

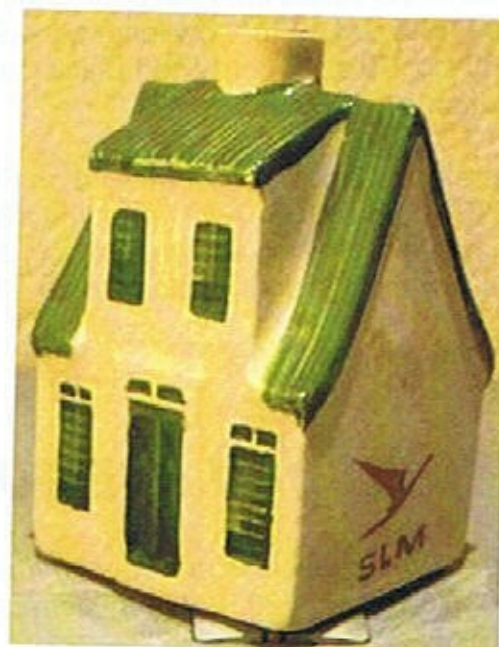
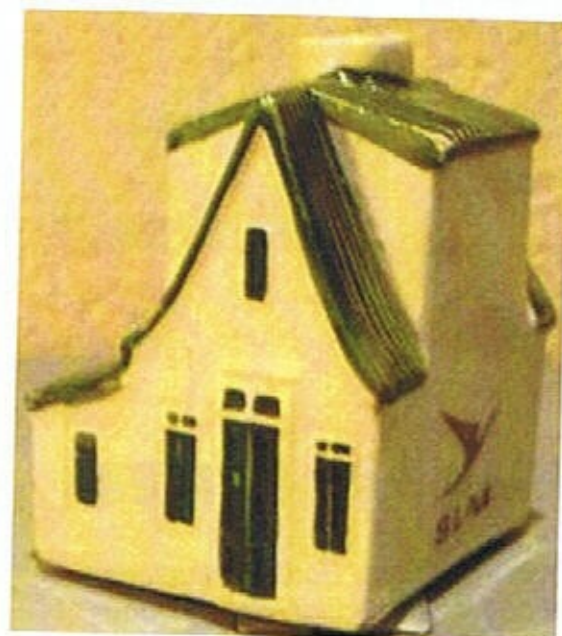
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COVER BOTTLES

I have only found one new New Zealand bottle this time (which I will show you in the next miNiZ) so, for a change, we have some overseas bottles on the cover. Not just any old overseas bottles of course! Those that know my collection know that my first love is building bottles. Shown on the cover are two very rare SLM (Suriname Airways) mini house bottles that, unfortunately, I still do not own.



Surinam Airways is the national airline of Suriname, based in Paramaribo. It operates regional and domestic scheduled passenger services. The airline was established in 1955 to link towns in what was then known as Dutch Guiana or Suriname. The initial service between Paramaribo and Moengo was soon expanded to other destinations, before the official creation of Surinaamse Luchtvaart

Maatschappij (SLM) on 30 August 1962. The airline became the national carrier upon Suriname's independence from the Netherlands on 25 February 1975. It is wholly owned by the Suriname government.

The bottles clearly show the influence of the KLM bottles but are a little bigger than the early KLM's. There are only three in the series but I have unable to find out when they were released, or for how long. My guess would be 1960's or 70's. All contained Black Cat rum from Suriname.

There were 5 bottles in total sold on Ebay. #1 sold for US\$51 (full) & US\$47.37 (empty), #2 for US\$61.01 (empty) and the two shown above (1 & 2) for US\$71.06. I was the under bidder or close to on all the lots.



BEFORE YOU ARE GONE, DEAD AND BURIED

The following article is reproduced from the Midwest Miniature Bottle Collector's Newsletter (Issue 28, Vol 3) by permission of the author and editor, Sandy Jones.

Make arrangements for your collection before you are kicking up the daisies. No one is going to offer your loved ones what you paid for each and every mini of that collection. It will **NOT** sell for what you paid for it. If you are unhappy with this fact, sell your collection piece by piece before you hit the sod. It will **NOT** support them in their old age, although it might give them some cash for Las Vegas. Those family members will take your name in vain many times because you left them to deal with the *&#@#@** minis left in the house when you "went." Minis (ceramics especially)

are a royal pain to pack up, and they are a pain to photograph and/or post to individual buyers.

Tell them that it is a buyer's market. Tell them you collected because you **loved the hobby**, not because it was an investment. Tell them 200-500 bottles is **NOT** a big collection. You probably won't get US\$10,000 for a 10,000 bottle collection. If your spouse or relative says "Sure, I'll just sell them on Ebay", go for it. It's really the best way. Put a small sticker on the back of each mini with what you paid for it, which will help when selling on Ebay. Otherwise, do something about the collection before you croak, and get it out of the house. Do your homework ahead of time and find out what someone will offer for your collection so that you can TELL YOUR FAMILY.

I've written about this issue many times, but the message just isn't getting through. I'll be selling Butch's collection on Ebay if he has the insensitivity to go before me. As for the thousands in the climate controlled storage shed (Butch is a dealer as well as a collector – editor), maybe I'll give those away, or maybe I'll crush them and make mosaics or gravel out of them (a suggestion I got from one spouse). I'm prepared, but many are not. Even if you are in your forties, make arrangements. Most of all, please inform your relatives that the collection is **NOT** a goldmine, so someone else won't have to. - *Sandy Jones*

Sandy's article applies even more so in New Zealand than it does in the USA. There are far fewer collectors in New Zealand than there are in the US. A number of us got talking at the AGM about what would happen if a major NZ collection came up for sale. One conclusion we came to is that the NZ club members would probably not spend more than NZ\$10,000 at any one time. Which means that the majority of bottles from a large NZ collection would have to be sold to a dealer, at about NZ\$1 per bottle, or overseas. Contrast this with your insurance value – replacing and selling a collectable do not even begin to be the same thing.

The NZ\$1 per bottle assumes, of course, that you can find a dealer that will buy that many bottles. Second hand shops are closing every week in NZ, due, mainly, to the rise of Trademe, But Trademe will not accept listings for full minis. Which leaves either Ebay or setting up a web site to sell your glass bottles.

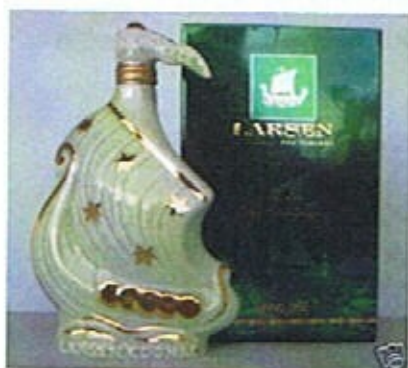
Photographing and cataloguing a collection is VERY time consuming. It took three people two (hard) days to photograph and list the 780 bottles Pam was selling last year. I then spent days in the selling process and Pam then spent days wrapping and posting them. We had buyers who would not pay up, bottles damaged in the post and only half of the bottles were sold initially (more over the following months, including at the AGM). We have at least three collections in NZ that are close to **twenty times** that size! And probably more than a dozen more that are 5 -10 times that size.

My personal collection is fully photographed (and all on line if you wish to see it) but I do not know of another collection in NZ that is catalogued to the same standard. Even so it would be months of work to sell it on Trademe/Ebay or via a web site. And don't expect to get the prices you see on Ebay as many US collectors will balk at the potential postage cost when buying from New Zealand.

Hopefully, food for thought - *David Smith*

The Larsen firm was founded in 1926 by Jens-Reidar Larsen, a young Norwegian, who arrived in Bordeaux in 1919. He settled shortly afterwards in Cognac, charmed by the inimitable atmosphere of the small Charentes town and there, discovered the refinement of its famous eau-de-vie. Having become a fine connoisseur, and driven by an innate business acumen, he bought the small firm of Cognac, Joseph Gautier. He then launched his own "Larsen" brand which soon prospered in Scandinavian markets, particularly in Norway. Having married a native of Cognac, he had a son, Jean, who took over the Larsen firm and made the brand prosper around the world. The third generation, Nicolas and Frédéric, has already taken the reins of the family business.

These minis are familiar to all of us. I have 17 different ones in my own collection, plus a couple of 'knock-offs,' and including all 6 bottles shown here. Sometimes 2 were for sale. The prices these fetched on Ebay was somewhat of a surprise!



Jade US\$100.00/71.00



Dark Blue US\$81.00



White US\$81.00



Sky Blue US\$80.00



Powder Blue US\$81.00



Green £26.00/US\$71.00

In addition three more sold about the same time. A Ruby fetched US\$71 an Ivory US\$67 and a Gold US\$71. One ship had 23 bids and all others were keenly sort after.

All contain 50ml of Fine Champagne cognac - a blend of the two most highly rated districts, Grande and Petite Champagne, unchanged since the creation of the decanter in 1952.

David Smith

GOING DUTCH

In 'As Seen on Ebay' in miNiZ 77 I showed you a Dutch lady that sold for a mere \$4.25 – the green one below. She was unidentified and missing the cap. David Spaid wrote to me to say that she was from Wynand Fockink and part of a set. David probably does not have the whole set, and there is obvious painting variation, but he has sent us pictures of what he has. Note that these are not true minis as the label shows they are 6oz, which is 177ml. The label has 1980 written on it but the bottles look older.

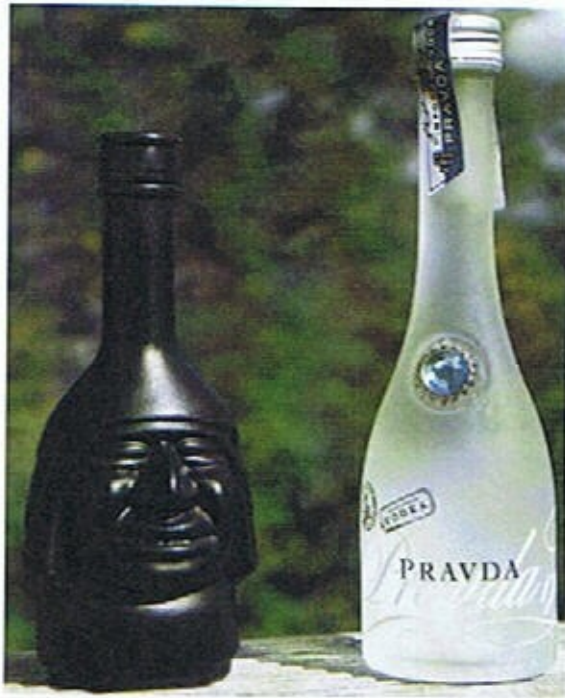


FRANKLY SPEAKING

It was interesting to see the Pravda and Grey Goose vodkas side by side in the last issue of miNiZ. Both vodkas are claiming to be the best in the world. To prove their point Pravda give the tasting kit shown away for free. It contains a miniature Pravda (lovely bottle) and two miniature martini glasses. The idea is that you fill one glass with some Pravda and the other with a rival vodka. You then decide which is the best.

The Grey Goose is a French vodka made with all the bells and whistles. I have seen the plain vodka in Auckland but not the mixed ones apart from full sized bottles. No doubt like Absolut and Finlandia you will have to buy a boxed set to obtain all the flavours.

At a vodka competition in 2004 Pravda came out top and Grey Goose eighth. New Zealand's 42 Below came third.



With recent articles on Peruvian miniatures members may like to know how Pisco came into being.

It began with the Spanish Conquistadors rampaging through South America in the sixteenth century. Despite all the gold and wealth they obtained they missed their wine so vines were sent over from Spain. After a few trials it was found that the Ica Valley in Peru provided the ideal mix to grow quality grapes. The Spanish kept the good grapes for themselves and gave the rejects to the locals. They distilled it into a brandy like drink but the Spanish did not take to it. They called it "fire wine ". It did find favour with visiting sailors who named it Pisco after the port where it was sold.

The wine from the Ica Valley was very good and the excess exported to many countries including Spain. The Spanish winemakers found their own markets shrinking as a result of the Peruvian wine so they asked King Philip II to ban the production of the wine. He agreed and in 1614 the production of Peruvian wine ceased. With their wine markets gone the Peruvians turned all their wine into Pisco. The processes and quality gradually improved to the product we have today.

Pisco is Peru's national drink and the cocktail Pisco Sour is the most popular in Latin America.

Frank Wynn

TWO DOZEN FROM TWO CHINAS

I want to share with you two great sets of bottles I recently obtained, one from Taiwan and the other from mainland China. We will start with Taiwan.



This Zodiac set was made by the Pingtung Distillery of the Taiwan Tobacco & Liquor Company. There was only 50 sets made and very few are together as mainly they sold singly at the distillery with people buying their own birth sign. These bottles are 100ml, hexagonal, and are stunning from every angle. Each of the main pictures shows two sides of the same bottle. The picture on the right shows an example of the Chinese characters each of them has on the sides not shown.



The dozen bottles from mainland China are depictions of Chinese Ladies in traditional costume and poses. This set is called "Dream of the Red Chamber" and was commissioned, in the 1980's, from a famous Chinese sculptor, L. U. Tong from Tianjin. The sculptor is forth generation in his art and an exponent of the Zhang Zhang style. Each bottle is about 30mm (1.2") in diameter and contains 50ml of Chinese wine.



Most collectors who collect ceramic minis think of Europe and the USA, with a few from Argentina and Japan. It is good to see interesting ceramics coming from other areas of the world. Without trying to think too hard, I know that there are ceramics coming from several South American countries, New Zealand, Australia (jugs only), Cook Islands, the Caribbean and Hong Kong. Surprisingly some of the Chinese bottles are quite old, pre-dating the political reforms that have gone on there.

David Smith

Vincent Van Gogh VODKAS

Following the influence of the famous artist for which it is named; Van Gogh® Vodka has added a touch of colour to the art of vodka distillation. Traditionally, vodka is a clear, flavourless, and odourless spirit. Like an artist, Van Gogh Vodka is defying tradition and redefining the industry. First, Van Gogh features more flavoured vodkas than any other brand. Now, Van Gogh's "martini in a bottle" concept has developed one step further. Three of Van Gogh's flavours, Pomegranate, Double Espresso™, and the new Acai-Blueberry, challenge the status quo of clear vodka and *do have* colour.



Early this summer, four new Van Gogh mini flavoured vodkas were introduced. Acai Blueberry & Banana are completely new flavours, while the Oranje, and the Citroen flavours are new to mini bottles.

In 2006, Van Gogh introduced the mini Double Espresso™, Black Cherry, & Mojito Mint flavours, and in early 2007 the miniature Pomegranate flavour came out.

The new Acai-Blueberry flavour is relatively new to the outside world. This deliciously unique flavour comes from the heart of the Amazon Rainforest. It has the nutty flavour of the acai berry coupled, with the sweet flavour of the blueberry, which make this an unforgettable combination.

There are now 18 flavoured miniature glass Van Gogh Vodkas. In addition to the Classic (Traditional) Vodka, there are the following flavoured vodkas: Acai-Blueberry, Banana, Black Cherry, Citroen, Coconut, Double Espresso™, Dutch Chocolate, Espresso, Mango, Melon, Mojito Mint, Oranje, Pineapple, Pomegranate Raspberry, Vanilla, and Wild Appel.

If you look hard, you can even find special variations of the mini Dutch Chocolate, & the mini Wild Appel that do not show the word "VODKA" on the label!



Jim Crawford

AS SEEN ON EBAY #17



We will start this time with a few liqueur straights as we show these so rarely. Most do not sell on Ebay and the ones that do generally sell on minimum bids or in a large group. It's a shame that liqueurs are out of fashion at the moment as there are some truly great bottles out there, old and new, and they make a very colourful display.

Raissac Habanita is obviously old and in good condition. Note the lead cap. It sold for US\$3.99. Boukha L'Oasis is an Eau de Vie from Tunisia. It is bottled at 36° and contains 10cl. This one sold relatively well, US\$12.50, probably because someone who collects bottles from all possible countries wanted one from Tunisia.

Cointreau Peach Liqueur is again obviously an old bottle, from the 1930's in fact. That did not help it sell as it only fetched a miserable US\$0.99. Rocio Anis comes from Mexico, which makes it hard to date. A minimum US\$5 bid secured it.



The three Stock Italian Liqueurs are 1/10 pint green glass with metal seals over cork tops. All have partial Wisconsin 3 1/8 cent tax stamps which date from 1949 to the 1950's. All labels and paper

seals are complete and in great condition for their age. Old Italian liqueurs usually sell well. The 'Buy it Now' was set at US\$350 but a 'Best Offer' of US\$120 secured them.

In contrast to the Italian bottles French liqueurs are not generally well sort after. The four Garnier Liqueurs were imported



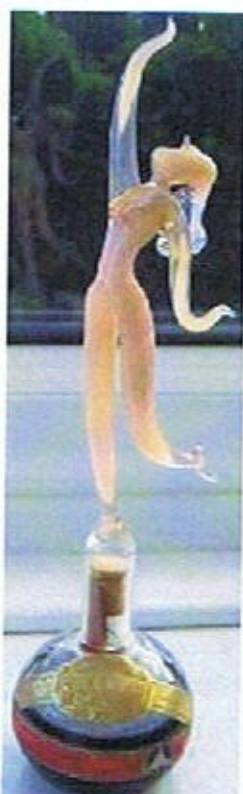


into the US in the 1930's. As you can see they are in good condition but, even so, they only sold for US\$23.51. Sticking with France we have an old crock, Gabriel Roudier Crème de Cassis, with a paper label. It measures just under 10cm (4") high. A minimum bid of £1 secured it.



Miniatures started off as salesman's samples and

the bottle on the right is one of those. The label is OK but there are a couple of nicks. It should have sold for more than US\$8.39



Finally for liqueur straights we have a modern one. The Sublime Orange Liqueur, from France, sold for US\$20.50 - for reasons that totally escape me! This is a rather nice 50ml glass bottle but it is no nicer than hundreds of others that don't even get a bid.

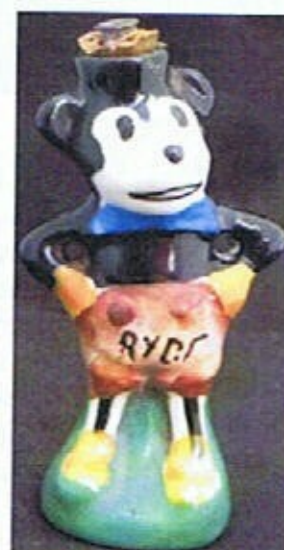
County of Lehr is a reasonably modern Scotch that I had not seen before and evidently neither had a number of other people as there was spirited bidding (no pun intended) and it sold for US\$21.50.



In miNiZ 64 I showed you a green ballerina from Rynbende, now we have a pink one. They are identical other than the colour. My thanks to Val Fretwell for sending this to me. If you do spot anything unusual all you have to do is email the URL. The seller believes that these bottles were made in the 1970's but then again, he did say that it was 19m (63 feet) high! Just a tad over miniature size although I believe that he meant 19cm (7.5"). The bottle contains Cherry Brandy, but who cares what

such a lovely bottle contains? £127.00 secured it (the green one went for US\$302 in early 2003).

I have had minis with a Disney association in two of the last three miNiZ, so why should this one be any different? Mickey is unlabelled but 'something unreadable' England is stamped on the bottom and he has RYCE on his stomach. No more information was available. He sold for £52



We start the next page with two gold minis. In miNiZ 72 I showed you a gold dancer



from Manhattan and we have another, different one, here. I presume there is a whole series. This one sold for US\$36. I have shown you the Isiah gold Dragon before but that time it failed to sell. This time it went for US\$21.53



Rum Carioca is famous for two minis, the Pirates with treasure chests full of gold and jewels and the Ox Cart. Walking the latter all day is probably what drove the guy to being a pirate!



There are lots of painting variations of the Ox Cart and I have three to show you. The blue cart sold for US\$32.25, the green for US\$35.00 and the brown for US\$34.00



Sticking with transport, in miNiZ 65 I brought you a vintage car from Casa Vinicola Boccaccio of Italy (sold for US\$36.99).



This time we have an even older style car in the same series. Both contain 2oz of red wine. This one sold for US\$29.99 after a number of bids.



The Cockatoo is by Bal Tabarin, a company I know very little about. A quick Internet search shows that the name comes from a famous Paris nightclub, which in turn lent it's name to a number of nightclubs elsewhere in the world. The label on back reads, "BAL TABARIN, Blackberry Liqueur, Artificially Colored, 48 proof, 1/10 pint. Prepared and bottled by M-Virgin Co., Ltd, Cambridge, Mass." It sold for US\$18.49



Next we have three bottles all sold by a German dealer but only the first is actually from Germany originally. I would have been very keen to buy the fist bottle when I owned a bowling alley (late 80's/early



90's) but decided not to bid on this. The bottle is 40ml and was made by S & M Trading of Munchen, Germany. It sold for US\$10.50. The next bottle is from Turkey, not somewhere that I readily associate with minis, and is in the shape of a tower. The maker was Gizli Cicek but the seller did not know what the contents were. It sold for US\$20.50. Finally we have a glass house from Spain. It contains Dulce Superior and was made by Bodegas Garces Rdo. De Mallorca. It fetched a disappointing US\$5.50.



Whilst I am showing you some moulded glass bottles I might as well add the Dor Telephone from Argentina. It contains Licor Fino De Menthe and sold for US\$21.49. Pam sold one of these in her on-line auction last year for NZ\$25

A telephone can be used to whisper words of love but the following bottles shout them. All six bottles are from Niccolo of Italy. The two hexagonal bottles sold for US\$30, the two square bottles sold for US\$18.50 and the two round ones for US\$15.49



I was writing an article on blown glass bottles (for another edition) when I came across this bottle with a Dog blown into the bottom. It was made in Italy by Bonnolo, contains Rosolio and was a Taiwanese import. US\$15.50 bought it – I would have expected more.

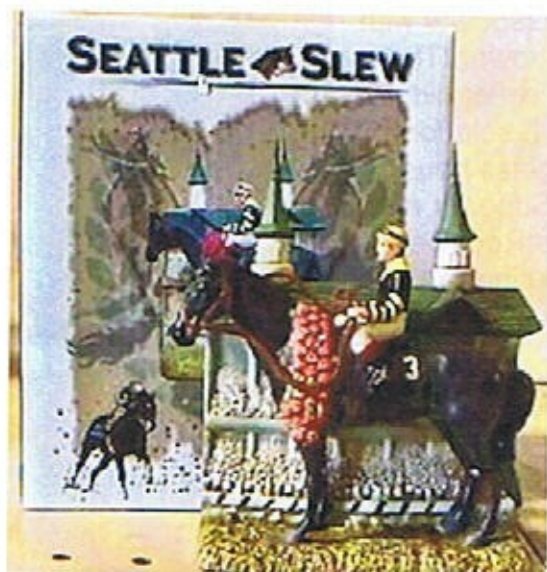


The Peacock miniature is from Isiah of Japan, a company that has brought us a number of interesting minis. It sold for US\$62. More in miNiZ 80.



David Smith

SEATTLE & SUSAN



On the left we have Triple Crown winner, Seattle Slew from "4-Aces." This mini is one of 1,000 made in 1977 (as opposed to over 10,000 of the 'Secretariat' mini that is in the same series and that I showed you in miNiZ #69). The back shows a list of this horse's achievements, which are considerable.

Seattle Slew was born in 1974 and was sold for only US\$17,500 at a Lexington, Kentucky auction in 1975. He won the only three races he was entered in in 1976 and followed this up in 1977 with six wins from six races, including the Triple Crown. In a short career he had 14 wins and two seconds in 17 races. He won a total of US\$1,208,726

Susan Sommer-Luarca grew up on the family farm in Missouri and had a natural talent for painting horses and other wildlife. She was the artist chosen to create the model of Seattle Slew and, I am sure you will agree, did a brilliant job. Susan is best known as a mural artist, with her murals adorning walls all over North America. In 1995 she painted one that covered 14,000 sq.ft., the largest ever at that time.



In 2007 Susan was chosen as the official artist to paint at all three Triple Crown races. In 2008 Susan is off to Beijing as the official US Olympic team artist, following in the footsteps of such famous artists as Andy Warhol and Pierre Matisse. She is becoming quite famous and her works may be hard to obtain

one day. You can read about Susan and her work at www.SSL4HABITAT.ORG (a conservation organisation founded by her) or www.sslworldwide.com



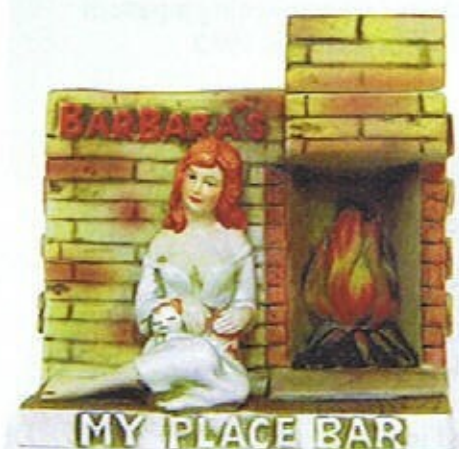
As well as the 'standard' Triple Slew there is also a gold version. There was only a dozen of these made as samples and a proposed production run was shelved. One was put up for sale recently on Ebay but failed to get a minimum US\$349 bid.

David Smith

NEVADA BROTHELS #3

Continuing from where I left off in the last miNiZ, we have nine more mini brothel decanters to show you.

Next and 9th in the series is the *Mustang Bridge Ranch*. (Don't you think that the horse looks demented? – editor) This was perhaps the most famous of all the Nevada "Ranches", and was located just outside of Reno, Nevada. This decanter is about 6½ inches tall. It was issued in 1980, and all 1500 decanters were quickly sold out.



The 10th decanter in the Series is *Barbara's My Place Bar*, which was located in Winnemucca, Nevada. Introduced in 1980, 1500 decanters were made.

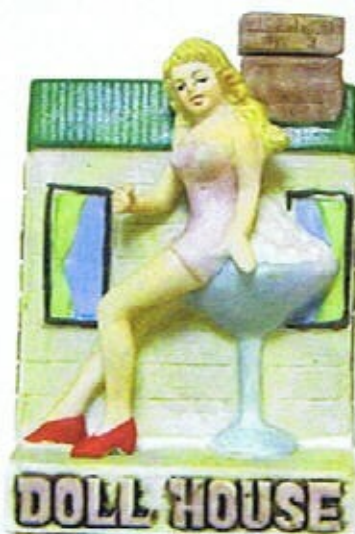
The next picture shows the *Club*

Mona Lisa, the 11th decanter in the series. The Club Mona Lisa was located in Elko, Nevada. 1500 decanters were issued in 1981. This was the last of the decanters filled with Sherry.

The 12th decanter in the series is *Carol's Stardust*, which is located in Ely, Nevada. 1500 decanters were made, and introduced in 1981. I think this is a pretty decanter, but it is actually a cheaper decanter to buy (if you can find one available). This decanter is also about 5½ inches tall.



This was the first decanter to be filled with *Dug's The Silver State Famous Blue Mai Tai Mix*. All of the remaining decanters in the Dug's Brothel Series would contain the same Blue Mai Tai Cocktail. Notice that the back of this decanter looks as nice as the front, and it (like all the others) has a map showing the location of Carol's Stardust embossed in the porcelain.



The 13th decanter in the series is the *Doll House*, located in Hawthorne, Nevada. 1500 decanters were made and introduced in 1981. The picture of the decanter back shows the map & the label from the *Dug's Blue Mai Tai* Cocktail.

The next picture shows *Janie's Ranch*, the 14th decanter in the series. This Brothel was located near the California/Nevada boarder, at the Montgomery Pass in Nevada. 1500 decanters (are you seeing a pattern here) were issued in 1982.



The 15th decanter in the series is the *Bobbie's Buckeye Bar*, located in Tonopah, Nevada. 1500 decanters were made in 1982.

The next picture shows the *Desert Club Ranch*, which was the 16th decanter in the series. This "Ranch" was located in the town of Battle Mountain, Nevada. Several other Brothels were also located in



Battle Mountain. 1500 decanters were issued in 1982.



The last picture for now is the *Big Four Brothel*. It was the 17th decanter in the series, was located in Ely Nevada, and 1500 decanters were made in 1983.

Jim Crawford

LIIVI HELIIS FROM ESTONIA

While holidaying in Sweden with his girlfriend last Christmas my son took the opportunity of an international cruise (actually an overnight ferry but it sounds good anyway) from Stockholm to Tallinn, a 'resort' city in Estonia.

While he was in Tallinn he spotted a liquor store with a small display of 'something Dad might like' – he was right!

The display was of the fine products of the Liivi Heliis distillery located (according to the label) in Viljandi, Estonia, and he purchased one of the miniatures from the selection. It was "JAH! Viin Vodka" and is pictured below from a variety of angles.



As you can see, the bottle is in the style of a tall miniature tankard 'shot' with a handle and tear-off foil closure. The graphic on the bottle is obviously a stag "in the roar" and is I assume a reindeer from that part of the world – I'll not think of Rudolph quite the same again!

The main information panel on the left side of the label shows a website address for the company (www.liivi.ee), so being an inquisitive sort and on the principal of 'where there is one, there are bound to be more' I paid it a visit.

Whilst I found that the company has an 'interesting' mix of products it was not difficult to navigate to the area of interest.

The primary website is, of course, written in Estonian but there is also an English version under construction available. I found the latter to be rather more limited in scope (I assume due to the need for a bilingual webmaster) but a little lateral thinking enabled a successful search for miniatures to be done of both the versions although the English page search returned only a listing of products without details.

The following is a 'grab' from the Estonian pages via the main product listing.

SUVENIIRID

Print

Nimi	Kangus	Maht(L)
LIIVI VIIN suveniir	40	0,05

Clicking on each entry gives a more detailed product description and a small picture. Clicking on the picture produces a 'popup' of a larger & generally clearer picture.

[For those wishing to visit the site and replicate the search use the terms 'kannuke' and 'suveniir'. The 'clue' to which are miniatures is of course the "Mahti L" column showing 0,05 – 0,050 or 0,035 (bearing mind that the European style for decimals is to use a comma where we might expect a full stop)]

What my search found is two ranges of miniatures, one being a set of bottles in the same style as that shown above (the "kannuke" range) – 18 in all (*inc. the stag above*) and pictured below. The product range appears (*my Estonian is, not surprisingly, poor*) to consist of various flavoured vodkas and liqueurs with a few brandies included for variety. Pictures have been 'captured' from the site itself and vary in clarity in so far as the label graphics are concerned. This range includes a gift set of 6 miniatures and a very 'kitsch' "Welcome To Estonia" example. Kitsch aside, it is quite a colourful set and one which would I think enhance any general collection.





The second and substantially smaller (only seven) range offered by Liivi (the "Suveniir" range) is in the flask style and are once again pictured below as shown on the company website. Interestingly, some of the labels in this range, where they replicate the 'Kannuke' range, differ and there are some different products represented.





Anyone planning a vacation in Tallin? – put me down for a full set of “kannuke” and “suveniirs”.

Enol Brassett

DATE, TIME & PLACE

Sunday 29th July 2007 2.00pm Eric Sutton's, 14C Michigan Place, Westhaven,
Christchurch Telephone: 03 383 9686

Sunday 9th September 2007 12.30pm Pot Luck Lunch at David & Rosie's,
11 Trevor Terrace, Paremata Telephone: 04 233 2997
E-Mail: david.smith@dtz.co.nz

Sunday 23rd September 2.00pm David & Val Fretwell's, 61 Port Hills Road, Heathcote,
Christchurch Telephone: 03 384 9757 E-Mail: keenah@xtra.co.nz

Sunday 11th November 2007 12.30pm Pot Luck Lunch at Colin & Dianne Ryder's, 20
Prospect Terrace, Johnsonville
Telephone: 04 478 4391 E-Mail: rydercj@xtra.co.nz

Sunday 25th November 2007 2.00pm Peter Alty's, Blencathra Pl., Westmoreland,
Christchurch Telephone: 03 338 4220

Sunday 20th January 2008 12.30pm Barbecue Lunch at David & Rosie's,
11 Trevor Terrace, Paremata
Telephone: 04 233 2997 E-Mail: david.smith@dtz.co.nz

Weekend of 15th - 17th February 2008 AGM in Christchurch. Details to be
advised later in year.

Dates are subject to change and note that the final two Wellington meetings for 2007 have changed dates. Please check if coming from outside the area. The exception is the AGM. The date of this is fixed as one of our US members (and regular miNiZ contributor) is arranging a trip that will coincide with the dates shown.

There were only three members who entered the competition in miNiZ 78. All were of a high quality. Dianne Opie won with 93, second was Trevor Harvey with 87 and third Ian Butcher with 86. Between them they got all the 100 names. A (mini) bottle of Scotch goes to Dianne.