

Collecting pigeon statues and curios



Collecting mini pigeon figurines began following a visit to the President of the VCN / the Flying Roller Club in the Netherlands. His father made the most beautiful pigeon designs and dovecotes of copper. At that time I already had several pigeon statues, but not a much of a collection. However, I started to bring home everything that had to do with pigeons, to the chagrin of my wife.

To preserve the peace and not turn the house into a flea market, I started collecting mini pigeons. Now I have a full display case in the living room and the rest is in the attic.

The oldest figurine is from the time I was in the navy. Often a story is attached to them because of where they were obtained.

In Mexico, most congratulatory pigeon figurines were bestowed at the time of birth and weddings. Those gifts of pigeons are recognizable by their large bulging eyes. In the Netherlands when a child is born, we often present an organza bag with small pigeons in it. A tale of the Maasai tribe in Kenya tells us that a warrior was rescued from a well by a pigeon. That is the reason you can buy there figurines of a pigeon on a well.

I always ask friends and family if they can bring me a little pigeon figurine when they are on vacation abroad. If possible a little story to be a part of the figurine. Furthermore, I search flea markets, fairs and garage sales. Collecting is usually done as a pastime with the anticipation of find something very nice. You never know what you will find.

All my life I have maintained pigeons with a great interest in them. Did you know the most famous Dutch pigeon is 'Dollie' from the children's book 'Pluk van de Petteflet' by Annie MG Schmidt? Many generations grew up with the adventures of the little boy Pluk and his inseparable pigeon Dollie. You see, you don't have to keep pigeons to know about them.

There is not a week that goes by I don't have something to do with the pigeons. High Flying pigeons that have learned to land on a box are my greatest hobby. In addition to all this, I raise Oriental rollers and I am a member of club BOIS LE DUC. which rounds out the beauty of my pigeon hobby.

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My grandson



Perfume pigeon



Glass display case with mini statues

Glass & Crystal pigeons from Germany.



Wedding's pigeons from Chile



Bell from Afghanistan



KITSCH



PIGEON MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

AROUND MY HOUSE.





Figurines in the bath tub



Forming a heart

Picturing my pigeon hobby



Napkin ring



One of my Kelebek with young



WINTER 2013



Killed by a sparrow-hawk



Highflyer meeting in Germany



Pigeon greetings from Bert Broekman (NL)



