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was frequently employed in walls seemingly made of residential structures with the glass. Function was as goal of bringing modernism important as form in Midinto America's post-war century designs, with an This suburbs. emphasized structures with ample American family. windows and open floor Some of the key elements of plans, with the intention of Mid-Century Modern décor opening up interior spaces were furnishings that and bringing the outdoors in. emphasized function over Many Mid-century houses ornament, simple geometric utilized then-groundbreaking lines, frequent use of teak, post and beam architectural rosewood, and oak, metal, design that eliminated bulky glass, and vinyl.

Mid-century architecture support walls in favor of style emphasis placed on targeting creating the needs of the average

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past, present and future with and community ... for exa print recollection helps us ample, we list opportunities stay focused on doing things to enjoy shopping, dining, better. That's what On the lodging, recreation, entertain-Road is all about ... Thanks for ment and historic points of allowing me to share this with interest ... in sum - something vou.

Nancy, Sharon and I have small businesses in small towns and neighborhoods as "American Heritage Destinations." Our target customer base is "Mom and Pop" shops that are looking for an affordable way to invite customers from a huge market footprint for a long enough period of time to make a difference. Our service will provide information to potentially every con- whenever possible. suming demographic looking to experience interesting with you soon On the Road! things to do when visiting

Regularly reviewing our your business, neighborhood, for everyone.

The nearly thirty year hisbeen mainstays of American tory of American Antiquities Antiquities since its inception from a four-page tabloid in mid-August 1993. We have magazine to a one-hundred been blessed over the years page tabloid magazine, rewith a vast array of profes- plete with magnanimous sional, hard-working, tal- morphings and adaptations ented staff, who were instru- to accommodate the market mental in helping us develop and cost-effectively utilize the and maintain a small media new normal has been an exindustry-leading, interactive perience that is nearly imposmultimedia service to promote sible to chronicle ... Let me just say, It's been GREAT! Thanks to everyone!

In closing I want to express a very special thanks to those I have met and shared thoughts with On the Road ... You have been an inspiration to me and have manifestly inspired me to maintain oldschool principles and incorporate new-normal notions

I look forward to interacting Art 🗖



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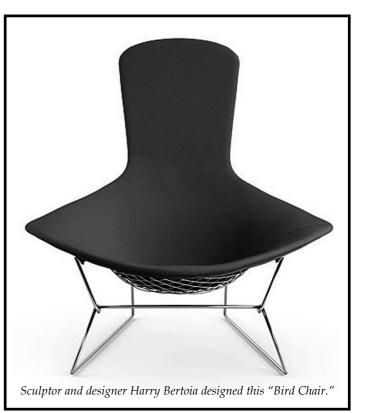
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tion and even fewer got around the same time that Art shipped.

as simple and practical as Eames built on this modernthey are beautiful. And many ist ideal with their colorful famous mid-century furniture furniture made of bent plydesigners created pieces for wood, and plastic chairs mass-market consumption molded to fit the curve of the

Deco was on the rise. Design-Furniture designs tend to be ers like Charles and Ray



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The Royalty of Mid-Century Modern by Bob Brooke

When many people hear the years 1945 to 1965, one of the of just under \$25, and was

and pricing.

term "mid-century modern," earliest examples of that type meant to be shipped in a card- root in the 1940s and ex- modernism fans. they automatically think of of furniture was the Airline board box and assembled by panded into 1950s, 1960s, furniture with clean lines and armchair, designed by Kem the buyer, much like IKEA fur- and early 1970s in America a lack of detail. And while Weber in 1934. This unique niture is today. Unfortu- reflects on innovative Bau- of mid-century modern, the many associate the Mid-Cen- chair featured the sleek geom- nately, only 200 or so of the haus design originating in name Charles Eames tops the tury Modern style with the etry of Art Deco, a retail price chairs ever made it to produc- Germany decades earlier,

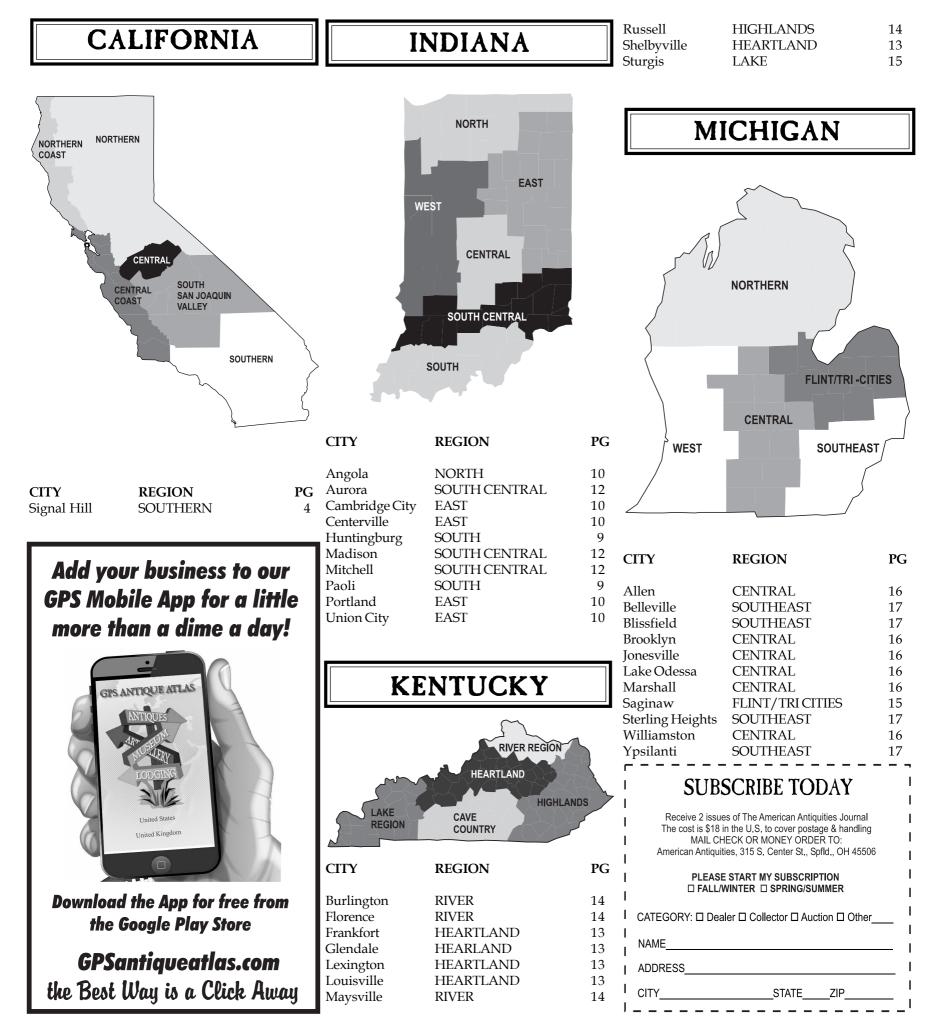
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Charles and Ray Eames

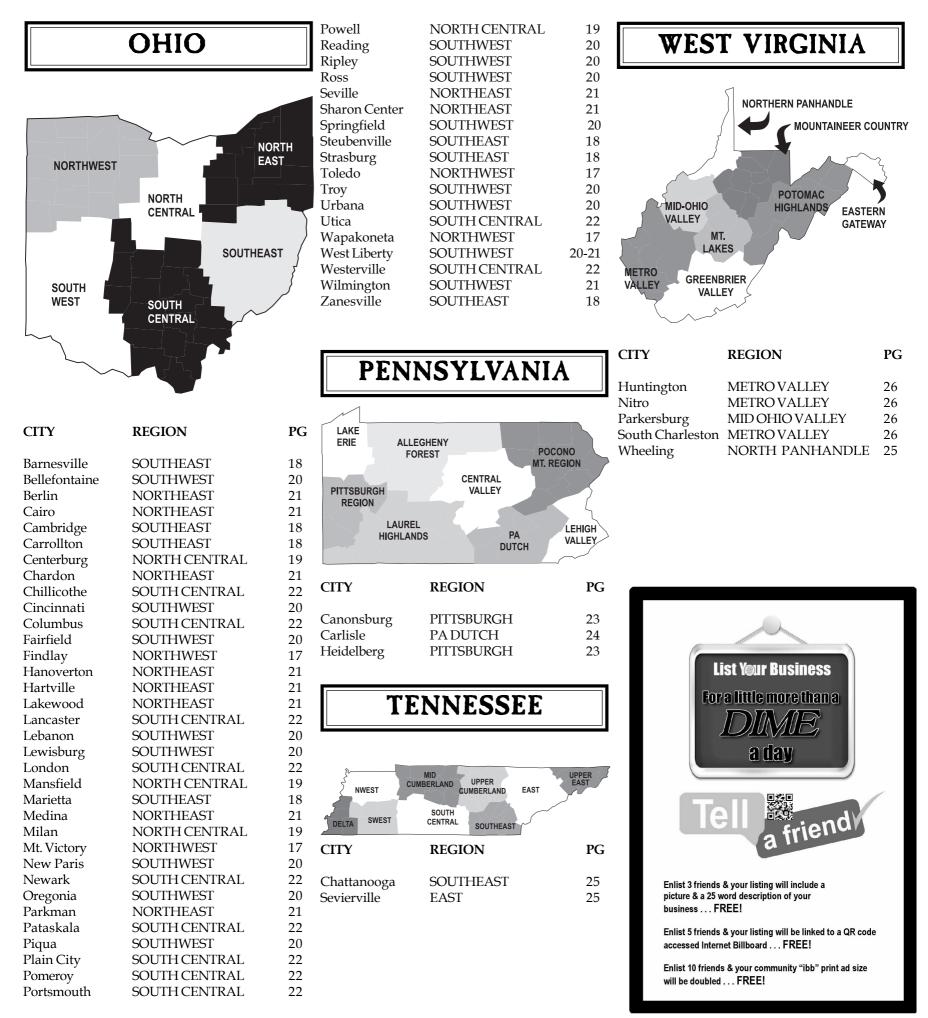
When it comes to the royalty

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"ROYALTY" Cont'd From Page 5 list. He and his wife Ray did form was unable to be success- century" by the influential ar- facturers of Eames furniture. more to foster this dramatic fully mass produced. Eames chitectural critic Esther modern style than any other and Saarinen considered it a McCoy. Soon production was designers.

In 1930, Charles Eames ing a chair from a single piece Inc., who continues to prostarted his own architectural of wood had not yet been in- duce the furniture in the ognition for a chair designed office. He began extending his vented. Ray stepped in to help United States today.



ture and received a fellowship their entry. to Cranbrook Academy of Art in Michigan, where he even- was a birch child's chair and Eames Lounge Chair and the tually became head of the de- stool manufactured by the Eames Dining Chair. As with sign department. And that's Molded Plywood Division of their earlier molded plywood where he met his wife and Evans Products. The Eameses work, the Eameses pioneered business partner.

Organic Furniture Design only 1,000 of their LCW

design ideas beyond architec- with the graphic design for

One of their first products were more successful than technologies, such as using Eames and his best friend, Weber, but the run was still fiberglass as a materials for Eero Saarinen, entered the limited to 5,000 pieces, and



the Museum of Modern Art in were ever made. 1940. Their goal was to mold a single piece of plywood into gan producing the Eameses'

Competition, sponsored by (Lounge Chair Wood) chairs

In 1946, Evans Products be-

chair won first prize, but its was called "the chair of the main the only licensed manufailure, as the tooling for mold- taken over by Herman Miller, rector of the Cranbrook Acad-

> with Herman Miller was more Home Furnishings, for which fruitful, however. With Miller, which had a rigid fiberglass Miller, in 1956, the Eameses also produced the Lounge Chair and Ottoman, which plywood and leather upholstery.

Ray and Charles worked together as creative partners and employed a diverse creative staff. Among their most recognized designs is the mass-produced furniture. Their unique synergy led to a whole new look in furniture. Lean and modern. Playful and functional. Sleek, sophisticated, and beautifully simple. That was and is the "Eames look."

Among the many important designs the two originated were the molded-plywood DCW (Dining Chair Wood) and DCM (Dining Chair Metal) with a plywood seat) in 1945, the Eames Lounge Chair in 1956, the Aluminum the Eames Chaise in 1968.

And in 1958, Herman Miller relocated the tooling and resources for the mass producheadquarters in Zeeland, born out of this attempt. The Their molded plywood chair pean counterpart Vitra, re-

Eero Saarinen

emy, first received critical rectogether with Charles Eames The Eames' partnership for the Organic Design in

shell that could be molded in with Knoll, Saarinen designed nia in the late 1940s. a rainbow of colors and set on many important pieces of fur-Tulip or Pedestal group in ers.

Harry Bertoia was a sculptor whose wire-frame Diamond chairs, made by Knoll, Saarinen, the son of the di- are sometimes mistaken for the work of the Eameses. And that's not a coincidence.

Bertoia also learned about designing chairs from Charles Eames and Eero Saarinen at Cranbrook Acadthey received first prize. The emy when they entered and the Eameses created the DCM Knoll Furniture Company, won the Organic Furniture (Dining Chair Metal), a two- founded by Hans Knoll, who Design Competition sponpiece chair whose plywood married Saarinen family sored by the Museum of Modsections were attached to a friend Florence (Schust) Knoll, ern Art. Bertoia developed his chromed frame. In addition, produced Saarinen's Tulip initial chair design ideas they produced the DAR chair, chair, as well as all his others. while working with Charles During his long association Eames and others in Califor-

He was extremely instrua variety of metal bases and niture, including the Grass- mental in achieving the flexlegs, including a rocker. With hopper lounge chair and ot- ible plywood seat with tubutoman in 1946, the Womb lar frame that eventually bechair and ottoman in 1948, the came the Eames chair. But it Womb settee in 1950, side and became known only as the featured molded rosewood arm chairs between 1948 and Eames chair, with no mention 1950, and his most famous of Bertoia or the other co-work-



Group furniture in 1958, and 1956, which featured side and arm chairs, dining, coffee and lack of recognition, left Eames, side tables, as well as a stool. All of these designs were Lomas Naval Electronics highly successful except for Laboratory. Part of his work tion of Eames' designs to its the Grasshopper lounge at the lab was to scrutinize the chair, which, although in pro- human body and chart how Michigan. Today, Herman duction through 1965, didn't to design equipment such as a chair; the Organic Chair was molded plywood furniture. Miller, along with their Euro- fare well in the marketplace. control panels and knobs with Harry Bertoia

Bertoia, frustrated by the and went to work for the Point SEE ""ROYALTY"" Page 9

known as ergonomicswhich it contributed later to the design of his well-fitting, with varying amounts of uppractical chairs.

respect to comfort of the hu- with its welded wire and chair came in 1955. man reach and grip-today springy feel, were truly innovative.

holstery over their light grid Art Institute of Chicago in

A fine example of teak Danish Modern furniture.

Metal was Bertoia's material work. He had to make them at will. He not only created time. the airy design of his chairs,

of choice, and he played with by hand at first because there it until arising at the wire grid wasn't a suitable mass proconcept that could be shaped duction process known at the

"Diamond Bertoia's



Finnish architect Eero Saarinen, who designed the iconic TWA Terminal at JFK Airport, also designed this "Womb Chair."

but also devised the produc- Chairs" have a base of latticemanufacture.

decorative and functional de- 1953 and is still doing so to-

tion molds used for mass like metal with a fabric cover. In 1950 Hans Knoll commis- sculptural, open-weave metal sioned Bertoia to design sev- designs in the original Bertoia it came from two designers scended the barrier between began producing them in Jacobsen.

"ROYALTY" Cont'd From Page 8 wood, Bertoia's furniture, early 1950s. The Children's **Edward Wormley**

> Edward Wormley, known Bertoia produced his chairs for his high-quality American furniture, went to study at the

> > 1926. Funds ran out, so he got a job as an interior designer for Marshall Fields & Company department store. During the Depression, Wormley met the president of Dunbar Furniture Company of Berne, Indiana, who hired him to HUNTINGBURG upgrade their product line. In 1944 Dunbar decided to focus strictly on modern lines. Wormley incorporated European and Scandinavian innovations to produce a successful line.

His eye for quality and the exacting craftsmanship at Dunbar helped create furniture that was elegant, understated and exceptionally wellmade. Though Wormley was ism. Aalto made his armchair, signed in 1958. But he also never at the forefront of mod-

ern design, he took the best middle class homeowners.

1957, Wormley created tiletopped occasional tables that niques. combined the best methods of modern production with the Jacobsen, the father of a style shop, so he knows the business tile traditions of Tiffany and Otto Natzler.

Through four decades Wormley remained one of the most prominent American furniture designers. His talent combining fine craftsmanship together with both modernist and historical traits made for sophisticated design with wide appeal, especially for the customer who didn't embrace more avant-garde modernism.

Scandinavian Designers

Mid-century modern design furniture design. The best of



often referred to as the conceived flatware, cocktail Springleaf, of bent and sets, and tea service sets. elements from classical, his- molded birch plywood. And torical design and translated a decade later, Charles and them into pieces aimed at Ray Eames figured out how to create strong compound As part of the Janus line in curves in plywood using knows what he's writing about. Aalto's materials and tech- Besides writing about antiques,

As an avid collector of a variety of antiques and collectibles for the last 20 years, Bob Brooke Brooke has also sold at flea mar-Danish designer Arne kets and worked in an antique



that came to be known as Dan- side too. His articles have apish Modern, created chairs peared in many antiques and There were five different also embraced Scandinavian with names like Ant, Egg, and consumer publications, includ-Swan, drawing inspiration ing British Heritage, Antique from the modernist designs of Week, Southeastern Antiquing eral chairs. His designs tran- Collection for Knoll, which Alvar Aalto and Arne Charles and Ray Eames. and Collecting Magazine, Jacobsen conceived every de- OldandSold.com, and many oth-Noted Finnish designer tail of the SAS Royal Hotel in ers. To read more of his work, sign, balancing successfully day. Other designs in the line Alvar Aalto's armchair, Copenhagen, Denmark. One visit his main website at between sculpture and furni- included the side chair, bird model No. 397, created in of the furniture pieces for it www.bobbrooke.com or his speture. And at a time when most chair, bar stool and wide dia- 1932, also bridged the gap be- was his signature Egg Chair cialty antiques site at chairs were made of rigid mond chair, all released in the tween Art Deco and modern- with matching footstool, de- www.theantiquesalmanac.com

POLITICAL PARADE

by Michael J. McQuillen

that may or may not resonate

cian from Arkansas by the about political memorabilia, name of Bill Clinton, in a three- and as a newly married fullway race including Texas time antique dealer, specializing in campaign buttons, I had

November 16, 1992, is a date collectors and partisans alike. found many letters. Please That Fall seemed like a great keep in mind that in those with most people. From a his- time to try out a new idea. A early days of being a columtorical, political perspective, good friend of mine, Ross nist, I mailed type-written ar-George H.W. Bush was Presi- Snyder, was a regular antique ticles, and actual photographs dent of the United States, hav- columnist, penning a column for illustrations by mail to ing just lost his re-election bid on antique banks and toys. He publications. A letter from to a once little-known politi- suggested that I should write one such newspaper in 1997 announced that they were 'going to try jumping into the computer age" and let me know that I could begin send-

ing my columns on disk and via e-mail. Photographs still had to be sent by regular mail. I believe the experiment worked!

The rest of my file folder of letters includes some of my favorites from readers who were either thanking me for something they read (or complaining that they didn't agree with me) and hundreds of questions and photographs of items that they wondered what they were worth.

Over the years, I have probably had to give as many readers the bad news that their 118 W. Main St. treasures were not as valuable 765-478-5352 as they had hoped, although there have been many people who were delighted to learn that an old campaign ribbon or button that they found in a drawer turned out to be quite valuable.

While many people, thanks to the Internet, are now able to get a quicker idea of the value or scarcity of their political collectible, it is still nice to be able to reach out to a living, breathing person to learn more information, or even to grab a book to research a little.

I have amassed a pretty good library of reference guides and other books on the topic of political memorabilia over the past thirty years and Recently, I looked through a am always on the look-out for of which resulted in a bumper file folder of letters regarding a new volume. Before I end SEE "POLITICAL" Page 11





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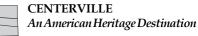
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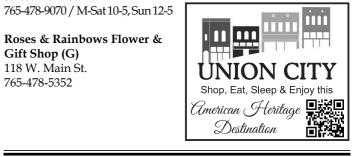


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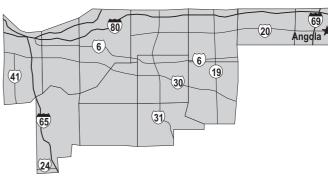
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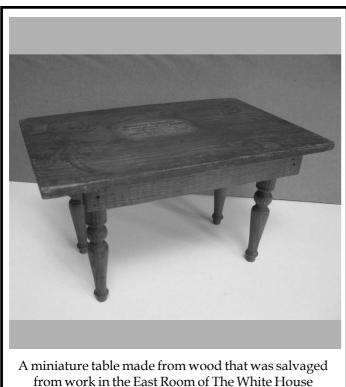
and House following a num- years ago. ber of hard-fought battles - all crop of campaign buttons for my political columns and

businessman Ross Perot. The the time and thought the idea Democratic Party maintained was great, and my first-ever majorities in both the Senate column was published 30

"POLITICAL" Cont'd From Page 10 Maryland. A frequent author as a result. my "30th Anniversary Col- and columnist himself on column" I would like to let you lectible topics including building by the British in

1814, Smith takes the reader

Americana for over 30 years. His McQuillen can be reached by Following the burning of the column Political Parade has ap-writing him directly at P.O. Box



know of the latest such book White House memorabilia,

to come to my attention. "White House Renovation tory of White House remodel-Souvenirs" was recently pub- ing and the many interesting lished by life-long collector souvenirs that were produced Wayne Smith of Woodsboro, with White House "discards"

Smith takes a look at the his- my life!

full-time dealer, collector and to write or email with any ques- through expert in the field of Political tions or suggestions. Michael J. www.PoliticalParade.com

through many other renovations including those during the Teddy Roosevelt, Calvin Coolidge and Harry Truman years. According to the author, "Gavels, canes, bricks, nails and other amazing souvenirs made with this material survived and now proudly reside in collections and museums around the the history and relics from this most interesting sub-section of political Americana collecting. Priced at \$69.95 it is available for order by contacting Smith through his web-site www.WhiteHouseRelics.com Thank you to my wife Polly for soon to be 33 years of marriage, to my Editor Nancy Wilson for her continuous support and to the countless readers of *The American Antiquities* Journal who have made this little experiment one of the most fun, ongoing projects of

peared regularly in a number of 50022, Indianapolis, Indiana antique & collectible publications 46250-0022,

Made of lucite, this Truman era souvenir contains

stone and metal dating to around 1800 from repair

work done in the early 1950s.

e-mail: Michael McQuillen has been a since 1992. He invites readers michael@politicalparade.com or hisweb-site:

KEY TO CATEGORY ABBREVIATIONS

(Located in Parenthesis behind business name in map listing)

A - Art & Interior Design, Drapery & Custom Framing, Art supplies & classes, Prints AC - Antique & Collectibles Show
AD - Antiques Dealer
AE - Antique Electronics
AF - Antique Furniture
AH - Amish Furniture
AM - Antiques Mall
AR - Architectural
AS - Antiques Show
AT - Antique Tools
AV - Advertising Collectibles
B - Bed & Breakfast
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FROM ELECTROLUX TO TARGET The Origin of Industrial Design

by Bob Brooke

Crafts people decide on the design where the creative deform and details of whatever cisions about a product pre- focuses on a combination of



Shiny chromium was a favorite finish for Mid-Century Modern industrial designers.

they're creating while they're cedes manufacture, usually creating it, unlike industrial involving mass production.

Industrial design most often aesthetics and user-focused considerations, but also often provides solutions for problems of form, function, physical ergonomics, marketing, brand development, sustainability, and sales.

The Birth of industrial design

sign is directly related to the and mechanization that began with the industrial revolution in Great Britain in the mid 18th century. The rise of industrial changed the way objects were made; urbanization changed growth of empires broadened tastes and diversified markets; and the emergence of a wider user. middle class created demand for fashionable styles.

on for at least 10 years prior. social science. Finnish de-Christopher Dresser is con-signer Alvar Aalto, renowned sidered among the first inde- as an architect, also designed pendent industrial designers. a significant number of house-Although the process of de- hold items, such as chairs,

practice of it had been going documented by historians of sign may be considered cre- stools, lamps, a tea-cart, and



and could be found in diners across the country.

ative, many analytical pro- vases. Raymond Loewy was cesses also take place.

search, sketching, comparathe product's use.

In addition to aesthetics, usmanufacture ability, and ergonomics, industrial design can also encompass engineering, usefulpatterns of consumption; the ness, and market placement, as well as the desire and the emotional attachment of the American Motors Corpora-

Top Industrial Designers

Joseph Claude Sinel suppos- signers have made such a sig- array of different vehicles usedly coined the term "indus- nificant impact on culture and ing the same stampings. He trial design" in 1919, but the daily life that their work is SEE "ELECTROLUX" Page 13

a prolific American designer Industrial designers use re- who is responsible for the Royal Dutch Shell corporate tive product research, model logo, the original BP logo (in The origin of industrial de- making, prototyping and test- use until 2000), the PRR S1 ing. They decide on the form steam locomotive, the growth of industrialization of the object, the location of Studebaker Starlight (includdetails with respect to one ing the later bulletnose), as another, colors, texture, and well as Schick electric razors, Electrolux refrigerators, shortwave radios, Le Creuset French ovens, and a complete line of modern furniture, among many other items.

Dick Teague, who spent most of his career with the tion, originated the concept of using interchangeable body A number of industrial de- panels so as to create a wide

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was responsible for such unique automotive designs as effect of modern industrial the Pacer, Gremlin, Matador design like Chase. Originally,

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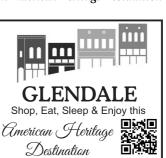
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Wienermobile among others.

photography. He developed the consumer. the Leica, which became the and optical design.

Eames were most famous for and 1942, the Chase Specialty their pioneering furniture de- Division offered nearly 500 signs, such as the Eames different metal giftware selec- to prominence in the 1930s. Lounge Chair Wood and tions, each suited to the par-Russel Wright.

signer, and the father of 35mm would be marketed directly to

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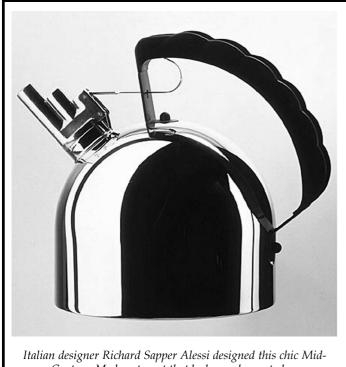
cal price. And Charles and Ray Connecticut. Between 1930 cess of this bold experiment today." was the industrial designer.

look of luxury at an economi- the familiar in ways that without ever leaving his nawould prove popular to buy- tive Berlin. Variety in experi-Available in such attractive ers. If the usefulness, cost and ences and input meant varifinishes as brass, copper and appearance of an object as ety in design - a major factor coupe, Jeep Cherokee, and the the company produced brass the newly popular chrome, humdrum as a teakettle or in the ongoing popularity of complete interior of the Eagle and copper component parts Chase products were also du-serving tray could be im- Chase giftware. Although that other manufacturers used rable and required little care. proved upon, consumers working within the bound-Milwaukee's Brooks Stevens to make their own products. Homemakers accustomed to would be more likely to invest aries of the same medium was best known for his Mil- However, with the onset of the hours spent polishing tar- in it - even if a previous ver- (metal), and the same product waukee Road Skytop Lounge Great Depression in 1929, nished silver were immedi- sion was still performing rea- realm (such Chase mainstays car and Oscar Mayer many traditional sources of ately attracted by ads that sonably well. The result, as as ashtrays, vases and servdesigns, Chase income collapsed. In promised with Chase there Modern Plastics noted in May, ing dishes), designers were its search for new outlets, the was no polishing or cleaning 1935, was an influx of the new free to creatively explore the Oskar Barnack was a Ger- company hit upon the idea of to get ready for a party. Chro- and improved products. infinite possibilities conman optical engineer, preci- producing its own end prod- mium kept shining brilliant 'Probably at no time since tained within those boundsion mechanic, industrial de- uct-metal giftware that and was always ready to use. John Alden and Priscilla aries. The diverse product in-The new Chase Specialty Mullen were married and set ventory that emerged from this division readily adapted ex- up house keeping in their log experimentation is one that No manufacturer took the isting equipment and proce- hut in the Plymouth Colony remains consistently fascinathallmark for photography for concept of "cheaper and bet- dures to giftware production, have pots and pan, and other ing. 50 years, and remains a high-ter goods for all" more to heart often making use of in-stock kitchen and dining room utenwater mark for mechanical than the Chase Brass & Cop- inventory parts in the process. sils, been so well designed and of the most in-demand indus-The key ingredient in the suc- so good to look at as they are trial designers of the day. In

This unique figure first came onslaught of creativity came ucts. In addition to his freefrom many walks of life. The lance Specialty designs for In essence, industrial design prolific Lurelle Guild began Chase. Guild also created an Eames Lounge Chair. Other ticular needs of cash-strapped introduced, as Fortune maga- his career as an illustrator. entire line of lamps and lightinfluential designers in- consumers. Chase buffet ser- zine noted in 1934, "art into Russel Wright designed stage ing fixtures for the Chase cluded Henry Dreyfuss, Eliot vice pieces, smoker's articles, industries hitherto artless." A settings. Dr. Albert Reimann Lighting division. Other Noyes, John Vassos, and drinking accessories, and primary function of the indus- made notable contributions to Guild clients included decorative items provided the trial designer was to rethink the Chase decorative line SEE "ELECTROLUX" Page 14

Lurelle Guild was easily one 1934 alone, he produced de-Those responsible for this signs for nearly 1,000 prod-

"ELECTROLUX" Cont'd From Page 13 giftware designs than any Kensington, Westinghouse other Chase designer. He also and General Electric, and his served as the company's diproducts ranged from wash- rector of design from 1937 on-

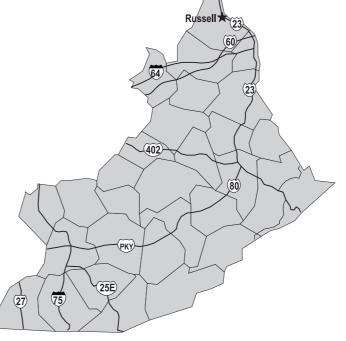


Century Modern teapot that looks good even today. ing machines to trolley cars. ward and designed "The

combine in such Guild de- displays for Chase products. zine in 1934 that "beauty giftware category. alone does not sell," Guild Russel Wright is perhaps

Whimsicality and practicality Chase Shops," retail outlet signs for Chase as the From plant stands to sugar "Pretzelman" and the and creamers to candle snuff-"Colonel's Lady Light. - Al- ers, Laylon proved adept at though he told Fortune maga- designing for every Chase

seemed well aware that it re- best known for his line of



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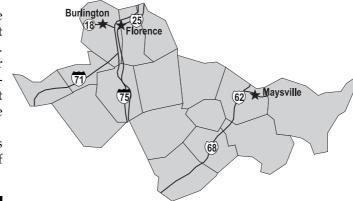
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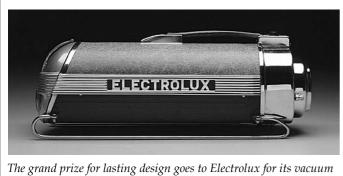
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were literally the backbone of ments for Chase. Wright's 1940, Laylon created more include such favorites as the signing minds of Chase were ety of antiques and collectibles for theantiquesalmanac.com

ware, designed several years as ornamental brass bedstead Harry Laylon's designs after his free-lance assign- balls.

"Coaster Tray" of chrome and made it better. "English blue(cobalt) ' glass. looking at the established with a fresh eve: the small spheres of the "Pancake and Corn Set" were originally manufactured

In 1936, Walter Von Hessen the Chase Specialty line. early work in pewter and alu- commented to House Beautiful From his arrival at Chase in minum led to a Chase contract that "a designer today must 1933 until his departure in in 1933. His successes there be an inventor, too." The de-

"Pancake and Corn Set" and all of that, and more. Innova- the last 20 years, Bob Brooke the "Liqueur Set." Both of tors as well as adapters, they knows what he's writing about. these make use of a unique took the best of the past and Besides writing about antiques,

Wright, like many of the Chase are busy designing everything shop, so he knows the business designers, was capable of for the home and office from cookware to furniture to electronic devices - but the real consumer publications, includpush for industrial design began in the 1930s and has Week, Southeastern Antiquing soared ever higher since. Con- and Collecting Magazine, sumers can now find well de- OldandSold.com, and many othsigned products at retail ers. To read more of his work, stores like Target.

Brooke has also sold at flea mar-Today, industrial designers kets and worked in an antique side too. His articles have appeared in many antiques and ing British Heritage, Antique visit his main website at www.bobbrooke.com or his spe-As an avid collector of a vari- cialty antiques site at

Vintage Tiki Sounds a Siren Call

By William Flood

There's a wave of new handcrafted, mainly rum- atomic age, but it just seemed themed watering holes to Tai. magazines dedicated to tiki

interest in all things tiki. It's based cocktails at their bars. to work.

Great tiki decor awaits in any of the modern-day tiki establishments like Huli Huli in the suburbs of Columbus.

culture.

roots in the 1950s - but back home. the opening of Don the basement festooned with Oceanic decor popping up everywhere. like fish nets, puffer fish served

became even louder after Baxter. The growing interest in tiki World War II, when many coincides with the popularity American GIs, formerly the modern tiki scene was of the mid-century era. stationed in the South Pacific, born. As the new generation Authentic tiki (also known as tried to recreate fanciful began celebrating the almost Polynesian Pop) has clear recollections of the islands vanished tiki culture, they actually dates back to post- statehood in 1959 spawned pirate themes, surf culture, prohibition California with further infatuation and soon and the occasional hot rod or tiki Beachcomber in Los Angeles Polynesian-themed revival is influential; it has collectibles from popular tiki found at auctions, thrift stores,

Polynesian flair began establishments. impressive crisp minimalism of the generations.

Hollywood showing up in everything Both Don the Beachcomber capitalized on the rage, from home tiki bars and and Trader Vic laid claim to producing hit films like South exciting new Polynesian- being the creator of the Mai Pacific and memorable television shows such as The call of the tropics Gilligan's Island. Tiki even sprung up at theme parks, with attractions like Disney's Polynesian Resort and Enchanted Tiki Room.

> Yet, by the mid-1960s, tiki's popularity began to wane. The Hippie generation, with their outcries over the Vietnam War and civil rights, rejected their parents' tastes and values, pronouncing the once-trendy style as tacky and degrading. By the 1980s, tiki's appeal had faded and Polynesian-themed bars and restaurants began closing in droves.

> Fortunately, tiki got rediscovered in the 1990s. Enthusiasts, mainly in tiki's epicenter of Southern and flea markets and salvaged nautical decor from closed restaurants. The devotees even resurrected tiki's soundtrack music, snagging Hawaiian LPs and "exotica" records by artists like Martin Denny and Les

From those early activities, Hawaii's added layers of kitsch, like bars, monster movie thrown in. The

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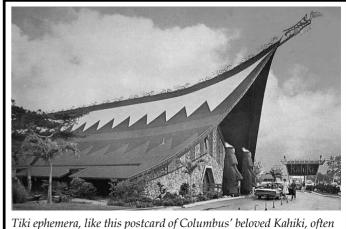
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California, started hunting toes in the tiki pool, the waters accouterments that come from down remnants of the culture. are still good. The main big box stores. They snatched up tiki mugs draws include vintage tiki and carvings from thrift stores mugs, Pacific Island carvings, Polynesian items can be

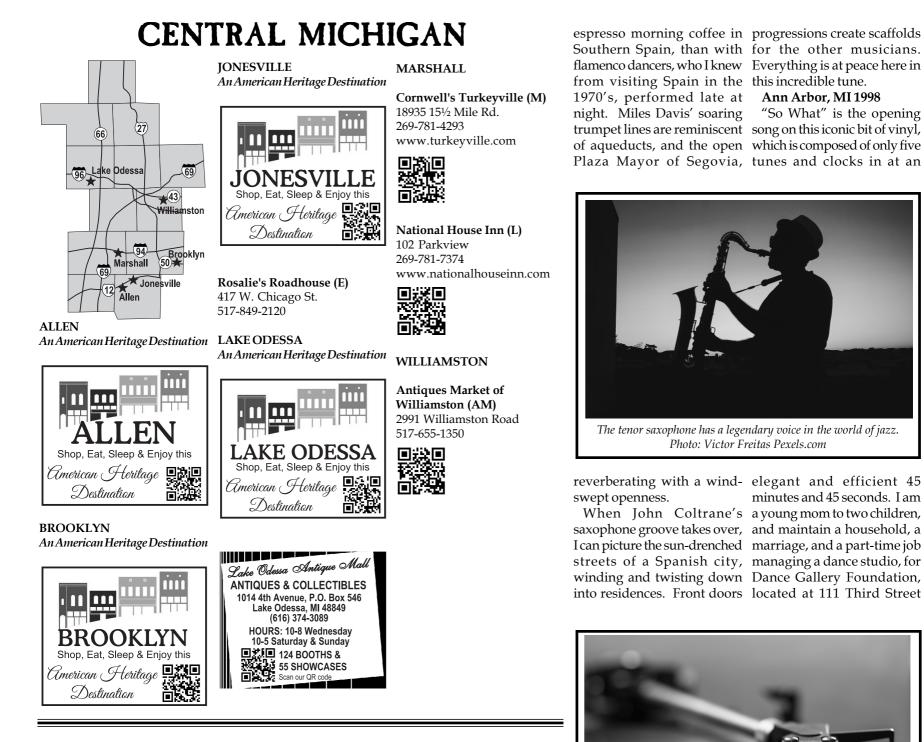
If you would like to dip your plenty of cheap imported

Authentic tiki and



gets framed and displayed.

and Trader Vic's in Oakland. restaurants, lounges, and spawned major events from hotspots, and Polynesian- and flea markets. Better yet, They were the first places even bowling alleys began coast to coast and given birth style furniture and decor. consider shopping at one of to dozens of brand-new tiki Aloha apparel is popular as the tiki-themed events like More are exotica, surf, and Akron, Ohio's Tiki Flea, lamps, bamboo furniture, and infusing everything from importantly, these new Hawaiian LPs. There are also Atomic Tiki Bazaar in Grand carved tiki statues. Each apparel and food to furniture enthusiasts are keeping the modern artisan-produced Rapids, Michigan, or national featured "exotic" Asian and architecture. It was a handful of surviving original carvings, ceramics, and other gatherings like the famous cuisine on their menus and strange juxtaposition to the tiki palaces open for future artwork that carry on the Hukilau in Fort Lauderdale, tradition. Be aware, there are Florida. ■



Happy Sixty-Fourth Birthday, Kind of Blue By CM Sears

This year is a big year for time. at Columbia Records' studio certain song on the album. on 30th Street, New York City, over two spring days. The

Rochester, NY 1986

I associate this album with industry is chugging along. vinyl record was released in young love, because I was a But we are two stories up, in and window sills are Ann Arbor. Treetown is an August 17, 1959. This album heard it. One of the most spring hustle and bustle is far this day. It is also the best- head resting on his arm, and Sketches" ambles along, more fingers strumming the upright The fall always brings the selling jazz recording of all listen to music. Outside the inkeeping with the pace of an bass. Evan's chill chord

I celebrate the late spring sunshine beats Kind of Blue as it is turning auspicious occasion with down, birds are chattering Sixty-four years young. This three personal recollections, and flitting across the city is a session album, recorded and each story connects to a yards to forage worms and insects for their hatchlings, and the hum of traffic and

the last few days of summer, teenager in love when I first his attic room, and the late decorated with flowering old nickname for Ann Arbor plants. The track also features and it fits the town to a "T." was captured in sessions wholesome activities of my away, as we lie completely Paul Chambers on bass, and The Old West Side is scenic in when Miles Davis' fame was life at this time was to lie down still, wrapped tightly in the Bill Evans on keyboard. In the fall, with its rows of proud well on the rise, and it is chastely on my boyfriend's sanctum of jazz and fact, the first thing you hear maples, a few surviving elms, considered a masterpiece to narrow twin bed, with my contemplation. "Flamenco on this recording is Chambers' and other deciduous trees.

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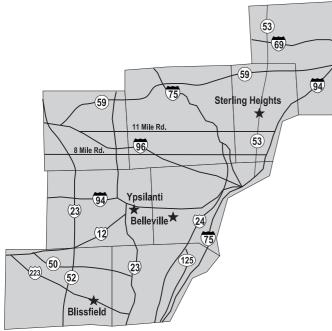
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"SEARS" Cont'd From Page 16 before the afternoon rush. In with mud, salt and snow tragically most glorious show of color. less than half an hour, there grime.

schedule are many.

quiet moments in the studio The walls will soon become tickles my curiosity. In just a house-painter, a magician's

I'm teaching at least twenty will be a steady stream of of six classes a day, six days a The afternoon shift will week from a few years' ago. definitely be busy, with tuition stamina on my side; the receipts for, lesson plans to demands (physical, mental give, music to organize, and and emotional) of my kindergardner's melt-downs Chambers duet. It's like they he only had more time. to avoid. There are only two are chatting about the sports

jean jackets, hats and scarves. vibe between bass and piano artists' model, and just got All too soon, it will be boot is established. season, which means a Chambers is playing bass, residency and artists' constant housekeeping battle and his career was cut exchange in Poland. Now, short tuberculosis, and potentially But today, it's still early fall, complications from other breathe and close my eyes, dance classes per week, down students, parents, nannies, and I put a CD version "Kind illnesses too. Chambers feeling my back-ache release from my East Coast schedule and siblings come knocking. of Blue" into the sound system fought addictions to both and letting all the daily stress and run to slide onto the floor, alcohol and heroin, and melt off me. Jimmy Cobb's like a Detroit Tiger shortstop passed away only at age super-light brush work on the Even though I have youth and payments to accept and write stealing home. "So What" thirty-three. It's a sad fact, and cymbals feels perfectly comes on. I listen to the quiet I wonder where Chambers matched with my own pulse. opening of the Evans and might have gone, musically, if I take the whole of the six-

I'm only twenty-nine, and But today, I am pushing to-studios, and a modest page, delays on the subway, while so much of life is ahead do lists and fantasies of hallway, and lots of tiny, or the heaviness of rain. of me I've already had a why I love to dance in the first vibrant foliage, Fall's Fashion excited dancers ready to enter Evans' playing is both colorful life as a child place. This song is luxurious, Show, out, and stealing a few the studios for dance classes. inquisitive and patient, and it entertainer, a student, a and it has a soothing effect on

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heavy with windbreakers, few phrases, an easy swing assistant, world traveler, an Paul back from a two-week dance by this job has me hopping.

> I take a few minutes just to minute track to enjoy my own movement, warming up for dance, but also remembering

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"SEARS" Cont'd From Page 17 on Broadway, some on cruise BARNESVILLE jams and difficult days.

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Walt Disney World of Branson, Missouri. They are Rush hour getting into the stars-in-training.



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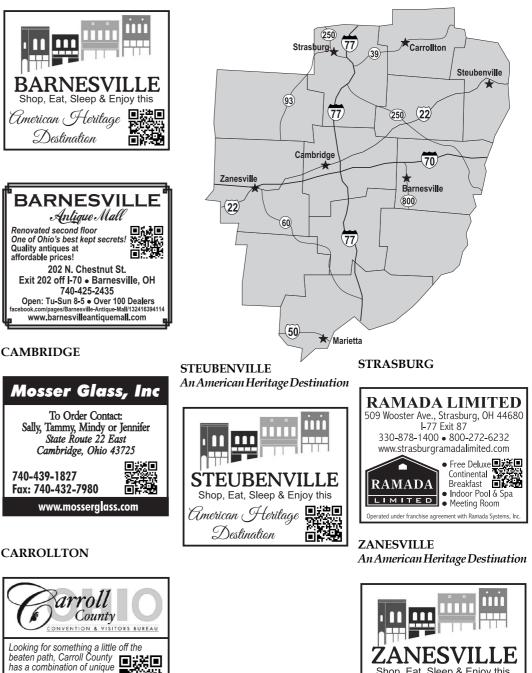
Motor City in the morning is off the highway and onto the Amen-Ra, surface street in the early affectionately call "Baba" commute Wednesday and Friday, and department. amount of schlepping.

a good chance to try out more artists in training; dressed in the music visible. difficult material on the most dance attire and warm-ups East or the West Coast. Or floor. both. Some of them will work

There's no accompanist always hectic. I've been a today, usually I teach to either professor at Wayne State a percussionist or a pianist. University for three semesters Every accompanist is good but CARROLLTON now, and I love it. I love getting I'm especially fond of Kamal whom morning, and watching the Kamal. But apparently no one city sights, for example, was scheduled for today, for witness the clouds of steam this technique class. So glad I billowing up from manhole grabbed from my car, the timecovers. With precision, I park worn CD of Kind of Blue. The in my usual spot in Midtown jewel case is cracked, but with no problem. I make the otherwise, it's still as stylish Monday, and hep as ever.

I slip it into the sound usually stay for about six tower, and select track two back isolations within the first music inspires freedom in Issue 43.1, Iselle Magazine,

me. It's my go-to for traffic ships, or even in Dollywood, An American Heritage Destination



hours, despite the fact that I "Freddie the Freeloader." The third of the track, and then, in motion. Several dancers Juste Milieu Literary 'Zine, have no office in the dancers in class line up the spirit of solidarity with the whoop, and clap, cheering on The Hare's Paw Literary Part-time behind me. We begin, musicians, we just jam. I point the best moves. People pass Journal, Sad Girls Club Lit, professorships require a good breathing deeply. They watch out the complicated melodic by the studio and stop in to and elsewhere. She holds an every move I make and passes John Coltrane is watch. It's a free-flowing MFA in Dance Choreography Today, I am substitute emulate it. The mirrors reflect blowing on the saxophone, moment, a multihued and Performance and an MA teaching for a colleague, so it's these beautiful, inspiring and ask the dancers to make celebration of liberty and joy. in English Language and

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advanced students in the like leg warmers, sweatshirts the air, dancers spin, slide, Kind of Blue. program. All these dancers and baggy shorts. Soon, all groove, and wind pathways will be moving on to dance the extra layers are shed, and around each other. Several artist, musician, poet and by music, culture and professionally, either on the pushed off to the sides of the clasp hands and create prose writer. Recent work can collecting, and lives in a intricate duets, hoisting each be found in American Book 1950's kit home in Ypsilanti, We complete footwork and other up into flight. Jazz Review Pandemic Poetry Michigan. ■

Discipline and expression in Literature, and maintains a Arms stretch, legs whip into balance, that's the epitome of private studio as a yoga

teacher and professional artist CM Sears (she/her) is an and writer. She is fascinated

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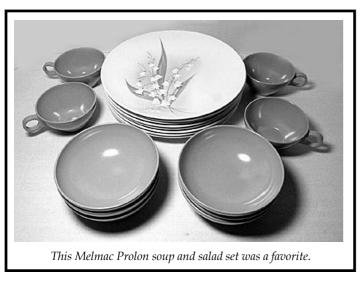
MILAN An American Heritage Destination

by Bob Brooke

Everyone knows of "Happy heaven with the advent of Days," the 1950s-era T.V. Melmac dinnerware. That



sitcom featuring a typical was just one of the items that middle class family. The made her days truly happy



mother on that show, much because its durability made it like scores of other American ideal to use in homes with housewives of the period, children.



must have thought she had died and gone to housewares History of Melmac Initially discovered by Willnamed it Melmac.

During the 1930's the raw Dishes made of early plasmaterial "melamine" hit an tics and Bakelite didn't hold ers purchasing from Ameriall time low price. With up well or withstand regular

iam F. Talbot, an employee of heightening wartime threats washings or heat, but Ameri-American Cyanamid Corpo- and soon to be monetary con- can Cyanimid showed that its ration in the 1930s, melamine straints, American industrial- new "improved plastic" resin or melamine formalde- ists jumped on the band- could indeed hold up well. hyde was a hard, thermoset- wagon to make melamine into While the company produced ting plastic material made functional products for both the resin, itself, it sold it to from melamine and formalde- commercial and household other manufacturers which hyde by polymerization. use. By the late 1940s, many molded it into dinnerware American Cyanimid nick- factories used it to make din- lines for both home and resnerware.

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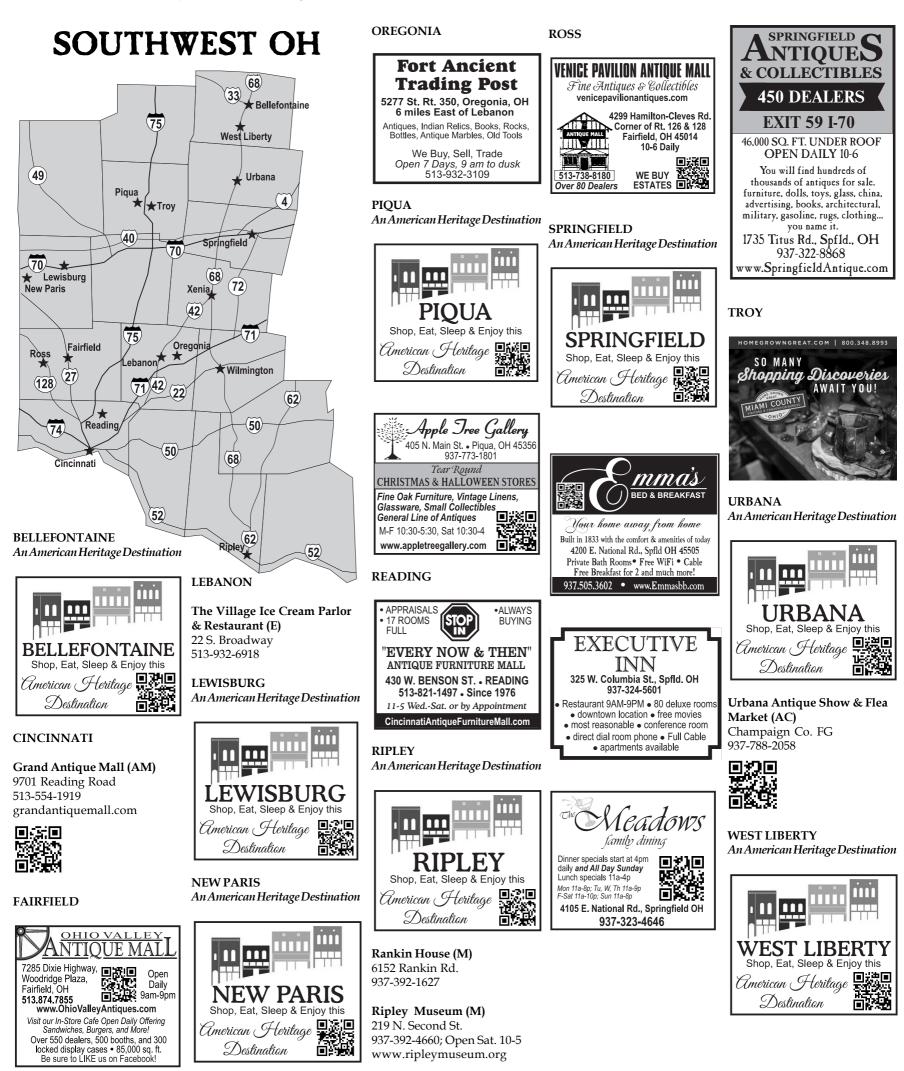
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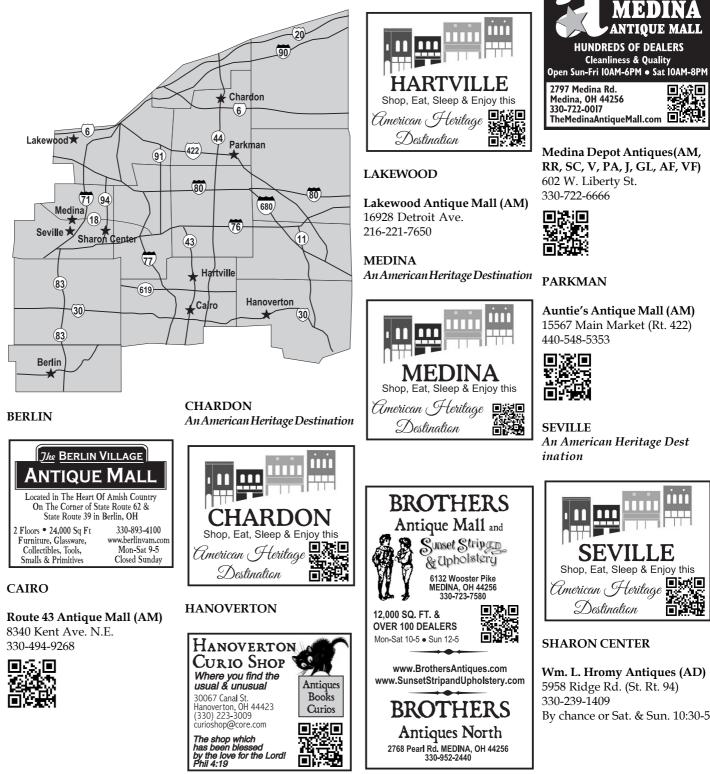
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can Cyanamid, was its advertising campaign for Melmac. Old Life magazines from the early 1950's showed Melmac as American Cyanamid's wonder plastic. There were other manufacturers who would offer melamine powders for molding. If a molder were to purchase from a non-Cyanamid distributor, they couldn't refer to their 330-494-9268 melamine dishes as "Melmac." This may be why some old ads for plastic dinnerware specifically said "Made of Melmac" and others said just melamine.

The actual material "melamine" was dirt cheap in the mid to late 1930's, and there was a push to use this new material for all kinds of things.

Branchell of St. Louis MO made the terrific Color-Flyte and Royale lines as well as the Of special interest is their and drinkware. other Kaye LaMoyne design handles!

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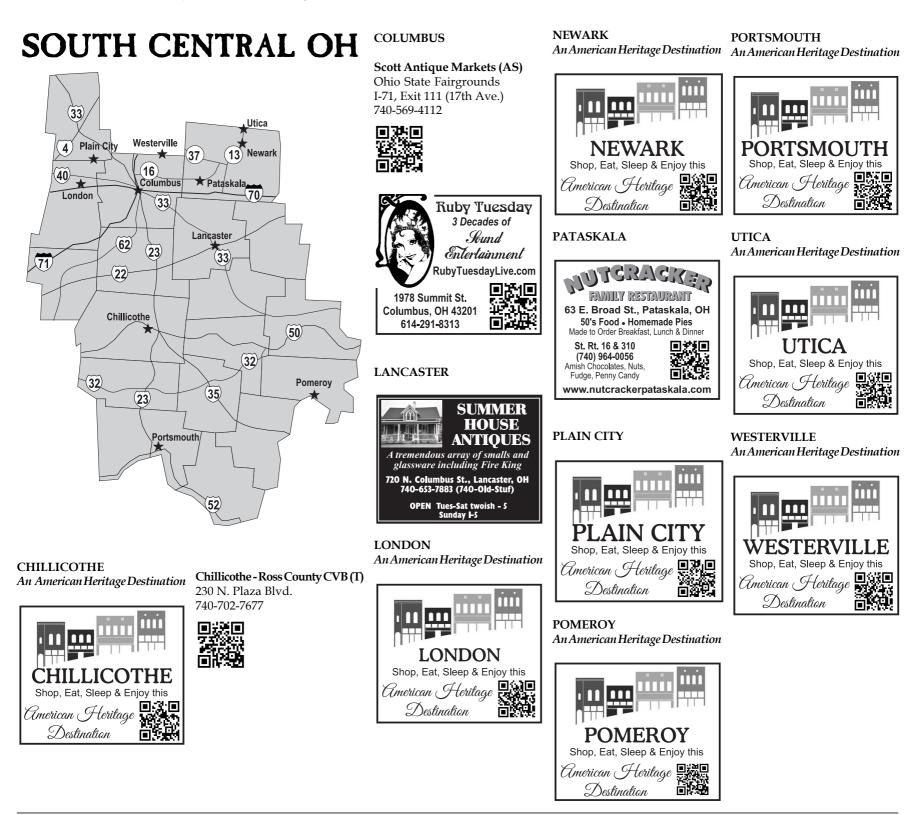
"space-age" Heller dinner- perial Ware, Mallo-Ware and brightly-colored Aztec line. Ingrid (Chicago) dinnerware melmac lines designed by pany in Florence MA. The Flo- The Boonton Molding Com-

dinnerware scene are the and Debonaire by Kenro, Im- ware. Later arrivals to the plastic Spaulding Ware, Holiday ducing melamine dinner- and solid colors.

ware designed by Massimo Watertown. There are also the many great lines produced by Vignelli and the stunning terrific mid-century modern the Prophylactic Brush Com-Russel Wright, Ben Seibel and rence and Beverly lines were Other manufacturers/lines Georges Briard. And Royal perhaps the most popular for offered Boontonware, Patrian Asian design in black and that are of equally high-qual- China Company, Oneida and residential use, though today cian and Somerset. Internacherry red with bamboo ity but apparently weren't Stetson, major pottery compa- we seem to find more of the tional Molded Products in distributed as widely include nies, also had divisions pro- restaurant ware, both mottled Cleveland, Ohio, produced

The Plastics Manufacturing Prolon is only one of the Company of Dallas, Texas, produced Texas Ware, Dallas Ware, Oblique, SRO and Elan. pany of Boonton, New Jersey,

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"DAYS" Cont'd From Page 21 Brookpark/Arrowhead Mod- ever, the tendency of with children found Melmac patterns. Muted colors, such made it possible to easily ern Design and Desert Flower melamine cups and plates to to be ideal for use at informal as pea green and seafoam place each entrée, vegetable, lines designed by Joan Luntz. stain and scratch led sales to family dinners as well as with appeared in the late 1950's, and dessert into place while And the Prophylactic Brush decline in the late 1960s, and cookouts in the back yard. Company of Florence, Massa- eventually it became largely chusetts, made Prolon. Its limited to the camping and Melmac for just about any type interesting color combinations that was ideal for the place-Florence and Beverly lines nursery markets.

were the most popular for home use.

Uses of Melmac

every American home. How- relative ease. Households it in a variety of colors and ten divided into sections that

Melmac is its durability. The ing pieces, and glasses. lightweight plastic construc- Manufacturers could add any the home, schools used it for clined in popularity. During the late 1950s and tion holds up very well, al- type of color pigment to the trays in their cafeterias. Uti-1960s Melmac dinnerware though the surface of Melmac resin during the molding pro- lizing a round or rectangular vintage Melmac in thrift stores,

Manufacturers One of the main attributes of plates, cups and saucers, serv- delic look of the time.

and during the late 1960s, going through the line. Many used makers experimented with designs even included a slot of dinnerware, including to complement the psyche- ment of a half-pint of milk or a

found its way into just about dishes do tend to scratch with cess. As a result, they created design, Melmac trays were of-

coffee cup. But by the end of Along with Melmac's use in the 1970s, Melmac had de-

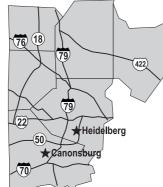
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ing to Palm Springs in the late sloping roof, and a piano their romantic drama. 1940s. His close friend, com- shaped swimming pool, the poser Jimmy Van Heusen, design of which was entirely had stopped for fuel there accidental. The house is while flying to Los Angeles, named for the two palm trees and mentioned it to Sinatra. that stand next to it. The house Van Heusen told Sinatra of would become an early symthe beauty of the desert later bolic example of a style known ally could ever call our own,

Frank Sinatra started com- house has a flat and slightly Twin Palms was the stage for Gardner wrote in her autobiography "It was the site of probably the most spectacular fight of our young married life. Frank's establishment in Palm Springs, the only house we rehas seen some pretty amazing occurrences."

One of the original bathroom sinks in Twin Palms has a crack in the basin from a champagne bottle that Sinatra hurled at Gardner. During that same episode, Sinatra threw all of Gardner's possessions out onto the driveway, and kicked Lana Turner, a frequent guest, and Gardner out of the house after Ava appeared at the house in an attempt to catch him with Lana.

For Sinatra, Twin Palms was also his escape from Hollywood's gossip and glit-Sinatra, who had also started The house was completed ter-he even installed a had begun.

Though the house was only into desert master architect's George Jacobs, recalls the accessible to Hollywood's E. Stewart Williams' Palm early days at Twin Palms elite, the rest of the world Springs office and said he when the three Sinatra chil- caught a glimpse of Twin wanted a Georgian-style dren bounced around the Palms in Joan Crawford's house built in the desert. Re- house, adding life and excite- 1950 film "The Damned Don't reputation, Williams finally his public infidelities proved mitting his house to be used swayed Sinatra with vision- too difficult for his marriage; in the movie, though he was ary renderings of a low-slung, his tumultuous relationship insistent that only shots of the exterior could be taken.

In 1962 President Kennedy planned a weekend trip to Palm Springs, California, where he would stav at the residence of Frank Sinatra from March 24-26. As the week-The 1951 marriage of end approached, Bobby

to collect it and due to it's long kets and worked in an antique

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"DAYS" Cont'd From Page 22 knows what he's writing about. that day, and Sinatra insisted as desert modernism. The Fellow acquaintances of residential commission.

wife

house that matched his daz- cocktail hour. zling celebrity. He walked futuristic structure.

that they fly there that evening. house was Williams's first

frequenting Palm Springs in before the end of 1947 at a cost sound studio so he could the 1940s included Lana of \$150,000. The house set the make voice recordings with-Turner and Dinah Shore, and standard for postwar Holly- out leaving the property. But the actress Ava Gardner who wood glamour. It not only despite his desire for secluwas to become his second became home to Sinatra and sion, Sinatra also loved a good his family, but also served as party. The Rat Pack singer In 1947, when 31-year-old a sensational backdrop for would hoist a Jack Daniels Frank Sinatra made his first celebrity gatherings, passion- emblem flag between his million dollars and moved to ate romance, violent heart- yard's two palm trees to alert Palm Springs, he wanted a break, and the ever-important neighbors when cocktail hour

Sinatra's personal valet, pulsed by the idea and fearful ment. However, Sinatra's Cry." Sinatra apparently reit would destroy his firm's family life began to crumble as paid a favor he owed by perin 1948 while the couple was Williams built for Sinatra living at Twin Palms.

stretched to the ground. The in Hollywood history, and

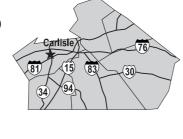


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"TWIN" Cont'd From Page 23 people - the other singer and became concerned about a Republican to boot. Well, Sinatra's extensive links to Frank never forgave me. He had acquired a wandering eye organized crime. He per- cut me off like that - just like for real estate that led to a stunsuaded the President to can- that." cel his stay with Sinatra, and Peter Lawford was given the ter. "He called Bobby every assignment of informing name in the book, and then Sinatra.

Peter Lawford, was both a again." member of Sinatra's Rat Pack and a Kennedy relative by at the Crosby home, he called in 1997. It was subsequently marriage. When Bobby asked Sinatra to smooth things out sold in 2000 for \$1.345 million Lawford to inform Sinatra of and to invite him for a visit to and for \$2.9 million in 2005. the President's change in Bing's place. Sinatra de- Twln Palms was offered for plans, Peter pleaded with clined, saying he had to leave sale in 2010 for \$3.25 million. Bobby to reconsider.

said that as President he just told Lawford, "He's pretty couldn't stay at Frank's and upset, but I told him not to able for private vacation rentsleep in the same bed that blame you because you didn't als, commercial uses, dinner mobster Sam Giancana or any have anything to do with it. It parties, tours and more. The other hood had slept in. 'You was simply a matter of secu- Estate is located at 1148 East can handle it, Petah,' he said rity. The Secret Service Alejo Rd., in the Movie to me."

Lawford told Sinatra biogra- forded better security." pher Kitty Kelley: "It fell to me to break the news to Frank, the excuse we used - secuand I was frankly scared. rity - and we blamed it all on tact Natural Retreats at 888-When I rang the President I the Secret Service. We'd 451-0156 or visit their site at said that Frank expected him worked it out beforehand, but sinatrahouse.com. The estate to stay at the Sinatra com- Frank didn't buy that for a sleeps 8 and booking starts at pound, and anything less minute, and, with a couple of \$3000 a night than his presence there was exceptions, he never spoke to going to be tough to explain. me again. He cut me out of all Palms Estate, you'll be greeted

Lawford continued, "I made the movies. a few calls but in the end it publican from Florida, who Hollywood sible for setting Jack up to stay attention. at Bing's – Bing Crosby, of all President Kennedy stayed enough." ■

"Frank was livid," said Perang me up and reamed me out pied by a Texas couple for 43

When the President arrived for Los Angeles. After the It was valued at \$1.9 million "When Jack called me, he conversation, the President in 2022. thought Crosby's place af- Colony-El Mirador neighbor-

Lawford told Kelley: "That's nia.

was Chris Dumphy, a big Re- at Bing's home to party with all about the home's ameniarranged everything for the Crosby's house was a mod-President at Bing Crosby's ern, sprawling single-story house. The Secret Service ranch in the desert, and the swer any questions you may stayed next door at Jimmy party was loud and unruly. have about the home. Your Van Heusen's, and Frank There was always a large personal concierge can ardidn't speak to Dumphy for group of people, a fast Holly- range anything imaginable. weeks over that, but I was the wood crowd, hovering one who really took the brunt around the President, who vacation because as Ol' Blue of it. He felt that I was respon- was, as always, the center of Eyes said, "You only live once,

one more time, Sept. 28-29, 1963, at Bing's Palm Springs home. Less than 2 months later the President was assassinated in Dallas, Texas.

Sinatra lived at Twin Palms from 1947 to 1954. He sold it in 1957.

By the time Sinatra and Gardner officially divorced in 1957, he had settled into another spectacular home in the Palm Springs area. Technically in Rancho Mirage, the property would be his primary home for nearly the rest of his life, although Sinatra ning accumulation of luxurious properties. Not bad for a Jersey Boy.

Twin Palms was later occuyears. They let it become dilapidated. It sold for \$135,000

Today, Twin Palms is availhood of Palm Springs, Califor-

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GROWING UP MODERN

Growing up in the 1950s important part of our there were certain things that everyday life. Mom and were tried and true. Dad never Grandma would prepare the pumped his own gas, that was meals and take care of the unheard of, and by the way, house, while Grandpa and I when you pulled into the would go on adventures and filling station an attendant play games. The evenings

would immediately wash the were reserved for the family,



windshield, then check the at first listening to the radio water and oil. Imagine all this and later watching the for twenty-five cents a gallon. newfangled thing called There were other things that television. I would sit with we just took for granted; I Grandpa in his big, oversized remember doctors coming to armchair and listen to the the house - that's right news. His favorite was H.V. making house calls for a few Kaltenborn and his "Cruise dollars. On the bus young for News." Sunday was the people would yield their seat special day, beginning with to an older person. My early Church service and then grandmother and I would go back home for the family to the local grocery store and dinner. My aunt, my mother's the store would deliver our sister, lived next door to us groceries to our house. By the with way, there was no charge.

that were consistent; my turns hosting the Sunday grandparents lived with us dinner with another sister (my and were a vital and

adjoining yards connected by a walkway and At home there were customs gate, and they would take

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favorite) Aunt Mary and her good and the conversation the most wonderful smell, husband, Uncle Thurman, around the dinner table was and he would roll the walls arriving from the small town captivating and always gathering the soot and dirt of Circleville, Ohio where interesting. Uncle Thurman that had accumulated over the Uncle Thurman was the would regale the family of all Winter months from the coal mayor. The aromas of all the the goings on in his "little" dishes wafting through the town with Dad chiming in on house from the kitchen kept the week downtown at his

"GOLD" Cont'd From Page 24 fancy, just wholesome and of Play Dough that produced



but one grown, and Jimmy adult conversations. became my surrogate brother best to climb trees, how to and tables. The dining room seasonable fruits

house and Aunt Tootsie's with a building located in the 1948 Dodge Coupe. house were located just East heart of the downtown and of the downtown on a tree- directly across the street from would pile everyone into the lined street. The houses had the State Capital building.) car and we would take a been built at the turn of the There was always something Sunday drive; all you have to twentieth century. As I have of interest. My parents were do is que up the episode of The described in a previous older when I was born. Dad Andy Griffith Show where article, they were cavernous was forty-one, so I grew up Barny Fife buys a car and takes and filled with secret hiding with older aunts and uncles, everyone for a Sunday drive places and areas to explore and grandparents. They to see an exact image of our and have fun in. My aunt and never talked down to me and jaunts, only Dad's car was uncle had four children, all always included me in their reliable. We would be off to

burning furnace. The house had a grand staircase that dominated the entrance and was a temptation for any adventurous boy. If I wanted to jump from one level to another, I had to be on the lookout for my mother and grandparents. If I wanted to ride the rails, once again, I had to be alert and careful, but, boy, was it worth it. The house seemed indestructible, and everything fit so well together. Nothing seemed out of place. the house all a buzz. Both our store. (He was a merchant Even Mom's car was a black

On special Sundays, Dad the country, stopping for The furnishings of our homemade ice cream, or, and friend. He tutored me on house reflected the house when in season, stopping at all the finer things in life; how itself, older style sofas, chairs, the farmers market for the and vegetables. One of my fondest memories was a visit to the Hartman Farms, located just South of Columbus, with vast acres of buildings offering a huge variety of produce. It was the product of Dr. Hartman, a wealthy physician, and the producer of Dr. Hartman's Peruna, an elixir comprised mostly of alcohol with a combination of fruits to enhance the taste. These Sunday excursions were somehow magical for a kid of ten and today I remember fondly all the places that we would visit time and time

> It was on one of these room. He would arrive with a where we lived - Gahanna.

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build model airplanes, how to had heavy furniture and the traditions were.

so special. The food wasn't that would today remind you

sharpen my pocketknife, and bedrooms were filled with how to play mumblety-peg. I beds that seemed impossible grew up, thank God, at a time to move. All the rooms were again. where we looked out for each covered with wallpaper, and other and valued the time we I remember each spring the Sunday rides that Dad took spent with each other, as well "wallpaper cleaner" arriving the family to a small as how important family to clean the walls in every community, not too far from Those Sunday dinners were bucket filled with a substance He turned on a country road

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on the old block. They were the a change.

"GOLD" Cont'd From Page 25 kids that made up the sparsely dotted with beautiful cowboys and Indians that "modern" homes and pulled roamed the backyards. My up to a vacant lot. "Everybody school was half a block away out," he instructed us. It from my house, and the candy seemed to go on forever, with store that became my home trees and foliage backing onto away from home was right a small stream. Then came the around the corner. This was surprise, Mom and Dad had barren lot was "country." decided to build a new home, Who would I play with? a modern home, and this Where would I go to school? Where would I buy my Coke At first, I had mixed and Hostess Cup Cakes? It emotions. All my friends were was 1957 and it was time for

The school year had a corner of the room was a large move in by fall.

transition, and I came to make garage. There were four very my peace with the process. large bedrooms and Mom and Periodically, Dad would Dad's room had a sitting room allow me to accompany him and private bath. It was just when he would inspect the the most beautiful house I had building process, and I everbeen in. remember looking into the set back from the road with a browse! Mom and Dad began sloping lawn and beautifully landscaped. Our old home had a small front yard but here you had the all the room in the world to play and have fun. Wonders of wonders, there was an attached two car garage with an automatic door. We didn't have to walk to the alley and brave the weather to get to the car. Like our old house, there was a front porch that extended almost the length of the house with a vaulted ceiling. As you to select our new furniture, the freezer that was huge. In the school.

couple of months left and Dad eating area and the backdoor informed us that we would that led to a patio that took up the space from the back door I began preparing for the to the door leading into the

On one of our Sunday trips, vast pit that would become the Dad took us to Lancaster, basement and foundation for Ohio and to Colonial Heights the house. As it began to take Furniture Store, the most upshape, I marveled at how scale furniture store around. different this house would be Now in 1957, we still had from my boyhood home. It what was called the "Blue was truly modern in every Law" in Ohio. A store could design, a one-story ranch be open on Sunday; however, home designed and equipped you couldn't actually sell with every new device. It was anything, but people could

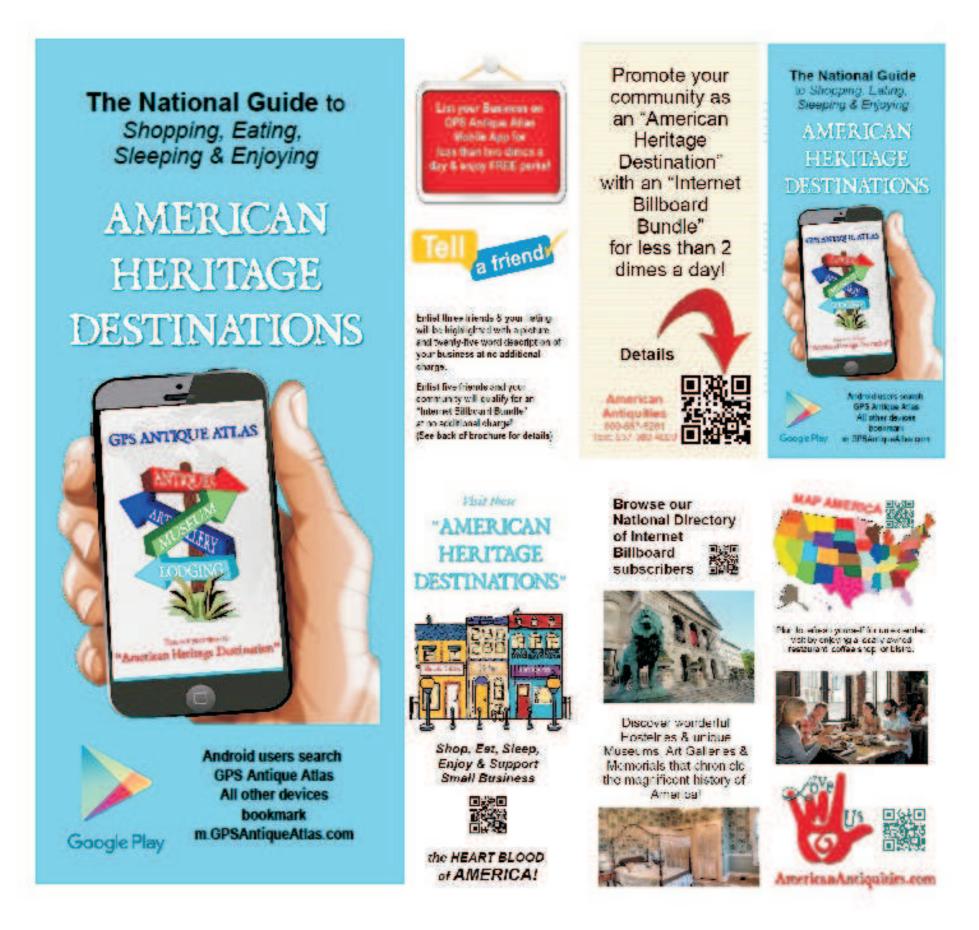


entered the front door, there salesman called the style was a stone planter standing Danish Modern, and the four feet tall that divided the chairs and tables were sleek living room and was filled in style and made from pecan with every possible plant. A wood. The lamps were very flagstone entrance led into the stylized, the kind you would living room and dominating see on all the fashionable TV the entire front of the house shows, and the sofa was a was a picture window five-piece sectional unit that looking out onto the porch would sit below the picture and down to the road. window and swept around Against the outside wall, from the room. Behind the sofa, a the floor to the ceiling was a floor lamp with two adjustable stone fireplace, above which arms provided the light. The were recessed spotlights only remnant from the old illuminating the living room. house was a Victorian pump The living room gave way to a organ replete with all the dining room with a modern carvings and gingerbread. chandelier that had the Dadeven modernized that, by feature of lowering or attaching a vacuum to the retracting. A louvered pocket bellows, thus avoiding the door separated the dining necessity of pumping. This room from the kitchen. The "kid" had become modern, kitchen boasted the latest in and it was with this furniture appliances, built-in range and that I would live with and stovetop, a refrigerator and actually enjoy through high

When I graduated High School, I made my way to New York City and my own apartment. Now this modern kid had to make good on his choice of furniture. So, of course I selected only the latest styles for the small one-room efficiency space. The chairs were, once again, Danish Modern, with two solid wooden cubes for tables and a sofa that was as free-style as possible. Wooden freestanding shelves hung on the wall with a turntable and tape deck. It was 1965 and I felt that I had arrived. I felt so cool. This apartment was located on East 29th Street and Lexington Avenue and for the first six months all my free time was spent exploring the city. One Saturday, however, I was walking downtown on Lexington Avenue and passed by an antique shop and decided to go in. My senses were bombarded with stained glass Tiffany windows and heavy tables and chairs. I at once felt that I was at home. It was a friendly and happy feeling. This modern "cool" kid stood firmly in two worlds! I would end up buying modest things from time to time and integrating them with my "cool" stuff.

Upon graduating and heading off to the Army I sold all the furniture, except the wooden squares, and I have never looked back. I went back to my love of the wooden trunks and Hoosier Cabinets, the leaded glass lamps and windows, and the items that evoke those special Sundays, when everyone gathered around the dining room table for dinner and when I sat with Grandpa and listened to the radio. By the way, dominating our living room today is a pump organ with all the gingerbread, but minus the vacuum. But I must admit, it was fun to be "cool" for a while.

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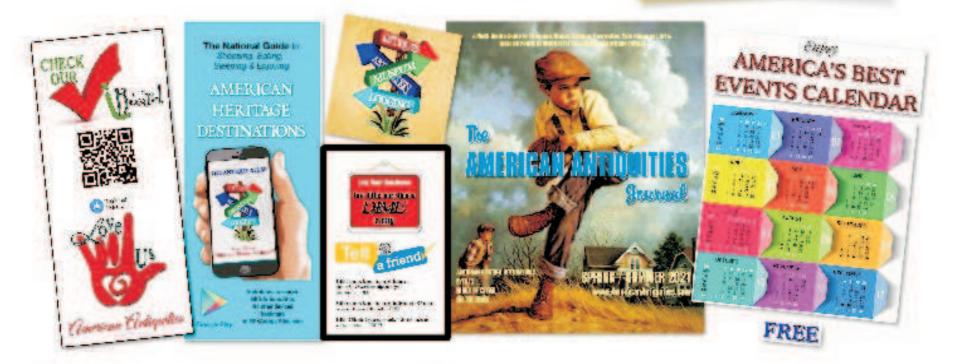
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