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Shopping tips for Collectible Figurines

By Monica Wogan

Precious Moments collectible figurines are among the most popular in the world. Doe-eyed boys and girls made in pastel ceramics adorn the shelves, dressers, and display areas of countless homes. There are numerous types and styles of figurines that people can buy to build a personal collection in addition to the dolls and bears that so many shoppers enjoy.

When shopping for your favorites, check to be sure that the item is genuine. Copycat manufacturers abound, much to a shopper's chagrin, so look at the signature label and sales tag to see if you are purchasing the collectible that you're after. If in doubt, ask the sales associate for assistance. Examine it carefully for cracks, stains, or other possible impurities that could make the piece ineligible for return if you find the problem after getting it home.

Try to shop on a sale day. Often, there are special events advertised in the newspaper or on television to let consumers know that these special products will be available at reduced cost for a limited amount of time. Shopping these events can save you money while maintaining the high standard of quality that you are searching for. If a sale has not been advertised recently, you can check with your favorite stores to see if they know whether one will be coming up.

Another option is to contact the manufacturer directly. You can visit the online Website or write a letter if you prefer. A telephone call to the toll-free number (if one is available) is another way to inquire about upcoming promotions or sales events as well as possible discounts. You can always check Ebay or Amazon as well if you don't mind buying used. With collectible items, this may not matter if you plan to hold on to the item for collector's purposes with a view to eventually selling valuable pieces.

To get some ideas for starting a collection, visit specialty shops or ask a few friends or relatives for suggestions. You may prefer to do some online browsing by searching for "collectibles" and (add a subject word) to find items of personal interest. Then find a safe, attractive storage or display area for your new items. Continue to add pieces as funding becomes available. Over time, you will be able to enjoy the variance and value of your collection before selling it or passing it along to someone else who will enjoy it as much as you have.

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Figurine - Reminiscent Of Artistic Wonders

By Sharon Albright

A pretty figurine...isn't the very concept reminiscent of romantic splendors and art wonders? Yes because figurines are minute forms of figures or statues of angels, humans and animals. They are much smaller than life-size and are fabulous iconic display of the imaginative thoughts of art creators. The earliest figurines were usually made of stones and metals but on recent days, the figurines are made of wood, plastic, ceramic and crystals.

With the society changing its norms from the earliest Anglo-Saxons to the contemporary Moderns, even figurines have undergone significant changes in their texture, stature and themes. While the earliest figures were mainly those of Greek goddesses like Venus, Aphrodite, Hera and Demeter, with time the concepts changed to depicting African, Asian and European princesses. The figurines are basically pretty pieces depicting men, women or a whole group enacting different feelings of laughter and sorrows.

The figurines were used for a variety of purposes. While some were used to serve as deities in religious and ceremonial occasions, some of the figurines depict special purposes. This means that a woman gifted with figurine of "pregnant Venus" implied wishing successful fertility. Since figurines are mainly female figures, so they make great gifts in wedding and other rituals. The figurines are also meant to amuse children who spend their time playing with them. Some of the figurines also serve as jewelry for women.

Recently, there are terms like Inaction figures and Staction figures that are used to refer to figurines of comic books or depict sci-fi/fantasy characters without movable parts. However, figurines with movable parts are more commonly known as dolls or action figures [robots or automata as they move on their own].

Another important type of figurine includes Olmec Figurine that describes a number of archetypal statues produced by inhabitants of Mesoamerica, bearing hallmarks of Olmec culture. These figurines are made of terracotta, serpentine, nephrite, jade, basalt and other priceless gems. Other types of Olmec figurines are as follows:

– Transformation figurines– these figurines contained figures transforming from human to animal and vice versa.

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– Naturalistic figurine– these include naturalistically portrayed human figures with big face, huge busts or tall legs.

– Fetal style figurines– these are mainly fetus figures depicting infanticide and infant sacrifices.

You can collect figurines of different ages to know more about the culture and spirit of that Age.

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