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Super Superman Prices

By Terry and Kim Kovel

It was a surprise when a 1940 handkerchief picturing Superman sold for \$5,705 at an online Hakes Americana and Collectibles sale. Superman was "born" in 1933 in Cleveland, Ohio. He was created by high-school students Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster. Detective Comics, Inc. (later DC Comics) bought the idea in 1938. Superman first appeared in a comic book, Action Comics No. 1, in June of that year. He was seen in comic books, radio, movie cartoons, newspaper comic strips, television, movies, video games and even a Broadway show. His likeness appeared on lunch boxes, toys, clothes, sheets, figurines,

banks, handkerchiefs, Superman club items, jigsaw puzzles, Halloween costumes, posters, paper dolls, bubble gum and trading cards. He became an icon, and not only his picture but even his yellow shield with the red "S" is recognized internationally. Collectors want anything related to Superman or his alter ego, Clark Kent. The rayon handkerchief pictures Superman from the waist up, breaking chains across his chest. It was made in 1940 and has "Superman" and "(c) SUP'N" (copyright for Superman, Inc.) written below the picture. There is one other known handkerchief design with a full-figure picture of Superman, but it is not as rare as this version.

It took a super price to buy this rare Superman handkerchief at an Americana & Collectibles auction. It's 11 3/4 inches square and sold for \$5,705.

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5 Fairgrounds, Timoni-

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4-5 Stormville Airport, Stormville, NY
9-11 Bethel U.M. Church, Lewes, DE
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12 University Ave., Selingsgrove, PA
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Cumming, GA
18 Augusta Expo, Fishersville, VA
18 Kimmel Center (Indoor), Phila., PA...F/M
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25-26 Cobb County Fairgrounds., Marietta, GA...Dep. Glass
25-26 St.Francis Commu-

nity Cntr., Long Beach, NJ
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40th Anniversary Celebration of National Duncan Glass

The National Duncan Glass Society will celebrate its 40th (RUBY) Anniversary with an expanded Annual Convention, Show & Sale to be held at the Washington County Fair & Expo Center, Washington, Pa. on Saturday and Sunday, July 18 & 19.

It was on July 22, 1975, Orva Heissenbuttal and Betty Duncan Freeze (deceased) held the first meeting of the NDGS at the Washington Library. The Constitution ratified at that meeting defines the mission of the Society: to support the study and preservation of the handmade glassware manufactured by George Duncan & Sons in Pittsburgh and George Duncan's Sons & Co. later

renamed the Duncan & Miller Glass Co. in Washington, Pa. Over the ensuing forty years, the NDGS with members from 31 states has established a museum to display thousands of examples of the "Loveliest Glassware in America" spanning four generations of Duncan family leadership from 1874 to 1955.

Due to the exceptional length of time the Duncan companies manufacture glass, their products span several eras of glass collecting including Early American Pattern Glass, Depression Era Glassware and Mid-Century Modern Glass Design. As a 40th Anniversary is designated as the Ruby Anniversary, the Society has

selected the color ruby as the theme of this year's celebration.

During the EAPG era of 1874-1915, the Duncan companies produced crystal tableware often found decorated with ruby stain either alone or associated with gold, enamel or cut decoration. It is believed that much of the ruby stained pieces were decorated by the Oriental Glass Co. or L. J. Roberts Co., decorating firms located in Pittsburgh. Included in the many patterns to be found with ruby stain are Snail, Barred Oval, Swag Block, Zipper Slash, Block and Rosette, Sunflower Patch and Mardi Gras.

The Duncan & Miller Glass Co. began the production of colored glassware in the mid-1920s initially with pastel colors of amber, green and pink. From 1932 to 1936, ruby was incorporated into most of the patterns under production including Georgian, Ripple, Early American Sandwich, Teardrop, Arilss, Astaire, Plaza, Chanticleer, Terrace and selected pieces of Puritan, Caribbean and Nautical. A second interval of production of ruby from 1948 to 1953 resulted in a selection of

ruby giftware incorporating pieces from a number of lines including Canterbury, Venetian, American Way and Pall Mall smoking accessories and the distinctive Duncan Swan. Three of the many blown stemware lines were produced with ruby bowls on crystal stems- #5300 Dover, #504 Granada and #5375 Diamond.

The 40th Annual Duncan Convention, Show and Sale will feature a display of the ruby glass produced by the Duncan & Miller Glass Co. In addition, this year's raffle prizes are all ruby. First prize consists of the rare ruby #30 Duck Cigarette Box & Cover, the ruby #30 7" Duck Ash Tray and the #30 4" Duck Ashtray. Second prize is a ruby Puritan cheese and cracker tray with lid and the Third Prize is a pair of 10&1/2" ruby Swan Candleholders. Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$5 each at the Duncan & Miller Glass Museum or at the Show. The drawing will occur Sunday July 19 and winners need not be present.

Information regarding the 40th Annual Duncan Convention Show & Sale and Raffle ticket sales can be obtained at duncanmiller.net or duncanmiller@myfastsite.com.

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS *By Terry and Kim Kovel*

Q: I have a smoking cabinet or side table that is 25 inches high, 15 inches wide, and 12 1/2 inches deep. It has two doors and one drawer. The inside of the cabinet is lined with some kind of metal on top, bottom and three sides. The drawer is not lined. What was it used for, and is it worth anything?

A: The metal-lined cabinet is a humidior, used for storing cigars, cigarettes or tobacco. The lining controls the humidity for the tobacco. The drawer was used to store smoking accessories. Smoking stands, cabinets and tables were popular in the 1930s and 1940s when smoking cigars and cigarettes was more common. Now that there are fewer smokers, they're often used as side tables. They sell for about \$150 to \$200.

Q: I heard there are different colors for the marks of Japan and that some are rare and some are not. I have several pieces of china made in Japan. Some are marked "Occupied Japan" and some just "Japan." Some have black marks,

some red and some green. Which colors are rare?

A: Marks on Japanese pottery can be found in several colors, including red, green, blue, yellow, brown and black. Some claim certain colors mean the item is worth more. One source says Noritake used a green mark on its "first grade" china and a blue mark on its "second grade" in the early 1900s. Some think the color indicates when the mark was used. However, this doesn't seem to be true because the same mark may appear in different colors on similar pieces made the same year. A better indication of age is the wording accompanying the mark. All items imported into the U.S. after 1891 had to be marked with the country of origin. They could be marked "Japan" or "Nippon," the Japanese word for Japan. Items marked "Made in Occupied Japan" were made between Sept. 9, 1945, and April 28, 1952, during the Allied occupation of Japan.

Q: I have a very old cuckoo clock. It belonged to my great-great-great-grand-

parents. It must have been made in the early 1800s. On the hour, a boy and girl pop out of the house-shaped clock and a cuckoo sings. On the half hour, a cuckoo appears and chirps once. I know it is old because it is powered by pinecone-shaped weights on a chain. I have to reset the chain once a week. I have seen many new ones that look like my hand-carved wooden clock but they run on a battery or an electric plug. Can you tell me why the cuckoo clock idea evolved, and what my antique clock is worth?

A: The first cuckoo clocks were made about 1630 in Germany, but it was not until 1738 that the clock like
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Collecting Through the Ages

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Collecting is not a new hobby - there were cavemen and even birds that saw unusual or attractive items and took them "home" to save. Ancient Romans collected coins and pottery and one Emperor had a bedroom filled with treasures from Greece. By the time of the Renaissance, there were "wonder cabinets," and the rich and the royal had galleries to display their paintings and statuary. Collectors from every century have had problems of storage, display and inventory records. During the 18th century, European and American collectibles like coins, mineral specimens and small pieces of pottery and glass were displayed in a large piece of wooden furniture, usually a combination bookcase and cabinet. It had both shelves and special shallow drawers, divided into small sections. A southern auction house recently sold a Federal carved mahogany piece of antique furniture with shelves in the top section, and a writing desk over specimen drawers below. Doors with panes of glass cover the upper shelves



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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS *By Terry and Kim Kovel*

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today's was designed. The maker, inspired by a church organ, created a way to make

the bird's song. He used bells and whistles to imitate the cuckoo. His first clock was made of paint-decorated wood, and the cuckoo came out of a small door to announce the time. Local craftsmen made many of the

cuckoo clocks. The house-shaped clocks were sold by peddlers who carried them from Germany to France and many other parts of Europe. The design has changed slightly during the past 200 years, reflecting the popular styles of the day. But the house, the shaped weights and the cuckoo remained. By Victorian times, the building had more decorations. Often,

carved birds, leaves, even deer heads and other animals were added. Your style clock probably was made anytime from about 1850 to 1950. Batteries and electric motors were added to many clocks later. But you still can buy a very traditional clock with weights. Because it is difficult to trace the history of a hand-made piece, collectors tend to buy the clock to use

or, if isn't working, to admire. The case size and quality and added decorations determine value. The greater the number of cuckoo and other moving figures there are, the higher the price. New clocks are sold for \$50 to about \$350. Old ones are not selling for much more, unless they're very large or unusual. Amazing large examples have sold for over \$3,000.

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This Marx Drummer Boy is in excellent condition. Wind it up and the drummer beats the drum and moves across the floor. It sold for \$370.

Unwanted Vintage Toys

By Terry and Kim Kovel
Moving to a smaller house or trying for a less cluttered house usually means there are unwanted toys. "Kovels Antiques and Collectibles Price Guide 2015" lists a late-1950s toy Radicon Robot that sold for \$37,200, a very rare 1916 French doll that auctioned for \$300,000, and a blue 1962 Chrysler Imperial friction toy with the box that sold for \$26,550. And many more toys are listed that sold for hundreds, even thousands of dollars. What makes a toy that valuable? Barbie, Hot

Wheels, stuffed Teddy bears and other popular toys are easy to find at yard sales for low prices, but the special ones exist today in small numbers. The first Barbie, 1959, in excellent condition is worth \$6,000. A rare Steiff teddy bear even in "much loved" condition brings over \$1,000. Toys that move and make noise get good prices. In the 1930s and '40s, many colorful tin toys were made in the U.S. by Louis Marx. He founded his toy company in 1919, and by the 1950s, his company was the largest toy manufacturer in the world.

Chances are there is a Marx toy in your family. "Drummer Boy" is a tin Marx toy made in about 1949. It is a tin man dressed in a yellow and orange band uniform, pushing a large drum balanced on a wheel. Wind it up and it rolls across the floor while pounding the drum. That toy sold recently for \$370. It was inexpensive when new because Marx had reused some old toy parts and patterns. The

company created a Charlie McCarthy toy in 1938, when the ventriloquist dummy was a star on the radio. The toy's drum said "Strike up the Band. Here comes Charlie." The head and lithographed designs on the tin drum were changed to make the new toy. Charlie, harder to find, sells for over \$2,000. Before you clean out your toys, take the time to do some research. Age, condition and rarity set the price, so don't assume an old Hot Wheels or Barbie or a damaged teddy bear is worth only a few dollars.

CURRENT PRICES

Current prices are recorded from antiques shows, flea markets, sales and auctions throughout the United States. Prices vary in different locations because of local economic conditions.

Josef Originals, music box, 50th Anniversary, woman, gray hair, pink and blue gown, shawl, "I Love You Truly" sticker, 7 inches, \$30.

Civil war, sword, U.S. Army, NCO, model 1840, single edge, marked Ames Mfg., Chicopee, 1864, 32 inches, \$165.

Coca-Cola, calendar, 1946, boy saluting, wearing cap, blue, 21 x 13 inches, \$180.

Silver box, arabesques, gold wash interior, Persia, 5 3/4 x 5 3/4 inches, \$320.

Bandanna, Theodore Roosevelt's hat in the ring, 1912 National Progressive, red, silk, 17 x 26 inches, \$370.

Daybed, Restauration, plum pudding mahogany, paneled, carved, France, 1800s, 42 x 36 x 65 inches, \$400.

Theorem, oil on velvet, bowl of flowers, signed, David Y. Ellinger, 13 1/2 x 12 1/2 inches, \$450.

Toy grasshopper, iron, aluminum legs, painted green, rubber tires, articulated, pull, Hubley, 10 inches, \$500.

Cranberry glass, water set, opalescent stars and stripes, clear handle, 8 1/2-inch pitcher, 8 pieces, \$520.

American flag, 38 stars, white hoist, grommets, hemp cord, c. 1876, 12 x 20 feet, \$1,495.

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- Old advertising signage
- Motorcycles
- Bicycles (Pre-60's to turn-of-the-century)
- Old toys: tin, wind-up, cast iron
- Pre 50's vending machines
- Pinball and slot machines
- Old movie posters
- Unusual radios: transistor, tabletop, etc.
- Antique casino/gaming machines
- Vintage movie memorabilia
- Vintage advertising items
- Taxidermy
- Vintage concert posters & t-shirts
- Early Boy Scout items
- Pre 60's vintage diner collectibles
- Pre 60's TV merchandise
- Pre 50's western/equestrian gear
- Classic motorcycle memorabilia
- Sports memorabilia
- Casino tables
- Houdini items
- Old rodeo items
- Airline collectibles: Pan-Am, TWA, Etc.
- Late 70's & earlier military items
- Extraordinary mobster memorabilia
- Vintage police officer collectibles
- Firefighter collectibles
- Pre 40's telephones
- Folk art
- Vintage BB guns/cap guns
- Early Halloween items
- Pre 40's Christmas items
- Hawaiiana/Tiki Collectibles
- Vintage sports collectibles
- Vintage election memorabilia
- Musical instruments
- Civil War antiques
- Vintage gas pumps
- Pre 70's old neon signs
- Strange woodcarvings
- Vintage collegiate collectibles

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Farming/agriculture items, tools, glassware, appliances, tractors, crocks, stoves or country primitives



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