

Lots of Wonderful Vintage Ornaments!



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Today we are featuring a large group of ornaments, including a few more special indents. Some of these are extra large, some have multiple indents, and we also have a number of “nipple” ornaments, with indents. The latter is a real thing, not something I made up. Each of these ornaments has a small protuberance on the bottom of the ornament. The “nipples” vary in size and shape, and add to the uniqueness of the ornament. All of these ornaments were made in Europe.



Large Indents



Larger Indents



Nipple Ornaments (A)



Nipple Ornaments (B)

We also have a nice group of figural ornaments. They all have faces on them, mostly Santa, angels, clowns and others. The smallest one is particularly nice I think. The green clown with the gold drum is also quite special—I've never seen that color before. The next photo shows a small group of houses or cottages. They're fun, too.



Ornaments with Faces



House Ornaments



Mushrooms



Grapes and Berries

The remaining photos show a variety of natural subjects. Mushrooms, grapes and berries, flower baskets, and pine cones. These are all some of the earliest Christmas ornaments. When they first started decorating Christmas trees, I guess it seemed most natural to decorate with objects that belonged with trees, like pine cones. From there it was a small jump to other things found in the forests, like mushrooms and edibles such as berries and grapes. The flower baskets were easily accepted as another natural object. This is how I imagine ornament history and development. We know the pine cones were among the first, the other ideas just make sense to me. Very few books have been written about this, so enthusiasts like me have fun speculating.



Miniature Berries and Nuts



Flower Baskets



Larger Pine Cones



Pine Cones

The last photos are a miscellany. A wide ranging group of ornaments that don't fit into any particular category, but each have their own uniqueness. Of particular note are the train and ship ornaments, the moons, and the strawberry.



Assorted



Assorted Figurals

A few readers have asked if these ornaments are in our stores. Yes, they are and here is our procedure. When the blog is published the ornaments go into the hands of Nick, who handles all the online sales at our Racine location. He takes care of any sales inquiries that come in and after a day or two the ornaments are divided and sent to our stores and they are put out on display. However, the ornaments are available at all times. If you want to see something before they go out on the floor, stop in at our Racine location and see Nick. Of course, most of these ornaments we have only one of, and to which store they are sent is random. To see them all you should visit both of our stores. You will also see other vintage ornaments that aren't mentioned in the blogs. Have fun!

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