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Old-time soda survey results: Bubble Up, Frostie, Moxie

Bubble Up, Frostie and Moxie were the old-time soda favorites among newsletter subscribers in a survey last month.

Bubble Up and Frostie each received about 70% of the vote. Moxie placed third with about 35% of the vote.

Raccoon Forks Trading Company's May newsletter included a survey asking for help selecting which old-time sodas RFTC should sell in the store.

RFTC will be placing an order for Bubble Up, Frostie, Moxie and other old-time sodas in the coming weeks. Be sure to stop at RFTC soon for an ice cold one!



RFTC adds shipping services to online offerings

Raccoon Forks Trading Company has added shipping services to its online offerings, which include regularly updated listings of RFTC's carefully curated inventory on [eBay](#) and [Craigslist](#).

RFTC works with professional shipping companies, who have years of experience shipping antiques, to ensure safe and secure delivery of much of its inventory to anywhere in the United States at the best possible rates.

To get a free quote on shipping rates for RFTC items seen online, please contact us at



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Books, books and more books! Raccoon Forks Trading Company is offering newsletter subscribers a 10% discount on its large selection of vintage, antique and first edition books. To claim the discount, please show a printed or e-version of the newsletter to the cashier. The offer ends July 15. Each month RFTC rewards its loyal newsletter subscribers with an exclusive discount on select inventory.



Wapello Jim's pick: Arts and Crafts movement

Wapello Jim ("The Agent"), a direct descendant of the Indian Agent Joseph Street, who traded with the Winnebago Indians of Wapello County, specializes in select "smalls" glassware, pottery and china. Each month, Wapello Jim highlights an intriguing item in Raccoon Forks Trading Company's carefully curated inventory.

The Arts and Crafts movement, an international movement in the decorative and fine arts, began in Britain and flourished in Europe and North America between 1880 and 1910. The movement stood for traditional craftsmanship using simple forms, and often used medieval, romantic or folk styles of decoration.

The movement advanced economic and social reform and was essentially anti-industrial. It had a strong influence on the arts in Europe until it was displaced by Modernism in the 1930s, but remained popular among craftmakers, designers and city planners long afterwards.

The term was first used by T.J. Cobden-Sanderson at a meeting of the Arts and Crafts Exhibition Society in 1887, although the style it was based on had been developing in England for at least 20 years. It was inspired by the ideas of architect Augustus Pugin (1812-1852), writer John Ruskin (1819-1900), and designer William Morris (1834-1896).



RFTC is a fan of the Arts and Crafts movement, and has several Arts and Crafts items in stock, like the Charles Limbert chair pictured above.

New inventory: Joe Camel clock

Submitted by Leroy Laredo



Joe Camel was the advertising mascot for Camel cigarettes from 1987 to 1997. Joe Camel was seen in advertisements such as billboards and all sorts of print media. He was the cool camel that smoked. But anti-smoking campaigns argued that the Joe Camel figure helped cigarette companies market their product to youth, which led Camel to end the Joe Camel campaign. Since Camel stopped using Joe Camel in its ads, clocks, like the one available at RFTC, and other Joe Camel items have emerged as popular items among collectors.

New inventory: art deco Loetz lamp

Submitted by Hank Hemingway

Loetz Company was an innovator and renowned name in glassmaking, competing with the likes of Tiffany and winning an award at a turn-of-the-century world exhibition in Paris.

The company started in a small town in Bohemia in 1839 by Johann Eisner and changed hands a couple of times before Frank Gerstner took over. Under Gerstner, the company flourished over the next 20 years with inventive designs and techniques.

Experimental ideas during that time, such as designs in a then-emerging style called art nouveau, made Loetz glass a world leader. Unfortunately, the company had a few major setbacks during World War I, which eventually led to bankruptcy.

Raccoon Forks Trading Company has a Loetz lamp (c. 1925), pictured, from the art deco era. The lamp's shade is decorated with eye-catching bright colors.



Founded in 1812 by Emile Dobby (a French Canadian-Scots Irish fur trader) at the forks of the Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers, our mission for over 200 years has been to bring choice goods in from the wilderness to trade with the local population for whatever valuables they possess (including cash, checks, and credit/debit cards).

Emile immigrated to the U.S. in the early 1800s after being driven out of Scotland for his rogue and wile ways, which had led to charges that included horse thievery. After spending many years fur trapping in the American West, he started the original RFTC near our current location, at 621 Des Moines St. (in the NE corner of the East Village).

In our present incarnation we pledge to provide our loyal customers with high quality, carefully researched and curated antique and vintage furniture, furnishings, art, prints, etc., etc., etc.



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