

Poster exhibit

William Legge-Bourke
Estate Office, Glanusk Park
Crickhowell Powys
Wales, United Kingdom

IOS member Bill Legge-Bourke not only has a growing collection of oaks at his home in Wales but also a likely unique collection of silver, ivory, wood, glass, and even gold acorns. They vary from 18th century nutmeg graters and pomanders and 19th century needle, cotton and thimble holders to tape measures, propelling pencils, hat-pins, and even a scent bottle made from the lava of Mount Vesuvius – all in the shape of acorns. His wife has a stunning gold bracelet of acorn and semi precious stone charms.

The photograph below shows some of his collection which includes earrings made of plaited horsehair, an opium pipe with an acorn bowl, salts and peppers, porcelain trinket boxes, rosaries, and thimbles, from all over the World including netsukes from Japan.

Bill does admit that proper acorns come first, but he cannot resist seeking out such “different” acorns, as well!

