FLASH GHI COLLECTOR'S NEWSLETTER

Quarterly Information about Flashlights and Associated Items of Interest

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The Giterman Collection

Ahh, the Giterman Collection. In August of 2011 I was granted, after months of intense negotiation and compromise, a wife & children furlough so I could travel to Ohio and pine over Steve Giterman's fine Flashlight collection. I have to say, this collection of flashlights, lanterns, torches, lamps, batteries, bulbs, instruments, mechanical gizmos and pamphlets are simply amazing and thoroughly entertaining to see! What a fantastic and eclectic collection, it's a must-see for everyone! Landing at CMH airport on an early Friday evening, Steve met me curbside and together we drove over to the "Lotus Leaf" restaurant, where we were later joined by his wife Joy. The Gits and the proprietors of this Asian cuisine establishment had pre-planned a special dinner for the occasion. I must admit I'm not a very audacious eater, but the enthusiasm and effort the owners and servers displayed won me over and we all enjoyed a wonderful meal

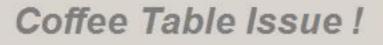
together. Darkness had already set in by the time we turned into the Giterman driveway. A fabulous table lamp positioned near the front window cast a welcoming glow across the front porch and onto the lawn. Ha! I sensed indeed was going to be a great and memorable weekend!!



This newsletter only provides you only a glimpse of the Giterman Collection; capturing the true spirit of the Collection is impossible.









Entry Light



Battery operated Wall Lights

With lights congregated on shelves, assembled in cabinets and displayed on the walls, it's quite easy to lose track of what you've seen,

what you haven't and where you've been. A remarkable thing about Steve's flashlights, lanterns and gizmos: they all work. I mean, they all really work! All contain batteries and light up! Now I did stumble upon a couple that did not operate due to a fussy switch or a dead or leaky battery, but with just a little coaxing Steve had the rebels back in service. Steve's quick fix for finicky switches: a squirt of "miracle juice," another word for contact cleaner. And his fix for leaky batteries: avoid Duracell's

altogether! Apparently he's had a string of unfortunate luck with them. When you need a break from flashlights, Steve has plenty of other "associated items of interest" to

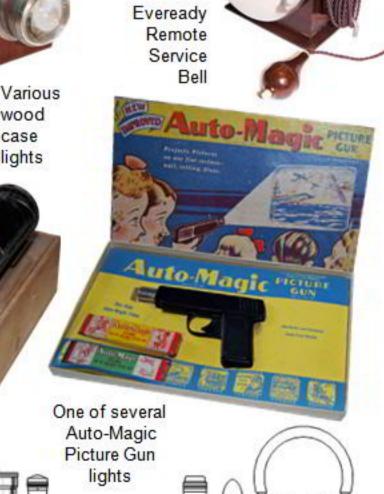
look at and play with. Most all require some sort of battery to make them work.



Pocket Watch magnifier with



Vintage Evereadys still in the wood box!



The Giterman Collection. It's more than flashlights.

During my two-day visit, Steve and I found a moment to sit down in his home's comfortable library for an interview. Steve reminisced about the past and how he actually got started collecting flashlights and other collectibles.

.... When I was around four years old, Aunt Tilley and Grandma Paley used to take me downtown with them.

We'd always stop at the same store in town, Woolworth's I believe it was. With each visit they would buy me one or two of those little "Made in Japan" or "Hong Kong" figural lanterns - I can still picture them! A pumpkin, a Santa, a paper covered globe of

the earth (and what better thing to do as a kid than peel off

the paper!), a plain lantern with a single bulb and a 3-bulb deluxe lantern with a red, blinky-bulb. While staying overnight at Aunt Tillie's, I would

use these lights quite often to read comic books and to go camping under the covers. Many times I would take apart Aunt Tillie's own flashlights. Using picture hanger wire and white cloth medical tape. I would place bulbs in one room and run wires back to the batteries in the other room. Pretty neat, I was a genius. When I was around five Aunt Tillie moved away and I never saw them or the lights again. And that was it, until 1972, when at college I bought

a 5-cell Eveready Captain to go poking around. Sometime around year 2000, I came across a snowman lantern in an antique store. Having not seen one since I was a wee lad, I bought it, brought it home and thoroughly failed to impress my children. That I consider to be the first one in my collection. A few years later, I found a second lantern, a plain one, which also failed to impress my children.

Along came Joy in 2002. At the time she had no interest in any lighting devices, actually I didn't either until 2004, when out of the clear blue Joy said I should check the internet for those little lanterns. We had just gone antiquing and found a rusted/rotted/corroded one. which I explained was very common since we as kids tended to leave batteries inside everything. Slowly but surely, I started collecting more of those little lanterns on eBay. backed by Joy's encouragement.







While searching eBay, some really cool, large battery lanterns popped up... and then some cool flashlights popped up... so I guess we kind

past!



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branched out from there. If I were to guess I'd say we have around 1400 lights or so. (Do the math for battery count!) My favorite lights are the wooden box lanterns & lights and the figurals, followed by Japan & Hong Kong toy lanterns. Military lights, novelty lights and battery lanterns round out

my list of favorites. The familiar, plain-Jane, garden-variety tubular flashlights I'm not so much

into. Sorry, Eveready! (Yeah! for the rest of us! ed.) Collecting for the sake of collecting is OK, but I like to





Figural Lanterns are one of Steve's favorites in his collection. When they are lit, it's easy to understand why









watch people's reaction when they pick up any one of my lights, roll it over. test the switch and it works! It makes no sense to me to collect something if it doesn't

Sooner or later a light is going to need a new bulb. In late 2005, while on

Bill Utley and Stuart Schneider, both who turned out to be very helpful in my search. Additionally I learned of an upcoming Flashlight Collector's Convention in Cleveland, of all places. Apparently Joy and I were not the only people who were collecting! In Cleveland Joy met her arch-eBay rival, Daveolite, who actually turned out to be a nice and decent guy! With the bulb situation under control, I turned my attention to batteries. Since many of my lights use batteries that are no longer available. I worked out a method to craft my own batteries It's quite simple to do when you know the size, shape and configuration of the battery. Well, that's about it. That's my

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Bulbs?



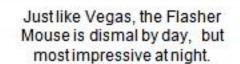
story, and I'm sticking to it.





The Leg Lamp. Possibly the most beautiful table lamp ever made, and Steve's got one. Immortalized in the 1983 movie "A Christmas Story," this lamp provides the Giterman's service year round.







It was available in two models, electric and battery operated. Several colors too!



Flashers are your friend 1950, made by Electric Animals, Inc



1956 Burgess advertising sign. "Flashlight Batteries" cleverly blinks on and off from behind the mirrored surface. Shingler I.G.A. was located in Trout Creek, Michigan. Like Burgess, they're not around anymore.



1955 Micro-Lite Cowboy Jim pull-light



1950 Ohio Art Co.



Ray-O-Vac Sales Counter Battery Tester

Tester displays (6) batteries, preferably Ray-O-Vacs! Store owner tests battery in front of



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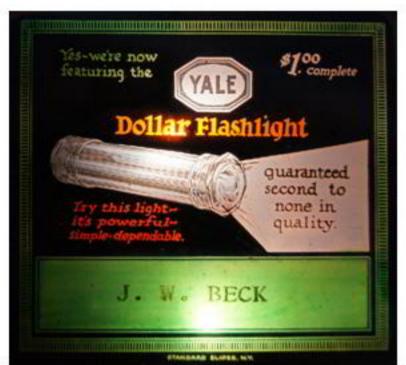


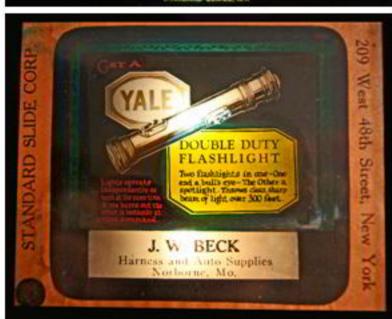
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Glass Projection Slides, these here made by the Standard Slide Corporation, were used by movie theatres from the 20s thru the 70s. Projection slides were an easy way for theatres to generate advertisement revenue. Local retailers could purchase the slide from their distributor and simply add their name to it.

Burgess Snaplites (right) were introduced in 1928 and were very popular till the mid 1930s. Gem-lites (bottom row) are often mistaken for Snap-lites and were made from









































The Giterman Collection. It's about sharing.



























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Ory Battery Operated











back and forth-organize night tell him to send for his Lone patrols-play hide and seek in Ranger Flashlight Ring quick. For only 10¢ and one Cheerios Boxtop you can get 2 additional batteries. Use Battery Order Blank on opposite side to order. GT.L. R. DIC (USE BATTERY ORDER BLANK ON OTHER SIDE)

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Niagara Flashlight & Battery "Sales Stimulator" Cabinet



Cabinet Tag



Flashlight Holders & Display Shelves



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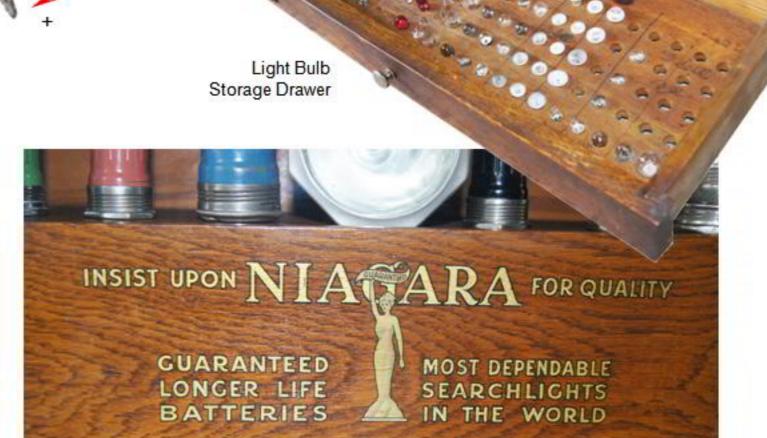
Available Soon!

custom oak Flashlight

Complete blueprints & bill of materials

to build your own

Display Cabinet!!



Battery Storage Slots

(2) Slots with Slide-outs

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1919 Eveready Daylo Sales Literature





1925 French Ray-O-Lite Ad



Ads and Sales Literature provide a wealth of information and unintended humor. Gotta love the Burgess Band Flare and the Captain Ray-O-Vac suit!

1952 Captain Ray-o-Vac Flashlight Ad



1929 Burgess SnapLite Flashlight Ad

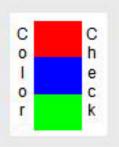




1925 French Ray-O-Lite Ad



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