

An Extraordinary Collection of Vintage Ornaments



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We were fortunate to acquire a great collection of vintage ornaments recently. These, along with our regular finds, are featured in this blog. The collection we acquired was due to the death of the collector. Sometimes it happens that the relatives who have to deal with collections don't want them, and they are sold at estate sales, rummage sales and other means. We are occasionally offered ornaments in these situations, but this group is by far the biggest and best. I think the collector would be pleased to know that their collection is eventually falling into the hands of another loving collector, where they will be cherished.



**Assorted Kitchen
Ornaments**



Larger Tea Pots



Lamps

This is the largest group of what I call “kitchen” ornaments we’ve ever had. By this term I mean teapots, urns, lamps, and various kinds of vessels that you would find in a kitchen. There are many shapes and colors that are new to us. These are all German ornaments, and

the designs were produced over many years. We feel most of these were probably made from the 1940's to the 1960's. These are extremely delicate and I'm always amazed at how they survived all these years in such good condition. They were truly loved.



Larger Horns and Saxophones



Assorted Horns



Assorted Musical Instruments

Many collectors love the many different musical instrument ornaments. Probably the most common are the horn instruments. Because there are so many, the makers tried many different shapes and colors, and many have additional hand applied decorations, such as flowers. Note especially the saxophones—we don't see them very often. The horns can be hung from the branches like typical ornaments, and many can be simply slipped over a branch tip. This is necessary if the cap is missing. The biggest group of musical instruments are the bells. We must have over 100—something for everyone. We also have colorful drums and stringed instruments such as violins and violas, and one each of a harmonica and an accordion. These are mostly from Germany.



Smaller American Bells



Assorted American Bells



Smaller European Bells



European Bells



Larger European Bells

According to books I've read, the most popular vintage ornaments are birds. With such high production, there are many bird styles and colors. Some resemble specific birds found in nature, and others are made up from the creator's imagination. Most bird ornaments are fitted with a clip at the base, so it can be clamped to any branch on the tree. This is useful if the tops of your branches seem bare. Of course these clips are old, so you sometimes have to be patient with them, or find something to help secure them to the tree, such as a wire or pipe cleaner. We rarely find birds on nests, but right now we

have several that you will find very appealing. We are pleased that we have a number of the larger birds such as swans, peacocks, cockatoos, parrots, and owls. Speaking of owls, this reminds me how I've written in the past about how fun it is to collect various versions of an ornament. This can be a never ending search, but that's the fun. Here is a photo of some of the owls I've collected over the years. I'm still finding new ones!



Assorted Birds 1



Assorted Birds 2



Larger Birds 1



Larger Birds 2



Birds on a Nest and Others



Kevin's Owl Collection (not for sale)

Please email me (kevin@milaegers.com) with your questions and comments!