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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

September 2, 2021

I hope everyone has been enjoying a wonderful summer. As you are receiving this issue summer will be winding down and fall is just around the corner. Hopefully you have had some success in your collecting adventures. Our club has had some fine regional events lately and others are coming up soon. More information on these events is included in this issue. Also included is a registration form for our 2022 National Convention which will be in Florence Kentucky at the same fine hotel we were at in 2019. Breakfast is included each day at the hotel. The dates are April 28-30, 2022, so mark your calendars and plan on attending! The program is still being finalized but there will be fun things happening each day.

For those of you who have not had the opportunity to attend one of our notional conventions, I will give you a brief overview of events. There will be some type of dinner Thursday evening, a show and tell Friday morning where members bring unusual items to be looked at, admired and discussed. Friday night is our auction where any club member can enter items to be sold. Our auction committee chair Sonny McCarter usually has 150 or more fine pieces available and a professional auctioneer to sell them. An entry form is included in this issue for the auction. There will be a lunch included for Friday and a box dinner to go with the auction. Saturday morning will feature our swap meet with many vendors and several hundred items for sale. There are typically many fine and hard to find items available at these events. Along the way on Friday and Saturday there will be some educational seminars and discussions where some of our members will share their knowledge and experience about collecting. Also on Saturday is our Annual Business Meeting in the afternoon and our banquet and awards program in the evening. Each evening, after our official programs are completed, we will have a hospitality room where members can meet and talk and have some refreshment.

And I haven't even mentioned room sales yet, which in my opinion is one of the highlights of our conventions. One of my favorite activities is meeting old friends and making new ones by going room to room and looking at and talking about cast iron. I even buy a piece now and then! In fact, some of my finest and most treasured pieces were acquired at one of our conventions and typically at a very fair price.

In closing, let me remind everyone that our club depends on you! Your membership, your participation, and your friendship. Volunteer for a committee, attend regional and national meetings and encourage friends to join. Stay safe and good hunting!

Art Chatfield

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REMEMBERING DR. JOSEPH NOTO

Dr Joseph Anthony Noto passed away at home surrounded by his family on June 21st, 2021. He was born to Anthony Salvatore Noto and Angelina Musso Noto in Scranton, PA, on November 7, 1935. He was the first in his family to graduate from college where he studied biology, graduating from the University of Scranton magna cum laude. Joe met, dated, then married Sandra Gingher in September 1960 in Scranton. Joe graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine with honors and served his medical and surgical internships and residency with the University of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia, specializing in cardiovascular and thoracic surgery. Joe then served in the US Army with a mobile army surgical hospital in Vietnam in 1968-69 before returning stateside to the Martin Army Community Hospital in Fort Benning, GA. Following his military service, Joe and Sande moved to Asheville, NC, and joined a private medical practice, Asheville Surgical Associates, in 1970. Joe served in numerous medical, administrative, and surgical roles at Memorial Mission and St Joseph's Hospitals before retiring as Director of Trauma Services for Mission Hospital.

Dr Joe received his greatest satisfaction from his work helping his many patients. He also enjoyed collecting antiques with his wife and particularly collecting cast iron. He served as president of the Griswold and Cast Iron Cookware Association for many years; expanding the club membership and activities, as well as making many new friends across the country. After retirement, Joe enjoyed building his retirement home, landscaping, beekeeping, and farming near Weaverville, NC. His blueberries continue to ripen even today. :-) Joe is survived by his wife Sande Noto and four children; Laurie Noto Parker (and Chris Parker), Anthony Noto (and Pat Kelly Noto), Joseph Noto (and Sherry Davis Noto), and Gina Noto Romine (and Mark Romine), and seven grandchildren; Anthony, Ian, Lena, Garrett, Emily, Rachel, and Max. He is also survived by his brother Fedele Noto (and Phyllis Johnson Noto), his sister Marguerite Noto Hiemenz (and Don Hiemenz), and numerous beloved nieces and nephews — as well as by the many VA team members who were with him at the end. Joe will be greatly missed by all who knew him.



Joe at the 2018 G&CICA convention, Baton Rouge, LA

WEST COAST CHAPTER MEETING

The 2021 West Coast Chapter meeting was held at the home of Neil and Mary Ousnamer in Ferdinand, ID. Thirty-two people attended the event. Friday evening activities centered around a pizza dinner with plenty of side dishes. Mary made the sourdough crusts while Neil cooked the pizza in his wood pellet pizza oven. Members spent the evening touring Mary's craft shed and viewing Neil's milling shop. Neil has made many Griswold engraved items for their home to go along with his collection of iron.

Saturday morning members gathered at the community hall across from the Ousnamer home. A show and tell segment dealt with 27 items provided by members. Following a great lunch, a raffle was held. Lodge donated a ceramic Dutch oven and casserole dish while Finex provided a grill pan. Neil contributed many items that he created in his milling shop. Marg and Larry O'Neil were presented with a clock created by Neil for their many contributions to the Chapter. Russ Houser was given a plaque in appreciation for his support of our Chapter. Our hosts, Neil and Mary received a quilt made by Chris Hoxmeier in thanks for hosting our meeting.

Next year's Chapter meeting is tentatively scheduled for the latter part of September at the Cast Iron Museum of the O'Neil's in Tacoma, WA.

Rick Hoxmeier





NORTHEAST CHAPTER MEET by: Sonny McCarter

This is just one man's story. Of the 30 people that attended, I'm sure there are many other wonderful tales. On a beautiful September 17th evening, we gathered at the home of Butch & Gail Parthree in Dillsburg, PA. The chapter meet expanded for the weekend, bringing in fellow members from as far away as Illinois & Louisiana.

Clayton Mitchell & some fellow Cajun cooks created a wonderful dinner. Sometime late that evening, I made chili with these same cooks. Seems iron people love food!

Saturday's festivities started early. Doughnuts, coffee, cakes, and plates of sweets. (more food!) Around 10 am the business meeting was held. In between more food being prepared, Ed Botsford was nominated for, and accepted the position as Northeast Regional Director. Terri Chatfield & Gail made cornbread. Annette Long was re-elected as President.. Brenda Lewis made steak tips so wonderful I cannot describe them. My chili is warming on the stove. Meanwhile, I am elected to a second term as Vice President. Our new member, Andrew Kost is welcomed. I see many desserts. It is mentioned to always try to attend a national convention. Art Chatfield spoke about the motel and dates in Florence, KY.. I can smell food! More info is in this newsletter about the convention.

The 2022 chapter meet is still being finalized. The business meeting is formally closed. I better check out the food!

Now for some iron talk. Lee Lasher & I led show and tell. Some notable items included a Victor style toy odorless skillet and tin lid (Awesome!), a world's fair and Use Erie Ware the Best griddles (Wow!), a green Griswold number 12 skillet, a Hamilton, OH foundry kitchen heater & a very old bean roaster. Also, several very old unique items. Tim Mummert brought and explained about his collection of iron cookware made in Littlestown, PA. Thanks to all for the great iron. Bras Schwarting brought a display of various cast iron doorknobs. They were very nicely made, but I don't want anyone else to know about them!

Lunch..... you can't imagine! Thank you to all that cooked, helped, warmed, sliced, served, stirred, poured, washed, cleaned, or babysat with my chili.

Then.... the swap meet. Some sounds were normal...clank, bang, etc. I really ate too much! I also heard "can you trade", "take less", "who cleaned it" "no it's rare", "I'll take it". It was really fun. I need a nap!

In closing, I would like to note, this was more like a family reunion. Thanks for attending. Find out more at a national convention. And mostly, thank you Butch & Gail. You guys were great and gracious. We all thank you!

PHOTOS FROM THE NE CHAPTER MEETING



Clayton Mitchell making dinner

Great ladies getting food lined up

Sonny and friends making chili



One of the fine desserts



Terri Chatfield aka "Food Nazi"



Lee and Sonny at show and tell



Two rare griddles, East Tech and Wads pups Homemade cornbread Annette, Malinda and Diane grade Clayton's food



Brenda Lewis, terrific cook and everyone's friend Beef tips in a #9 Griswold New member Andrew Kost



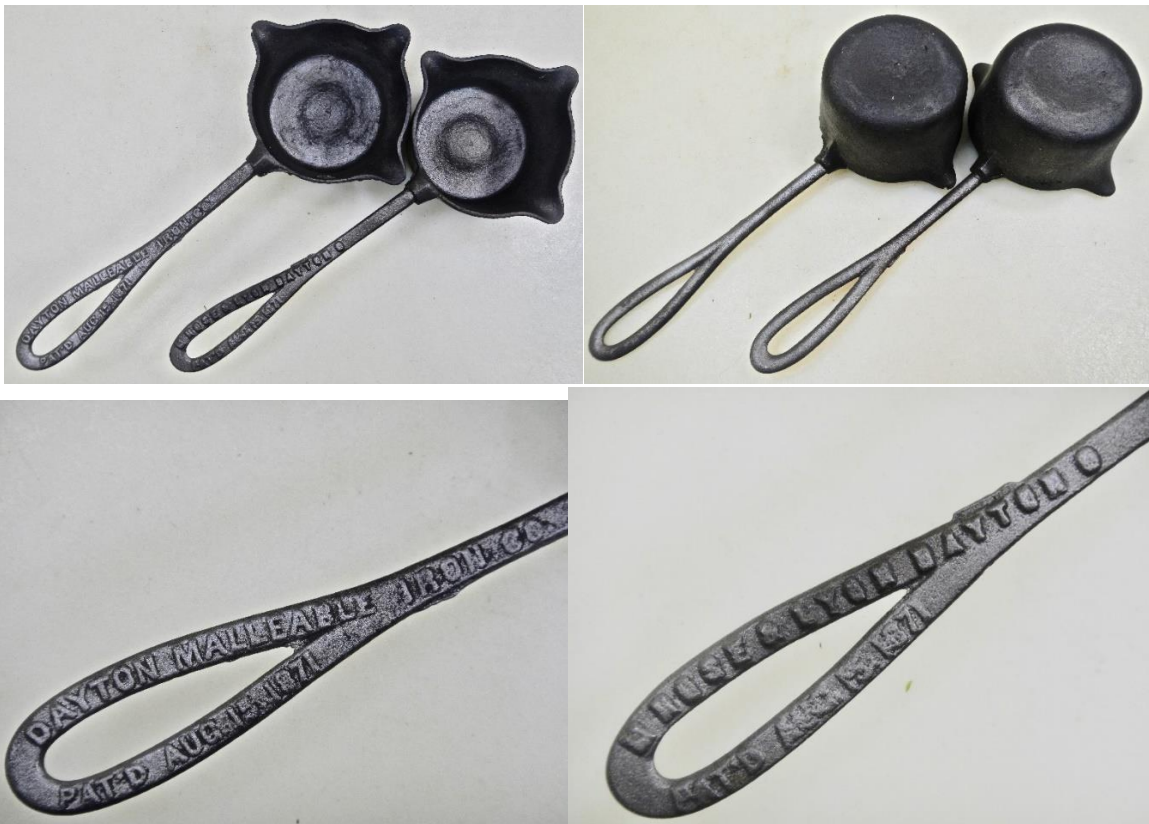
The entire gang

COLLECTING LADLES, SCOOPS AND SHOVELS by: Joseph Zawadowski

PART 5, SOME INTERESTING EXCEPTIONS

When I started this series of articles, I said that I was avoiding smelting ladles and metal ladles in my collecting. I also said that I liked collecting these ladles, etc., for the foundry and company names and markings on them. The ladles in this article were added to my collection because I liked the raised markings on the handles as well as other features that separate them from the standard round bowl, long handled, single or double pour lipped, and heavily cast industrial smelting ladles.

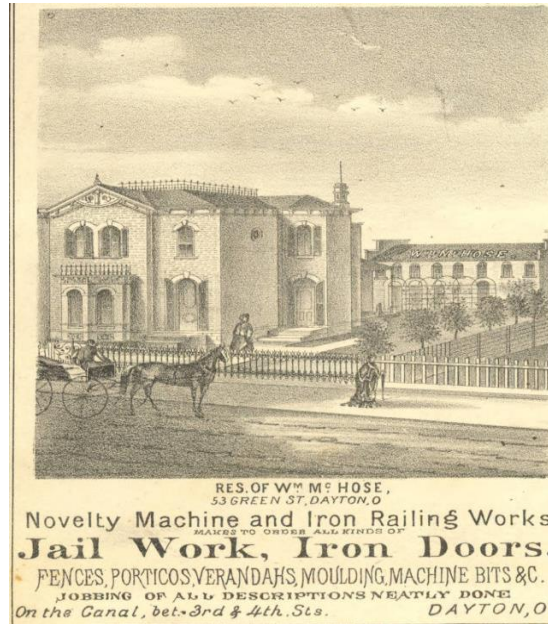
These first two pieces are identical in construction and form. Both are also marked with Dayton, Ohio company names. This form is sometimes referred to as a 'babbitt metal ladle'. Babbitt metal is an alloy composed of varying amounts of tin, antimony, copper, lead and arsenic. It is used to form bearings which are usually poured in place, rather than being pre-made. Babbitt metal bearings are used in pumps, as they do not corrode, as ferrous metal bearings would. They are also used in applications where lubrication is not used.



Dayton Malleable Iron Co. was established in 1866. Their product line was quite varied, including castings, sheet steel, steel wire, wire rope, structural steel products, rail braces, brake wheels and iron torches. There are records of the company's business into 1981.

M Hose & Lyon is very probably McHose & Lyon. McHose architectural irons works was established in 1868.

This advertisement shows and describes the types of iron products the company made. The building in the background is probably the foundry. I'm uncertain when the name Lyon became associated with the company.



Mr. McHose's residence and products the company made. The ground in the background is probably the foundry. Lyon became associated with

Very recently, I acquired this wax ladle that has a M Hose & Lyon mark. Because of the way the word Dayton is shortened to Day, the presence of grind marks in that area, and the slight misalignment, I think the portion of the handle bearing the name may have been spliced on to an unmarked ladle or pattern to make the pattern for this ladle. It is also interesting that the patent dates on the Dayton Malleable babbitt ladle and the M Hose ladles are all the same.



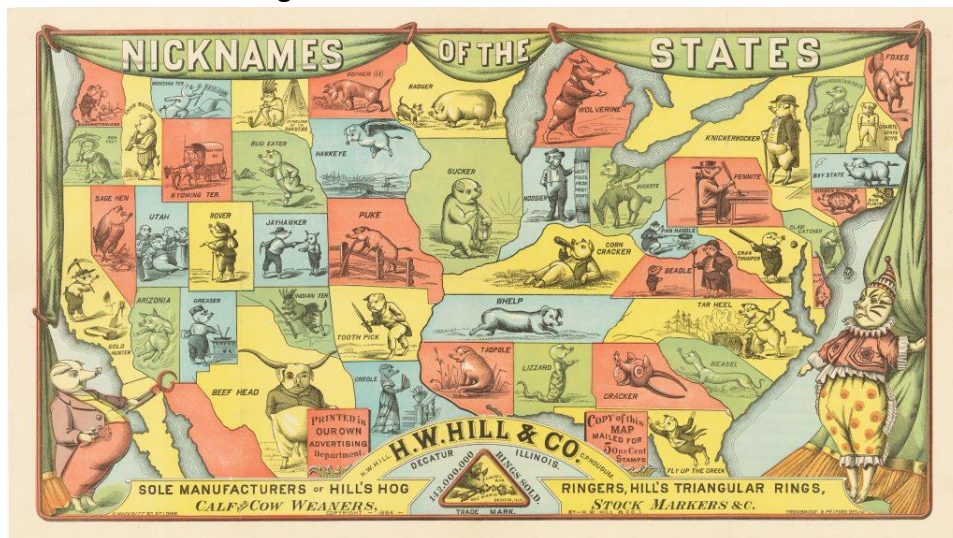
I have not found an 'official' description of the function of this next style of ladle. Obviously, the angle of the handle to the bowl is adjustable, but the reason for that is not known.



Both of these are marked with the H W Hill & Co Decatur Ill, but only one has the patent date on it.



The company advertised as the sole manufacturer of triangular hog ringers and made calf weaners. Here is their interesting and somewhat amusing ad from 1884.



And the Countdown Continues for my Top 50 List....

Good day and hope all is well in your world. Cooler weather in on the way and I am sure you are preparing to get out and do a little cast iron shopping. Remember to get registered for the National Convention in April 2022 in Florence, KY. It is going to be a great time and will be here very soon.

So, in the last four or so years I have talked about my favorite piece of cast iron/aluminum and what steps and decisions that were needed to identify that all-time favorite piece, the one I must have, would grab and secure in an emergency, dream about, and of course would never part with. I have shared the first 46 items that I have ranked in my top 50 – I can only guess that will change over time so please do not hold that against me – plus I have found some new items at the last few conventions that will modify the list and maybe extend it beyond 50 items...stay tuned!

So, after much thought and sleepless nights thinking about this, I will reveal the next **3** items on my top 50ish list. Remember it is not about the retail value of an item – it is a piece that I enjoy looking at and treasure. So, some items on the top 50 will not always be high priced but they will be a treasure in my eyes.

#4 – Starting off the list today is the Griswold #13 block logo skillet. As you know the #13 skillet is quite hard to locate and is a very desirable piece for any collection. This version of the skillet is chrome on the inside and with the high polished chrome handle and the low polished chrome on the outside of the skillet. I believe this skillet to be unused based on the condition and the inside of the skillet is perfect. Purchased from a long-time collector who acquired at an auction in Erie, PA and was told it was new in the box – however the box was in bad shape and thrown out. Remember many years ago boxes really did not matter that much. Thanks for saving and of course not using this cool skillet. Sharing an example in the third picture of a #13 skillet with the high polished exterior walls – always wonder why the different versions of chrome and polish for the same skillets.





#3 – Continuing on down the list, we have a huge cast iron mailbox. Imagine going to the Post Office, a local business or being on the street and seeing this huge cast iron mailbox. You would have to think the box was approved by the US Post Office and has a great back story, since it is marked U.S. MAIL. What an amazing piece of US history and Griswold history.

At #3 we have the Griswold cast iron Indestructible Post Box. Just a great piece of cast iron that was a daily worker and is amazing any survived at all based on the heavy lid and I am sure being dropped many times after being opened. This is one of my all-time favorite items and gets a lot of love when friends see it. I have it left alone, in the condition acquired. I love that it was painted green and that paint may have helped keep the rust away. You can see the silver in some places, and I have debated on restoring versus just leaving as it. What do you think?

And yes, I checked the spelling and wonder why they spelled indestructible with an A instead of an I – Indestructible would be the correct spelling. I bet Doris Mosier smiled at that one.



#2 – And finishing the list today at #2 is the Griswold square skillet. You typically see the small square skillet in black iron and/or chrome. As you know I love the porcelain pieces and look to acquire any unusual pieces. I believe it looks great and makes the black iron look even better when displayed.

Starting at the top left (all are marked Griswold) and going clockwise we have a black with green specks, a nice teal colored skillet, standard black iron, black porcelain piece, the porcelain inside and out is black, a cool version with the interior white porcelain and the exterior chrome, a standard chrome piece, a red and cream skillet, a red and white speckled exterior with solid white interior version of the skillet, and the a solid white porcelain skillet – inside and outside on the white porcelain. In the middle is the large square skillet in the red and cream porcelain colors and in mint condition (wonder where the lid is). I have to say thank you to the individuals that did not use the porcelain pieces and preserved some history for us.



And for #1 – well you will have to wait to our next Newsletter to see the big reveal, and what is next...

I also believe when you mix in some chrome, porcelain, aluminum, and nickel in the collection it helps add a little pop to the collection and really stands out well within the black iron.

So, you start to see the dilemma on identifying that one favorite piece – is it possible and how do you decide on that? Whatever your answer and however you can get to one favorite piece it really is about the journey, the stories, and the amazing times.

So please share your list, bring that favorite item to the **Florence, Ky convention in April 2022**, and we would love to hear the story, or take a few minutes and write a quick story and send to Joseph for the next newsletter article.

Please feel free to contact me with your ideas, concerns, your passion to volunteer, ideas for a future article, or wanting to host a convention.

Take care and see you soon in Florence

My contact info is: Phone / text: 479-866-2421, evenings and weekends are best

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Thanks Scott McCarter

CALL FOR 2022 CONVENTION AUCTION ITEMS

Hello Fellow Collectors! The summer season is almost complete here in Ohio. It is usually this time

of year that I begin the process of organizing the National Convention Auction. As you know, the

auction is one of the convention highlights. With the current market being strong, it has been

harder to get entries for the auction. I would like the members that attend the convention to each

consider entering at least one item, if you have anything to sell. All proceeds go directly to our

great club. Also, you may be surprised how many members are looking are looking for the items

you sell. There is a separate sheet in this newsletter explaining the process. Feel free to contact

me if you need assistance. Have a great autumn and holiday season.

Thank you!
Scott McCarter

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