




*Milaeger's*

## The Allure of Christmas Past

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**Most people like to reminisce** when they think of Christmas. Memories of past Christmases are sparked as each old ornament is carefully unwrapped and put on the tree. As the years go by, the ornaments become old friends. As a collector of older ornaments, I know I experience this warm feeling every year as I decorate the tree. I think of all the years that I have been putting up the ornaments, but I also like to think about the many years before the ornaments found their way to my tree---all the different trees that the ornaments have been hanging on, all over the country. All of those years some other Christmas lover gently hanging their treasured ornaments on the tree, and carefully wrapping them up again after the holidays---fragile glass ornaments, cared for like Christmas gems. Now they hang on my tree, and have become part of my own tradition. Someday, they'll hang on someone else's tree.





It is in this spirit that at Milaeger's we are now offering a collection of older, vintage ornaments---mostly made from the 1940's through the 1960's. We have acquired these ornaments from dealers around the country and now offer them to you. We have a wide variety of glass ornaments that are both American made and European made. As used ornaments, most have a couple of scratches, but they are still lovely. They have the gently aging patina that can't be duplicated in new ornaments. Almost all of them have their original caps, and some even have the old, heavy gauge hooks! We hope you enjoy seeing them as much as we enjoyed putting the collection together.



We have a limited supply of these ornaments. For many styles, we have only one of a kind; for others we might have two or three. The assortment will be changing through the season, and it will be a different assortment at each of our stores. And here is the best part---we are offering these ornaments at a very reasonable price. Almost all are in the \$2.99-\$5.99 price range. Ho Ho Ho!