

The Bimbah Elephant

The Legacy of Robert Henry's Bimbah Elephant



Robert T. Henry wished to create something of lasting worth -- an item of beauty and interest which would remain on the earth long after his death. The idea for a collectible finally took form in 1980: "I searched for several months to find a model that I could reproduce and finally found one - - an elephant. After making several changes and adding an oval base, the Bimbah went into production in July 1980." With its creation, the legacy began.

Production of the Bimbah lasted two years, from July 1980 to June 1982, creating a total of twenty four issues. A new issue was produced each month by Mosser Glass Company of Cambridge, Ohio, each with a limited production of less than a thousand and no duplication of color.

At the time of the final run, the mold and a display of the Bimbahs was donated to the Fort Wayne Historical Museum. There is also a complete set of 24 Bimbah's on display at the Degenhart Museum at Cambridge, Ohio.

Robert Henry, a life-long resident of Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana, was the founder and promoter of the Bimbah Elephant. Each original is designated by a four leaf clover with "R.H." signed within the perimeter, located on the base of the Bimbah.

Mr. Henry passed away on July, 2001, at the age of 90.



Bimbah Elephant Issues:

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