Thimble clubs, sewing groups, thimble conferences and personalised thimbles

Until today, these thimbles formed part of the topic, Interesting lettering on thimbles – hiding in plain sight. I didn't want them to be lost – now they are gathered in one place

Sharing a mutual interest or hobby has necessitated a thimble. Whether it was created for a local, regional or national group, it was important to commission a club or commemorative thimble.
It includes guilds, associations and societies some of whom use a thimble – conferences and conventions (US term). These were usually included as part of the registration fee – the personalised thimbles from individual collectors – promotional thimbles from thimble book authors, mail order businesses, museums etc

Most of these thimbles are of sterling silver – but as the cost of commissioning these increased. cheaper materials were found. Since 2016 all commissioned thimbles were made in smaller numbers with the decline in popularity of thimble collecting. Treasure those you have – if your group isn't included here – please share a photo or the missing view of your thimbles

Where the maker is known I have included it – there are heaps of new small thimble makers included.

You may not find one club's thimbles grouped together – the order follows the lettering on the thimble: I have to be true to the designer and maker e.g they may be listed under a numeral or the shortened or full name of the club

These thimbles celebrate our hobby – enjoy the journey

Thimble clubs' thimbles

Thimble collectors' clubs began to spring up in 1978 when the hobby began to fire up with collectors
Each group issued from one to annual thimbles for their members.

- Cape Thimble Club was established under the aegis of SATC in 1989
- Christine's Vingerhoed Verenigen (CVV) was a part of the NVC
- CyberThimble was an online group headed by Barbara Acchino (US) from 1998
- Dedaleras Argentinas was started by Elsa Haydee Giampaoli
- Dorset Thimble Society was formed by Elaine Gaussen in 1985. Their newsletter is *At your fingertips*
- Freunde des Fingerhuts began in Germany in 1983. Members receive *Rund um den Fingerhut* and they issue annual thimbles
- Moscow Thimble Club was started by Marina Shcherbatyuk
- National Thimble Collectors was started in 1955 by Sara Ann Weisbrot in the US
- Nederlandse Vingerhoed Club (NVC) was started in the Netherlands by Friedy and Gerard Kamp in 1991. They issued a club newsletter *Vingerhoednieuws* from 1984-2010, which was also a sales catalogue. Many of their thimbles are unmarked – they were commissioned fot their members to celebrate Dutch celebratory occasions
- Needlework Tool Collectors Society of Australia (NTCSA) was started by Jenny and Katrina Cowen in 1987 in Melbourne. The current newsletter is known as *Snippets*
- South Australian Digitabulists Society (SADS) started by Jack Turner in Adelaide in 1988
- Thimble Club was started by Jenny Scharff (now Bockel) in Johannesburg in 1984 – evolving into South African Collectors Club (SATC) and later SATCC

- Thimble Collectors International (TCI). There were 29 regional groups in the US in 2012: now reduced to around 15 by closure of many groups. Together they form TCI and their quarterly newsletter is *TCI Bulletin* (1979-)
- Thimble Exchange Circle was the brainchild of Kay Gardener in the UK
- Thimble Guild began by Evelyn Eubanks in 1970 in the US and members received newsletters
- Thimblers on Wheels (TOW) was started by Mary Craft and Kit Froebel in the US
- Thimbles are Us was run by Wynneth Mullins, Texas
- Welsh Thimblers was run by Denise Jones, 1990-2007
- Yahoo Thimble Club was an online group
- Yahoo World Thimblers (TWC) was an online group

10 1984-1994 S.A.T.C.



Gili Davis
handpainted
limited to **40**

10 Jahre Freunde des Fingerhuts 1993



Meissen
limited to **200**

10 NVC



2001

10th ANNIVERSARY CAPE THIMBLE CLUB 1989 - 1999



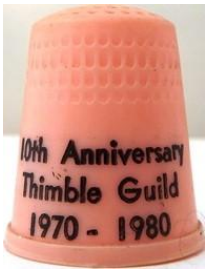
Frika Collection
background outline Table Mountain

10th ANNIVERSARY S.A.D.S. 1998



Pat Adam South Australia
handpainted
South Australia Digitabulists Society

10th Anniversary Thimble Guild 1970 - 1980



15



Gili Davis
handpainted
15 years South African Thimble Club
limited to **30**

20 FREUNDE des FINGERHUTS 2003



Thorvald Greif Creglingen
with garnet
limited to **110**

25 YEARS Bay Area Thimble Society 1978-2006 Martha Arrufat



Peter Swingler UK
handpainted enamelling

40



40 years South African Thimble Collectors Club 2024
3D printed

40 Freunde des Fingerhuts e. Verein jedes Mitglied 2023



Isgard Greif Creglingen
limited to **110**

1981 Hawkeye Thimblers



Marihelen Engelen
handpainted

1989



J van Wyk Pretoria
South African Thimble Club 5th anniversary
limited to **35**

1996



Tommie Jane Lane Boone North Carolina
South African Thimble Club

2000 LSTMN



Lady Slipper Thimblers of Minnesota
handpainted

Arizona Thimblers 1982



Tommie Jane Lane Boone North Carolina

BATS 10



Joe Turner Jewelry Works Studio Coeur d'Alene ID

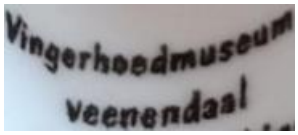
BATS 1978-1998



Steve Johnson ID
corozo nut
20 years of Bay Area Thimble Society
bat and lettering in gold
Society disbanded in 2016
limited to **40**

Bay Area Thimble Society





Vingerhoedmuseum Veenendaal
2000
Society disbanded in 2016

(Bay Area Thimble Society)



Simons Philadelphia
1982
California Golden Gate Santa Barbara Mission

(Bay Area Thimble Society)



John von Hoelle DE & Sok Ung
1996
lapis lazuli cabochons
limited to **20**

(Bay Area Thimble Society)



John von Hoelle DE& Sok Ung
1996
rubies

Bay Area Thimble Society 25 Years 1978-2003



Thorvald Greif Creglingen
Society disbanded in 2016
limited to **35**

BAY AREA THIMBLE SOCIETY 1978-2008



Simons Philadelphia
Morro Bay San Francisco Sutter Buttes
Society disbanded in 2016
limited to **150**

Bay Area Thimble Society 1992



Society disbanded in 2016

C.A.T.



Nina Harby NJ
Capital Area Thimblers 2009
10th anniversary
shell on apex
b&w photo

CAPE THIMBLE COLLECTORS CLUB



Charmaine Hoy Cape Town
handpainted resin
1992

Capital Area Thimble Society Washington, DC 2018



Isgard Greif Creglingen
handpainted
CAT logo

Capital Area Thimblers



Teri Koenig
handpainted
CAT logo
1999
b&w photo

Captain 2013-2014 Nicole Ehrlich



Tom Edwards Washington
Nimble Fingers Thimble Club

Cats 1984-2009



Tom Edwards Washington
25 years of Capitol Thimble Society
gilt star on apex

Chesapeake Bay Thimblers 2000



Teri Koenig
handpainted

Chesapeake Bay Thimblers 2012



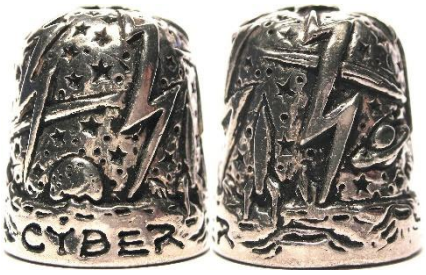
Colleen M Schroll
lampwork glass

COLLECTORS @ ...



Simons Philadelphia
Cyber Thimble Group for collectors around the world, 2017

CYBER



Tom Edwards Washington
Cyber Thimble Group for collectors around the world, 2017

(for) **CYBERTHIMBLE**



Crown
2000

DORCAS THIMBLERS ACTS 9



Simons Philadelphia
Florida's Dorcas Thimblers
the coral set into the map shows Sarasota, created for foundation members

DORSET THIMBLE SOCIETY 1985-1995



James Swann & Sons Birmingham

DTS 1985-1995



John Herbertson (JNH) Christchurch Dorset
limited to **14**

DTS 20 1985-2005



Dorothy Newsome
handpainted
Dorset Thimble Society

ESTC 1984



Simons Philadelphia
Empire State Thimble Club

ESTC 1984-2014



Empire State Thimble Club 30 years
New York state flower of a rose and Statue of Liberty

ESTC 1984-2024



Isgard Greif Creglingen
40th anniversary Empire State Thimble Club
red enamelling
limited to **24**

F.d.F. 1999



Buderus Kunstgiesserei Germany
steel
Freunde des Fingerhuts
limited to **140**

(FdF) 1985



Thorvald Greif Creglingen
Freunde des Fingerhuts
50 years of Greif Company
limited to **124**

FdF 1986



Friedrich Hauptmann Germany
handpainted Ullmannglass
Freunde des Fingerhuts
limited to **147**

(FdF 1987)



bronze
Freunde des Fingerhuts
limited to **170**

(FdF 1989)



Schaefer Germany
carved ivory
Freunde des Fingerhuts
limited to **150**

(FdF 1992)



Schott Germany
carved mammoth tooth
Freunde des Fingerhuts
limited to **150**

FdF 1994



Julius Wengert Pforzheim
enamelled
Freunde des Fingerhuts
limited to **150**

FdF 1995



Piet Mogree Germany
wood
Freunde des Fingerhuts
limited to **150**

FdF 1996



Simons Philadelphia
engraved band by Keith Raes
Freunde des Fingerhuts
limited to **160**

FDF 1997



Thorvald Greif Creglingen
Karl Heinz Prantl Germany
copper
Freunde des Fingerhuts
limited to **150**

FdF 1998



Thorvald Greif Creglingen
585 gold
Freunde des Fingerhuts
Nürmburg
limited to **110**

FdF 2000



Kolletsky Russia
amber
Freunde des Fingerhuts
limited to **150**

FdF 2001



Julius Wengert Pforzheim
gold border
Freunde des Fingerhuts
limited to **150**

FdF 2002



Julius Wengert Pforzheim
585 gold
Freunde des Fingerhuts
limited to **110**

FdF 2004



Juho Käkëla (JK) Oulu Finland
Freunde des Fingerhuts
waterfall on verso and spectrolite cabochon apex
limited to **100**

FdF 2005



Simons Philadelphia
engraved band by Keith Raes
Freunde des Fingerhuts
limited to **100**

(FdF 2006)



Pieter Backert Germany
Freunde des Fingerhuts
limited to **100**

FdF 2008



Julius Wengert Pforzheim
585 gold
Freunde des Fingerhuts
limited to **80**

FdF 2009



Isgard Greif Creglingen
synthetic ruby
Freunde des Fingerhuts
limited to **80**

(FdF 2010)



Sächsische Porzellanmanufaktur Dresden
Freunde des Fingerhuts
limited to **80**

FdF 2011



Thorvald Greif Creglingen
two colours of applied gold decoration
Freunde des Fingerhuts
limited to **80**

FdF 2012



Juho Käkëla (JK) Oulu Finland
Freunde des Fingerhuts
zirconia apex
limited to **80**

FdF 2013



Isgard Greif Creglingen
enamelled pansy
Freunde des Fingerhuts
limited to **75**

FdF 2014



Heinz Schneider Germany
Freunde des Fingerhuts
limited to **80**

FdF 2015



Simons Philadelphia
Freunde des Fingerhuts
Brandenburg Gate
limited to **80**

FdF 2016



Isgard Greif Creglingen
enamelled band
Freunde des Fingerhuts
sun moon stars
limited to **75**

FdF 2017



Regine Bear Germany
handpainted
Freunde des Fingerhuts
limited to **55**

FdF 2018



Russia
handpainted papier mache
Freunde des Fingerhuts
limited to **60**

FdF 2019



Isabelle Kirmse Germany
handpainted
Freunde des Fingerhuts
limited to **55**

FdF 2020



Isabelle Kirmse Germany
handpainted
Freunde des Fingerhuts
limited to **55**

FdF 2021



Isgard Greif Creglingen
Freunde des Fingerhuts
limited to **75**

FdF 2022



Harald Schweizer Germany
Freunde des Fingerhuts

FdF 2023



Gabler Germany
finished by Isgard Greif
alpacca from 1960s with purple cabochon
Freunde des Fingerhuts

FdF 2026



Ullmannglass Osterhofen Germany
Freunde des Fingerhuts

FDF FAHRT HELSINKI 2002



Thorvald Greif Creglingen
also available in gold
Freunde des Fingerhuts

FDF FAHRT VIENNA



Thorvald Greif Creglingen
Freunde des Fingerhuts

FdF Mai 1984



Thorvald Greif Creglingen
Freunde des Fingerhuts
1850 Gabler mill Schondorf
limited to **122**

FdF Mai 1983



Thorvald Greif Creglingen
Freunde des Fingerhuts
limited to **76**

FREUNDE DES FINGERHUTS 1987



Thorvald Greif Creglingen
G Pichler 1734-91 lettered along band
Leda and the swan
limited edition of **170**

FREUNDE DES FINGERHUTS 1990



Thorvald Greif Creglingen
Hercules fighting a lion
limited edition of **155**

FREUNDE DES FINGERHUTS 1991



Thorvald Greif Creglingen
Aphrodite
limited edition of **150**

FREUNDE DES FINGERHUTS 1993



Thorvald Greif Creglingen
design has ten thimble shapes in relief both upright and upside down each with a date – ranging from 1983 and 1992
ten years of Friends of the Thimble
limited to **150**



there are also several single letters between the thimbles = ZEHN JAHRE meaning ten years

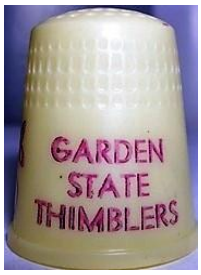


FREUNDE DES FINGERHUTS 2007



Thorvald Greif Creglingen
nickel silver
Aphrodite
limited edition of **95**

GARDEN STATE THIMBLERS



Garden State Thimblers



Simons Philadelphia
New Jersey

H T 1995



Karen Wright
handpainted
Hawkeye Thimbles

HAWKEYE THIMBLERS 1982



Wanda Y Kauffman Des Moines IA
handpainted sycamore

(Hawkeye Thimblers 1983)



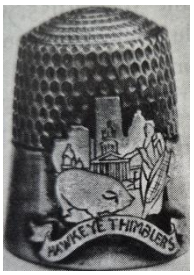
crocheted with corn

Hawkeye Thimblers 1984



Marihelen Engelen
handpainted

HAWKEYE THIMBLERS 1985





Simons Philadelphia
with sketch

HAWKEYE THIMBLERS 1986



Iles & Gomms Birmingham

Hawkeye Thimblers 1989



Ruth Thorgasen
handpainted resin

(Hawkeye Thimblers 1991)



Helen Werner
crocheted

Hawkeye Thimblers 1993



Madonna Durhan
handpainted wood

HAWKEYE THIMBLERS 1994



Thimblers Only

(Hawkeye Thimblers 1996)



Tommie Jane Lane Boone North Carolina
hanging loop

Hawkeye Thimblers 1998



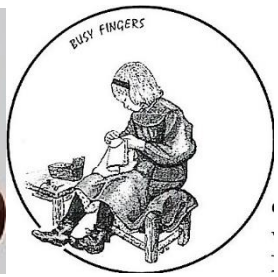
Gimbels

Hawkeye Thimblers 2000 Y2K HT



Tommie Jane Lane N Boone North Carolina

Hawkeye Thimblers 2003

Woodsetton Dudley
Peep: Busy fingers

(Hawkeye Thimblers 2004)



Doris E Shaw CT
crocheted
also given out at TCI Convention Seattle 2004

Hawkeye Thimblers IOWA 1988



Ruth Thorgasen
handpainted resin

Hawkeye Thimblers IOWA 1990



Max Halverson
handpainted wood

HAWKEYE THIMBLERS IOWA 1997



Amish Kraft Co Grabill IN

Houston Thimble Group "Chartered March 8 1977"

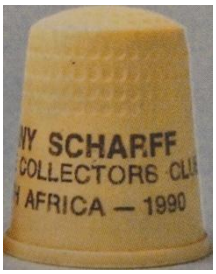


ILMO 1994



Tommie Jane Lane Boone North Carolina
ILMO Thimblers (Illinois-Missouri)

JENNY SCHARFF Thimble Collectors Club, South Africa 1990



КАУЪ КОЛЛЕКУЦОИЕРОЪ НАПЕРСМКОВ 2009 (Thimble Collectors Club)



Moscow Thimble Club

"Join the THIMBLE EXCHANGE CIRCLE" 1984



Thimbles Galore from THE THIMBLE LADY

(Lady Slipper)



Olga Bushkova WA
2011

Lady Slipper - Lady Slipper Thimblers of Minnesota 1998



Marilyn J Ingham Edina MN
handpainted

Lady Slipper LSTMN 2016



PT
pipestone

Lady Slipper Thimblers of Minnesota 1989-2014



Woodsetton Dudley
limited to **25**

LADY SLIPPER THIMBLERS OF MINNESOTA 1990



Cathy Killian Golden Valley MN
handpainted

Lady Slipper Thimblers of Minnesota 2006



JMJ Gifts

Lady Slipper Thimblers of Minnesota *founded* 1989



LADY SLIPPER THIMBLERS OF MN 2001



Simons Philadelphia

LSTMN 1989-2024





3D plastic thimble – handpainted and plain
Lady Slipper Thimblers of Minnesota

LSTMN 1991



Gladys Norquist Golden Valley Minnesota
Lady Slipper Thimblers of Minnesota
handpainted

LSTMN 1992



Carradus Family Iowa
Lady Slipper Thimblers of Minnesota
handpainted

LSTMN 1993



Linda Johnson Emerald Minnesota
Lady Slipper Thimblers of Minnesota
handpainted

LSTMN 1994



Amish Kraft Co Grabill Indiana
Lady Slipper Thimblers of Minnesota

LSTMN 1995



Frederick Gridley Minnesota
Lady Slipper Thimblers of Minnesota
Mt Helens ash

LSTMN 1996



Eileen Hepp Duluth Minnesota
Lady Slipper Thimblers of Minnesota

LSTMN 1997



Margaret Tiery Charlton Minnesota
Lady Slipper Thimblers of Minnesota

LSTMN 2004



Tommie Jane Lane Boone North Carolina
Lady Slipper Thimblers of Minnesota

LSTMN 2005



Joyce Hendrickson Minot North Dakota
Lady Slipper Thimblers of Minnesota
handpainted

LSTMN 2007



Kathy Cotter Golden Valley North Dakota
Lady Slipper Thimblers of Minnesota
handpainted

LSTMN 2008



Cindy Ellis California
Lady Slipper Thimblers of Minnesota

LSTMN 2009



Colleen M Schroll Minnesota
Lady Slipper Thimblers of Minnesota
lampwork glass

LSTMN 2010



Rennie Lichfield Minnesota
Lady Slipper Thimblers of Minnesota
handpainted

LSTMN 2015



D. Newman 2014
Lady Slipper Thimblers of Minnesota

LSTMN 2023



C Webb
Lady Slipper Thimblers of Minnesota
handpainted

MICHIGAN



Simons Philadelphia
Great Lakes Thimblers 1985
Auto Capital - Grand Hotel

MICHIGAN INDIANA THIMBLE SOCIETY



Joe Turner Jewelry Works Studio Coeur d'Alene ID

MITS



sterling silver
Mexico
Michigan Indiana Thimble Society

MITS 35 YEARS 1982-2017

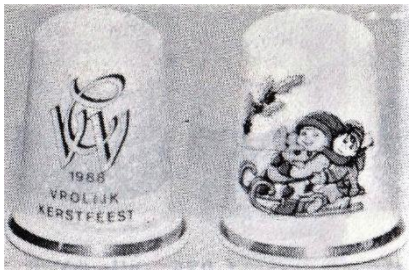


Michigan Indiana Thimble Society

MITS MICHIGAN INDIAN THIMBLE SOCIETY



NEDERLANDSE VINGERHOEDCLUB 1988



b&w photo

Nederlandse Vingerhoedclub 1997



Woodsetton Dudley
b&w photo

Nederlandse Vingerhoedclub 1998



Woodsetton Dudley
b&w photo

NEDERLANDSE VINGERHOEDCLUB 1998



NEDERLANDSE VINGERHOEDCLUB 1999



Thorvald Greif Creglingen
sewing implements

NEDERLANDSE VINGERHOEDCLUB 2000



Thorvald Greif Creglingen

NEDERLANDSE VINGERHOEDCLUB 2001



NEDERLANDSE VINGERHOEDCLUB 2002



NEDERLANDSE VINGERHOEDCLUB 2003



NEDERLANDSE VINGERHOEDCLUB 2004



NEDERLANDSE VINGERHOEDCLUB 2005



NEDERLANDSE VINGERHOEDCLUB 2006



NEEDLEWORK TOOL COLLECTORS SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA



NFTC 1986-2016



Tom Edwards Washington
30 years of Nimble Fingers Thimble Club Seattle
thimble figure on the dropped rim is known by members as Nimby
Society disbanded
limited to **50**

NIMBLE FINGERS SPOKANE 1988



Joe Turner Jewelry Works Studio Coeur d'Alene Idaho
Nimble Fingers Thimble Club
Society disbanded

NTC



Simons Philadelphia
National Thimble Collectors
in 1955 Sara Anne Weisbrot formed this group in the USA
it was the first organised thimble group anywhere in the world

NVC



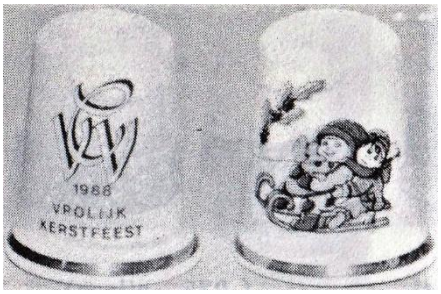
Ullmannglass Osterhofen Germany
Nederlandse Vingerhoedclub 2008

NVC



Ullmannglass Osterhofen Germany
Nederlandse Vingerhoedclub 2009

NVC 1988



Nederlandse Vingerhoedclub
b&w photo

(NVC 1991)



Thorvald Greif Creglingen
Nederlandse Vingerhoedclub
Queen Beatrix and Prins Claus 25th anniversary

NVC 1992



Thorvald Greif Creglingen
Nederlandse Vingerhoedclub
first meeting - apple with heart on verso

(NVC 1992)



Thorvald Greif Creglingen
Nederlandse Vingerhoedclub
Koningen Beatrix ascension 12thTH anniversary
limited to **200**

NVC 1993



Thorvald Greif Creglingen
Nederlandse Vingerhoedclub
Trolleybus

NVC 1994



Thorvald Greif Creglingen
Nederlandse Vingerhoedclub
sheep in barn

(NVC 1995)



Thorvald Greif Creglingen
Nederlandse Vingerhoedclub
Je Maintiendrai Nederland Vrijding 50 jaar – 50 years of liberation

(NVC 1997)



Thorvald Greif Creglingen
Nederlandse Vingerhoedclub
also available in gold
Queen Juliana and Prins Bernhard 60th anniversary 1937-1997

(NVC 1998)



Thorvald Greif Creglingen
Nederlandse Vingerhoedclub
enamelling
also available in gold
Queen Beatrix 60th birthday 1938-1998

(NVC 2002)



Thorvald Greif Creglingen
Nederlandse Vingerhoedclub
02.02.2002

(NVC 2002)



Thorvald Greif Creglingen
Nederlandse Vingerhoedclub
enamelling
Prins Claus 6.9.1926 + 6.11.2002

(NVC 2002)



Thorvald Greif Creglingen
Nederlandse Vingerhoedclub
enamelling
Birth Prinses Caterina Amalia HK 17.12.2002

(NVC 2003)



Thorvald Greif Creglingen
Nederlandse Vingerhoedclub
Queen Beatrix Koningen der Nederlanden 65th birthday 1938-2003

NVC 2003



Nederlandse Vingerhoedclub

NVC 2004



NVC 2005



Thorvald Greif - Creglingen
Nederlandse Vingerhoedclub
Queen Beatrix ascension 25TH anniversary

NVC 2005



Karl Heinz Prantl Germany
brass
Nederlandse Vingerhoedclub

NVC 2005



Nederlandse Vingerhoedclub

NVC 2006



Nederlandse Vingerhoedclub

NVC DEVENTER MAART 1997



Nederlandse Vingerhoedclub

OHIO THIMBLE SEEKERS

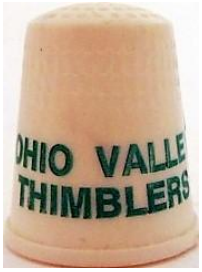


Eleanor Brand Dayton OH
1986

OHIO THIMBLE SEEKERS 10th ANNIVERSARY 1982



OHIO VALLEY THIMBLERS



OTS 1982 2007



Nancy Gribble
handpainted
Ohio Thimble Seekers

OTS 1982 - 2007



Simons Philadelphia
Ohio Thimble Seekers

PHILADELPHIA PA 1984



PHILADELPHIA THIMBLE SOCIETY



Amish Kraft Co Grabill IN

PHILADELPHIA THIMBLE SOCIETY 1979-1989



Simons Philadelphia

PRISCILLA NUTMEGGERS



Joe Turner Jewelry Works Studio Coeur d'Alene Idaho
Connecticut Thimble Collectors

S.A.D.S. 1988



Merle Turner Adelaide
handpainted
South Australian Digitabulists Society

S.A.D.S. EST. 1988 STH. AUSTRALIA



Pat Adam Adelaide
handpainted
South Australian Digitabulists Society

S.C.T.C. 1980



Audre China New York (retailer)
Southern California Thimble Club

S.S.T.C. 1980



Woodsetton Dudley
Silver State Thimble Club
peep: Est 2011 Welcome to Las Vegas
b&w photo

SATC 1993



Simons Philadelphia
South African Thimble Club
logo in shape of a thimble
limited to **50**

SATCC 40 YEARS 2024



South African Thimble Collectors Club

SCTC



Simons Philadelphia
Southern California Thimble Club 1989

SCTC 40TH 1979-2019



Tom Edwards Washington
Southern California Thimble Club

SCTC 45th 1979-2024



Charmaine Hoy Cape Town South Africa
handpainted
Southern California Thimble Club

TC 1967 1776-1976



Simons Philadelphia
Ruth Mann's thimble group which became a round-robin thimble group in 1967
1776-1976 dates on verso commemorate the American bicentenary

TCI



Mount Royal

TCI 15 1978-1993



Simons Philadelphia

TCI 20 YEARS 1998



Simons Philadelphia

TCI 40



2018

TCI 40th Anniversary 2018



Isgard Greif Creglingen

TCI 1980



Simons Philadelphia
pewter

TCI 2000



Thorvald Greif Creglingen
New Year 2000

TCI *Thimble Collectors International*



Simons Philadelphia
1980

TCSD *1981*



James (Hagop) Demirjian (H.D.) California
Thimble Collectors San Diego
1980

THE SEATTLE THIMBLE SOCIETY



Tom Edwards Washington
Society disbanded

THIMBLE COLLECTORS CLUB 85 R.S.A.



Easy Promotions Johannesburg

THIMBLE COLLECTORS CLUB SOUTH AFRICA We Love Thimbles



1987
limited to **300**

Thimble Collectors@ONElist.com EST. 1998



James Swann & Son Birmingham 2000
CyberThimble Group for collectors around the world

THIMBLE COLLECTORS SAN DIEGO 1981-2006



Tom Edwards Washington

THIMBLE COLLECTORS THE THIMBLE GUILD EST. 1970



THIMBLE GUILD 1970 1980



Simons Philadelphia
10th anniversary of thimble group started by Evelyn Eubanks in 1970

THIMBLE GUILD Poems Chgo. '78



b&w photo

THIMBLE HOSTESS



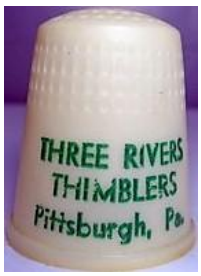
given to each member who hosts a meeting in Johannesburg 1995-
given to each member who hosts a meeting in Johannesburg 1995

THIMBLE'S ARE US



Tommie Jane Lane Boone North Carolina
1994
lapis lazuli

THREE RIVERS THIMBLERS Pittsburgh, PA



WELSH THIMBLERS



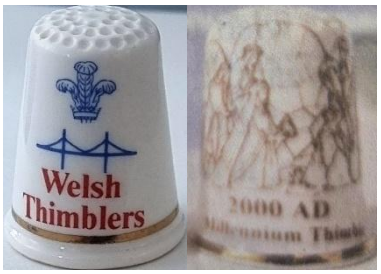
Birchcroft
1992
limited to **22**

Welsh Thimblers



Vale Wales
1996
limited to **100**

Welsh Thimblers



Bronte
2000 AD millennium thimble
limited to **50**

WELSH THIMBLERS 2007



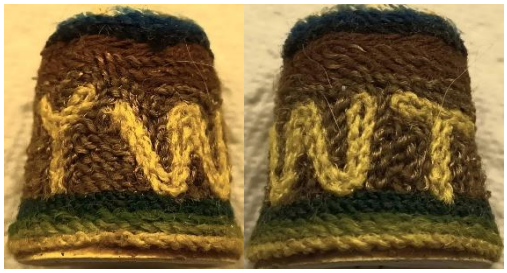
Andy Poole Birmingham
Prince of Wales feathers
limited to **29**

YWT



Nicholas and Adolina Mexico
Huichol beads
Yahoo World Thimblers

YWT



Nicholas and Adolina Mexico
yarn
Yahoo World Thimblers

Sewing groups' thimbles

these are the people who use thimbles – the needleworkers, embroiderers and quilters with their various guilds: thimbles were made to be used

1788-1988



Australia's bicentenary commemorative for Embroiderers Guild of NSW
Guild's logo on verso

AMERICAN *Quilter's Society*





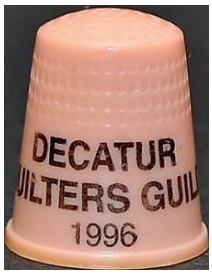
Simons Philadelphia

ANG



ANG lettered on the wide bands
American Needlepoint Guild
two L: sterling silver – C: gold-plated (b&w photo) - plastic (R) Christmas in July 1984
see also: Needle Artists by the Sea

DECATUR QUILTERS GUILD 1996



Elsa Williams School of Needle Arts



Simons Philadelphia
these thimbles were given to students who completed her course – emeralds around the band
Elsa Williams' school was in West Townsend MA – it closed in early 1980s

EMBROIDERERS' GUILD ENGLAND 1901-1981





A.F. Pinxt
handpainted
75 years
limited to **100**

Embroiderers' Guild of America



Simons Philadelphia

1: the US Guild was established as a branch of the London Guild between 1958-1970

2: larger applied logo which is the Embroiderers Guild of America's first logo as an independent group - applied logo of the Guild which has EGA with a thimble, sewing needle and threads

3: most recent EGA logo on band

4: unknown maker with EGA logo on apex

lower: gold band

b&w photo

EMBROIDERERS' GUILD OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA



Pat Hagan South Australia

200th anniversary of founding of South Australia 1986

Sturt Desert Pea, which is South Australia's floral emblem

limited to **100**

EMBROIDERERS' GUILD QLD



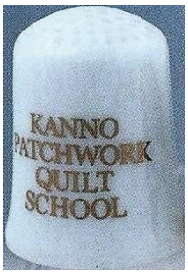
Louis Hermann Brisbane

25th anniversary of founding of the Guild in 1968

Cooktown Orchid, which is Queensland's floral emblem

1993

KANNO PATCHWORK SCHOOL 1999



20 years

NAS NEEDLE ARTISTS by the SEA







James (Hagop) Demirjian (H.D.) CA
group is a chapter of American Needlepoint Guild Inc (ANG)

ROYAL SCHOOL OF NEEDLEWORK



Stephen Frost Warwick Models
with a pair of applied strawberries

RSN



Clive & Clarissa Cooke Ludlow
Royal School of Needlework
logo has a sewing needle thru the lettering
1982

SCHOOLHOUSE QUILTERS KENMORE



Louis Hermann Brisbane

TEG



James Swann & Son Birmingham
The Embroiderers Guild (UK)

THE EMBROIDERERS GUILD 1960 1990



Peter Gertler Melbourne
sterling silver/gold dipped sterling silver
The Embroiderers Guild of Victoria commissioned Gertler to create a design for 30th anniversary limited to **100** of which **30** were the gold edition

The Embroiderers' Guild of America Inc
Desert Threaders Chapter



Tommie Jane Lane Boone North Carolina
hearts design on verso

VERMONT 1981 STITCH IN TIMERS



James (Hagop) Demirjian (H.D.) California

Victoria 1960-1980 THE EMBROIDERERS GUILD



Halcyon Days England
Victorian heath Victoria's floral emblem

W.A. THE EMBROIDERERS GUILD



Halcyon Days England
kangaroo paw Western Australia's floral emblem

WITH THANKS FROM NORFOLK QUILTERS



Swann Thimbles Birmingham 1992

Thimble conferences' thimbles

2nd CONVENTION SA Thimble Collectors Club 5, 6, 7 March 1993



13th DTS CONFERENCE BOURNEMOUTH MAY 1 – 2 2013



Woodsetton Dudley UK
knitting implements etched on verso
Dorset Thimble Society

1990



Iles & Gomms Birmingham
TCI Convention Louisville Kentucky

1990 1st S.A. Convention



Brass Temptations

1999



Gili Davis
handpainted
for committee members of 4th South African Thimble Convention
limited to **10**

BOSTON 2004



Irina Moscow
handpainted wood
TCI Convention

Camp thimble tci



Charmaine Hoy Smith Cape Town
handpainted
Convention Coeur d'Alene 2022

CHICAGO 1978



Simons Philadelphia
pewter
Thimble Collectors International (TCI) Convention

CONNECTICUT NUTMEGGERS DEARBORN AUGUST 1982



handpainted

CORROBOREE 1990



The Deepings Woodturner Nicholls Rivulet Tasmania
Fiona Curry
handpainted Huon pine
Needlework Tool Collectors of Australia

DAIRYLAND THIMBLERS



Simons Philadelphia
TCI Convention Milwaukee WI 2024

DEDALERAS 2012 ARGENTINAS



resin
Argentina's flag colours
Argentinian Thimblers
for TCI San Francisco

DORSET THIMBLE SOCIETY 3rd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 21-23 MAY 1993 SOUTHAMPTON



Dorothy Newsome
handpainted

DORSET THIMBLE SOCIETY 6th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 1999



Crummles Enamels Poole

D.T.S 8TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2005



James Swann & Sons Birmingham
Dorset Thimble Society

D.T.S. 10TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2007



Andy Poole Birmingham
Dorset Thimble Society

D.T.S. 11th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2009



Andy Poole Birmingham
Dorset Thimble Society

DTS 2nd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 6.7.8 JUNE 1991



Dorothy Newsome
handpainted
Dorset Thimble Society

DTS 7th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2001



Crummles Enamels Poole
Dorset Thimble Society

DTS 12th International Conference 2011



Andy Poole Birmingham 2011
Dorset Thimble Society

IDAHO USA 2020



Argentina
handed out to delegates by Elsa Haydee Giampaoli at TCI Convention postponed to 2022

LUNDQUIST AWARD PASSION CARING SHARING AWARDED TO BOB HUM 2002



Simons Philadelphia
TCI Convention Long Beach
thimble awards were given at TCI Conventions from 2008

Minneapolis in '96 Lady Slipper Thimblers LSTMN



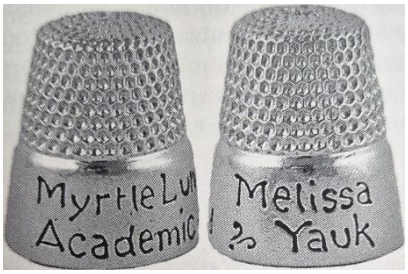
promoting the next TCI convention

Myrtle Lundquist Academic Award Irene Schwall 2018



Tom Edwards Washington
TCI Convention Washington
thimble awards were given at TCI Conventions from 2008

Myrtle Lundquist Academic Award Melissa Yauk



Tom Edwards Washington
TCI Convention Cincinnati 2010
thimble awards were given at TCI Conventions from 2008

Myrtle Lundquist Academic Award Sue Gowan 2012





Tom Edwards Washington
TCI Convention San Francisco
thimble awards were given at TCI Conventions from 2008

NFTC 2015 OHIO



Tom Edwards Washington
Mini Convention by Nimble Fingers Thimble Club Coeur d'Alene

NIMBLE FINGERS THIMBLE CLUB welcomes you to TCI Convention Spokane Wash. '88

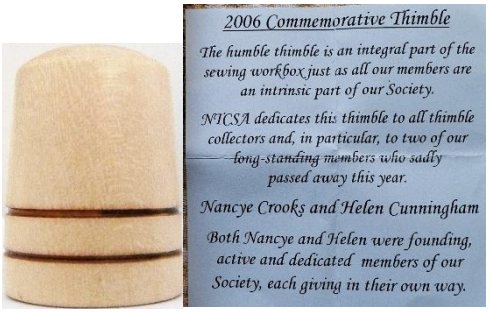


NTCSA CONFERENCE 1994 MELBOURNE



Gems of Tasmania

(NTCSA Conference 2006)



Doug Birrell Melbourne
pittosporum – in memory of two founder members Nancy Crooks and Helen Cunningham

NTCSA CONFERENCE 2004



Harris Curtis Hine Melbourne
limited to **1**
b&w photo

OHIO 1985



Iles & Gomms Birmingham
mini convention

REMEMBER PHILADELPHIA PA 1984



Iles & Gomms Birmingham (L: marked R.E.M.)
TCI Convention

Ruth Mann Service Award Emily Capin



Tom Edwards Washington
TCI Convention Cincinnati 2010

Ruth Mann Service Award Mabel Rogers 2018



Tom Edwards Washington
TCI Convention Washington

Ruth Mann Service Award Sandi Wood 2014



Tom Edwards Washington
TCI Convention Kansas City

S.A.T.C. 1993



Gili Davis
handpainted
for international delegates
limited to **10**

S.A.T.C. CONVENTION 1993



Gili Davis
handpainted
limited to **30**

SAND IN YOUR SHOES OCEAN CITY MD TOW MEETING APRIL 6 2013



Woodsetton Dudley
Thimbles on Wheels

SATC 24th February 1996



Frika Collection
South African Thimble Club
limited to **100**

SOUTH AFRICA S.A. Thimble Convention 24 February 1990



Moroak

South African Convention 24 February 1990



Moroak
limited to **200**

South African Thimble Collectors Club Indaba II. 6-9 March 2019



SOUTH AFRICAN THIMBLE DAY 27 JUNE 1987



T.C.I.



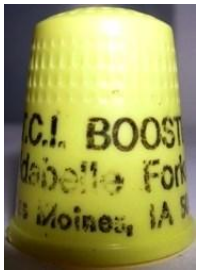
Ullmannglass Osterhofen Germany
Long Beach Convention 2002

T.C.I.



Ullmannglass Osterhofen Germany
Kansas City Convention 2014

T.C.I. BOOSTER Idabelle Forker Des Moines, IA 1986



T.C.I. Convention Baltimore August 1994



Halcyon Days England

T.C.I. Convention Boston 2004



Halcyon Days England

T.C.I. Convention Florida 2000



Halcyon Days England

T.C.I. Convention Kansas City 2014



Halcyon Days England

T.C.I. Convention Long Beach 2002



Halcyon Days England

T.C.I. Convention Minnesota MN August 1996



Halcyon Days England

T.C.I. Convention Philadelphia 2008



Halcyon Days England

T.C.I. Convention Seattle Washington 2004



Halcyon Days England

T.C.I. Convention Texas August 1998



Halcyon Days England

T.C.I. Convention Washington 2006



Simons Philadelphia
dropped rim

T.C.I. rules in 1990...



TCI Convention Louisville Kentucky

TCI



Fèves France
Kansas City Convention 2014

TCI 1982 DEARBORN MICHIGAN



Audre China New York (retailer)

TCI 1986 DES MOINES IOWA



Simons Philadelphia

(TCI 1988)



Thorvald Greif Germany
made as competition entry

TCI 1988 SPOKANE WA



Simons Philadelphia

TCI 1988 Spokane, Washington



TCI 1990 LOUISVILLE KY



Simons Philadelphia

TCI 1994 Baltimore – Aug. 3-6 -



Coral Albee
handpainted

TCI 2010 CINCINATTI ROLLIN' ON THE RIVER



Simons Philadelphia

TCI 2020+2 Coeur d'Alene, Idaho



Amish Kraft Co Grabill Indiana
commissioned by Philadelphia Thimble Society

TCI 2026 San Antonio TX



Simons Philadelphia
featuring armadillo and Alamo
limited to **60**

TCI BALTIMORE, MD 1994



Simons Philadelphia

TCI BOSTON CONVENTION 2004



Simons Philadelphia

TCI COEUR D'ALENE ID 2020



Simons Philadelphia
convention postponed to 2022
limited to **75**

TCI *Coeur d'Alene*



TCI CONVENTION 2012 SAN FRANCISCO



Simons Philadelphia

TCI CONVENTION KANSAS CITY 2014



Simons Philadelphia
hawthorne

TCI CONVENTION 2008 PHILADELPHIA PA



Simons Philadelphia
Liberty Bell Benjamen Franklin Betsy Ross Independence Hall

TCI FLORIDA 2000



Simons Philadelphia

TCI Mabel Rogers President 2008-2012 Thimble Collectors International



Tom Edwards Washington

TCI MILWAUKEE 2024



Simons Philadelphia
limited to **60**

TCI MINNESOTA MN 1996 CONVENTION LAND OF 10,000 THIMBLES



Simons Philadelphia

TCI MMX



Rockwell Porcelain Cincinnati OH
Cincinnati Convention 2010

TCI *Niagara Falls NY* 2016



sterling silver

TCI SAN DIEGO 1992



Simons Philadelphia

TCI Seattle WA 2006 Compliments of MITS



TCI SPEAKER WASHINGTON DC 2018



Tom Edwards Washington

TCI TEXAS 98



Simons Philadelphia
dropped rim

TCI WASHINGTON CONVENTION 2018



Simons Philadelphia

The Dorset Thimble Society 1997

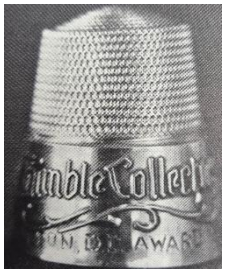


Crummles Enamels Poole

Thimble Collector's International Convention August, 1980 Pasadena CA



Thimble Collectors International WASHINGTON D.C. AWARD BOB HUM 1990



Simons Philadelphia

THIMBLE COLLECTORS CIRCLE Thimble Collectors Convention Missouri 1980



THIMBLEFULL OF SAND AND SURFING TOO! TOW Carlsbad, CA October 21, 2023



Thimbles on Wheels

THIMBLES ON WHEELS (2011)



Wanda Ralston Boulder Bay
polymer clay

TOW 10/2021



Thimbles on Wheels
handpainted
for Halloween-Christmas gathering

TOW 2017 CAROUSAL OF THIMBLE FUN OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND



Hog-Eye Inc
Thimbles on Wheels

TOW SAND IN YOUR TOES OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND 2015



Hog-Eye Inc
Thimbles on Wheels

TSL AGM Sept. 1989 Cambridge



Philip Campbell (PDAC) Mull Scotland

Turn of the Century Convention 6 March 1999 SATC



Moroak

Welsh Thimblers



Vale Wales
Pencoed College 13th July 1997 meeting
limited to **100**

Welsh Thimblers



Sue Ashdown
handpainted
September 2001 meeting
limited to **30**

Welsh Thimblers



Cottage Thimbles Cornwall
7th September 2003 meeting
limited to **50**

WISCONSIN 2024



Argentina
handed out to delegates by Elsa Haydee Giampaoli at TCI Convention
limited to **80**

Personalised thimbles

excluding the plastic variety which were handed out at early conventions
it also includes mail order thimble businesses who handed out thimbles as marketing tools
there are also thimbles made to promote thimble books and publications, thimble museums

18.7.1975 IRJA MARTII 2009



Germany
gold
two Finnish thimble collectors

20 JAHRE FINGERHUT-MUSEUM 1982-2002



Thorvald Greif Creglingen
lower: enamelled
Creglingen Thimble Museum Germany

90



Settmacher Vienna
applied '90' (2002)
'My 90 life thimble' Franz Groiss, Settmacher (1912-2005)

1980 Collector Circle Member EST. 1976



Fort RI
Roz Belford's mail order business, New York (1976-1982)

1981 Collector Circle Member EST. 1976



Fort RI
Roz Belford's mail order business, New York (1976-1982)

100,000 COPIES SHIRE PUBLICATIONS 8TH APRIL 1997



Crummles Enamels Poole
Eleanor Johnson's *Thimbles* – she died in 2015

A present from Gay Ann Rogers "AMERICAN SILVER THIMBLES"



Simons Philadelphia
A gift from GAR to those who lent thimbles for inclusion
1989

Bertus van Dikkenberg 1998



G van den Berg Jr engraver from Schoonhoven, Netherlands
Bertus is a Dutch collector and had this 1594 replica created, with his own name replacing Sara Reigersberger
thimble at R is a cover for thimble at L

CC '77



Collector Circle - Roz Belford's mail order business, New York (1976-1982)

CC 1976



Collector Circle - Roz Belford's mail order business, New York (1976-1982)

CC 1977



Collector Circle - Roz Belford's mail order business, New York(1976-1982)

CC 1978



Collector Circle - Roz Belford's mail order business, New York (1976-1982)

CC 1983



Collector Circle - Roz Belford's mail order business, New York (1976-1982)

CHARLES ILES BEZOEK 1987



Iles & Gomms Birmingham
Vingerhoed's outing to the Charles Iles factory

CHRISTINA BERTRAND THIMBLE COLLECTOR



Iles & Gomms Birmingham
member of TCI – she died in 2026

CREGLINGEN



Karl Heinz Prantl Germany
Thimble Museum in Creglingen

De Vingerhoed



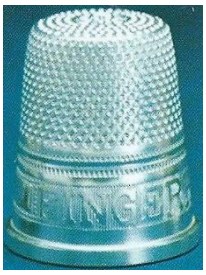
Kay Sullivan's thimble mail order business, Holland (1982-1989)

De Vingerhoed 5 jaar 1982-1987



Hooijkaas (HH) Schoonhoven
Kay Sullivan's thimble mail order business, Holland (1982-1989)

FINGERHUTMUSEUM



Helmut Greif Creglingen
Thimble Museum in Creglingen

FINGERHUTMUSEUM 10 JAHRE 1992



Thorvald Greif Creglingen
R: 14ct gold limited to **10**
Thimble Museum in Creglingen
May 30 1992

Fingerhutmuseum Creglingen



FINGERHUTMUSEUM CREGLINGEN 25 2007



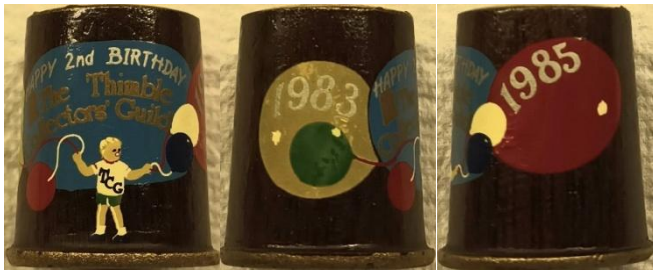
Thorvald Greif Creglingen
Tilman Riemenschneider, carver of Creglingen church's altar 16th century

GIMBEL & SONS COUNTRY STORE



mail order thimble business, ME

HAPPY 2ND BIRTHDAY The Thimble Collectors Guild 1983-1985



John Urwin Kelso Scotland
mail order thimble business (1983-2018)

IRMGARD von TRAITTEUR



Karl Heinz Prantl Germany
German thimble collector

Jean Shoup La Flesch Las Vegas Winter Waltz LE50



Lorraine Bates Woodsetton Dudley

Jina Samulka 2009 THIMBLE COLLECTOR



Peter Swingler UK
Handpainted enamelling

Linda Shaneyfeld 2006 THIMBLE COLLECTOR



Peter Swingler UK
Handpainted enamelling

Linda Yahoo Thimble Club



Val de Vries Clare South Australia
handpainted
Linda Samaripa

LUCERNE WULF 1923



James Demirjian USA
2008
Lucerne was a TCI member – she died in 2016

MARTHA



Thorvald Greif Creglingen
Martha Arrufat USA 1999

MYRTLE LUNDQUIST DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU



Simons Philadelphia
TCI member

MYRTLE LUNDQUIST DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU DEC. 26 1985



Simons Philadelphia
TCI member – issued on her death

PATTY NEWMAN USA



Simons Philadelphia
member of TCI
limited to **100**

REMEMBER THIMBLES ONLY JEAN SHOUP 1986-1987



Iles & Gomms Birmingham
mail order thimble business, California (1981-1989)

Shopping Serv. thimbles galore London, Engl.



A thimble from The Thimble Lady 1982
mail order thimble business (1981-1985)

The Thimble Collectors' Guild *established January 1983 First Anniversary*



John Urwin Kelso Scotland
Bell Tower New Lanark Where it all began
1984
mail order thimble business (1983-2018)
limited to **1000**

The Thimble Guild



mail order thimble business, Scotland (1983-2018)

The Thimble Guild



John C Spray Leicester
embroidered thimble in glass thimble 1996
mail order thimble business, Scotland (1983-2018)

The Thimble Society of London



Anne Young UK
handpainted boxwood
1983
Bridget McConnel's mail order thimble business (1980-2009)

THE THIMBLE SOCIETY OF LONDON



Crummles Enamels Poole
1985
Bridget McConnel's mail order thimble business (1980-2009)

THE THIMBLE SOCIETY OF LONDON 1982



James Swann & Son Birmingham
Bridget McConnel's mail order thimble business (1980-2009)

THE THIMBLE SOCIETY OF LONDON 1983



James Swann & Son Birmingham
Bridget McConnel's mail order thimble business (1980-2009)

(The Thimble Society of London)



Mappin & Webb London
Celebrating 15 years 1981-1996
Bridget McConnel's mail order thimble business (1980-2009)

THIMBLE COLLECTOR



Simons Philadelphia
Fern Hill – designed by her brother-in-law
applied gold thimble with red enamelled rose

THIMBLE COLLECTORS GUILD



synthetic material
thimble mail order business, Scotland (1983-2018)

THIMBLE SOCIETY OF LONDON 1984



pewter
Bridget McConnel's mail order thimble business (1980-2009)

TSL 1981-1991



Thorvald Greif Creglingen
diamond ruby and diamonds
R: gold version
Bridget McConnel's mail order thimble business (1980-2009)

THIMBLES ONLY CA 1985



Iles & Gomms Birmingham
Jean Shoup's mail order thimble business, California (1981-1989)

THIMBLES ONLY 1990



Iles & Gomms Birmingham
Jean Shoup's mail order thimble business, California (1981-1989)

THIMBLES ONLY-REGARDS JEAN SHOUP 1985



Iles & Gomms Birmingham
mail order thimble business, California (1981-1989)

Thimbles Only regards Jean Shoup 1985-



Woodsetton Dudley
mail order thimble business, California (1981-1989)

THIMBLESELECT



Gili Davis South Africa
Handpainted
Sue Gowan's mail order thimble business, Australia (1987-2020)
limited to **36**

THIMBLESELECT 1987-2002



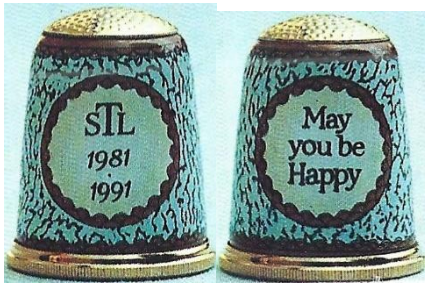
Gems of Tasmania
Sue Gowan's mail order thimble business, Australia (1987-2020)
limited to **130**

THIMBLETTER 20th 1973-1993



Daniel Riccio USA

TSL 1981-1991



Halcyon Days England
May you be happy
Bridget McConnel's mail order thimble business (1981-2009)

TSL 1991



Thorvald Greig Creglingen
R 585 gold

WANDA Y KAUFFMAN IOWA



Charles Iles Birmingham
thimble collector – she died 2016

With Warm Regards JvH



John von Hoelle DE
Celtic symbol between lettering
JvH lettered in a roundel
made at Iles & Gomms factory
his book is *Thimble collector's encyclopedia* 1986
lettering very faint

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