

**Vintage Toy Display at National Museum of Cambridge Glass
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Cambridge, OH (November 10) You're never too old to play, especially with vintage toys. Tim the Toy Man Todd of Cambridge has a large collection of vintage toys from 1946-1964 that would be the envy of most collectors. They are affectionately known as Baby Boomer Toys.

During November and December of this holiday season, some of his favorite toys will be on display at the National Museum of Cambridge Glass in Cambridge on Friday and Saturday from 12:00-4:00. Tim will be at the museum whenever possible to talk about his toys and maybe even demonstrate a couple of them.

The display is part of The Edna McManus Shepard Education Center, which contains not only a large display case of Tim's toys but also shares a history of the old Cambridge Glass Co. through their original etching plates, tools and equipment.

All of Tim's toys look in perfect condition and all work as they did originally. Tim seems to be a perfectionist when it comes to his toys and there's a great variety.

Of special interest is the fact that most of them have labels telling their price back when they were new. Prices were found in old Sears and Penny's catalogs, which many remember receiving at home. Those were the dream books where you circled things you wished you could have for Christmas and hoped maybe to get one of them.

You'll also find a display of Cambridge Glass that was listed in the Sears Catalog back in the 1920s. Who knew that Cambridge Glass was sold by Sears? Rose pink table tumblers sold at \$3.75...for a set of six!

A car filled with those charming Beverly Hillbillies is among the treasures and already a favorite of many. All the Clampetts are riding with Granny sitting up on her chair and holding a frying pan. The cost in 1963 was \$7.79.

A Dick Tracy Copmobile with a hooped wand for guidance cost \$9.31, while Tim's favorite toy, Herman Munster, only cost \$7.97. This is a talking Herman, which said, "We could make such horrible music together."

Toy Man Todd also enjoys telling stories about his toys and the toymakers. One we enjoyed on a recent visit was about the Daisy BB gun. Two companies sat side by side, a windmill company and an air rifle company, both owned by the same man. One day he took an air rifle he was working on over to the windmill company to use their blast furnace to mold the metal parts of the gun.

Workers passed the gun around and even fired it. "Boy, that's a Daisy!" they exclaimed, and so it received its name. The story goes that the windmill company decided to give a free gun with each windmill purchased. The popularity of the gun grew to the point where they closed the windmill factory and Daisy Manufacturing Company began.

Stop by the National Museum of Cambridge Glass to see this Vintage Toy Display any Friday or Saturday during November and December from 12:00-4:00. You might be lucky enough to have Tim the Toy Man Todd tell you some stories or demonstrate how some of his vintage toys work during your visit.

For more information on the National Museum of Cambridge Glass and other attractions and events in our area, check out VisitGuernseyCounty.com or call 800-933-5480.

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