

## **Antique Lamps To Light in Missouri**

Coal-oil, or kerosene lighting, is often “mystic” to those who are too young to have experienced the warm glow that illuminated our homes in years past. Collectors restore and light the old lamps that were essential for our parents and grandparents. Many young people today are discovering the nostalgia and beauty that antique lighting add to their home décor—especially family heirloom lamps.

Collectors who prize old lamps will hold their annual Gathering (convention) August 5-7, 2010 at the Holiday Inn Select in Columbia, Missouri. The Gathering is sponsored by The National Association of Aladdin Lamp Collectors ([www.aladdincollectors.org/](http://www.aladdincollectors.org/))

Floyd & Bonnie Durk are the General Knights (hosts) who plan and organize events. Calling themselves Aladdin Knights, the group is America’s largest club of antique lamp collectors. More than 600 are expected to attend.

Other lamp and lighting collecting clubs in attendance will be: The Rushlight Club ([www.rushlight.org](http://www.rushlight.org)), oldest lighting club in America, who will hold their summer quarterly meeting in Columbia; The Night Light Club ([www.nightlightclub.org](http://www.nightlightclub.org)), collectors of miniature lamps; The Historical Lighting Society of Canada ([www.historical-lighting.on.ca](http://www.historical-lighting.on.ca)); Historical Lighting Club of England; the Guild of Lamp Researchers ([www.lampguild.org](http://www.lampguild.org)) and the Fairy Lamp Collectors ([www.fairy-lamp.com](http://www.fairy-lamp.com)).

Collectors and students of antique lighting attend to study and learn history of lighting ranging from rushlights and whale oil to discovery of new fuels and technology in lamp improvements. Gathering events include an auction, seminars, rare display room of rare and unusual lamps, history of the companies who made them, raffle, banquet and the huge Show & Sale. The “Ladies of the Knights” donate their time and talents to make a beautiful, handmade quilt that a lucky member will win at the annual banquet.

The Antique Lamp Show & Sale opens to registered members on Friday and to the public on Saturday. Spectacular, rare, and beautiful are words that describe this unique and unusual show featuring antique lighting. World-class dealers will offer an immense variety of antique lighting and accessories. Lamps of all kinds including colored pattern oil lamps, Gone-With-The-Wind, art glass lamps, opalescent lamps, miniature lamps, student lamps, finger lamps, Victorian hanging fixtures, floor lamps, center-draft lamps, as well as the collectible early electric lamps, plus the world-famous Aladdin lamps including their Deco style figurines!

The public is invited to the 20<sup>th</sup> International Lamp Show & Sale on Saturday, August 7, 2010, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the Columbia ExpoCenter, attached to the Holiday Inn. There is a nominal admission fee. Website: [www.aladdincollectors.org](http://www.aladdincollectors.org)

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