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Greetings from Lowell



Lowell with new baby goat at Red Oak II

Greeting all my friends and collectors!

I am sure glad that spring is here as it was a real hard winter here at Red Oak II with a lot of snow and very cold temperatures. Rose and I spent many days huddled around the fireplace to keep warm.

I am pleased to bring you this latest issue of my collectors newsletter so that I can provide you with updates on what I have been doing and on Red Oak II.

While looking through my old files, I found an account on Red Oak, Missouri, the town where a number of the buildings at Red Oak II came from. I am including a transcript of that account along with some old photos in this issue of the newsletter.

The proofing of my new art book, "The Dalton Gang, up to their old antics again" and working on the proof for publishing. It's a great story, I believe the best I have ever done. We expect to be publishing this summer.

I had produced a very limited number of two large bronzes.....

The winner of the 2010 Q1 Collectors Quiz was Carolea Hunter. Congrats Carolea! There is a new Collectors Quiz in this newsletter for you to enter.

If you or someone else that you know are not on the list to receive my newsletter and, please send us an email: lowelldaviscollectors@att.net. You can view and download newsletter issues at: www.redoakiimissouri.com.

Remember you are always welcome to visit Red Oak II.

Your friend,

Lowell Davis

Red Oak II Update



Here is an update on Red Oak II for the first quarter 2010:

Route 66 Garage to be moved to Red Oak II

Route 66 runs through Carthage MO along what is now MO 96. In the early days of Carthage, there was a garage along Route 66 that provided service for travelers along the route. This garage has survived the years but was moved off the road and currently is situated behind a tire dealership on MO 96 in Carthage where it is being used to store tires.



Route 66 Garage to be moved to Red Oak II

Lowell has wanted to move this building to Red Oak II for quite some time as it would be a great addition to his town. Plans are finally moving forward with this with the intent to relocate and restore this building on the lot behind the Red Oak II General Store. It will be used for parking the 1939 Chevy pickup that is being restored for the Red Oak II General Store.



1939 Chevy Pickup before restoration was started

Red Oak MO Early History

Lowell wanted to share with his collectors an account of the early days of Red Oak MO. This is the town from which a number of buildings including the General Store and Blacksmith Shop were rescued and moved to Red Oak II where they were restored and exist today. This account was provided by Euretta Glass in June 1994. We have added some photos that Lowell had in his archives to complement the account.

“Red Oak had three grocery and general merchandise stores in early days. First store was owned by Bushnell Richardson.

The Masonic Red Oak Lodge No. 468, A.F. & A.M. was organized October 17, 1873.

First doctor was Dr. C. J. Overtrez. First post office July 5, 1877 run by John J. Gulick.

Newspaper before 1883.

In 1901 installed telephone switchboard. I.O.O.F. Hall in 1901.

Two churches in early days, Cumberland Presbyterian and Methodist Church.

La Fore Dealt in goods in 1906.

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Chester Griffith was employed at Red Oak store 1912 for seven years. Worked for D. W. Williams owner.

Claud H. Speer and Perry K. Leyerly had the first garage. Enlarged garage 1919. Later owners were David Curry and Clifford Vincent.

In May 1920 D. W. Williams traded the store for a farm owned by Bert H. Baird who became owner of store.

C. H. Speer sold garage to David A. Curry 1920.

Weber Blacksmith Shop owned by William and Adolph Weber, closed the shop in 1920 because of his eyes.

D. H. Vincent owned the mill.

W. A. Clayman owned the feed mill, cabinet shop and barber shop.

Alpha Christman had a harness shop.

B. H. Baird traded the Red Oak Store and his residence to Henry Eason from New York for a farm. This was March 22, 1921.”



Red Oak Garage



Red Oak Church



Red Oak School

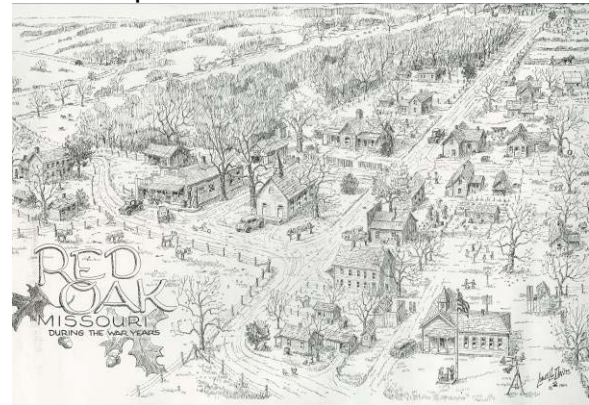


Red Oak General Store



Red Oak General Store (Vacant prior to rescue)

See if you can locate these buildings on Lowell's pen sketch of Red Oak:



Red Oak pen sketch by Lowell Davis

Missoura Kid Bronzes

In the 1990's Lowell had produced two different large Missoura Kid bronzes through Schaefer Art Bronze Casting of Arlington Texas. As Lowell recalls, only two of each of these were cast back in the 1990's and sold in the General Store.

Lowell had been working with Schaefer Art Bronze to try to find the molds for these bronzes so that he could produce additional castings of these two pieces. This winter the molds were found and an initial three additional castings of each of these were produced.

One of the bronzes depicts the Missoura Kid (Lowell) with a sack of chickens over his shoulder and is entitled Quit Your Belly Aching:



Quit Your Belly Aching

The other bronze depicts the Missoura Kid as an outlaw riding a turkey:



The Missoura Kid

The Red Oak II General Store has purchased one of each of these bronzes to make them available for viewing in the Lowell Davis Museum which will be set up in the General Store. If you are interested in purchasing one for your own collection, please contact Lowell at lowelldavis@ecarthage.com.

Lowell sold one of the Missoura Kid riding the turkey bronzes to Bud Bolinger, a collector of turkey art in Missouri. Lowell delivered the bronze to Bud so he could check out Bud's turkey art collection. Bud has an awesome collection of turkey art in his office which he intends someday to be a museum of turkey art.



Lowell Davis, Bud Bolinger
and the Missoura Kid bronze

Update on Red Oak II in Water Colors by Carol Jessen

In the last issue of this newsletter there was an article about water colors that artist Carol Jessen did of Otis' Cabin and Marshall Hooker's Office at Red Oak II.



Ozark Reverie - water color by Carol Jessen



Marshall Hooker's Office – water color by Carol Jessen

We liked these paintings so much that we purchased them from Carol for display at Red Oak II. We also invited Carol back to Red Oak II to do some additional paintings of other Red Oak II buildings and scenes.

Carol has a blog "Carol Jessen's Watercolor World" where you can see her art: <http://caroljessen.blogspot.com/>. Also check out Gleason Fine Art gallery which represents Carol Jessen's art: www.gleasonfineart.com.

Lowell Creating Welcome Sign for Carthage MO

Lowell is working on a welcome sign for the city of Carthage MO. Carthage is known as the Maple Leaf City and it turns all shades of red, orange and yellow in the fall with all the maples that grow throughout the city. To capture this, Lowell is doing the sign in fall colors.

Here is Lowell's color sketch of what the sign will look like:



Sketch of Carthage Missouri Welcome sign by Lowell Davis

and here is the actual sign which is still a work in progress:



Welcome to Carthage Missouri sign by Lowell Davis

The exact location for the sign is yet to be finalized. We will include photos of the sign in place when it is set up. Recall that Lowell also did a sign for Jasper MO using a tractor and plow (see Volume 3 Issue 4 of this Newsletter).

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Lowell Davis Punkin' Pig Bronze

The Little Critters series is one of Lowell's most popular series produced by Border Fine Arts in cold cast porcelain.

Lowell also did bronzes of several of these Little Critter pieces including Punkin' Pig. We recently acquired this bronze for the Lowell Davis Museum and wanted to share it with Lowell's collectors.



Punkin' Pig bronze - Ltd Ed 20

For comparison, here is the Border Fine Arts cold cast porcelain version:



Punkin' Pig 25505 - Ltd Ed 2,500 (1990)

Here is Lowell's storyline that goes with the Punkin' Pig piece:

" Fall. I guess it must be everyone's favorite time of the year. Here on our farm especially, fall seems to turn every nook and cranny into a beautiful autumn fantasy. If you slow down enough to

enjoy the fantasy, you might see one of my favorite Little Critters. You'd have to get up real early and go out to the punkin patch, the one right by the corn field. While summer is fading away, this little patch is just beginning to come alive. Sit there for a spell as the sun's coming up. You'll see the fog gradually lifting off the field - like a curtain going up on some grand performance. And if you're quiet, you'll hear the rickety rumbling of an old cart - way over in the left hand corner of that field. And if you look hard, you just might see its early morning driver - the Punkin Pig himself."

For a full listing of all the cold cast porcelain pieces in this series please see Volume 3 Issue 2 of this newsletter.

Lowell Davis Country Christmas

Last issue we featured the Lowell Davis Farm Country Christmas Collection by ERTL. In this issue, we are including information on the Lowell Davis Country Christmas figurines produced by Border Fine Arts which were distributed in USA by Schmid. These were all limited editions of 2,500.



23550 Hooker at Mailbox with Presents (1983)

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23551 Kittens with Presents (1984)



23555 Cutting the Family Christmas Tree (1988)



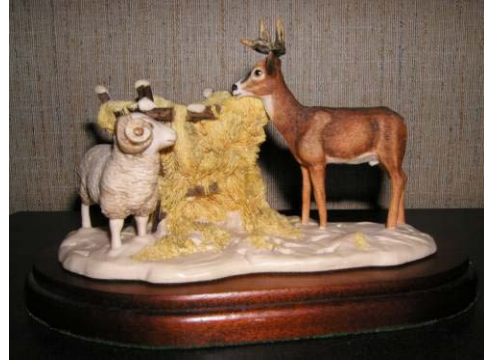
23552 Christmas at Foxfire Farm (1985)



23556 Peter and the Wren (1989)



23553 Christmas at Red Oak (1986)



23557 Wintering Deer (1990)



23554 Blossom's Gift (1987)

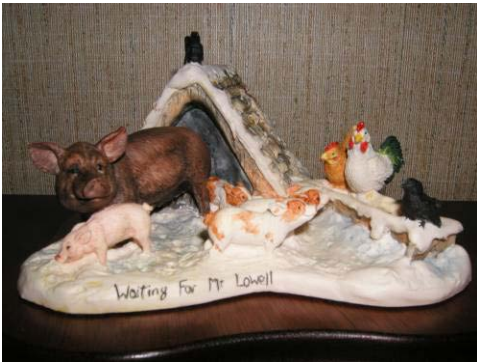


23558 Christmas at Red Oak II (1991)

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23559 Born on a Starry Night (1992)



23606 Waiting for Mr. Lowell (1993)



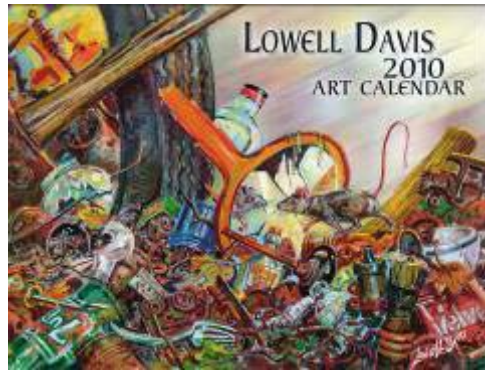
27414 Visions of Sugar Plums (1994)



95091 Bah Humbug (1995)

2010 Calendars

We still have some 2010 Lowell Davis art calendars available for sale. This is the 4th year we have produced these calendars which have been very popular. It contains prints from a selection of 12 of Lowell's most beautiful paintings selected to fit each month of the year:



In 2010, we shifted to using a non-gloss paper for the calendars allowing us to offer a very high quality calendar at a more reasonable price. You can order at: www.redoakigeneralstore.com.

Tell Us about Your Favorite Lowell Davis Art Work

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

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send via email to:
lowelldaviscollectors@att.net. Attach photos too. We will put your story in a future edition of the newsletter.

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.

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:

We have been contacted by a number of individuals with large collections of Lowell Davis figurines. We have listed three collections. If you have an interest in any of the collections or individual pieces in the collections,

please send us an email at:
lowelldaviscollectors@att.net.

Collection 1:

- 1- Checks in the mail
- 1- Country kitty
- 1- Born on a starry night
- 1- Privy
- 1- Going to Grandmas
- 1- Not a sharing soul
- 1- Sheep shearing time/base
- 1- Feathering her nest
- 1- Quiet day that Maple Grove
- 1- When 3 foots a mile with base
- 1- Goldie and her peeps
- 1- Small windmill
- 1- Home Squeezin's
- 1- Ozark Belle
- 1- Finders Keepers
- 1- Little Critter sign
- 1- The Free loaders/base
- 1- Be My Valentine
- 1- Luke 12:6 (club piece)
- 1- Corn Crib Mouse
- 1- Mama
- 1- Itisket Itasket
- 1- Dry Hole
- 1- If Can't Beat em Join Them
- 1- Peep Show
- 1- You're A Basket Of Fun
- 1- Christopher Critter/base
- 1- Sweet Tooth
- 1- Makin A Beeline
- 1- Counting the Days
- 1- A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing
- 1- Oh Sheeit
- 1- Not a Happy Camper
- 1- Favorite Spot
- 1- Coon Capers
- 1- No Hunting
- 1- Fleas
- 1- Oh Where is He Now
- 1- Long Hot Summer
- 1- Cat and Jenny Wren
- 1- Bottoms Up
- 1- Orphans
- 1- Sawing Logs
- 1- Meet With Sheldon
- 1- Long Days Cold Nights
- 1- Leftovers
- 1- Don't Play With Fire
- 1- Lowell Davis Sign
- 1- Route 66 Little Bit of Shade
- 1- We Do Our Part
- 1- Home For Christmas
- 1- Summer Days (Club Piece)
- 1- Routed Out
- 1- Making Tracks

Collection 2:

- 12- 225506 Private Time
- 12 - 225928 Hanky Panky
- 5 - 225504 Home Squeezins
- 3 - 223507 Country Christmas Barn
- 5 - 223627 Sunday Afternoon Treat-Ornament
- 2 - 223626 Sunday Afternoon Treat- Mini
- 1 - 892050 Thirsty

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1 - 225308 Washed Ashore
 1 - 225286 Brothers
 1 - 225510 Hittin the Sack
 1 - 225926 Seeing Red
 1 - 225509 Toad Strengler
 All pieces in this collection are in original boxes

Lowell Davis Books

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

Collection 3:

These first 19 pieces have original boxes:

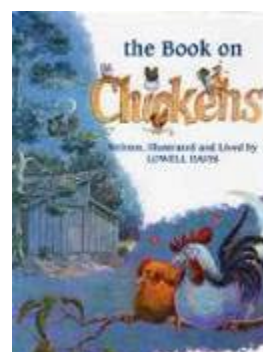
Long Days, Cold Nights	225344
Oh Sheeit	225363
Open the Lid	94105
And Down the Hatch	94106
Can't Wait	225004
Bit off More than He could Chew	225279
After the Rain	95079
Finders Keepers	225299
Barn Cats	225257
Thirsty	892050
Love at First Sight	25267
Sticks and Stones	95087
Don't forget me	27130
Will You Still Respect Me in the Morning	225265
Two Timer	94119
Cat Napping Too	225247
Free Kittens	96906
Bottom's Up	225270
Wishful Thinking	225285
The following pieces do not have boxes:	
Baby Bobs	225222
Moving Day	225225
Country Crook	225280
Easy Pickins	225269
Counting The Days	225233
Ozark Belle	225264
His Masters Dog	225244
Right Church Wrong Pew	225204
In A Pickle	25284
Hanky Panky	25298
Kissin Cousins	25307
Makin' A Bee Line	225274
Treed	25327
Pit Stop	221005
Morning After signed by Mr. Lowell	95084
A Gift for You	96001



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 for Lowell Davis Collectors Quiz 2010 Q1

The winner of the Lowell Davis Collectors Quiz 2010 Q1 was Carolea Hunter. Congratulations Carolea! Carolea will receive a pair of Giclée prints of Lowell Davis' paintings "Strawberry Patch" and "Garden Toad":



Lowell Davis "Strawberry Patch"



Lowell Davis "Spotted Garden Toad"

Lowell Davis Collectors Quiz 2010 Q2

For the 2010 Q2 Lowell Davis Collectors quiz, the winner will receive \$40 credit towards any item or combination of items in our eBay store:

<http://stores.ebay.com/Red-Oak-II-General-Store?refid=store>

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

To enter, send your answers to the following questions by email to lowelldaviscollectors@att.net. Entries must be received by 12:00 midnight US

ET on June 30, 2010. The winner will be announced in the next issue of this newsletter.

Here are the questions in this edition of the quiz:

- 1) What is the name of the art show, auction and sale held annually in Carthage Missouri?
- 2) What are the names of the three founders of this art show?
- 3) What was the date (month, day, year) of the first art show in this series?
- 4) In what facility was the first art show in this series held?
- 5) In what facility was the 2009 art show in this series held?
- 6) Identify **all** of the individuals in the following photo?



Good luck and have fun!

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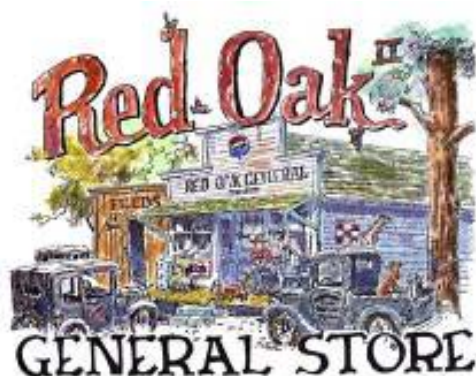
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