

# Collector sells antique bonnets at Somerset

For more than 50 years, Alice Brenner was proprietor of a shop in what is now the gaylight district of Potosky. She started out with just millinery but in the 1930s added clothing to her wares. The shop became the Original Hat and Dress Shop.

When she died, in her 80s, her heirs discovered a cache of hats, all brand new with the original price tags attached. Six decades of ladies' hats had been stored in boxes in the back of the shop. The prices ranged from \$2.95 to \$22.50.

Also in storage were boxes and boxes of hat trimmings — feathers, jeweled pins, flowers and even handmade kid

(leather) fruit arrangements.

Mary Kehoe of Plymouth didn't know what she was in for when she agreed to take the hats on consignment. She came back from Potosky with a van chuck-full of enough hats to stock a museum. They ranged from beautiful handmade velvet and satin hats from the 1910s, to boxes of whimsies of the '50s and '60s.

Friends Lynn Lyon and Sharron Davy have been helping Kehoe sort and refurbish her houseful of hats. Some of the straws, they said, did not weather the years of storage. But the majority are in mint condition.

One of the most elegant is a black

velvet with a dozen or so handmade satin roses on top. It has a matching velvet stole trimmed with satin roses.

Another has a handpainted velvet brim lined with satin and a blocked brown felt crown. Most of them are beyond description — they have to be seen to be appreciated.

Kehoe plans to take some of the hats to the Somerset Mall Antique Show, April 21-24, where she will have a booth. It will be the first time she will be offering any of them for sale.

She admits she has no idea of what the response will be — from the buyer's point of view.



Sharron Davy tries on a brown satin ribbon and velvet hat.

Staff photos by Gary Caskey



Mary Kehoe has been (literally) inundated with hats, dating from the 1910s.

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