

# Lowell Davis Collectors Newsletter

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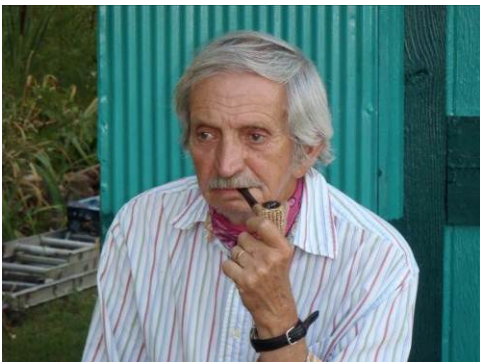
"Hooker" by Lowell Davis (1979)

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**Greetings from Lowell**



Greetings, my friend and collectors. I am pleased to bring you the latest issue of my Collectors Newsletter.

We had a very wet spring at Red Oak II but in late June the rains shut off and since then it has been extremely hot and dry. Welcome to SW Missouri!

On June 8, 2011 I celebrated my 74<sup>th</sup> birthday with my family and close friends. Thanks to all of you who sent me birthday wishes.

In this issue you will find my regular Red Oak II updates including an update on the restoration of our latest building at Red Oak II, the Radiator Shop, and the next building that we have planned for Red Oak II.

Also included are an assortment of articles about my paintings and collectibles, Red Oak II, my upcoming art book and an article on a tribute that we recently added to my website honoring a good friend and fellow artist, Boyd Perry, who had helped me sculpt some of the pieces that I did for Border Fine Arts and ERTL.

We did not have a winner in the 2011 Q2 Collectors Quiz so we are running that same quiz for 2011 Q3. In this issue of the newsletter is a hint as to where you can get help answering this quiz.

If you or someone else that you know is not on the list to receive my newsletter and, please send us an email: [lowelldaviscollectors@att.net](mailto:lowelldaviscollectors@att.net). You can always view and download all issues of my newsletter at: [www.redoakiimissouri.com](http://www.redoakiimissouri.com).

Remember that you are always welcome at Red Oak II. A good time to visit would be around the 2011 Midwest Gathering of the Artists art show, auction and sale on September 16, 17 and 18 at Memorial Hall in Carthage MO.

Your friend,

*Lowell Davis*

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## Red Oak II Updates



### Former Mayor of Carthage to be Future Resident at Red Oak II

Lowell is very excited that his good friend, Jim Woestman, the former Mayor of Carthage, is purchasing some land at the South end of Red Oak II. Jim plans to build a new home of his own design on his property at Red Oak II.

Welcome to Red Oak II Jim!!

### Marianne the Goose

If you have ever been to Red Oak II, you most likely have met Marianne, our domestic white goose. Lowell wanted to relay the following story about Marianne:

“Geese mate for life, both domestic and wild, and their life expectancy is about 30 years. About 15 years ago I was given a pair of domestic white geese. I named the female Marianne. Shortly after her arrival at Red Oak II Marianne lost her mate. She mourned for months. She would set down at the end of the driveway and make mournful cries, hoping that her mate would hear her cries and return.

“Winter was the saddest time for her. Sometimes she would see herself in a window of one of the buildings and think she had company. In late February the wild Canadian geese would pair up and come south to the ponds at Red Oak II where they would start their new families. This was the proudest time of the year for Marianne. She was constantly with the adult Canadians walking around with them



and as soon as their young hatched, her motherly instincts would take over as she thought they were her own. She would be with them every day and night until late July or early August when they learned to fly and left Red Oak II not to return again until next February leaving Marianne longing for companionship.”



### Red Oak II Radiator Shop

The cold, snowy winter delayed the relocation of Frank Stafford's Radiator Repair Shop from Carthage to Red Oak II. The slab had been poured last fall.



Finished Slab for Radiator Repair Shop

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In April, the weather finally warmed up and Lowell contracted Orin Tilton, who had relocated many buildings for Lowell to Red Oak II in the 1990's, to move the Radiator Shop to Red Oak II.



Radiator Shop on trailer ready for move from behind Jackson Tire in Carthage to Red Oak II



Radiator Shop after lowering onto slab

Although it was structurally very sound, the Radiator Shop needed quite a bit of cosmetic work. This was the fun part for Lowell, turning this building into another work of art for Red Oak II.



Radiator Shop on trailer upon arrival at Red Oak II



Exterior of Radiator Repair Shop before restoration



Radiator Shop on trailer at Red Oak II (view from South)



Exterior of Radiator Repair Shop before restoration

Once in position on the slab, the building was jacked up, trailer removed and the building lowered onto the slab.



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Interior of Radiator Repair Shop before restoration



Interior of Radiator Shop after painting (shows back room)

Red Oak II resident Jack Knudsen restored the windows, doors, metal siding and interior ceiling and walls. Jack also built a stone base for the back room of the shop. Lowell's wife Rose and sister Evelyn painted the inside and outside of the building. Lowell made the sign for the Radiator Shop.



"Hours of Operation" sign on Front Door



Jack Knudsen installing light on front of Radiator Shop



Radiator Shop after painting with front door installed

Jack has still to finish the back room behind the Radiator Shop but as you can see this newest addition to Red Oak II is turning out to be a real gem. Next time you visit Red Oak II be sure to check it out behind the General Store.

### Train Station for Red Oak II

The next building that we have planned for Red Oak II is a train station. Lowell has tried to find a small train station that he could move to Red Oak II and restore but these are always being bought up by Railway Historical Societies. Lowell became aware of a small house in Carthage might be available for moving to Red Oak II which could be made into his train station.

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House in Carthage MO that Lowell hopes to make into a train station at Red Oak II

Lowell's plan is to transform this house into his version of the historic Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe train station at Littleton Colorado.



AT&SF Train Station at Littleton Colorado in the 1920's  
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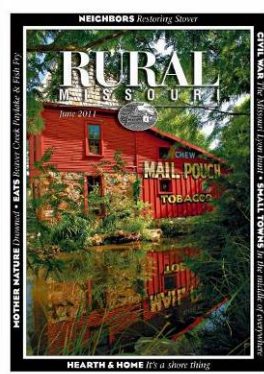
Red Oak II Missoura – Souvenir Copy



In the 1990's Lowell produced a booklet, "Red Oak II Missoura - Souvenir Copy", for purchase by visitors to Red Oak II. This guide has Lowell's sketches of many of the buildings at Red Oak II along with their histories. These booklets are out of press but occasionally come up for sale on eBay. Photocopies of this booklet are now available from Lowell's wife Rose. Email her at [redoakrose@redoakii.com](mailto:redoakrose@redoakii.com) if you are interested in purchasing a copy.

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The Birdsong on Cover of June 2011 Rural Missouri Magazine



The Birdsong was featured on the cover of the June issue of Rural Missouri magazine. Rural Missouri magazine is on-line at: <http://www.ruralmissouri.org/>.

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Lowell's Latest Painting

Lowell has not been able to do many new paintings due to problems with his wrist but this spring he did a one entitled "Honey I'm Home":



"Honey I'm Home" by Lowell Davis 2011



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The house in this beautiful little painting is Lowell's brother Ivan's old home on their farmstead near Golden City MO.

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### Quiet Day at Maple Grove

Lowell recently went to Cookies in Golden City MO, one of his favorite restaurants, and on the way back to Red Oak II he stopped in Maple Grove MO. The General Store in Maple Grove was the last operating general store in Jasper County but it too is now closed.



Maple Grove General Store (1936)

The Maple Grove General Store is the backdrop for Lowell's figurine "Quiet Day at Maple Grove".



Schmid/Border Fine Arts Lowell Davis figurine "Quiet Day at Maple Grove" 25618

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### Red Oak II Delivery Truck

Lowell's tractor drivers are perhaps the best known of the pieces that he did with ERTL. He also did a beautiful ERTL

Replica 1923 Chevrolet Delivery Van bank in Red Oak II livery.



On the left door is "Captain J.L. Davis U.S.R.F." with some symbols as below.



If you know what these symbols mean, please email your explanation to [lowelldaviscollectors@att.net](mailto:lowelldaviscollectors@att.net) and we will publish in the next newsletter issue.

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### Boyd Perry



Boyd Perry (1991)

Master woodcarver Boyd Perry was a good friend of Lowell's. Lowell first met Boyd when Lowell was working in Texas. Boyd focused mainly on carving western caricatures but he also did



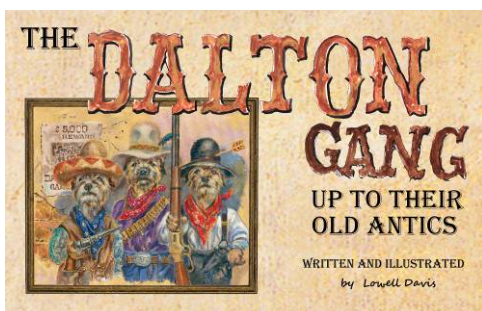
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some beautiful wildlife carvings. In the early 1980's, Boyd came up to Red Oak II to help Lowell with the sculpting of pieces for Border Fine Arts and ERTL. Boyd passed away in 2005. We recently added a section to the Lowell Davis Collectors website as Lowell's tribute to his friend and fellow artist Boyd Perry:  
<http://lowelldaviscollectors.com/lowell-davis-contemporary-artists/boyd-perry/index.html>

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### **The Dalton Gang, Up to Their Old Antics**

We are close to finalizing Lowell's latest art book, "The Dalton Gang, Up to Their Old Antics". We have decided to go with an eBook version as that seems to be the future of book publishing.



This will also allow us to offer the book at a very reasonable price. You will be able to order the book for download from the Red Oak II General Store website in the very near future.

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### **2011 Lowell Davis Art Calendar**

The 2011 calendar has been very popular with Border Terrier owners as well as Lowell Davis collectors. This calendar includes 13 of the awesome paintings that Lowell did for his upcoming book "The Dalton Gang, Up to Their Old Antics".

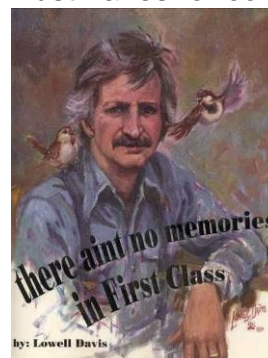


A limited number of these are still available from our online store:  
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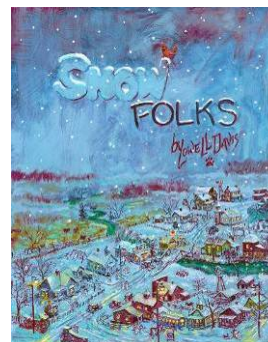
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### **Lowell Davis Books**

Lowell's autobiography and art story books are must haves for collectors.

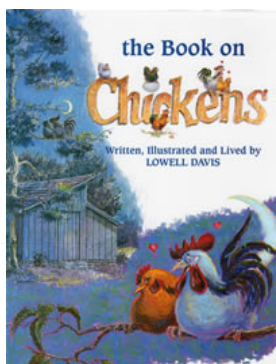


Lowell's Autobiography



Snow Folks

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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@redoakii.com](mailto:redoakrose@redoakii.com).

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### Collectors Exchange

If you are looking for any Lowell Davis art or collectibles, be sure check the listings on the Lowell Davis Collectors Exchange: <http://www.redoakiimissouri.com/index/collectors-resources/lowell-davis-collectors-exchange.html>.

If you have any Lowell Davis art or collectibles that you would like to sell, buy or swap in our Collectors Exchange, just email: [lowelldaviscollectors@att.net](mailto:lowelldaviscollectors@att.net).

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

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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](mailto:lowelldaviscollectors@att.net).

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## Lowell Davis Collectors Quiz

### **No Winner of Lowell Davis Collectors Quiz 2011 Q2**

We did not have a winner of the 2011 Q2 collectors quiz so we are running the same quiz again for 2011 Q3. In this issue of the newsletter is a hint as to where you can get help answering this quiz.

### **Lowell Davis Collectors Quiz 2011 Q3**

Here are the questions for the Lowell Davis Collectors Quiz 2011 Q3. They are all about the South End of Red Oak II:

- 1) Why was the Mother-In-Law's House (now the Otis Cabin) at Red Oak II built on an island and connected to the mainland by a drawbridge?
- 2) What was the original location of the Dalton Homestead that is now located at Red Oak II?
- 3) The Civil War House at Red Oak II was originally located on a creek just west of the original town of Red Oak. There was a Civil War battle in this area that was named after this creek. What is the name of the creek that the Civil War House was originally located on?
- 4) In what year was the Chicken Museum (now the Train Station) relocated from the original town of Red Oak to Red Oak II?
- 5) The Red Barn behind the Civil War House and Dalton Homestead was moved to Red Oak II in 1993. What city 30 miles north of Red Oak II was this barn originally located close to?

To enter, send your answers to these five questions by email to [lowelldaviscollectors@att.net](mailto:lowelldaviscollectors@att.net).

Entries must be received by 12:00 midnight US EDT on September 30, 2011. The winner will be announced in the next issue of this newsletter.

The winner of the Lowell Davis Collectors Quiz 2011 Q3 will receive a Lowell Davis Farm Club Sign (1997) in brand new condition in original box.



Lowell Davis Farm Club Sign (Schmid 97006)

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

We hope everyone will enter. Good luck and have fun!

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