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Greetings from Lowell



Hello my friends!! I hope you are all doing well and enjoying the summer.

I was very busy this past spring working on Red Oak II. We have had good rains and everything is looking very green here.

Unfortunately, I haven't been able to do many new paintings as my right wrist

has been bothering. I have seen several doctors and they say it isn't carpal tunnel syndrome. One suggested it was probably arthritis but the treatment he gave me didn't help. I am thinking I may try acupuncture.

I celebrated my 72nd birthday on June 8 with my family and friends. Thanks so much for the Birthday greetings that I received from many of you.

In this issue of my newsletter you will find Red Oak II updates plus an assortment of feature articles which I hope you will enjoy and find useful.

My Collectors Quiz has been popular. The winner of the 2009 Q2 quiz is Dee Reeder. Congratulations Dee! See the Collectors Quiz article towards the end of this issue for more details as well as a new quiz for you to enter.

If you are not on the list to receive my newsletter and would like to be or know of someone else who would like to receive this newsletter, please send us an email: lowelldaviscollectors@att.net. You can always view and download all issues of my newsletter from my web site: www.redoakiimissouri.com.

I hope to see many of you this summer. A good time to visit is around the Midwest Gathering of the Artists in September.

Best wishes!

Your friend,

Lowell Davis

Red Oak II Updates



There is always a lot going on at Red Oak II. Here are the happenings of the second quarter of 2009:

Signs of Spring at Red Oak II

All the seasons at Red Oak II are beautiful and spring this year was no exception. Nature's creatures abounded at Red Oak II this spring:



The People Watchers
Photo Courtesy Judy Knudsen



"Whew! I made it across the road again!"



Otis the Bullfrog serenades us at night
Photo Courtesy Judy Knudsen



Canadian Geese and MaryAnn
Photo Courtesy Patty Shanks

Spring flowers and shrubs added lots of color to Red Oak II:



In June there were some dazzling lightning displays and awesome sunsets:

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Lightning storm June 9, 2009



Sunset June 10, 2009

Foggy mornings are great at Red Oak II:



Red Oak II Drive with General Store at left



The Birdsong and pond



Otis' Cabin (formerly Mother-In-Law's House)



The Salem Church

Once in a Lifetime Photo

When Lowell was out in Emery with Fido along for the ride, he captured this once in a lifetime photo that he wanted to share with you all:



Once in a lifetime photo by Lowell Davis

Favorite Missouri Pastime

One day in early June, Lowell was seen on the porch partaking in the favorite Missouri pastime, *swatting flies*. Ask Lowell to show you how it's done next time you visit Red Oak II.



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Red Oak II Renovations

Renovations are focused on the Red Oak II General Store which will be the Lowell Davis art gallery and museum.



Repairing rotted window frame



Fresh coat of paint on store front



Display shelves for figurines



Display shelves for art prints and photos

Lowell oversees renovations to ensure we keep true to the original design. This is a very special building to Lowell as his father ran the store in Red Oak MO.

Saturday Evening Pickin' & Singin'

The Saturday evening Pickin' and Singin' sessions at the Salem Church on Red Oak II have been very popular.

Photos courtesy Judy Knudsen and Patty Shanks



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If you are in the area, be sure to stop by and join in. See following link for details: <http://www.redoakiimissouri.com/index/red-oak-ii-missoura/calendar-of-events.html>.

Antique Car Club Visits Red Oak II

Red Oak II is just off the old Route 66 and often motorcycle and car groups stop by. In June, we had a visit by an antique car club.

Photos courtesy Judy Knudsen



Lowell Celebrates his 72nd Birthday

On June 8, 1937, Lowell Davis took his first breath in the upstairs bedroom of an old farmhouse in SW Missouri.



Farm where Lowell was born
From "there ain't no memories in First Class" by Lowell Davis

On June 8, 2009, Lowell Davis celebrated his 72nd birthday with his family and close friends at Red Oak II.



Lowell, his brother Ivan & his sister Evelyn

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Entertainment included singing, guitar and fiddle playing



Two of Lowell's grand daughters and a new puppy



Lowell and his wife Rose and one of Lowell's gifts

Lowell had a very special friend join his birthday celebration this year. Sam Butcher, renowned artist and creator of Precious Moments, was in the area joined Lowell's birthday celebration.



Danny Hensley, Sam Butcher, Lowell Davis, Bob Tommey

In case you were not aware of this, Sam Butcher did a porcelain involving himself and Lowell playing checkers:



Checkerboard Square by Sam Butcher

Newly Acquired Border Fine Arts Lowell Davis Figurines

For those of you that collect Lowell's art, you will know that his largest series was the cold cast porcelain figurines produced by Border Fine Arts. The cold casting process offered the ability to reproduce fine detail not possible with fired porcelain. We recently acquired some Artist Proofs of some of the last Lowell Davis pieces produced by Border Fine Arts:



97007 You Snooze, You Lose - Artist Proof



97011 One in the Hand - Artist Proof

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97008 Grandpa's Ole Tom - Artist Proof

We also acquired Artist Proofs of two pieces that to the best of our knowledge were never released:



Waitin' Their Turn - Artist Proof



Indoor Plumbing - Artist Proof

If any of you have these two pieces, let us know by sending an email to: lowelldaviscollectors@att.net.

FoxFire Farm Set

Lowell created a beautiful set of figurines depicting FoxFire Farm. This set is a must have for Lowell's avid collectors.

"In the foothills of the Ozark Mountains of Missouri is a sprawling property called 'FoxFire Farm'. It is the pride-and-joy home and endless inspiration to

artist Lowell Davis. There, he considers everything from his dog, 'Hooker' to his woodshed to be subject for yet another painting. And his works display a joy found only in life's simple things; a vitality and love for family, land and animals that is a rarity in today's world.

"Undeniably part of a vanishing breed, Lowell Davis scours the surrounding countryside for authentic barnboard, windows and doors with which to restore his 1930's era farm. His passion for local history, authenticity and preservation of this period is tireless.

"So when Lowell Davis chose to share with us this place he treasures so highly, we were duly honored. His true representation of FoxFire Farm is an ambitious work; meticulously detailed and beautifully recreated by the Border Fine Arts studio in Scotland. Schmid proudly brings you this work, the closest possible feeling of home on the farm – short of a visit and a piece of pie with Lowell himself." Quoted from Schmid brochure



25348 Privy



25349 Windmill

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25350 Remus' Cabin



25355 Hog House



25351 Main House



25356 Hen House



25352 The Barn



25357 Smoke House



25353 Goat Yard & Studio



25358 Chicken House



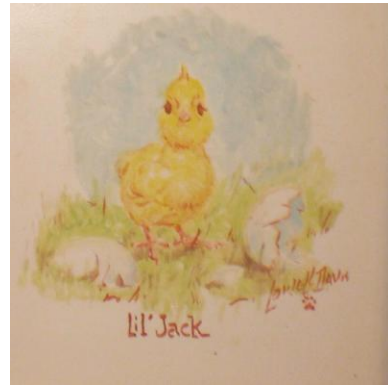
25354 Corn Crib & Sheep Pen



25359 Garden & Wood Shed

Lowell Davis' Chickens

Lowell has always been fascinated with chickens. His studio was full of chicken art that he collected and chickens are the subject matter of much of his art. He painted the following mural of chickens on ceramic tiles for the Civil War House at Red Oak II:



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Restoration of Lowell Davis Cold Cast Porcelain Figurines

Do you have a damaged Lowell Davis figurine that you would like to have restored? Lowell's daughter April Davis, an outstanding artist in her own right, can do an excellent restoration of your figurine. If you want to contact April about repair/restoration work, send an email to lowelldaviscollectors@att.net.

2009 Midwest Gathering of the Artists

The 2009 Midwest Gathering of the Artists will be held at the Memorial Hall, 407 South Garrison Street, Carthage MO on September 11 – 13. There will an art auction on the Friday evening and art show/sale on Saturday and Sunday. This is a great time to visit Red Oak II as many of Lowell's collectors and friends will be around that week. For more information, click on the following link: <http://www.redoakiimissouri.com/index/red-oak-ii-missoura/calendar-of-events.html>



The Backsliders Giclée Prints

Sam Butcher recently gave “The Backsliders” back to Lowell. If you recall from his autobiography, this is the painting that Lowell exchanged with Sam for \$10,000 which Lowell needed for a down payment on the cabin. The Backsliders is a magnificent, 48” x 48” painting which depicts Red Oak II in the winter. When you are visiting Red Oak II, ask Lowell to show it to you and tell you the story that it depicts.



The Backsliders by Lowell Davis

We scanned this painting in order to make Giclée prints available for Lowell’s collectors. We can do these in any square size up to 40” x 40”. We recommend not going smaller than 20” x 20” as you would lose the impact of this magnificent painting in smaller sized prints. If you are interested in purchasing a copy, send us an email at: redoakiigeneralstore@att.net.

In this painting Lowell reveals how he does his paintings paint by numbers ☺.



Tell Us about Your Favorite Lowell Davis Art Work

Dee Reeder, winner of the latest Lowell Davis Collector’s quiz sent us the following story:

‘My mom has been collecting the Schmid figurines for about 28 years, and her collection will be past down to her children and grandchildren. She seen her first one at Bishop Hill located by Galva, Illinois. She loved it so much my dad bought it for her and gave it to her for Christmas, and every Christmas he added to her collection with a few more in between.

‘When she got her first one she said “I can die happy I have a Lowell Davis Figurine”. Her favorite is the Sheep Shearer.



25388 Sheep Shearin’ Time

I have just started my collection recently. We made a visit to Red Oak II last year and just loved it and encourage everyone to stop on in.’

We would love to hear about your favorite Lowell Davis art, what your first Lowell Davis art piece was and how it got you started collecting his art. Please send via email to: lowelldaviscollectors@att.net. Attach photos too.

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Collectors Exchange

If you have Lowell Davis art or collectibles that you would like to swap, buy or sell, just email a detailed description of the item to: lowelldaviscollectors@att.net. We will list your items so that other interested collectors can contact you.

Wanted:

The Lowell Davis Art Gallery is looking for:

- Wildlife and farm bronzes
- Early original paintings

If you have any of these items for sale, please send us an email at lowelldaviscollectors@att.net stating which you have, condition and asking price.

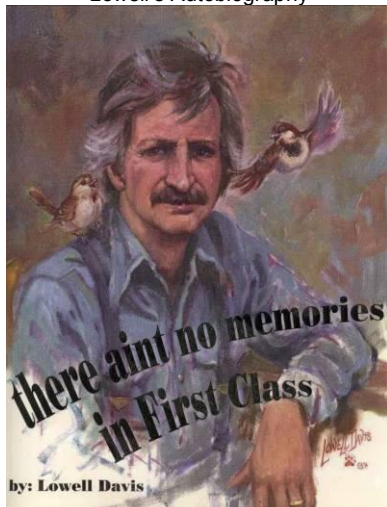
For Sale:

No listings received for this issue.

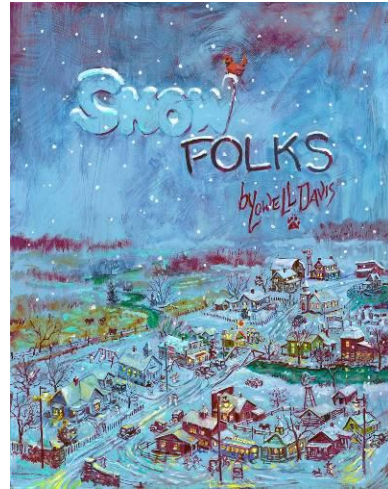
Lowell Davis Books

Rose asked me to include a reminder about Lowell's three books that are a must have for Lowell Davis collectors.

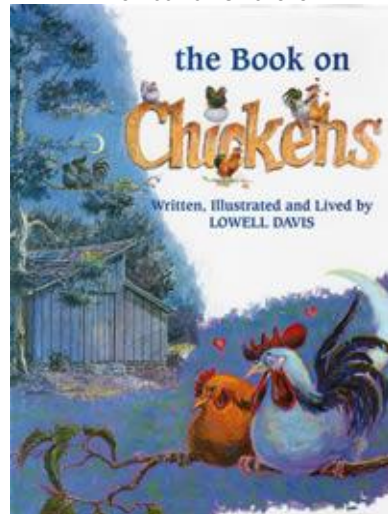
Lowell's Autobiography



Snow Folks



The Book on Chickens



An order form for these books can be found on the Red Oak II website at: <http://www.redoakiigeneralstore.com/lowell-davis-books/index.html> or you can send an email to Rose at: redoakrose@ecarthage.com.

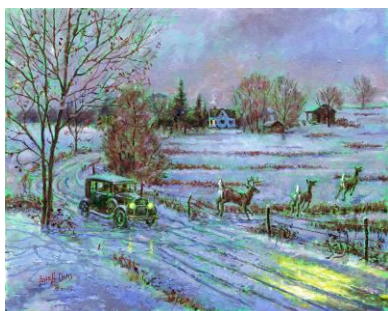
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Lowell Davis Collectors Quiz

**Winner of Lowell Davis Collectors
Quiz 2009 Q2**

We would like to thank all who entered the Lowell Davis Collectors Quiz 2009 Q2. A number of you commented that this quiz was harder than the first couple of quizzes. Actually, the answers can be readily found in Lowell's autobiography "there ain't no memories in First Class".

We received quite a few entries but only one completely correct entry from Dee Reeder of Iowa. Congratulations Dee!! Dee has used her prize of \$40 towards a Giclée print of Flag's a Flyin':



Flag's a Flyin' by Lowell Davis 2004

Lowell Davis Collectors Quiz 2009 Q3

For the 2009 Q3 Lowell Davis Collectors quiz, the winner will receive a Giclée print of Lowell Davis' painting "Brer Fox", the original of which hangs in Lowell's Belle Star house.



Lowell Davis "Brer Fox"

In case of a tie, there will be a random drawing from among all correct entries to select the winner.

This month there is a bonus question which is for an additional prize for the Quiz winner if she/he also answers the bonus question correctly.

To enter, send your answers to the following questions by email to lowelldaviscollectors@att.net. Entries must be received by 12:00 midnight US EDT on September 30, 2009. The winner will be announced in the next issue of this newsletter.

Here are the questions, all relating to Lowell Davis figurines:

- 1) What's the name of Lowell's cow that is depicted in the following figurine?



- 2) What's the name of the following figurine and why is it so named?



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- 3) What is the name of the following figurine and what series is it part of?



- 6) What is the name of Lowell's pig in the following figurine?



- 4) What is the name of the following figurine and where are they headed?



- 7) The title of the following figurine reflects the thoughts of the cat on top of the bird house. What is that title?



- 5) What is the difference between the two versions of Slim Pickin's as shown in the following photos?



Slim Pickin's version 1

- 8) What's the name of Lowell's horse in the following figurine and why is he laughing at Lowell?



Slim Pickin's version 2

- 9) Why is the junk yard mouse in the following figurine staring at its reflection?



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10) What are the names of the boy and girl depicted in the following figurine?



Bonus question: Who was Lowell fishing with when he saw the family of raccoons depicted in the following figurine?



Good luck and have fun!

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