

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

Thimble clubs' thimbles

Thimble collectors' clubs began to spring up in 1978 when the hobby began to fire up with collectors

- 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*
- 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. It was partly a sales catalogue
- 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

- Welsh Thimblers run by Denise Jones, 1990-2007

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



Gili Davis
handpainted
limited to **40**

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**

40



40 years South African Thimble Collectors Club 2024
3D printed

1989



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

1996



Tommie Jane Lane Boone NC
South African Thimble Club

2000 LSTMN



Lady Slipper Thimblers of Minnesota
handpainted

Arizona Thimblers 1982



Tommie Jane Lane Boone NC

BATS 1978-1998



Steve Johnson
corozo nut

20 years of Bay Area Thimble Society
bat and lettering in gold
Society disbanded in 2016
limited to **30**

Bay Area Thimble Society 25 Years 1978-2003



Thorvald Greif Germany
ground
Society disbanded in 2016
limited to **35**

BAY AREA THIMBLE SOCIETY 1978-2008 MORRO BAY SAN FRANCISCO SUFIA BUTTES



Simons Philadelphia
Society disbanded in 2016

C.A.T.



Nina Harby USA
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



Irmgard Greife
handpainted
CAT logo

Capital Area Thimblers



Teri Koenig
handpainted
CAT logo
1999
b&w photo

Captain 2013-2014 Nicole Ehrlich



Simons Philadelphia
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
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 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 Germany
40th anniversary Empire State Thimble Club
red enamelling
limited to **24**

FdF 2009



Thorvald Greif Germany
synthetic ruby
Freunde des Fingerhuts

FdF 2026



Ullmannsglass Osterhofen Germany
Freunde des Fingerhuts

FREUNDE DES FINGERHUTS 1993



Thorvald Greif Germany

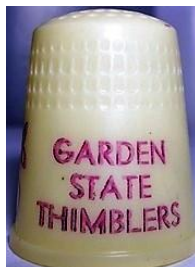
design has ten thimble shapes in relief both upright and upside down each with a date – ranging from 1983 and 1992
ten years of Friends of the thimble (of Germany)
limited to **150**



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



GARDEN STATE THIMBLERS



Garden State Thimblers



Simons Philadelphia
New Jersey

H T 1995



Karen Wright
handpainted
Hawkeye Thimbles

Hawkeye Thimbles 1981



Marihelen Engelen
handpainted

HAWKEYE THIMBLERS 1982



Wanda Y Kauffman Des Moines IA
handpainted sycamore

(Hawkeye Thimblers 1983)



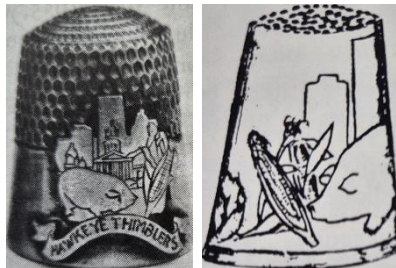
crocheted with corn

Hawkeye Thimblers 1984



Marihelen Engelen
handpainted

HAWKEYE THIMBLERS 1985



Simons Philadelphia

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 NC
hanging loop

Hawkeye Thimblers 1998



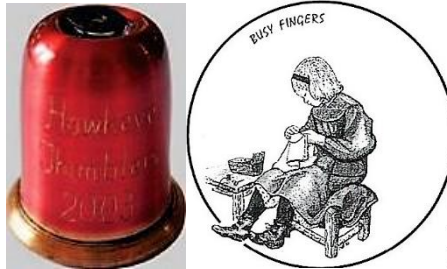
Gimbels

Hawkeye Thimblers 2000 Y2K HT



Tommie Jane Lane N Boone NC

Hawkeye Thimblers 2003



Woodsetton Dudley
peep Busy fingers

(Hawkeye Thimblers 2004)



Doris E Shaw
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"

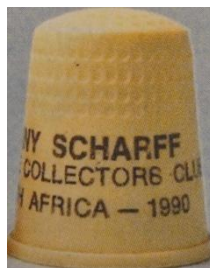


ILMO 1994



Tommie Jane Lane Boone NC
ILMO Thimblers (Illinois-Missouri)

JENNY SCHARFF Thimble Collectors Club, South Africa 1990





Moscow Thimble Club

"Join the THIMBLE EXCHANGE CIRCLE" 1984



Thimbles Galore from THE THIMBLE LADY

(Lady Slipper)



Olga Bushkova Washington 2011

Lady Slipper - Lady Slipper Thimblers of Minnesota 1998



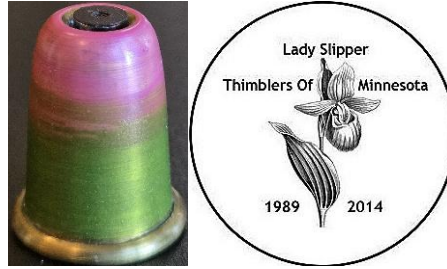
Marilyn J Ingham Edina Minnesota
handpainted

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 MN
Lady Slipper Thimblers of Minnesota
handpainted

LSTMN 1992



Carradus Family Iowa
Lady Slipper Thimblers of Minnesota
handpainted

LSTMN 1993



Linda Johnson Emerald MS
Lady Slipper Thimblers of Minnesota
handpainted

LSTMN 1994



Amish Kraft Co Grabill IN
Lady Slipper Thimblers of Minnesota

LSTMN 1995



Frederick Gridley MN
Lady Slipper Thimblers of Minnesota

LSTMN 1996



Eileen Hepp Duluth MN
Lady Slipper Thimblers of Minnesota

LSTMN 1997



Margaret Tiery Charlton MA
Lady Slipper Thimblers of Minnesota

LSTMN 2004



Tommie Jane Lane Boone NC
Lady Slipper Thimblers of Minnesota

LSTMN 2005



Joyce Hendrickson Minot ND
Lady Slipper Thimblers of Minnesota
handpainted

LSTMN 2007



Kathy Cotter Golden Valley ND
Lady Slipper Thimblers of Minnesota
handpainted

LSTMN 2008



Cindy Ellis CA
Lady Slipper Thimblers of Minnesota

LSTMN 2009



Colleen M Schroll MO
Lady Slipper Thimblers of Minnesota
glass

LSTMN 2010



Rennie Lichfield MN
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

MITs



sterling silver
Mexico
Michigan Indiana Thimble Society

MITs 35 YEARS 1982-2017



Michigan Indiana Thimble Society

MITs MICHIGAN INDIAN THIMBLE SOCIETY



Nederlandse Vingerhoedclub 1997



Woodsetton Dudley
b&w photo

Nederlandse Vingerhoedclub 1998



Woodsetton Dudley
b&w photo

NEDERLANDSE VINGERHOED CLUB 2000



Thorvald Greif Germany
b&w photo

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
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



Ullmannnglass Osterhofen Germany
Nederlandse Vingerhoedclub 2009

NVC DEVENTER MAART 1997



Nederlandse Vingerhoedclub 2009

OHIO THIMBLE SEEKERS



Eleanor Brand Dayton Ohio
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
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



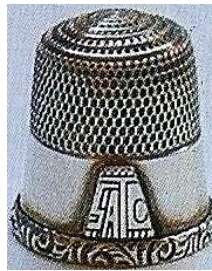
Audre China New York (retailer)
Southern California Thimble Club

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



Irmgard Greif Germany

TCI 1980



Simons Philadelphia
pewter

TCI 2000



Thorvald Greif Germany
New Year 2000

TCI *Thimble Collectors International*



Simons Philadelphia
1980

TCSD 1981



James (Hagop) Demirjian 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-

THREE RIVERS THIMBLERS Pittsburgh, PA



WELSH THIMBLERS



Vale Wales
1996

WELSH THIMBLERS 2007



Andy Poole Birmingham

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

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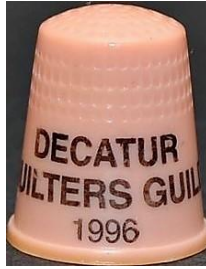


ANG lettered on the wide bands

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**

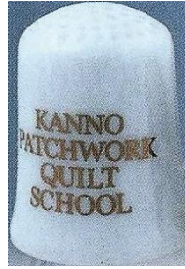
EMBROIDERERS' GUILD QLD



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 California
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
1980s

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 NC
hearts design on verso

VERMONT 1981 STITCH IN TIMERS



James (Hagop) Demirjian California

W.A. THE EMBROIDERERS GUILD



Halcyon Days England
kangaroo paw Western Australia's floral emblem

Victoria 1960-1980 THE EMBROIDERERS GUILD



Halcyon Days England
Victorian heath Victoria'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 for 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

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

DORSET THIMBLE SOCIETY 1997



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

commissioned by Elsa Haydee Giampaoli for 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

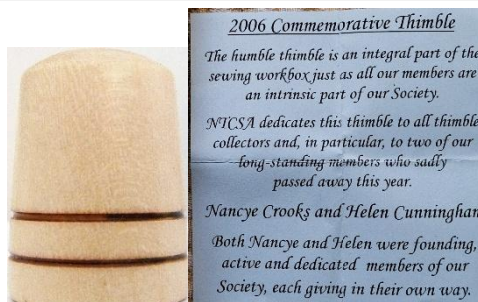


NTCSA CONFERENCE 1994 MELBOURNE



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.



Ullmannnglass Osterhofen Germany
Long Beach Convention 2002

T.C.I.



Ullmannnglass 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



French porcelain
Kansas City Convention 2014

TCI 1982 DEARBORN MICHIGAN



Audre China New York (retailer)

TCI 1986 DES MOINES IOWA



Simons Philadelphia

TCI 1988 SPOKANE WA



Simons Philadelphia

TCI 1988 Spokane, Washington



TCI 1990 LOUISVILLE KY



Simons Philadelphia

TCI 2010 CINCINNATI ROLLIN' ON THE RIVER



Simons Philadelphia

TCI 2020+2 Coeur d'Alene, Idaho



Amish Kraft Co Grabill IN
commissioned by Philadelphia Thimble Society

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
dogwood

TCI CONVENTION 2008 PHILADELPHIA PA



Simons Philadelphia
Liberty Bell Benjamin 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
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



Simons Philadelphia

TCI TEXAS 98



Simons Philadelphia
dropped rim

TCI WASHINGTON CONVENTION 2018

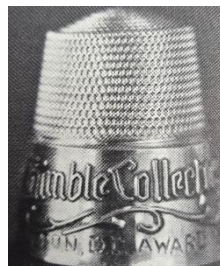


Simons Philadelphia

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

Turn of the Century Convention 6 March 1999 SATC



Moroak

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 Germany
lower: enamelled
Creglingen Thimble Museum Germany

90



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

1980 Collector Circle Member EST. 1976



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

1981 Collector Circle Member EST. 1976



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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



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CC 1978



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

CC 1983



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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

De Vingerhoed



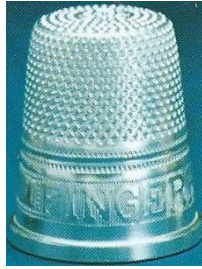
Kay Sullivan's thimble mail order business, Holland (1982-1989)

De Vingerhoed 5 jaar 1982-1987



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

FINGERHUTMUSEUM



Helmut Greif Germany
Thimble Museum in Creglingen

FINGERHUTMUSEUM 10 JAHRE 1992



Thorvald Greif Germany
R: 14ct gold
Thimble Museum in Creglingen

FINGERHUTMUSEUM CREGLINGEN 25 2007



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

HAPPY 2ND BIRTHDAY The Thimble Collectors Guild 1983-1985



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

IRMGARD von TRAITTEUR



Karlheinz Prantl Germany
German thimble collector

Jean Shoup La Flesch Las Vegas Winter Waltz LE50



Lorraine Bates Woodsetton Dudley

LUCERNE WOLF 1923



James Demirjian USA
2008

Lucerne was a TCI member – she died in 2016

MARTHA



Thorvald Greif Germany
Martha Arufat USA 1999

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



Simons Philadelphia
TCI member – she died in 1985

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.



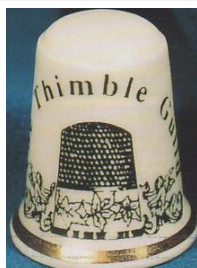
A thimble from The Thimble Lady 1982
mail order thimble business (1981-1985)

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 Society of London



Anne Young UK
handpainted boxwood
1983
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)

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)

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

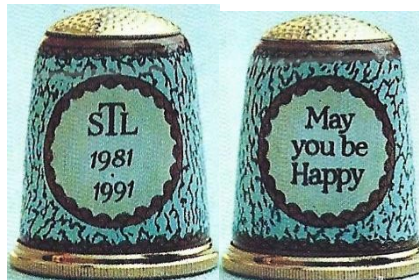
Sue Gowan's mail order thimble business, Australia (1987-2020)
limited to **130**

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)

WANDA Y KAUFFMAN IOWA



Charles Iles Birmingham
thimble collector – she died 2016



John von Hoelle USA

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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