. 10% Buyers premium charged on all items sold. The seller nor the auctioneer will be responsible for accidents day of sale or items after sold. Most of the sale will be held under a tent and inside the house. No lunch wagon, bring your own refreshments and food.



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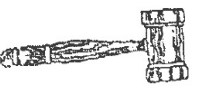
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SATURDAY, JULY 11 @ 10:00 AM

LOCATION: 284 E 32ND ST.
HOLLAND, MICHIGAN zone 4



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AUCTIONEER’S NOTE: This is a partial listing, go to jpauctionservice.com for more pictures. This is the second auction from the Klomprens estate. There is too much to list, so come check it out. Lunch available. Viewing Friday from 12:00AM to 5:00PM.

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Liberty

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shipped to New York City in crates. The statue was assembled and placed on the completed pedestal on what was then called Bedloe’s Island (now Liberty Island). Following the statue’s placement on the pedestal, New York City held its first ticker tape parade for the Statue of Liberty with President Grover Cleveland presiding over the parade.

Famous American poet Emma Lazarus was asked to write an original poem for the dedication of the Statue of Liberty. She initially declined because she thought she could not write a poem about a statue. Finally she wrote “The New Colossus,” which includes the lines “Give me your tired, your poor/Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.”

Today, the proud lady still stands as a shining beacon for all who are lost, hopeless, yearning for a new life and home in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

People have collected anything and everything connected to the Statue of

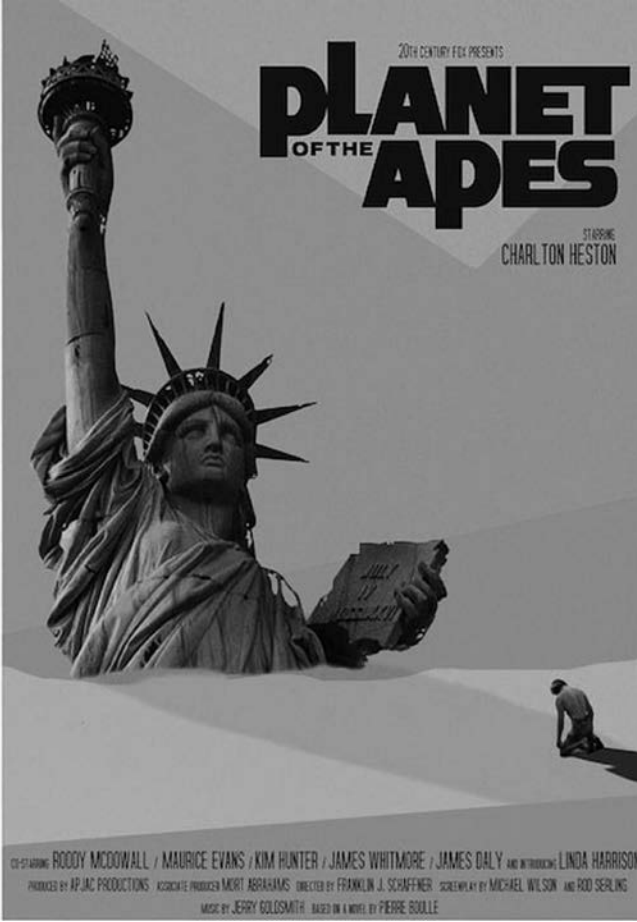


Above: Antique, pre-1930s, brass coat button featuring the Statue of Liberty. Colored gold and purple, this button is valued at \$180.

Liberty ever since its dedication. As an American symbol, the Statue of Liberty has graced many of America’s postage stamps and coins, both of which collectors love to have.

Hundreds of replicas of the Statue of Liberty are centerpieces of collections worldwide. Collectors search for an original replica of the Statue of Liberty that was created and donated by the Boy Scouts of America as part of their Strengthen the Arm of Liberty campaign from 1949-1952. These statues were made of stamped copper and were over 8 feet in height.

The Ellis Island Foundation releases annual

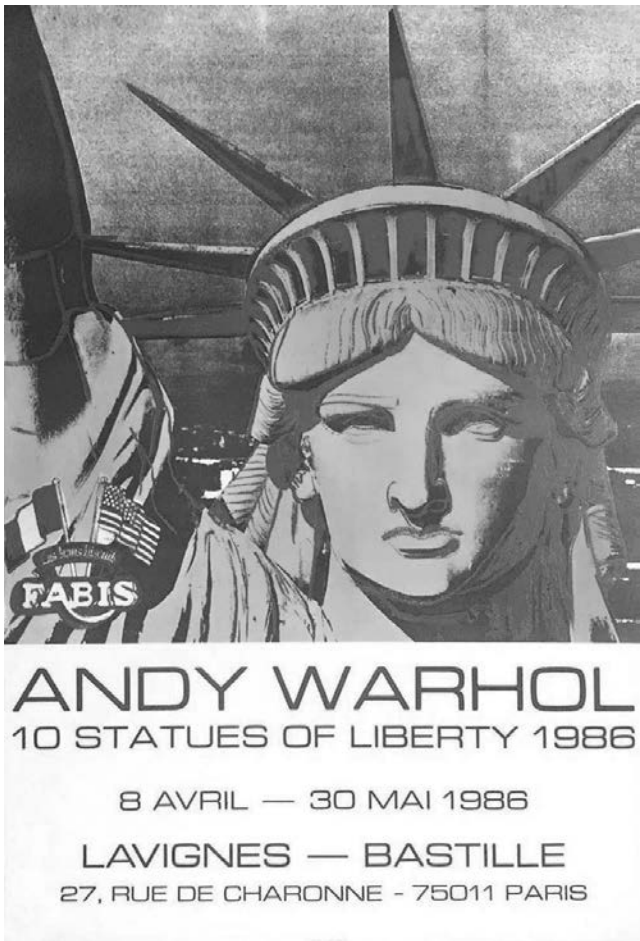


Above: Planet of the Apes retro movie poster that sells on the Internet for around \$22.

Statue of Liberty collectible items, including the book “The Statue of Liberty—The Monumental Dream,” which sells in the gift store for \$29.95.

For Baby Boomers, the most iconic image of the Statue of Liberty came at

the end of the original, 1968 movie Planet of the Apes when Charleston Heston falls to his knees cursing and in despair because the crumbled remains of the Statue of Liberty tell him that he is on earth and humans



Above: Andy Warhol Statue of Liberty lithograph print pop art poster for the 1986 Paris Exhibition. This poster was offered on www.chairish.com in April 2026, for \$3,450.

destroyed his world. A Planet of the Apes movie poster depicts this scene perfectly, showing how “the symbol of Liberty, of optimism, has become a

symbol of science fiction’s pessimistic view of the future.”

And, believe me, it’s not a future where anyone wants to monkey around in!

Falstaff

FROM PAGE 1

ing or begging.

Falstaff is considered one of Shakespeare’s greatest characters, and the word “Falstaffian” has entered the English language, meaning “Corpulence, jollity, and debauchery.”

Notable examples of Falstaff’s corpulent appearance in 20th century movies include Laurence Olivier’s 1944 Henry V, Kenneth Branagh’s 1989

Henry V, and Orson Welles’s 1966 Chimes at Midnight, which was released in Europe as Falstaff.

In his original draft of Henry IV, Shakespeare called Falstaff “John Oldcastle,” who was, historically, a knight from Herefordshire who was executed for heresy and rebellion.

In Act I of Henry IV, Prince Hal refers to Oldcastle, later Falstaff, as “my old lad of the castle.” However, Lord Cobham, a

descendant of Oldcastle, complained about the use of his ancestor’s name, forcing Shakespeare to change the character’s name from Oldcastle to Falstaff. To further smooth Lord Cobham’s feelings, Shakespeare, in the epilogue of Henry IV, Part 2, disavows any connection between Falstaff and Oldcastle, declaring, “Oldcastle died a martyr, and this [Falstaff] is not the man.”

Shakespeare most likely took the name “Falstaff” from a true medieval knight, Sir John Fastolf. Fastolf rose to fame after having fought in the Battle of Patay against Joan of Arc in 1429. The English lost the battle, but Fastolf rose to everlasting fame thanks to Shakespeare.

Some historians believe Fastolf escaped capture or death by running from the field of battle, saving his own life. This accusation is supported by the fact that following the battle, Fastolf was stripped of his knighthood.

True to his literary beginnings, Falstaff has lived on in plays, books, and movies. Chimes at Midnight, also known as Falstaff was filmed in 1965, this movie was made by compiling scenes from four Shakespeare plays. Orson Welles played the title character Falstaff in the movie.

Along with his many literary contributions, Falstaff’s images and figurines make excellent collectibles. Outside of his depiction in Shakespeare’s earliest folios, Falstaff collectibles seemed to have emerged in the late 1700s, not long after the Industrial Revolution swept England. Colorful porcelain figu-



Above: Robert Smirke, 1789, depicted Falstaff (The Merry Wives of Windsor, Act V) disguised as Herne.

rines of Falstaff began appearing along with paintings of him. Collectors often search for a print of Robert Smirke’s 1789 depiction of Falstaff. Another artistic Falstaff collectible is a copy of Robert Brough’s The Life of John Falstaff, which was famously illustrated by George Cruikshank, a British caricatur-

ist and book illustrator.

As long as Shakespeare remain in print, Falstaff will continue providing readers and collectors a safe way to get in touch with their own forbidden impulses. Falstaff corpulently reflects the duality of man, being both a fabled knight and a falling down drunken buffoon.



Left: Rare, Falstaff Beer chalkware figurine of Sir John Falstaff carrying Falstaff Beer advertising sign that is valued at \$200.

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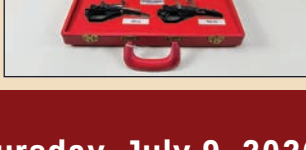
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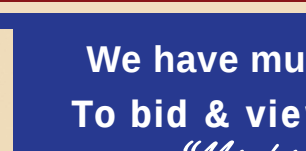
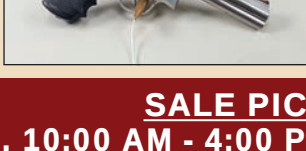
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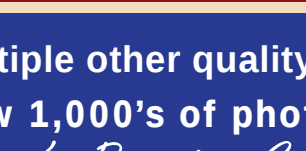
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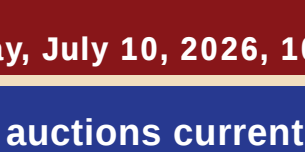
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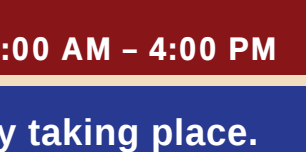
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Colorful graniteware took kitchens by storm

BY MICHELLE GALLER

Fusing powdered glass to metal through the process of firing has been around for centuries. It was used to produce decorative pieces throughout Europe and Asia. Although the process was popular in several European countries two brothers in 18th century Germany adapted the process from the purely decorative, beginning a new era for enameled kitchenware. After paying a European maker \$5,000 to observe the process and learn the technique, the Niedringhaus brothers applied for a patent and started the business of coating the inside of cast iron pots to stop the metallic taste from leaching through to the food.

Over the next several decades, the demand for enameled ironware grew throughout Europe, and

coated kitchenware was very attractive to many a European cook. By the mid-1800s, the brothers decided to win over American cooks as well with this new process and they opened a factory in St. Louis. Even though it was easier to handle and to clean, early enamelware was plain and utilitarian, a long way from the colorful, mass-produced utensils of the late 1800s and early 1900s.

By the 1860s, two large U.S. companies were making enameled housewares, creating a surge in creative competition. Along with the Niedringhaus brothers, came Lalance and Grosjean, a French company that set up a factory in New York. In a quest to maintain a market edge, the Niedringhaus brothers took the science of enameling a step further and developed what became known as graniteware. While the enamel was still

wet, they applied a thin piece of paper with an oxidized pattern on it. Once the piece dried, the paper fell away, leaving a design with the appearance of granite — hence, graniteware.

Success brought growth and the brothers built a new factory on 3,500 acres in what would become Granite City, Ill.

Speckled, swirled, mottled and solid, graniteware came in a variety of colors — red, blue, purple, brown, green, pink, gray and white. One of the most popular patterns, even with today's collectors, was called "end of the day." Whatever colors were left over at the end of the day were mixed together to make a very unusual and unique color.

Although graniteware was lighter weight than cast iron, there were some problems with it. It tended to crack and then rust all the way through. There were

also suspicions that some formulas leaked toxins into food. In the 1890s, agate nickel-steel ware ads claimed a "chemist's certificate," proving that it was free of any toxins. Also known as agateware or speckle ware, mottled pieces of every color became available at low cost and were a huge success.

Older pieces are of heavier weight, constructed with seams and possibly riveted. Much of the ware was first issued with cast iron handles during the 19th century, and wooden handles were used at the turn of the century through 1910. Despite the heavy production of graniteware, many of the pieces were not marked, so those with marks of the original manufactures are sought after.

Collecting vintage graniteware is very appealing and people use the pieces in creative, new ways to deco-



Above: Graniteware featured an assortment of bright hues. Credit: Beverly Rupp's Tymes Past.

rate their homes. Some collect a particular color or pattern. Designers are on the lookout for older pieces to add a touch of color to a room. Prices are affected by color and condition and those that tend to be popular with collectors include cobalt blue, red-and-white swirls, green, brown, and pieces with unusual designs. Purple, brown and green swirl pieces seem to command higher prices. Buyers

should be aware that reproduction pieces are made today in all colors.

Although the advent of aluminum in the 1930s crimped the popularity of graniteware and, thus, it's manufacture, it was definitely not as much fun to use.

Michelle Galler is an antiques dealer, writer and painter residing in both the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia and in Maryland.

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Krzeminski Absolute Real Estate Auction

Located at Ionia County Fairgrounds –
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Tuesday Evening, June 30 at 6:00 PM

To be sold at "absolute auction" this excellent 49.1-acre parcel of vacant land located 1/2 mile east of M-66 on Tuttle Rd. across from Ionia Public Schools. This nearly all-tillable parcel offers excellent opportunities as agricultural, residential as well as investment. 6% buyer's premium. Contact us for additional information and a buyer's packet. The property will be sold "off-site" at the Ionia County Fairgrounds in the Administration Building at 317 S. Dexter St. (M-66), Ionia, MI. Please note, this is only 1 of the 2 parcels being sold at this event. The 2nd parcel of 119 acres with river frontage is posted as a separate listing on our website.



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Administration Building,
317 S. Dexter (M-66), Ionia, MI 48846 ZONE 5

Tuesday Evening, June 30 at 6:00 PM

To be sold at "absolute auction" this excellent 119-acre parcel of vacant land located 4-1/2 miles north of Portland on Divine Hwy. to Maple Rd., then 3/4 miles west. This excellent parcel of agricultural land is nearly all tillable with a large amount of frontage on the Grand River in the southwest corner of the parcel. 6% buyer's premium. Contact us for additional information and a buyer's packet.



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Souvenirs from national and state parks keep memories alive

BY KELLY J. SULLIVAN

Traditionally, when school let out for the summer, dusty suitcases were unearthed from the basement and packed with several weeks-worth of clothes. The luggage was crammed into Chevy station wagons or the family's four-door sedan, along with a picnic basket containing ham salad sandwiches, cold fried chicken and thermoses of hot coffee and lemonade. The Kodak Brownie camera hung around Dad's neck. Mom sat beside him with the large, unfolded map. The newspaper and milk delivery had been temporarily halted. The neighbors were going to keep an eye on the house. It was finally time to set out for a memorable vacation at one of our nation's many natural wonders.

America is home to 63 designated National



Above: Vintage Souvenir Booklet of Watkins Glen State Park Courtesy: Big Ridge Collectibles, Georgia



Above: Vintage Yellowstone National Park metal ashtray Courtesy: A.R. Marquez, California

Parks covering over 85-million acres. The parks lie within 30 states, with California claiming the highest number at nine. The largest national park is the Wrangell-St. Elias in Alaska, covering over 8

million acres. Yellowstone National Park is the oldest, its existence signed into law by President Ulysses Grant in 1872. In 1916, as additional areas became National Parks, the National Park Ser-

vice was created to protect the wildlife and natural resources contained within. Niagara Falls State Park in New York became the country's first designated

State Park in 1885. Over 6,000 State Parks in our country are each managed by the government of the state it lies in. California has more State Parks than any other state, numbering 270.

sleeping cab-in. They could also secure a room at a motor lodge or a hotel. Hiking, fishing, and photographing amazing natural wonders were often the most popular elements of the trip, along with guided tours and shopping for souvenirs.

The most visited park in America is Great Smoky Mountains National Park, designated in 1940. The park

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Left: Vintage Mammoth Cave National Park wood lithograph Courtesy: anonymous collector, New York

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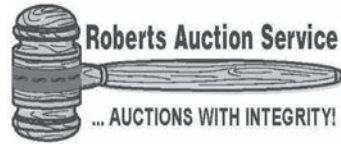
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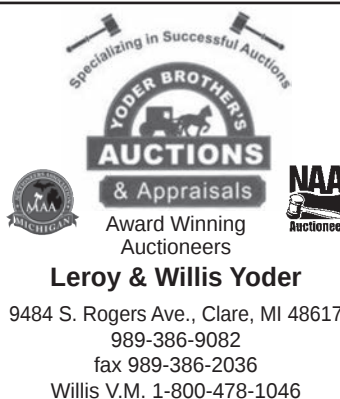
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National & State Parks

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contains 522,410 acres spread out over North Carolina and Tennessee. Visitors to the park contribute about \$2.5 billion to the local economy. One attraction to be found there is the synchronized light display of mating fireflies in mid-June. A phenomenon known as mountain waves can also be experienced between October and April when winds gust up to nearly 100 miles per hour.

The least visited is Big Bend National Park in Texas. Designated in 1944 and covering 801,163 acres, the highly remote location often reaches over 100 degrees during the summer. If comfort is no issue, visitors can view over 1,200 species of plants and 56 reptile species. Kangaroo rats and roadrunners live among the petrified wood, prickly pear cactus and desert willow. There are dinosaur bones, sea fossils, and Native American cave paintings. Standing sentry are the Chisos Mountains, the only American mountain range to be completely enclosed within a National Park.

Yellowstone National Park sits in the north-

west corner of Wyoming, extending into Montana and Idaho. Designated in 1872, over two-million acres contain five active geyser basins. The park's most popular sight – 'Old Faithful' – is a water volcano which spouts at regular intervals.

In 1921, Hot Springs National Park was designated in Arkansas. For centuries, it's been believed that the water at the site possesses medicinal properties. Grouped around the base of Hot Springs Mountain, the springs flow at a rate of up to 850,000 gallons per day. The water is directed into several bathhouses where, during the 1920s, one could enjoy a bath for less than two dollars "for health and recreation." The 47 hot springs present at the park are along a fault which developed due to internal earth strain. The average temperature of the water is 143 degrees.

Yosemite National Park in California was designated in 1890. Its 1,187 miles contain waterfalls with drops up to 900 feet, as well as groves of sequoias standing about 300 feet high with a circumference of 100 feet at their base, and many over 2,000 years old. In 1921, Yosemite became the first National Park to open a cafeteria. In just five months, they served about 250,000 meals at an average cost of 48 cents each.

In Utah, Bryce Canyon National Park stands upon 35,835 acres designated in 1928. Outdoor amphitheaters of natural domes, spires and temples in shades of orange, pink, red and white share space with huge rock formations and a

collection of giant hoodoos – rock spires formed through erosion.

Carlsbad Caverns National Park in New Mexico was designated in 1930 on 46,766 acres. With a large limestone chamber almost 4,000 feet long, and calcite formations hanging above like icicles, the site produces cave pearls and stalagmites. Until two elevators were built in 1932, visitors walked down a ramp which descended 750 feet below surface. The 119 caves contain 17 species of bats. One of them was mined for bat excrement in the early 1900s – a component in fertilizer and explosives.

In 1919, Grand Canyon National Park was designated upon 1,217,262 acres in Arizona. A gorge of the Colorado River, the Grand Canyon is visited by nearly five million people every year. The El Tovar – a luxury hotel – was built in 1905 on the south rim of the canyon. Travelers during the 1950s could order a glass of claret for 35 cents, jellied chicken broth for 25 cents, or prime rib beef steak with grilled tomato for \$2.10. Those with smaller budgets might choose the park's Bright Angel Lodge. With cowboy music entertainment and a dining room that seated 225, their menu during the 1950s offered a cup of split pea soup for 15 cents, a deviled egg sandwich for 35 cents, and stewed prunes for 20 cents.

America's State Parks welcome nearly 870-million visitors every year. Though smaller and less elaborate than National Parks, each still has something amazing to offer. Valley of the Fire State Park in Nevada was designated on almost 46,000 acres in 1935. Illuminated by the sun's rays, its red sandstone formations appear to be on fire.

Hartwick Pines State Park, designated in Michigan in 1927, contains 49 acres of virgin white pine forest, with most of the trees standing over 160 feet tall. During the 1950s, a campground within the park offered families a

place to pitch their tents or park their trailers. Electricity, running water and pit toilets were features of the campground.

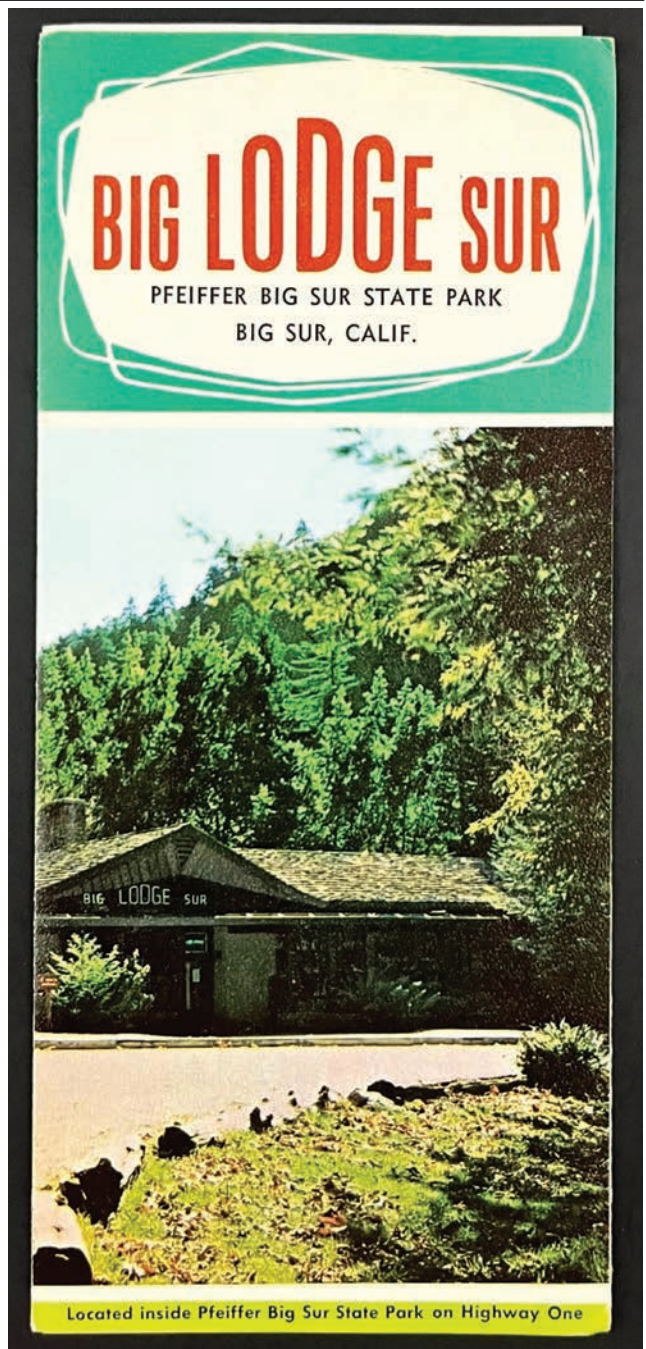
Letchworth State Park, designated in 1906 on 14,427 acres in New York, offered 1950s visitors rentals of cabins outfitted with electric ranges, refrigerators, cots, mattresses and chairs. A small cabin for two cost \$16 per week while larger cabins could cost up to \$48 per week. At the park's Glen Iris Inn, 12 guest rooms and four two-room suites were available for those who didn't feel like roughing it. The inn contained an air conditioned dining room.

Vintage State and National Park souvenirs are not difficult to find. Postcards, brochures and maps are plentiful and can be scooped up for under \$10. Vintage family scrapbooks filled with black and white snapshots of park vacations can go as high as \$150 or more. Those wanting such historical items as an old vending machine which dispensed National Park maps should be prepared to pay about \$3,500.

When it comes to vintage park advertising, few people know more about the subject than Douglas Leen of Washington. Back in 1971, Leen was working as a park ranger when someone threw an original Grand Teton National Park poster in a burn pile. Leen was inspired to spend the next two decades tracking down more posters. He eventually located 13 negatives in the file drawers of the National Park Service, along with one actual poster.

Leen explained that, after World War II, the prints were tossed aside. "But some survived," he said. "As cardboard file drawer dividers or book jackets. They were simply cardboard."

Between 1938 and 1941 the Works Project Administration printed 14 park designs on a total of 1,400 prints. Only 43 have resurfaced. In 1992, Leen began the laborious mission of restoring



Above: 1970s Big Sur Lodge brochure from Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park. Courtesy: Big Ridge Collectibles, Georgia

these "relics of art" and offering them for sale as hand-made serigraphs. His store 'Ranger Doug's Enterprises,' in Seattle, Wash., has become the only source for faithful reproductions of WPA National

Park serigraphed posters.

"Our parks bring out the best in the human spirit," Leen said.

Visit Leen's website at www.rangerdoug.com.



Above: Vintage Yosemite national Park souvenir spoon Courtesy: Kenneth Rickard, California



Above: Vintage Yellowstone National Park metal luggage tag Courtesy: eBay shop Sold and Tell LLC

Below: 1920s Yellowstone National Park souvenir bear

Courtesy: Alan & Donna Reed, New Mexico



Above: Vintage Yosemite Lodge key and fob Courtesy: A.R. Marquez, California



Below: Vintage Midway State Park 24-inch travel pennant Courtesy: eBay shop KingOfPennants

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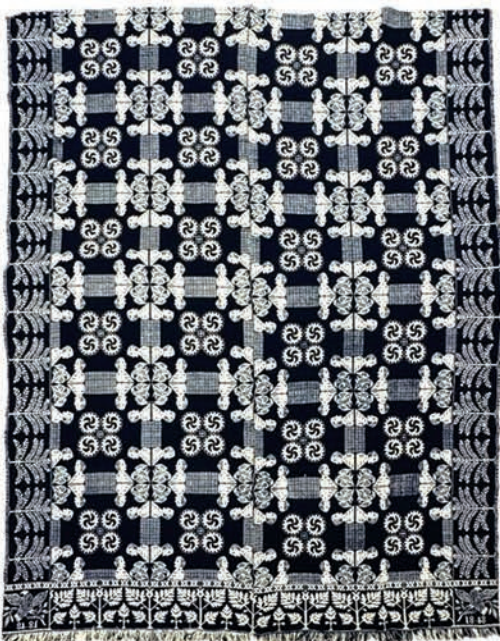


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