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#### Greetings from Lowell



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Welcome friends! I hope you all had a nice summer. I am excited to share with you the collection of articles in this issue

of my Lowell Davis Collectors Newsletter.

It was a very busy summer for me. I participated in the 31<sup>st</sup> annual Midwest Gathering of the Artists at the Carthage Memorial Hall in September. It was nice to see many of my collectors and friends at the event and at Red Oak II. I completed a large metal sculpture for the city of Jasper MO and we held the first Farm Girls Festival at Red Oak II.

Red Oak II is looking great with all the improvements that are being done by the different property owners. We will share some photos in this issue of the newsletter but the best way to appreciate the improvements is to stop by Red Oak II and see them for yourself.

Your comments and suggestions for future issues are greatly appreciated. Please email them to:  
[lowelldaviscollectors@att.net](mailto:lowelldaviscollectors@att.net).

Just a reminder that you can view and download all issues of this newsletter from my Red Oak II Missouri web site:  
[www.redoakiimissouri.com](http://www.redoakiimissouri.com).

You are always welcome at Red Oak II. Please feel free to stop by anytime you are in the area.

Your friend,

Lowell Davis

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#### Red Oak II Updates



There is always a lot going on at Red Oak II. Here are the happenings of the third quarter of 2008:

#### Red Oak II Renovations Continue

The poor little Elmira school house watched all the other buildings here at Red Oak II being put back to brand new condition while she just sat there with years of neglect and rot. But now it's Elmira's turn. The new owners of the Elmira school house gave her a face lift and WOW, what a face lift she got. All of her old rotted shingles, siding and window sills have been ripped out and replaced and she was given a much deserved new coat of paint.



Elmira School House

A second gas station has been moved from Route 66 (MO 96) to Red Oak II and restored.



New restored Route 66 gas station at Red Oak II

The new owners of the Frank Yant house are in the process of restoring it for use as their residence.



Frank Yant House

The south end of Red Oak II which is home to the Dalton Gang of Red Oak II



Dalton Gang of Red Oak II

is also undergoing extensive upgrading by its owner. The Dalton Homestead, the red barn, the Civil War House have

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undergone extensive repairs and have shiny new coats of paint.



Dalton Homestead



Red Barn



Civil War House

The Chicken Museum is now the Red Oak II Train Station and eventually will become the home of the Red Oak II G-scale model railroad.



Red Oak II Train Station

So the next time that you are in our neck-o-d-woods swing by Red Oak II to see all the newly restored buildings and make sure you check out Elmira's smiling face.

#### Tropical Storm hits Red Oak II

As reported in our last newsletter, SW Missouri had received 2X normal precipitation in the first half of 2008. In September tropical storm Ike moved inland and tracked over SW Missouri during the weekend of the Midwest Gathering of the Artists. Ike dumped 3-4" of rainfall overnight. Even the crawdads were confused as they were washed out of the ponds onto the road.



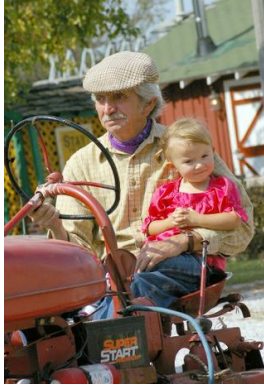


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#### Farm Girl Festival at Red Oak II



On Saturday, October 4, the Farm Girl Festival was held at Red Oak II. Two sisters, Brittnie and Caitlynn Morris from rural Carthage, thought up the idea for this event and were originally going to hold the event in the front yard of their home. They talked to Lowell about their idea and he said why don't you have it at Red Oak II. Brittnie and Caitlynn accepted Lowell's offer and the event was a great success. There were many activities for the participants to get involved in including crafts, farm animals, hay rides and tours of some of the Red Oak II properties. Based on the success of this year's event, it may very well become an annual event.

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#### 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Midwest Gathering of the Artists



The 31<sup>st</sup> annual Midwest Gathering of the Artists (MGA) was held at the Memorial Hall in Carthage MO on September 12 to 14, 2008. This included the auction in the evening on Friday, September 12 and the Art Show and Sale on Saturday, September 13 and Sunday, September 14.

Due to the economy, selling prices at the auction tended to not be as high as they typically have been in past years. Despite this, Lowell's magnificent oil painting "Covey Break" did very well and sold for \$1,800.

Lowell's daughter April Davis is also an exceptional artist, creating magnificent, highly detailed sculptures and more recently getting into oil painting. April's auction piece was a sculpture entitled "Summer Showers". It also did very well selling for \$1,500.

Here are some photos from the art show on Saturday and Sunday.



Aaron, Rose and Evelyn Davis at Art Show



Rich Hintz, Richard Thompson and Lowell at Art Show

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April Davis putting finishing touches on one of her sculptures

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### Lowell Davis' "The New Arrival"

We received an email from a couple of Lowell Davis Collectors in Iowa. They had purchased an oil painting from Lowell in April of 1984 while they were visiting Red Oak II. As Lowell was doing a sketch for them, they spotted this painting which Lowell had just finished, but then Lowell's dog "Hooker" raised his paw and put scratches across part of it. Lowell wasn't real pleased, but this only added more interest for the collectors and they asked Lowell if he would sell it to them, which he did. It is 12" X 16" and it is titled "The New Arrival".



The New Arrival (1984)

The painting is of Blossom with a new born calf late at night in the barn with straw, three chickens, etc. They also have the Christmas plate and figurine entitled "Blossom's Gift" which they have always displayed with it. They are thinking of selling this painting so if you might be interested in purchasing it, please send us email:

[lowelldaviscollectors@att.net](mailto:lowelldaviscollectors@att.net) and we will connect you with them.

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### Lowell Davis' Blossom

Lowell used his cow Blossom (subject of "The New Arrival" in previous article) in a number of his figurines, some of which follow:



25032 Blossom (1979)



96844 Blossom 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (1993)

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25326 Blossom and Calf (1982)



25040 Blossom RFD Bell (1980)



23554 Blossom's Gift (1987)



25309 Blossom Bell (1991)



95078 Blossom's Best (1995)



23504 Blossom Ornament (1987)

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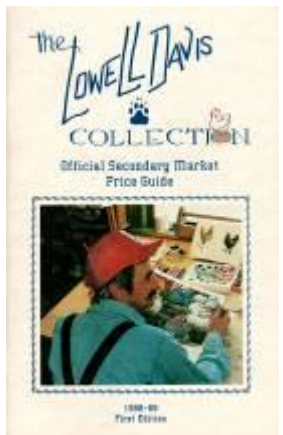
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#### Lowell Davis' Collector Guides

We continue to receive emails from Lowell Davis collectors who are looking for information and prices for Lowell's art. The following are some of the resources that are available and come up for sale on eBay from time to time. We can also help you identify and get an idea of current value of any Lowell Davis art. Just mail photos/descriptions to: [lowelldaviscollectors@att.net](mailto:lowelldaviscollectors@att.net)

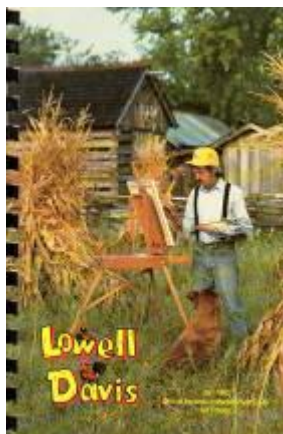
#### Lowell Davis Secondary Market Price Guides



First Edition



Second Edition

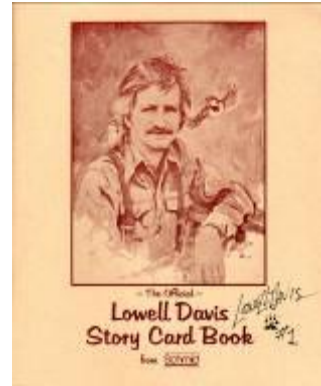


Third Edition



Forth Edition

#### The Official Lowell Davis Story Card Book

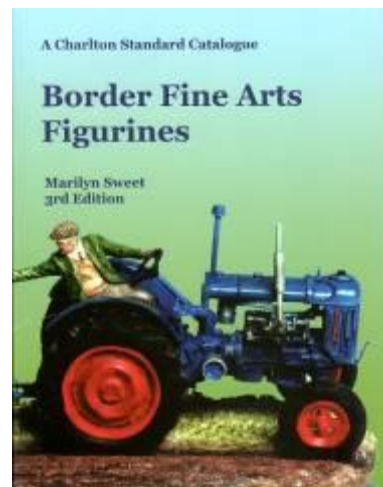


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#### Charlton Catalog of Border Fine Arts Figurines



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**Jasper Missouri Sculpture**

Lowell was commissioned to design and build a welcome sculpture for the city of Jasper Missouri. A site for the sculpture was finally approved in September and a base was built. We will show you the completed sculpture in the next edition of this newsletter.



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**“The Backsliders” is Back Home at Red Oak II**

“The Backsliders” is an awesome painting of Red Oak II that Lowell had done for his friend Sam Butcher (creator of Precious Moments).



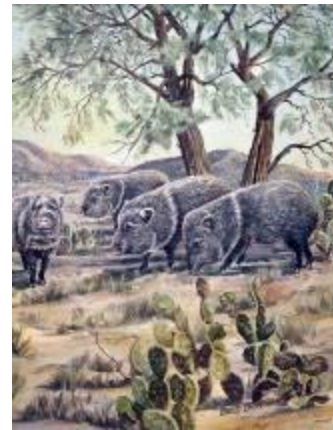
This summer, “The Backsliders” came back home to Red Oak II when Sam gave the painting back to Lowell. We will be scanning in so that we can make Giclée prints of this magnificent painting.

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**Lowell Davis Art from his Arlington Texas Days**

A Lowell Davis collector from Arlington TX contacted us recently about some early Lowell Davis paintings that her father had acquired from Lowell while he was in Arlington. She sent us some photos of the paintings and was OK with us sharing these with you all in the newsletter. Enjoy!!

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**Tell Us about Your Favorite  
Lowell Davis Art Work**

We love to hear about your favorite Lowell Davis art and what your first Lowell Davis art piece was and how it got you started collecting his art. Please send via email to: [lowelldaviscollectors@att.net](mailto:lowelldaviscollectors@att.net). Attach photos too.

have been contacted by an individual who is looking to sell a large inventory of Lowell Davis figurines and plates as a lot. This included multiple copies of a number of the pieces.

If you may be interested in purchasing this inventory, please send us an email at: [lowelldaviscollectors@att.net](mailto:lowelldaviscollectors@att.net) and we will put you in touch with the seller.

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**Collectors Exchange**

If you have Lowell Davis art or collectibles that you would like to swap, buy or sell, just email a detailed description of the item to: [lowelldaviscollectors@att.net](mailto:lowelldaviscollectors@att.net). We will list your items so that other interested collectors can contact you.

***Wanted:***

A collector is looking for:

- Plum Tuckered Out limited edition signed print

The Lowell Davis Art Gallery is looking for:

- Wildlife and farm bronzes
- Early original paintings

If you have any of the above for sale, please send us an email at [lowelldaviscollectors@att.net](mailto:lowelldaviscollectors@att.net) stating which you have, condition and asking price.

***For Sale:***

**Large inventory of Lowell Davis figurines and plates for sale:** We

**Lowell Davis Collectors Quiz**

We did not have a winner of the first Lowell Davis Collectors Quiz published in the last edition of the newsletter so we are extending that quiz for another quarter. The winner will receive an 11" x 14" Lowell Davis Giclée on canvas (unframed) shipped to them free. In case of a tie, there will be a random drawing from among all correct entries to select the winner. Lowell's website [www.redoakiimissouri.com](http://www.redoakiimissouri.com) might be helpful in answering these questions.

Good luck and have fun!

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2008 Q3-Q4***

To enter, send your answers to the following questions by email to [lowelldaviscollectors@att.net](mailto:lowelldaviscollectors@att.net). Entries must be received by 12:00 midnight US EST on December 31, 2008. The winner will be announced in the next issue.

- 1) What are the names of five of the buildings at Lowell Davis' Red Oak II?

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- 2) What are the titles of three Lowell Davis art storybooks?
- 3) What are three different media that Lowell Davis creates his art in?
- 4) What are the names of three original Lowell Davis art works recently auctioned at the Midwest Gathering of the Artists and in what years were they auctioned?
- 5) What are the names of Lowell Davis' current dog and cat?

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### Contact Us

We really appreciate your suggestions for future articles for the Lowell Davis Collectors Newsletter. If you would like to submit an article for publication, please feel free to send us one for consideration.

Hope to see you all at Red Oak II.

Larry Sernyk



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#### **Newsletter:**

If you have any suggestions, want to submit an article for the newsletter or want back issues, please email to:

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#### **Red Oak II General Store Lowell Davis Art Gallery and Sales:**

To enquire about the Lowell Davis Art Gallery or purchase Giclée prints of Lowell Davis paintings or any other items mentioned in this newsletter, please email to the Red Oak II General Store:

[redoakiigeneralstore@att.net](mailto:redoakiigeneralstore@att.net)

#### **Web Links:**

Red Oak II Missouri:

[www.redoakiimissouri.com](http://www.redoakiimissouri.com)

Red Oak II General Store:

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