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From the Editor

Gratitude

As I sit here on this beautiful sunny morning, I think about how fortunate we are to live in Inverness Village and in Hershey's Mill. Although we experienced a blizzard this winter, we were well cared for and soon able to go about our lives, and we were thankful for our blessings.

I recently read an interesting article in the Mayo Clinic Health Letter about gratitude. The article explains, "Scientists are finding that gratitude when exhibited as a regular part of life, not only helps explain a high sense of well-being but also can be fostered in simple ways to increase happiness and fulfillment." It continued, "A grateful approach enables you to be happy despite the imperfections of life." The article lists the benefits of gratitude as being better mental health, greater happiness, increased sense of fulfillment, positive relationships, and better sleep.

We celebrate our gratitude every Thanksgiving, but the author of the article suggests we express our gratitude every day. We should, "start the day with gratitude, be thankful for small things, look for the positive in the negative, acknowledge our riches, and say thank you." So I will try to follow these guidelines, and I will express my gratitude for family and friends, for good health, for my home and my country, and for this lovely spring day.

Carol Ellis

From The Village President

Snow removal costs for 2016 thru February are \$15,100. The budget for 2016 is \$ 25,000. Hopefully March will continue to treat us to no more snow.

At the March 3, 2016, Master Association meeting East Goshen supervisors Marty Shane and Senya Isayeff were present for a discussion regarding an access easement from Hershey's Mill into Cornwallis Drive from Master Association ground across Chandler Drive from the Oakmont Village cluster. Cornwallis is a neighborhood of 66 homes on a long cul-de-sac with only one entrance/exit to Route 352. In order to create an emergency access drive only, the Township would like to extend a 12 foot wide paved driveway with locked gates at both ends. A motion was made and seconded to express a consensus of support subject to details being worked out. The motion carried.

The new restroom flooring in Sullivan House has been completed and the new thermostats for internet based HVAC control are complete.

The firm of Daley & Jalboot Architects made a presentation regarding the planning process, plans, specs, and estimated costs for the fully renovated and year- round recreation center which is proposed to take the place of the previously seasonal pool house. Tom Daley reviewed modest modifications to the site, the new building layout, the small addition of a vestibule and guard office close to the pool, and the addition of an outdoor shower.

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President's letter continued.

The entrance for non-pool related activities will be thru the vestibule which is outside the pool fence. There is a small serving kitchen adjacent to the common room which accommodates 50 people around tables. The building is fully ADA compliant. Tom showed a rendering and discussed the scope of taking the building down to studs and trusses, but essentially replacing everything else [roof, siding, adding insulation, new electrical service, interior finishes etc.] The plan is to provide HVAC to the whole facility, but the locker room side would be just controlled to avoid freezing not maintained at room temperatures through the winter.

The current estimate totaling \$ 811,556. was reviewed but the project will be competitively bid. Members raised a number of questions about common room access and interaction with pool functions, added operating costs for a year-round facility, relative size of common room compared to community center spaces, considering geo-thermal system, and possible audio visual system. Tom Daley reviewed the schedule for bidding, obtaining a building permit, preparing shop drawings with contractor and executing the project. A motion was made and seconded to move forward with the project in accordance with the information presented, and the members present voted unanimously to approve the project. THE GOAL REMAINS TO OPEN THE NEW STRUCTURE FOR POOL USE BEGINNING MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND 2017. THERE WILL BE NO INCREASE IN MASTER ASSOCIATION FEES FOR THIS PROJECT.

Alan Uhler of Kerry Uhler Associates is in the process of preparing reports for each village to document the condition of the storm water management facilities within each village. The Board of Directors has authorized acquisition of a dedicated desktop computer for the management office to operate software that will allow full use and functionality of Uhler study information. Presently responsibility for necessary repairs and upgrades where identified is outlined in the Master Declaration based on the

Transition Document. It is understood that reviewing the information from the Uhler reports will lead to a broad discussion on this topic.

MAY 11, 2016, IS THE NEXT OPEN MEETING OF INVERNESS VILLAGE. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND. REFRESHMENTS ARE AT 7:00PM AND THE MEETING STARTS AT 7:30PM.

Boyd Mackleer

Ice Cream Social

The annual Ice Cream Social, sponsored by the Inverness social committee, will be held on **Wednesday, June 15th from 6:30 to 8:30.**

Be sure to bring your appetite for unlimited ice cream sundaes of your own making from lots of ice cream choices and toppings. There will be sorbet, as well.

Carol Ellis

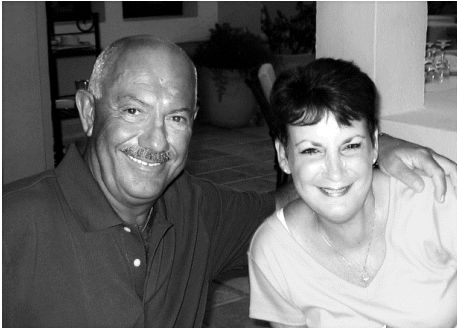
TRANSITIONS

We are pleased to welcome **Theresa and Vic DeCosta** and **Pat and Jim Aubry** to Inverness Village (see page 3). We trust they will enjoy participating in our activities, and contributing to life here as have so many in the past.

We are saddened to note the passing of **Dick Joyce** and **Maynard Krug**, who did valuable service on village committees, and **Jim Backes** who provided musical entertainment at Inverness parties. They will be missed. We extend our sincere condolences to their families.



Getting To Know You



An active and fascinating couple joined our village last November. **Vic and Theresa DeCosta** moved into #746, and showed their spirit by attending the Holiday Gala. We love interviewing new residents because when one gets to meet the new neighbors, the profiles serve as "ice breakers" for conversation.

Vic and Theresa moved here from the Woodlands in West Chester and were particularly drawn to the fact that this is a 55+ community with one-floor living. There are two more occupants which should be mentioned - two cats, Aldo and Cali.

Early in his life, Vic spent 6 years aboard the US Navy Destroyer USSS Furse DD-882. He graduated from St. Joseph's University with a BA in business administration and worked for 40 years in corporate sales, marketing and management in the specialty chemical industry. Although he retired last June, he is still somewhat involved in the business world as vice president of ViChem International a consulting firm. His volunteer activities include being on the membership board at VFW Post 845 in Downingtown.

Theresa, who has a BA degree in accounting, is continuing to be part of the work world as a corporate controller for a real estate investment trust company located in Center City. In her free time, she volunteers at Main Line Animal Rescue in Chester Springs.

Be sure to say "Hello". You will be glad you did.

Getting To Know You

A warm welcome to our lovely new neighbors Pat and Jim Aubry (#775), who moved in a few days after our January blizzard.



When asked what attracted them to Hershey's Mill, Pat said that with their children grown and out of the house, it was time to move and downsize. Jim was looking forward to maintenance-free living, with someone else clearing the snow from now on! Also, they have several friends who live in the Mill and suggested they look here for a home.

Pat and Jim were both born and raised in Illinois, met at Northern Illinois University, and were married in 1969. Along with raising their children, Pat worked in the field of education as a primary grade teacher and reading specialist in the West Chester Area School District. Jim was a regional sales manager for a Pittsburgh-based steel company for 35 years; a 1982 job transfer brought them to this area. They settled in West Goshen where they raised their two children. Their son (and one grandchild) live nearby, and their daughter (and two more grandchildren) live in New Hampshire.

Pat and Jim love to travel. They especially enjoy river cruises, which afford them the opportunity to see the countryside and get the flavor of a country, as well as getting to meet many of the other people on the cruise. Favorite trips include Paris, Germany, Vienna and Ireland.

In her free time, Pat enjoys reading, swimming, crafts and walking and is looking forward to walking the paths in the Mill. Jim enjoys researching his Irish ancestry and also loves playing pickleball, so we look forward to seeing him on the courts in the spring. Both are active in their church, helping out in various capacities.

Mary Lou Perry

DEAR GRAMPS by John Klanderman PhD

Editor's note: John is a retired licensed clinical psychologist and a nationally certified school psychologist.

Dear GRAMPS

My friend has been very sad recently, and I wonder if he is depressed. What are the signs of depression? Should I suggest that he get some help? Is there anything I can do to help him?

Worried Friend

Dear WORRIED FRIEND,

Sadness in older adults and the elderly is very common, and it certainly can be a symptom of depression. Common signs and symptoms include:

- Sadness
- Fatigue
- Abandoning or losing interest in hobbies or other pleasurable pastimes
- Social withdrawal and isolation (reluctance to be with friends, engage in activities, or leave home.
- Weight loss or loss of appetite
- Sleep disturbances (difficulty falling asleep or staying asleep, oversleeping, or daytime Sleepiness).
- Loss of self-worth (worries about being a burden, feelings of worthlessness, self-loathing)
- Increased use of alcohol or other drugs
- Fixation on death; suicidal thoughts or attempts

Indeed, you can mention that you have felt his sadness and suggest he contact his doctor. Often a mild dose of an anti-anxiety/depression medication can be very helpful, although the best treatment is a combination of medication and psychotherapy. By all means, stay connected with him and it might help to share an activity such as a sports event, a music concert, a museum or simply a good walk together.

I am sure you can be a great help to your friend.

GRAMPS

Gramps is continued on the next page.



Dear Gramps (Continued)

Dear GRAMPS,

Our grandchild is very bright and has done very well in school, but when she reached her sophomore year in high school, she stopped being interested in her classes. Her parents have no answers for this, and we, as grandparents, wonder how we can help. Is there anything we can do to reach her?

Concerned Grandparents

Dear, CONCERNED GRANDPARENTS,

Major shifts in adolescent behavior must be dealt with. However, at this point you have to first talk with her parents. The following steps are going to have to be dealt with one way or another:

- 1 Her parents have to confront her, in a matter of fact way, about the differences they are seeing in her observable behavior. If she offers little useful information....
- 2 It is suggested that they set up a conference with her teachers at school to find out what her school behavior is like. Your granddaughter should be told about and invited to be at the conference.
- 3 If the school is also concerned about a significant change in behavior, a psychological evaluation may be appropriate.
- 4 If this process is not available at school, a private psychologist should be consulted. The family doctor could also be consulted.

The whole point of this process is to get to the bottom of the change in your granddaughter's behavior by examining consistency in observable behavior, probing for a social/psychological basis for this behavior and possibly ruling out a medical/neurological basis.

Your support for her parents can be invaluable.

GRAMPS

Inverness Directory Update

Please welcome our new residents

Pat and Jim Aubry # 775

Home Phone: 610 431 3071 Email: tths19643@verizon.net

The directory is maintained by **Mary Lou Perry**
If you have any changes, please contact her at:
610 430 0320 or Perrym517@gmail.com



Ladies Winter Luncheon



BJ Rodgers - Amory Stedman - Mary Jane Hahn



Alma Delaney - Eileen Isselmann - Becky Bell



Mary Lou Perry - Winnie Spoons - Dodie Galbusera



Dorrie Ritchie (R)
and her sister Gloria

Barbara Poole - Judy Klanderman



Sue Kelleher - Marlene Vergillo



Carol Ellis - Pat Aubry - Brooke Hamilton

Between the rain showers, the Inverness ladies gathered at McKenzie's Brew Pub on Wednesday, February 24. They enjoyed the private dining room, the Oak Room, where they could chat and re-connect after the blizzard and the mounds of snow it left. Everyone agreed that they were fortunate that the rain was not snow.

McKenzie's allowed the ladies to order from the menu and to receive individual checks. Highlights of the meals ordered were the famous small cob salad, Caesar salad with shrimp or a crab cake, and a variety of sliders and sandwiches.

Happy birthday was sung to Dorrie Ritchie's sister, Gloria, who was celebrating her 80th birthday. And a round of applause was given to our servers, who were so helpful and cheerful.

Carol Ellis



Answers to Trivia Questions on Page 7. 1. Summit Mt. Everest, 2. Boston, 3. J.D.Salinger, 4. Guiding Light, 5. Gen. Douglas Mac Arthur, 6. School segregation, 7. American Motors, 8. Boxing, 9. The "double helix of DNA", 10. In God We Trust

TRIVIA TEST How much do you remember about the 1950's?

1. In 1953 Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay became the first humans to do what?
2. The infamous Brinks Robbery in 1950, where \$2.8 million was stolen in 17 minutes, occurred in what city?
3. *Catcher in the Rye's* portrayal of Holden Caulfield's 16-year-old life was a huge success. Who wrote the book?
4. In 1952, the now longest-running daytime drama moves from radio to TV. Which soap was it?
5. "Old soldiers never die...they just fade away," was said by what general?
6. In 1954, the landmark case Brown vs. Board of Education was about what?
7. Nash-Kelvinator and Hudson Motor Car Co. merged to form what corporation?
8. Psychologist Joyce Brothers won the \$64,000 Question. What was her topic?
9. Francis Watson and James Crick become famous for discovering what?
10. In 1955, Congress authorizes all US currency and coins to use what phrase?

Answers: Page 6.

Jim Ellis

FEATURED RECIPE - CHILI CON CARNE by Dorrie Ritchie

(Found in a Mexican cookbook many years ago)

- 2 lbs. ground beef - 85% lean
- 1 cup. finely chopped onion
- 2 garlic cloves chopped fine
- 3-4 Tablespoons chili powder
- 2 teaspoon oregano
- 1 Tablespoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 15 oz. can tomato sauce
- 1 15 oz. can stewed tomatoes (Mexican or Italian style)
- (I whirl stewed tomatoes in the blender for a smooth sauce)
- 2 cans pink kidney beans - drain and rinse

Brown meat, onion and garlic - stirring constantly
Drain off excess fat.

Add salt and pepper to taste

Add all other ingredients and approximately 1 cup of water

Simmer 5 to 10 minutes

I taste sauce and add anything I think will improve the flavor --- like more chili powder, etc.

Letter To The Editors

Dear Barbara and George, Carol and Jim,

I recently had occasion to help a neighbor with replacing a lightbulb in the ceiling fixture of her foyer, insisting that she shouldn't try to do it alone: it was too risky to manage the many sub-tasks: climbing a step-stool, unscrewing the knob, balancing the glass, climbing down, cleaning the glass, climbing back up, changing the bulb,... You can picture the process.

It occurred to me that there are many little tasks like that: not worth hiring a handyman for -- most of the things I have in mind don't require significant strength. In hanging a picture, for instance, you just need someone to stand back and say whether it's level, or, "It should be a little higher on the left."

So I'm suggesting that the Village maintain a list of people willing to help out with the little jobs that need (or are safer with) an extra hand, so we'd all have access to a name of someone willing to help out with some of the things that make life go more smoothly. This would be especially helpful for newcomers to the village who haven't made connections yet with the many generous and outgoing people who would extend themselves to help a neighbor with a twenty-minute job.

Care-Sharers was brought up at the last village meeting, but that means leaving a message on an answering machine and waiting for a response. It's a good solution for some needs that can be scheduled well ahead of time, like a ride to a doctor's appointment; but not good for replacing a lightbulb in a frequently used fixture. I think we need both avenues.

If you think this is an idea worth pursuing, I've written – *drafted*, actually; feel free to edit! – a short “ad,” describing it, for inclusion in the next issue of the Inverness “I”

Terry Marran

Need an Extra Hand??

Inverness Village would like to create a list of residents who are willing to lend an extra hand, for simple, unskilled-but-necessary jobs. The kinds of tasks we are thinking about are even more basic than those requiring a “handyman”. Here are some examples: replacing a tricky ceiling light bulb, flipping a mattress, hanging a picture, moving a bed.

While many of us “try to do it all” ourselves, it is often wiser to ask another person for help. SO... if you are willing to be on this list of “extra hands”, send an email to (terry.marran@gmail.com). The list will then be distributed to all of us with the next Inverness “I” and/or emailed to our Inverness distribution list.

This would be especially helpful for newcomers to the village who haven't made connections yet with the many generous and outgoing people who would extend themselves to help a neighbor with a twenty-minute job.



TO KNOW BIRDS IS TO LOVE THEM

WILBUR B. AMAND, VMD

As I commence writing this column, we have survived the blizzard of 2016 and the cold temperatures experienced in February. Looking on the bright side, Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow signaling an early spring, daylight savings time is just a short time away, and the spring equinox follows soon thereafter.

Although we did have a major snowstorm and some seriously cold weather this winter, feeder activity seemed to me to be less active this year. That said, there were the usual sightings of cardinals, juncos, chickadees, tufted titmouse, white throated sparrows, white breasted nuthatches, house finches, northern flickers, a variety of woodpeckers, the occasional blue bird, and my personal favorite, the Carolina wren.

Recently I noted the arrival of flocks of common grackles along with the occasional brown headed cowbird and red-winged blackbird. This marks the beginning of spring's migrating birds. For us, Spring ushers in new life and hope, but billions of birds face the tribulations of a perilous migration followed shortly thereafter by breeding and the production of scores of newborn birds that will spend several vulnerable weeks as they grow and fledge.

So the question might be "How can I help the birds?" The American Bird Conservancy has provided these suggestions:

- Keep bird feeders and bird baths clean
- Create backyard habitat using native plants, such as Echinacea (coneflower), bee balm, cardinal flower, cosmos, zinnia, milkweed, and fuchsia which attract birds and pollinators such as zebra and tiger swallowtail butterflies.
- Reduce the use of pesticides
- Prevent birds from hitting your windows
- Keep cats indoors
- Reduce your carbon footprint
- Support bird-friendly legislation and join two bird conservation groups

If you have the space and right location, consider placing one or more bird houses outside your house. Habitat loss has driven some species away from former nesting areas. The right bird house can bring birds back. The world of birdhouses can be divided into two types: the cute, decorative, and whimsical creations that appeal to humans; and the functional nesting boxes that will attract birds and actually use. Here are a few considerations for those planning on placing one or more nesting boxes outside their homes:

- Location - in general, place the birdhouse 5 feet or more off the ground and at least 20 feet from feeders/birdbaths. Choose a location with little foot traffic. Wrens will use hanging boxes, but most birds prefer homes that are securely anchored.
- Most cavity-nesting birds prefer aged, weathered natural wood with cozy space. It is best not to paint your birdhouse. Avoid houses that are made out of materials that will cause the interior of the nest box to overheat, especially if there is insufficient ventilation of the box.
- Most birds prefer single occupancy and are territorial about their nests. Others, such as purple martins, select the "apartment" style house.

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To Know Birds Is To Love Them (Continued from previous page)

- Different size holes attract different kinds of birds. A ring of wood around the entry hole discourages other critters from reaching inside. For example, if you wish to attract Wrens or black-capped chickadees the entrance hole can be as small as 1 1/8 inch; Bluebirds and Tree Swallows need an entrance hole that is 1 1/2 inches. Guard against house sparrows taking over the nests.
- A slanted roof allows rainwater to run off; be sure to extend the roof over the entry hole.
- Proper ventilation and drainage; place some slits/holes just below the roof's eaves to let air in and add some drainage holes in the floor or at the corners.
- No perch is necessary; perches actually help other birds/predators to harass the nesters.
- Nesting materials - while many birds have no problem reusing nest boxes, most songbirds will not reuse a nest from the previous year. Clean the boxes during the winter and birds will provide new material to form a nest each spring
- Maintenance - following the nesting season (late fall/early winter) remove the old nest and clean the box. Scrub the interior of the box with a stiff brush and a mild bleach solution to help kill mites and other parasites.

The West Chester Bird Club (WCBC) held its annual Christmas Bird Count on December 19, 2015. A number of residents and friends in Inverness Village (see photo) (Amory Stedman, Katharine Okie, Derek Stedman, Brooke Hamilton, Carol Ellis and Wilbur Amand - photo taken by Phil Hamilton) joined Tony Fernandes (WCBC) for approx. 2 hours to record and count birds in Hershey's Mill. The following species were identified:

*Black and Turkey vultures *Canada and Cackling goose
*Mallard *Ring-necked duck *Bufflehead *Ruddy duck
*Coopers hawk *Red-tailed hawk *Eastern screech owl
*Ring-billed gull *Mourning dove *Red-bellied woodpecker
*Downy woodpecker *American crow *Blue jay *Carolina chickadee
*Tufted titmouse *Wh. Breasted nuthatch *Carolina wren
*American robin *Northern mockingbird *European starling
*Song sparrow *White-throated sparrow *Dark-eyed junco
*Northern Cardinal *House finch *American Goldfinch *House sparrow



If your idea of getting dinner is putting a frozen dinner into the microwave, stop here. Turn the page. But if you like cooking with fresh, local ingredients, if experimenting with vegetables you may not have tried before appeals to you and if you occasionally think of yourself as a "foodie," read on. This may perk up your meal planning, and enhance your menus.

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is fundamentally about connecting consumers with farmers, to involve consumers in sharing the rewards as well as the risks of farming, usually without getting dirt under their fingernails.

Broadly, the CSA process is this: at the beginning of the growing season, a farmer sells "shares" in the crops he's about to plant. Consumers pay upfront for the vegetables (and maybe fruit, flowers, eggs) still to be grown, perhaps a bumper crop if the weather is good, possibly slim pickings if there's a hail-storm at a critical time.

Typically, a "share" is a box or basket of produce; many farmers offer a half-share for biweekly distribution. Crops, costs, drop-off points (that's *pick-up* points from our perspective), even the length of the season, vary.

CSAs have been around for over twenty-five years; there are 26 listed in or near West Chester on the website localharvest.org, which also contains a good description of the CSA process, and a listing of the farmers participating. The farmers benefit by receiving income at the beginning of the season, when their costs are highest. They get committed customers from the outset, and they often develop ongoing relationships, even friendships, with them.

What's the advantage for consumers?

Answers:

A weekly (or biweekly) supply of fresh, straight-from-the-farm produce. (Some farmers emphasize *organic* production methods, and Non-GMO crops.)

Possibly an introduction to vegetable varieties not already familiar.

A personal connection to the source of the food we eat.

Maybe a push to eat more vegetables and try new recipes.

Do these sound like something that you'd benefit from?

All of those advantages resonate with me. I like to cook, want to cook more creatively, love to explore new recipes and eat new foods. As a household of one person, however, I didn't want to sign on to a full share with any CSA, because I *really* don't want to waste food. So last year, I joined with Bonalyn Mosteller in a pay-as-you go arrangement which one of the CSAs offered. On weeks when we were both home, I'd place an online order, and pick it up from the porch of a house in nearby Hershey's Mill Estates; we divided the bounty and were always pleased with the amount, quality, and variety of the produce. This year, that option is not available, and the farmer is looking for a new location in Frazer. (With enough interest in Hershey's Mill, might our Community Center be that location?)

If you're curious about the CSA program, I suggest exploring localharvest.org, and calling or emailing the farms you're most interested in. You may want to join with a neighbor (or two), to split a share.

I'm writing this on January 22, before the first major predicted snow storm. By the time you read it, I'll have done some investigating myself, and may have made a decision, or at least narrowed the field from 26 down to four or five that meet my criteria (reasonably close, small- or half-shares available). I'll be happy to share what I've learned.

Terry Marran

COLLECTORS AND COLLECTIONS

Inverness Village has some very interesting collectors, many of whom have developed their collections for decades and are still adding to them. Others received their collections from family members and are occasionally adding new treasures. A common theme among our collectors is their interest in the history and the beauty of the objects they collect.



Kathy Threlkeld (#788) has been a stamp collector for over 50 years. She first began collecting stamps with her grandfather during the 1940's, but stopped collecting when she was 15. Then, in her thirties, under the influence of her mother and her aunt, who were also collectors, she began to add to her collection again. Today, Kathy relies on friends and family to send her stamps, while she also purchases sheets of stamps from a commercial stamp company. Her collection consists of primarily American stamps. She especially enjoys collection art and history stamps. Kathy explained, "I don't collect for value. Collecting stamps is a way of learning history."

Ozzie Nelson (#771) inherited her collection of silver teaspoons from her great grandmother when Ozzie was around ten years old. At that time, she loved polishing the spoons, which were from all over the world. Rome, Egypt, Switzerland, Pompeii, Paris, Gibraltar, etc. One unique spoon from Egypt has a tiny gold sarcophagus in the handle. All of the spoons are sterling silver and some have gold overlay and decorative details. Over the years, Ozzie has added to the collection which now numbers 75. Today, she still enjoys the collection, but admits she is remiss in polishing it.



Derek and Amory Stedman (#708) were living in Vermont and dabbling in the antique business when they began collecting eel spears at various auctions they attended. They became interested in eel spears primarily for their historical significance. Amory explained that eel fishing was a major part of the economy for the early settlers in New England because eels were important to their diet, especially those settlers living in Massachusetts, where eels were plentiful in the rivers. Amory and Derek found a second interest in the spears they collected as they noticed how decorative they are. The spears are made from forged iron and vary in their decorative elements.



"Some of the spears are quite lovely," she said. "Today, eel spears are reproduced, and even an expert finds it difficult to differentiate the old from the new," added Derek.

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Judy Klanderman (#773) recently added to her collection of pitchers when she found an especially beautiful pitcher on her trip to Spain and Portugal. She began her collection over 60 years ago, when her aunt gave her a pitcher. Then her grandfather added one, and so did her father. Her collection features pitchers from England, France, Italy, United States, etc. They are china, ceramic, and porcelain and come in a variety of sizes and shapes. Judy said, "My favorites are the colorful ones and the ones given to me by family."



Jim Ellis (#697) began collecting militaria when his grandmother gave him a World War I Austrian helmet worn by his great uncle Martin. The gift encouraged the teenager to start a collection which features American and German helmets, weapons, badges, and medals from World War I and World War II. An especially interesting medal is the Mother's Cross from World War II that was given to German mothers for the number of children they had. Occasionally, Jim will find a piece in an antique shop and add it to his collection. However, he warns would-be collectors that there are many reproductions available today that are being offered as authentic pieces.

Ginny Kettering (#707) acquired her collection with marriage to her husband, Ken, who had a collection of over 60 antique ceramic dogs when they married. The figurines are made mostly of porcelain and include pieces by Royal Doulton, among others. The dogs are all sizes and represent puppies as well as older dogs. The largest dogs are over ten inches high, while the smallest are less than five inches high. An interesting canine family in her collection consists of a pug puppy, a wedding anniversary present in the late 1890's, which years later was joined by an adult dog which matched it exactly. Today, Ginny is not adding to her collection but enjoys the dogs and has them displayed throughout her home. "They are just fun to have," she said.



Carol Ellis

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