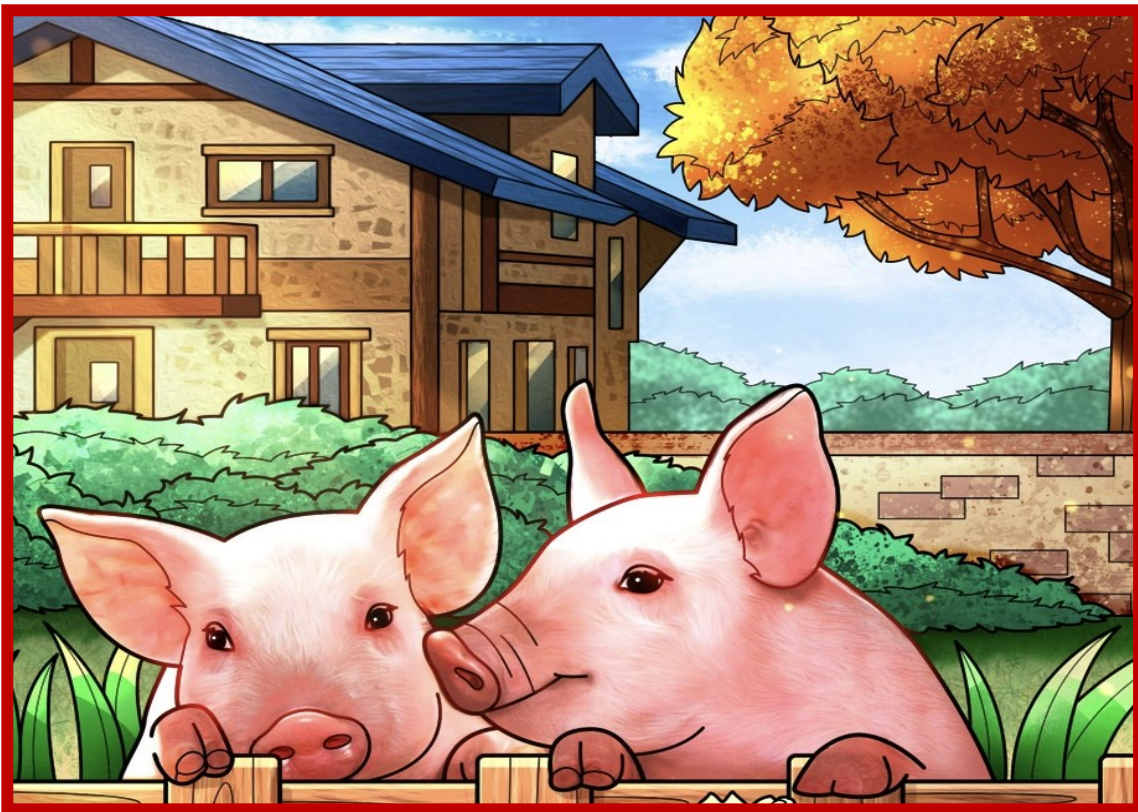


The Happy Pig

Fall 2021

The Happy Pig Collector's Club

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Painted Virtually by Carol Blackman

Happy Fall Y'All

2021 Convention
September 23-25, 2021
Cadiz, Kentucky
Hosted by Janet Booth

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A LETTER FROM THE NEW HEAD HOG

I am as happy as a pig at supper time knowing we are getting together in Cadiz, Kentucky, but at the same time, I'll be sad not seeing those who cannot be there. We will miss you. We will think of you when we are having so much piggy fun!

We need your help. We need members to step up and volunteer to serve as officers of the club or on the board of directors. The "work" is not hard at all, and willingness to serve will be greatly appreciated. Your fresh ideas, and love for our club is all we need for the continued and future success of the Happy Pig Collector's Club. Please let me know by e-mail. Write me at: pigtoys@sharontelephone.com You will be greatly appreciated for volunteering!

We also need a location for our convention in 2022. If you have an interest in having a convention in your hometown. Share your ideas with me at: pigtoys@sharontelephone.com

One more thing... If you haven't sent in your dues, please do so. We want this wonderful club, that has meant so much to us all, to survive and thrive!

Oinks and kisses!

Jill

Your Head Hog



Gene's year of birth, shown on the cover of the summer newsletter is incorrect. It should be 1929. Also, the volume # should be 26, not 25.

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CLUB INFO

The Happy Pig Collectors Club is a non-profit corporation registered in the state of Illinois.

Membership dues are \$25.00 payable every July. Dues include four news-letters (with postage).

All members are invited to contribute articles, photos and information. Newsletter items can be sent to the editor via:

Email: sheripa@aol.com (Please put HPCC as the subject.)

Mail: Sheri McManus

2827 Nature Road

Philadelphia, PA 19154

**HAPPY
25**

**WE ARE CELEBRATING OUR
25TH CONVENTION IN
CADIZ, KY!
SEPTEMBER 23-25, 2021**

**HAPPY
25**

Cadiz (KAY-deez) is a historic town popular for their broad range of lake-related activities, antiques and their annual Ham Festival. Cadiz sits on the shores of Lake Barkley and is close to the Land Between the Lakes.



Although the Ham Festival is in October, decorated pig statues will be displayed downtown in time for our convention.



5 THINGS TO SEE & DO LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES National Recreation Area

1. WALK ON THE WILDLIFE SIDE at the Woodlands Nature Station
2. TIME TRAVEL TO THE 1850s at the 1850s Homeplace Working Farm
3. CATCH A SHOW AMONG THE STARS at the Golden Pond Planetarium
4. SEE ELK & BISON ROAM at the Elk & Bison Prairie
5. GO TAKE A HIKE on over 100 miles of hiking trails

Plan your adventure at: www.landbetweenthelakes.us



CADIZ, KY:

The Purple Pig Antiques and Artisans, located at 60 Main Street.

Cherokee Antique Shop with 52 Seller Booths inside, located at 36 Main Street.

Consignment World and Antiques is host to 40 individual booths and has over 1000 consignors at 344 Main Street.

13 Marion has great antiques and gifts located at 13 Marion Street.

Cranberry Creek Rustics have great decor items and a large candle selection located at 53 Main Street.

Cadiz means “gateway” in Spanish and that’s exactly what we are – the Eastern Gateway to Lake Barkley and Land Between the Lakes. In a word, our world is water. Whether you enjoy sailing, skiing, swimming, fishing or relaxing by a sunset – come and Experience LIFE... Naturally!

Land lovers can golf, hunt, explore, camp and hike. Like history? Tour our historic downtown listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The antique malls on Main Street offer delights to shoppers and collectors.

“THE GATEWAY”

| | | | |
|-------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|
| CHICAGO, IL | 430 | DETROIT, MI | 559 |
| EVANSVILLE, IN | 102 | CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO | 133 |
| INDIANAPOLIS, IN | 297 | ST. LOUIS, MO | 221 |
| TERRE HAUTE, IN | 228 | CINCINNATI, OH | 291 |
| BOWLING GREEN, KY | 90 | KNOXVILLE, TN | 261 |
| LEXINGTON, KY | 245 | MEMPHIS, TN | 190 |
| LOUISVILLE, KY | 191 | NASHVILLE, TN | 84 |

* ESTIMATED DISTANCES FROM NEARBY CITIES TO CADIZ-TRIGG COUNTY, KY

LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES



This 170,000+ acre National Recreation Area sits just minutes from Cadiz & Lake Barkley. 200 Miles of Hiking Trails. 300 Miles of private shoreline. 420 Miles of Country Roads to explore.

LAKE BARKLEY



Great water recreation and sport fishing lake. 57,900 acres of water surface, over 118 miles long, explore the 1,004 miles of shoreline, easy access to the water from Trigg County.



THE HAPPY PIG COLLECTOR'S CLUB 25TH CONVENTION SEPTEMBER 23-25, 2021

The convention will take place at the beautiful
LAKE BARKLEY STATE RESORT PARK

3500 State Park Road
Cadiz, KY 42211
Phone: 270-924-1131

Rooms are \$79.95+tax for Thursday night \$119.95+tax for Friday and Saturday night



*****Since the lodge is owned by the State of KY, they are now requiring face masks be worn inside the lodge.*****

Questions? Call Janet Booth at 615-926-6277.

Welcome to Lake Barkley State Resort Park Thank you for visiting!

Dining Room Hours

Monday-Tuesday

Closed

Wednesday

4pm-8pm

Thursday-Saturday

7-10am

11-3pm

4-8pm

Sunday

7-10am and 11-4pm

Fitness Center Hours

Mon-Sat: 8am-8pm

OPEN SWIM

Mon-Sat: 11am-7:45pm

Housekeeping notes

Housekeeping will **NOT** service your accommodations during your stay.

Please place your soiled towels outside your door by 11 am to have them replaced.

For any other needs please call front desk **before 4 pm.**

Checkout Times

Lodge Rooms & Suites

11 a.m.

Cottages & Cabins

10 a.m.

~~Unfortunately
Our Valet is not
Working at this time~~

Cottages/Cabins:

Wi-fi Password:
Barkley1

Important Extensions

Front Desk- 0
Dining Room- 561

Gift Shop

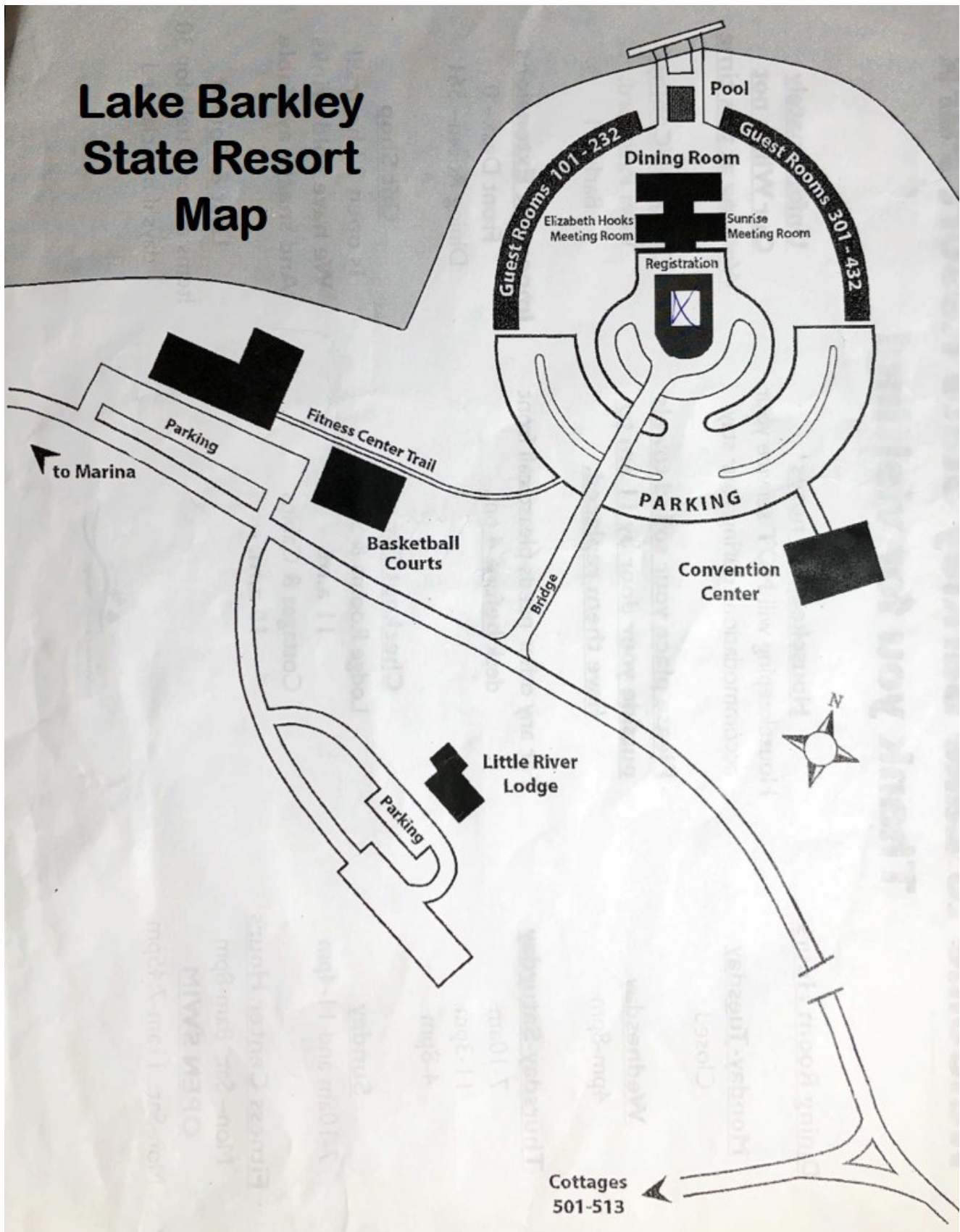
**Is open 24 hours!!!
We have cold drinks
And snacks available**

Lost & Found

Items are only held for 30 days if not claimed



*****WIFI IS NOW WORKING AT THE LODGE*****



CONVENTION AGENDA

Cadiz, KY is on Central Time. All times listed in the agenda are CDT.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

6:00 PM

DINNER

Location:

Triplets BBQ Restaurant
123 DJ Everett Dr
Cadiz, KY 42211
270-512-0205



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2021

8:00 AM

BREAKFAST

Location:

Cadiz Family Restaurant
324 Main Street
Cadiz, KY 42211
270-522-2249



WHERE SHOULD I PARK WHEN DOWNTOWN CADIZ?

Parking is available on the street or in a public lot for free. There are no festivals or events this weekend so there should be plenty of parking.

CONVENTION AGENDA

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2021

9:30-11:30 AM TOUR PIGS DOWNTOWN & SHOPPING

Location: Meet in front of Purple Pig Antiques
60 Main Street
Cadiz, KY 42211
270-206-9101



Details: Tour downtown Cadiz to see how many decorated pigs you can find. More than 50 pigs can be spotted around town. Rumor has it that 13 Marion Gift Shop has lots of pigs (13 Marion Street).

After touring the pigs on the street, we will shop at:
The Purple Pig Antiques, Cherokee Antiques and Consignment World & Antiques.

12:30 PM LUNCH

Location: Patti's Settlement
(about 30 mins from Cadiz)
1804 J.H. O'Bryan Avenue
Grand Rivers, KY 42045
270-921-0444



Details: After lunch you can visit the 16 shops at Patti's and Grand River Antiques. Don't forget to check out the Grand Rivers Linen & Towel Outlet.

CONVENTION AGENDA

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

7:00 AM **ROOM SET UP FOR BUY, SELL & TRADE**
Location: Elizabeth Hooks Meeting Room (see map on pg.7)

8:00-9:00 AM **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
Location: Sunrise Meeting Room (see map on pg. 7)

8:00 - 11:00 AM **BUY, SELL & TRADE**



*****There is a Junk Fest & Farmers Market, downtown Cadiz, 7:00 AM to 12 PM. Feel free to check it out on your own.*****

12:00 PM **LUNCH, FOLLOWED BY SHOW & TELL**
Location: Sunrise Meeting Room (see map on pg. 7)

Details: Bring a pig that reminds you of Gene.
There will be an award for best Show & Tell.



AFTERNOON FREE TIME

Please take this time to explore the area. There are a lot of things to do in Cadiz and the surrounding areas. See pg. 13 for ideas.

CONVENTION AGENDA

Cadiz, KY is on Central Time. All times listed in the agenda are CDT.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021 (CONTINUED)

6:00 PM DINNER

Location: Sunrise Meeting Room (see map on pg. 7)

**AFTER MEETING, RAFFLE, BEST PIG CONTEST & AWARD
DINNER: PRESENTATION**

Location: Elizabeth Hooks Meeting Room (see map on pg. 7)

BEST PIG CONTEST

Since our hotel is on the lake, this years **Best Pig** contest will have something do with water. It could be a pig on a boat, swimming or surfing. Could be a water pitcher or watering can. Anything pig and water related qualify for this contest. I cannot wait to see your water-related pig items.



IDEAS FOR FREE TIME

Here are a few suggestions on what you can do on Saturday afternoon during free time:

- ◆ Head back to downtown Cadiz for **more shopping**.

- ◆ **Elk and Bison Prairie Land** located at the Land Between the Lakes National Recreational Area. See the elk and bison roam free in this 700-acre enclosure. Drive through for \$5 per car.

- ◆ **Homeplace 1850's Working Farm** - Go back in time and experience what farm life was like in the mid-19th century. This is a living history farm with animals, gardens, demonstrations and more. Hours: 10 AM-5PM. Admission is **FREE on Sept. 25th**.
Address: 4512 The Trace
Dover, TN 37058
931-232-6457

- ◆ **Woodlands Nature Station** - Get up close and personal with the natural world at this environmental education attraction. Hours: 10am-5pm. Admission is **FREE on Sept. 25th**.
Address: 3146 Silver Trail Road
Cadiz, KY 42211
270-924-2299

- ◆ **Go take a hike!** There are hundreds of miles of trails to explore when visiting Land Between The Lakes.

- ◆ Go for a **scenic drive**.

REMEMBERING GENE

monday **Con**

Retired pig farmer invit

By LINDA BELL
of The Register-Mail

ONEIDA — When Gene Holt left the hog farming business, he didn't exactly leave the pigs behind.

The retired hog farmer from near Oneida is the proud owner of a pig collection numbering over 1,000 pieces. That porky populace took more than 12 years to accumulate. But Holt couldn't bear to be in hog heaven alone, so he formed the Happy Pig Collectors Club.

"It's been an education trying to start something like this," Holt said.

The club's third newsletter was sent to members recently. Holt is listed as the founder and chief storyteller on the newsletter masthead. The editor is Mary Bjorling, Altona.

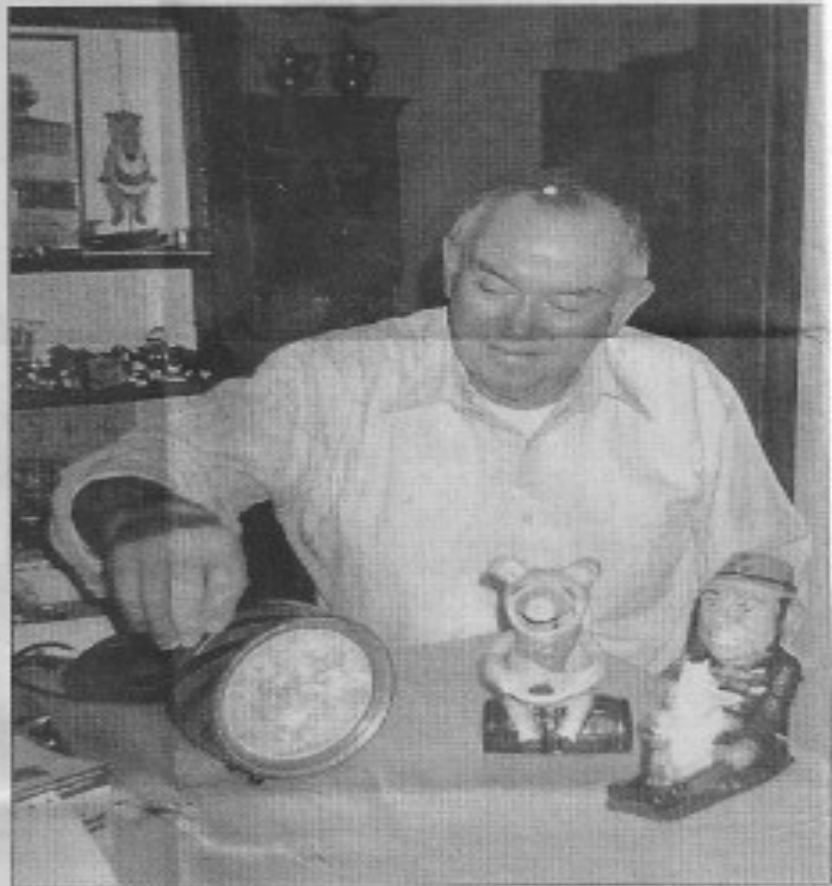
"I wouldn't have started unless Mary said she'd help me," Holt said.

His wife, Betty Lou, enters each newsletter on a computer disk which is sent to their daughter, Betsy Holt, in Colorado. Betsy does the layout and sends the newsletter back to her father for proofreading.

The newsletter currently comes out four times a year to members who pay \$20 annually for the privilege of joining the club. Holt encourages members and others to send him pictures, stories, jokes, cartoons and ads, which he runs for free in the newsletter.

In the beginning, Holt wrote to *Farm & Ranch Living* magazine to stir up interest in his new club. He received about 40 responses, some of those people became members. He also advertised in several newspapers, but says he didn't receive many responses from the ads.

After he founded his club he heard about *Pig Tales & Hog Wash*, a pig collectors newsletter founded by Janet Gallagher of Audubon, Minn. Due to illness, Gallagher had put her newsletter on hold, but sent a list of her subscribers to



Register-Mail photo by Linda Bell

Gene Holt, rural Oneida, displays some of the pigs from his collection of over 1,000 pigs and pig-related items. He enjoys his hobby so much he has started a club for pig collectors. Members can share their love of swine through a quarterly newsletter.

Holt. Some of those collectors joined the Happy Pig Collectors Club. There are currently 54 members in about 14 states, including all the midwestern states, plus North Dakota, Florida, Arkansas, California, Montana and

Connecticut.

The members are not just former pig farmers, either.

"Most have urban addresses," he said. "I don't think it has much to do with farming at all."

His wife thought he was crazy

Submitted by Megan Holt Swanson

REMEMBERING GENE

Community

es others to hog heaven



when he said he wanted to start a pig collectors club, Holt said.

"But she's been a good sport and I think she kind of likes the idea now," he said.

Among Holt's personal pig gathering is the piggy bank he had as a

child, but that wasn't really the spark that started him on his hobby. He says he can't really remember one certain pig that got him started, but at least two upstairs rooms in his home prove that no two pigs are exactly alike and

that there are a lot more pig items around than some people may have realized.

Holt said his wife refuses to dust his collection and admittedly he "doesn't do a very good job of it," but the pigs, many of which are in cabinets with glass doors, don't appear to be neglected.

Besides pigs made in just about every medium imaginable, Holt also collects articles, catalogs featuring pig items and pictures he finds of pigs.

"I got all pig things and money to spend on pig items for Christmas. It was the best Christmas I ever had," Holt said.

One person buying a gift membership for a relative wanted a card to announce the gift, so Holt had membership cards printed that say, "So that I may gain more enjoyment from my hobby and meet and mingle with others cursed with the same strange affliction. Just to share the nonsense of it all and give respect to 'When I see a pig I think of you.'"

He also has business cards with a scene drawn by Betsy Holt's sister-in-law. The card features a pig driving a tractor which is bearing down on a rooster crossing the road. A sign on the side says, "Welcome to Knox County. Promote pork, run over a chicken!"

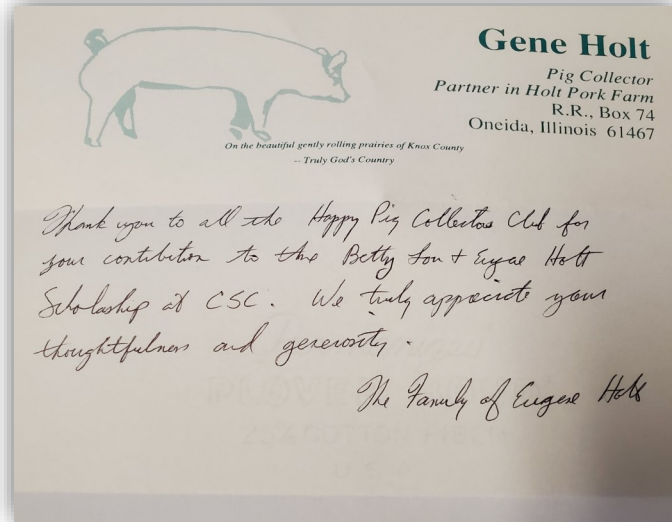
And Holt is always looking to add to his collection. He's ever watchful for different pigs and items he doesn't have in his vast collection.

Eventually he would like to expand the newsletter to six issues a year — in color — but says that would take a lot of members' support.

With no desire to hog his accumulated pig lore, Holt is looking forward to hearing from potential members and others interested in collecting pigs or pig-related items.

For more information, contact Gene Holt, P.O. Box 17, Oneida, Ill. 61467.

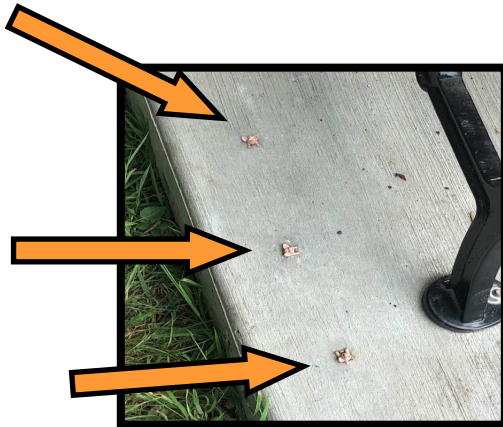
Thank you note from
Gene's family.



Submitted by Marie Gage

There is a special bench dedicated to Jim Lopata at the Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago, IL. Jim, known as the "Pig Man", passed away in August 2019. He often greeted strangers and friends with a smile and gave them three little pigs. There are 3 tiny pigs imbedded in the bench. Plaque on the bench is inscribed:

In memory of Jim Lopata,
who left you with a smile
and three little pigs.



Photos submitted by SuAnne Lopata

BLAST FROM THE PAST

The Happy Pig



The Official Publication of the Happy Pig Collectors Club

A Club Dedicated to People Who Collect Pigs,
So That They May Gain More Enjoyment from Their Hobby
and to Meet and Mingle with Others
Cursed with the Same Strange Affliction



Volume 1, Issue 2

Fun-Filled Fall Fables 1995

IS THERE A HEAVEN FOR PIGS?

"My razorback strolled down your track a week ago today.

Your 29 came down the line and snuffed his light away.

You can't blame me--the hog you see, slipped through a cattle gate

So kindly pen a check for 10, the debt to liquidate.

A few days later, he received a reply:

Old 29 came down the line and killed your hog, we know.

But razorbacks on railroad tracks quite often meet with woe,

Therefore, my friend, we cannot send the check for which you pine.

Just plant the dead, place o'er his head, "Here lies a foolish swine!"



A friend found this poem in one of the Reiman magazines. I think it was sent to them by W. R. Stonebarker of Attica, Indiana. In a letter he told me the poem was first taken from a 1902 West Lebanon Indiana Gazette. He found it in a magazine named "The Good Old Days" by Mary Ann Publishers Inc., Williamsport, Indiana. Mr. Stonebarker commented, "I was a railroad engineer for 20 years and have seen a lot of things. Pigs really get on railroad tracks. It's terrible what 100 tons of steel does to them." The poem was supposed to have been sent to the railroad by a farmer who had lost a pig this way.

-Gene Holt

WELCOME YOUNGEST MEMBER

Let's give a big OINK and welcome to our newest *and* youngest member - Lily! Lily is Gene's great granddaughter and recently joined The Happy Pig Collector's Club. We look forward to seeing more of Lily in future newsletters.



Submitted by Megan Holt Swanson

Here is Lily showing off the paper mache pig mask she made at art camp. Love the mud on the pigs face. It's cool and clever that she put eye holes in the pigs nose.



ANOTHER PIG HOLIDAY TO CELEBRATE?

July 17th is National Yellow Pig Day. Despite the name, the unofficial holiday sadly does not have anything to do with pigs.. It's a celebration of the number 17 and its significance in mathematics. According to timeanddate.com, "this unofficial holiday was created in the early 1960's by Princeton mathematics students, David Kelly and Michael Spivak, while working on the special properties of the number 17". It's not clear why the day is called Yellow Pig Day or what a yellow pig has to do with the number 17. Rumor has it that David Kelly had a collection of yellow pigs .

Here are few yellow pigs from the our Pig Card Exchange/Post Mistress, Cheryl Rider.



CLUB MEMBERS ON THE GO

Glen Allen dropped anchor in Hog Heaven in the Florida Keys. According to Glen, Hog Heaven is a “real pig themed sports bar” and is located in Islamorada, FL.



Submitted by Glen Allen



Submitted by M'liss Hay

After finishing a train tour vacation in Colorado, M'liss Hay got a new shirt and some great BBQ at Boss Hog's in LaJunuta, CO.



Sheri McManus ran into Peppa Pig and her Daddy at Sugar Kingdom in Ocean City, MD.



Out and about and see something pig related? Snap a photo and send it to the editor, Sheri McManus. Email: sheripa@aol.com or by mail: 2827 Nature Road, Phila, PA 19154. If you are on Facebook, don't forget to post the photo to our group.

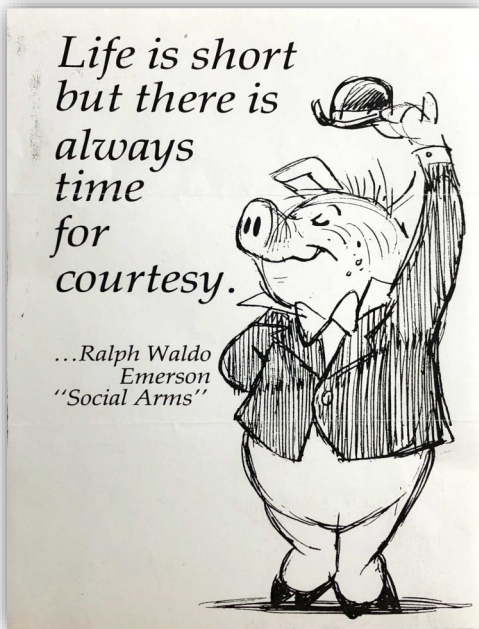
PIG ASSORTMENTS



M'liss Hay took a trip around the block to get this photo. We are used to seeing pigs in advertisements for BBQ but not for painters.



Sheri McManus is not sure how this translates in English. She just wants this giant piggy bank for her lawn!



Submitted by Mona Lewis

Fun Facts: The "city-size" pig weighs over 300 pounds. Most painted pigs are redone with a new identity every two to three years. Cadiz Comfort Zone sold more than 300 pigs of various sizes and materials in 2016. Most of the concrete pigs sold in Cadiz originate at Boyd's Concrete in Lake City, Kentucky.

THIS LITTLE PIGGY

New visitors to Trigg County and Cadiz see many usual small-town fixtures, but one of the ornaments around town raises a few questions.

Karla White of Cherokee Antiques said tourists come to her all the time and ask, "What's the story with all the pigs," when looking at the many, custom-painted concrete pigs around town. Well, Trigg County is home to the Ham Festival, which will celebrate its 44th year in October 2020.

Cindy Sholar at the Trigg County Tourism Office said the idea for the unique monuments to Trigg County's signature industry came when she visited Cincinnati, Ohio, for a meeting.

Cincinnati featured several pig statues celebrating the meat-packing industry. The Mayor of Cadiz in 1999, the late Lynn Bailey, said that the town needed statues of this sort.

"I couldn't picture pigs on Main Street, but at the next Main Street meeting, we discussed branding the community," Bailey said. "We are what we are, and have to work with what we've got. Since Trigg County is about ham, we went with pigs."

Sholar said she spoke to Bob Brame, owner of Ace Hardware in Cadiz, and inquired about the statues.

"He was very supportive and gracious about everything we were planning to do. We started to order the large pigs for businesses and let them have them at my cost," she said.

Having started along Main Street, the pigs have spread through Trigg County as a symbol of community identity. Sholar said pigs can be seen at shops at the intersection of I-24 and U.S. 68/80 and as far west as the Lake Barkley area.

Newcomers seeking concrete pigs to add to their gardens now have a large variety of pigs to choose from at Consignment World and Cadiz Comfort Zone on Main Street.

Submitted by Janet Booth



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

19th Shirley Hall

21st Cindi Brenneke

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1st Rob Cecchi

25th Carol Blackman

27th Lily Swanson

29th Doc Townsend

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3rd Duane Hammond

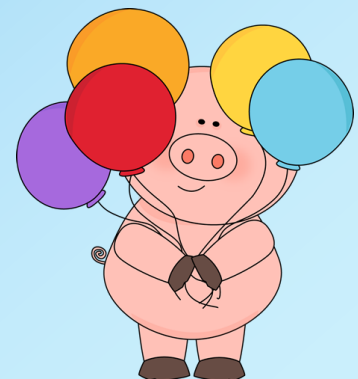
9th Toby Hyman

10th Dorothy Stone

15th Laura Townsend

15th Glen Allen

16th John Gage



HPCC COLLECTOR'S CORNER

If you are on Facebook join us for Triple Thursday. Share photos of 3 pig items from your collection. Photos can include all 3 items or you can share 3 separate photos of individual items. If you don't use Facebook, send your photos to the editor to appear in a future newsletter.



Janet Booth Collection



M'liss Hay Collection



SuAnne Lopata Collection



Sheri McManus Collection



Sue Craft Collection



Becky Schneider Collection



SuAnne Lopata Collection



M'liss Hay Collection



Janet Booth Collection



Carla Walker Collection



Sheri McManus Collection

HPCC COLECTOR'S CORNER

This summer should get a speeding ticket! Where did it go? In an attempt to make it last longer, here are a few photos of HPCC member's summer pig collection.



Collections: Carla Walker, M'liss Hay & Sheri McManus

HAPPY PIG NEWSLETTER

As Gene mentioned in the first newsletter “If this venture survives, *this newsletter* will be the glue that holds it together. To have a good newsletter, every member will have to send in stories and pictures and jokes and advice and ideas.”

Let’s honor Gene. Send in your stories and pictures and jokes. Send in your advice and ideas. Send them to the editor.



Mail to:
Sheri McManus
2827 Nature Road
Philadelphia, PA 19154

Email to:
sheripa@aol.com
(please put HPCC in the subject line)

HAPPY PIG CARD EXCHANGE

Do you like getting pig cards in the mail?

Do you like sending pig cards?

If you answered yes to the above questions, you need to join our card exchange! Send a piggy card to a member for their birthday, holiday or just because. If you would like to join the **Happy Pig Card Exchange** send your name, address and birthday to **Cheryl Rider**. You can send Cheryl an email: tykkledpynk@gmail.com. You can also send her a letter with your information:

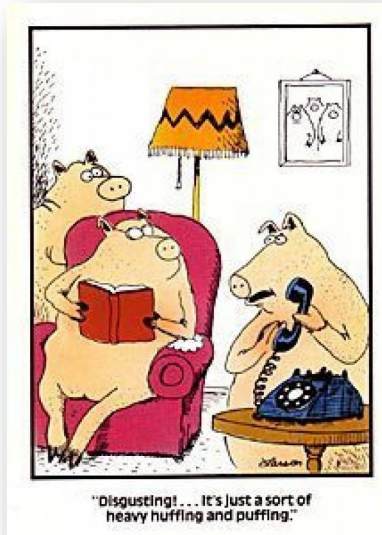
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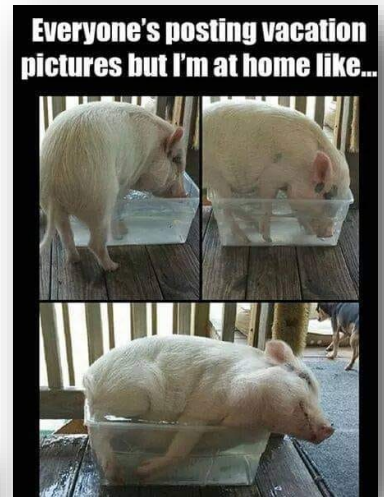
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Submitted by S. Lopata



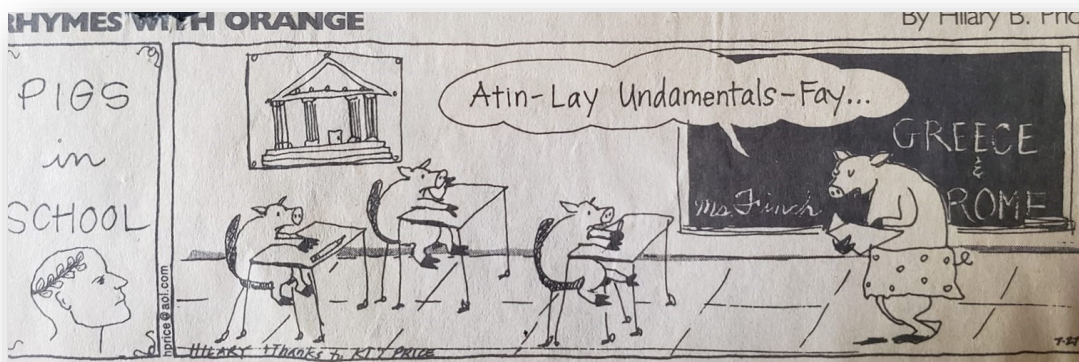
Submitted by S. McManus



MY TO DO LIST:

1. Buy four pigs
2. Paint numbers 1,2,3 & 5 on their backs
3. Release them at the mall
4. Sit back and watch security desperately search for number 4

Submitted by G. Allen



FALL PIGKINS

Fall is quickly approaching. I can't think of a better way to decorate for the season than with pigs. Sure you can carve a pumpkin, but carving isn't for everyone. If you don't want to carve a pig, try painting one. Add embellishments like googly eyes, a hat, or tiara. Paint your pumpkin to look like your favorite pig character from a TV show or book. The possibilities are endless. Real pumpkins don't last forever. If you want your pigkin (pig pumpkin) to last, you can buy plastic pumpkins at the craft store. You can paint these and even carve them. Take a photo of your pigkin and send it to the editor to appear in a future newsletter.



Above photos were found on Pinterest.com

"Today was a Difficult Day," said Pooh.
There was a pause.
"Do you want to talk about it?" asked Piglet.
"No," said Pooh after a bit. "No, I don't think I do."
"That's okay," said Piglet, and he came and sat
beside his friend.
"What are you doing?" asked Pooh.
"Nothing, really," said Piglet. "Only, I know what
Difficult Days are like. I quite often don't feel like
talking about it on my Difficult Days either.
"But goodness," continued Piglet, "Difficult Days are
so much easier when you know you've got someone
there for you. And I'll always be here for you, Pooh."
And as Pooh sat there, working through in his head
his Difficult Day, while the solid, reliable Piglet sat
next to him quietly, swinging his little legs...he
thought that his best friend had never been more
right."

A.A. Milne

Sending thoughts to those having a Difficult Day
today and hope you have your own Piglet to sit
beside you ❤️



Submitted by Carol Blackman

The Happy Pig

A Club dedicated to people who collect pigs,
So that they may gain more enjoyment from their hobby
And to meet and mingle with others
Cursed with the same strange affliction.
Just for the nonsense of it all, and to give respect to
“When I see a pig I think of you.”

This little piggy went



WEEEEEE

To the Convention!