

Largest Collections!

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The Largest Collections Survey is conducted every five years. I remind readers once again that this is a survey of the largest known collection *ever* in selected categories. That's much more relevant (and helpful) than largest collections *currently*.. Of course, some collectors don't count their collections, so...

4-Leaf Clovers	Martha Jones, IN	425	5-18	Alaska	Helen Hollmann, PA	1009	11-1
7-UP	Bill Bias, OH	420	12-10	Albert Pick Hotels	Ralph Brann, IN	206	3-04
10's (all)	Bob Hofacker, OH	12106	11-20	Albert Pick mm	Don Marquette, AR	179	11-10
10's (Ohio)	Bob Hofacker, OH	629	11-20	Albuquerque	John Nichols, NM	2195	5-93
10's (Universal)	Bob Hofacker, OH	6194	11-20	All-Trades	Mike Prero, CA	61	1-21
12's	Stella Williams, OH	1714	4-93	Alligators	Chester Crill, CA	122	4-05
12-Up	Judi Wittwer, AZ	107	8-03	Allis Press	Mike Prero, CA	15	1-21
24's	Judi Wittwer, AZ	322	5-01	American Legion	D. Longenecker, PA	2423	12-20
40's	Joe Onofri, PA	2000	10-88	American Match Co	Don Marquette, AR	48	11-10
100's	Carmine Arpino, CT	17	1-11	American Mat.&Prtg	Mike Prero, CA	238	1-21
200's	Tom Stephen, MD	74	10-20	American Quality	Bill Retskin, NC	20	10-88
240's	Tom Stephen, MD	301	10-20	Americana Hotels	Wayne Eadie, NY	77	1-21
AAA	Mike Prero, CA	9155	1-21	Americana, Perkins	D. Longenecker, PA	1178	12-20
Acorn Match Co.	James Willard, MD	12	12-10	Amusement Parks	Ellen Gutting, NV	250	1-16
Action	Clem Pater, OH	27	11-20	AMVETS	Toby Messmer	107	11-97
Adam Hats	Don Marquette, AR	224	5-01	Anchors	Mel Garrett, KS	163	6-93
Adult (non-Girlies)	Wayne Eadie, NY	2290	1-21	Angels	Cheryl Crill, CA	221	4-05
Advance Match Co.	Warren Marshall, CA	322	10-88	Animals	Chester Crill, CA	21280	4-05
AdvanceMch.Prtg.	Tom Valachovic, FL	1194	1-16	Animals, Celebrity	Rich Greene, NJ	428	1-16
Adveraps	Dan Bitter, OK	126	12-05	Anvils	Judi Wittwer, AZ	41	5-01
Advertizit Mch.Co.	Dan Bitter, OK	132	12-05	Apples	D. Longenecker, PA	353	12-20
Affil. Nat.Hotels	Stuart Bergman, TX	423	6-93	Arizona	Judi Wittwer, AZ	25744	5-01
Agriculture	Tom Gray, IA	15820	1-21	Arkansas	Lelan Roll, AR	1293	3-01
Airlines	Sid Barlow, ENG	5604	3-16	Arrow Match Co.	Mike Prero, CA	345	1-21
Airplanes	Bill Furlong, NV	906	10-90	Art Match Co.	Clem Pater, OH	39	2-16
Airports	Mike Prero, CA	950	1-21	Atlantic City	Steven Gilbert, PA	758	12-20
Alabama	Gerald Goleman, FL	695	3-16	Atlantic Match Co.	Mike Prero, CA	12	1-21

Atlas 4-Color	Tom Valachovic, FL	526	1-16	Boxing	Mike Samuels, DC	226	1-21
Atlas Foil	Mike Prero, CA	960	1-21	Branding Irons	Judi Wittwer, AZ	129	5-01
Atlas Match (old)	Dan Bitter, OK	48	12-05	Brands	Judi Wittwer, AZ	125	5-01
Australia	Mike Hubbard, MI	5650	7-05	Brazil	Ralph Arnold, MA	1828	12-00
Austria	Sid Barlow, ENG	2440	12-10	Bread	Tom Valachovic, FL	482	1-21
Auto Dealers	Greg Lund, MD	17827	11-05	Brew Pubs	Steve Weiner, NJ	750	6-00
Auto Dealers, Chev	Wayne Eadie, NY	4545	1-21	Breweries	Loren Moore, CA	627	12-20
Auto Parts	?, CAN	1799	9-93	Bridges	Ellen Gutting, NV	500	9-00
Auto Racing	Mike Samuels, DC	579	1-21	Bridges, Natural	Ed Brassard, WA	152	11-10
Autographed	Loren Moore, CA	604	12-20	Brit. War Relief Soc.	Mike Samuels, DC	121	1-16
Aztec-theme	Chester Crill, CA	243	12-99	Brothels	Jim Moffett, CA	296	10-90
Babies	Bill Calhoun, CAN	357	2-16	Bryant & May	Sid Barlow, ENG	26652	3-16
Bahamas	Helen Hollmann, PA	197	11-10	Bucking Broncos	Loren Moore, CA	415	1-16
Bail Bonds	D. Longenecker, PA	459	12-20	Buffalo	Robert Lamb, PA	948	12-20
Ballons, Hot Air	Paul Spoff, OH	320	9-10	Bullfight./Matadors	Carmine Arpino, CT	316	1-16
Banks	James DeLong, PA	81770	11-16	Bus Lines	John Dockendorf, PA	1160	1-16
Banks, S&Ls, CUs	James DeLong, PA	296434	1-21	Bus. Mach/Off. Sup.	Harold Cruson, CO	26	5-01
Barber/Beauty Shp	D. Longenecker, PA	5124	1-16	Cactus	Chester Crill, CA	611	4-05
Barns	Toby Messmer, KY	575	1-16	Cafes, F-S 20s	Tom Valachovic, FL	26374	1-21
Barrel boxes	Paul Spoff, OH	931	9-10	Cafeterias	Jo Wilding, TX	337	5-93
Bars	Bob Bowman, OH	3512	1-13	California	Win Lang, CA	6262	6-97
Baseball	Win Lang, CA	778	6-97	Camel 30s	Dan Bitter, OK	4435	1-16
Bath Tubs	Bill Calhoun, CAN	423	2-16	Cameo	Mike Prero, CA	6055	1-21
Bears	Toby Messmer, KY	5955	10-10	Campgrnds/RV Parks	Harold Cruson, CO	82	11-05
Beavers	Chester Crill, CA	141	4-05	Canada	Mike Hubbard, MI	11108	7-05
Beer	Jerry Glenn, OH	7615	1-16	Canada Color	Roy Buckley, WA	567	3-01
Bees/Apiary	Rich Greene, NJ	154	1-16	Can. Excise Stamps	Andre Godin	18018	5-19
Belgium	Sid Barlow, ENG	3141	3-16	Can. Pacific Hotel	Glen Anderson, CAN	450	1-06
Bell Machine Co.	Bill Retskin, NC	50	10-88	Cannibis/Stores	Stephen Weiner, NH	443	1-21
Bellboys	Dave Stevenson, NH	942	5-19	Capitols, US	Marie Harbison, PA	2794	4-93
Ben Franklin	Chester Crill, CA	130	4-05	Car Rentals	Ray Vigeant, CT	35	1-99
Bermuda	Wayne Eadie, NY	348	1-21	Cards, Playing	Chester Crill, CA	196	8-95
Best Eastern	Frank Lawton, CA	23	7-93	Career Offers	John Nichols, NM	222	5-93
Best Western	Mike Prero, CA	7389	1-21	Carousels	Chester Crill, CA	138	12-99
Best Western, N/S	Bob Oliver, FL	1265	10-87	Cars	Ray Vigeant, CT	4092	10-90
Beverly Hills	Cheryl Crill, CA	430	4-05	Cars (antique only)	Roy Buckley, WA	266	3-01
Bicentennial	Wayne Eadie, NJ	6649	1-21	Casinos	Gutting/Hagerman	11297	1-16
Big Bands	Don Marquette, AR	185	11-10	Casinos, AtlanticCity	Kathie Williman, MD	542	12-10
Billboard	Andy Anderson, MO	9301	7-96	Casinos, Foreign	Wayne Eadie, NY	912	1-21
Billiards	Tom Valacovic, FL	2736	1-21	Casinos, Las Vegas	Wayne, Eadie, NY	2386	2-21
Bingo	Wayne Eadie, NY	174	1-21	Casinos, Louisiana	Bill Hubbard, TN	47	7-99
Birds	Chester Crill, CA	8464	4-05	Casinos, Minnesota	Mark Quilling, MN	180	12-20
Black /White Photo	Bill Retskin, NC	2500	10-88	Casinos, Mississippi	Bill Hubbard, TN	93	7-99
Blacks	Bill Calhoun, CAN	4627	10-20	Casinos, Nevada	Wayne Eadie, NY	3761	1-21
Blimps	Paul Spoff, OH	41	10-13	Catalina Island	Chester Crill, CA	178	4-05
Book Match Co.	Dan Bitter, OK	32	12-05	Caterers	Jo Wilding, TX	291	5-93
Bookies.	Mike Samuel, DC	1132	1-21	Catfish	Duane Ready, PA	95	1-16
Bowling	Kathie Williman, MD	5439	10-13	Cats	Toby Messmer, KY	1914	9-10
Boxes	Paul Moyer, CA	59505	12-93	Cattle Brands	Roy Buckley, WA	153	3-10
Boxes, Am. Ace	Toby Messmer, KY	13211	10-10	Caves	Ed Brassard, WA	528	11-10
Boxes, Japanese	Les, Good, NY	22700	11-10	CCC Camps	Mike Samuels, DC	312	1-16
Boxes, Lipstick	D. Longenecker, PA	4183	12-20	Cement Co.'s	Pat O'Keefe, AZ	350	10-87
Boxes, Plastic	Wayne Eadie, NY	156	1-16	Cen Match & Label	Warren Marshall, CA	321	7-93
Boxes, Pocketbox	Toby Messmer, KY	17925	9-10	Chambers of Com.	Mike Samuels, DC	128	1-21
Boxes, Pocket, Slim	Toby Messmer, KY	8133	9-10	Champ SparkPlugs	Bill Longenecker, PA	568	1-18
Boxes, Pock, U-Sm	Toby Messmer, KY	4528	9-10	Characters, Cartoon	Riche Greene, NJ	295	1-01
Boxes, Swed. Foil	Terry Rowe, OH	4000	1-16	Characters, Histor.	Mike Prero, CA	1705	1-21
Boxes, Wooden	?, CAN	217	9-93	Characters, Literary	Mike Prero, CA	887	1-21

Charities	Mike Samuels, DC	153	1-21	Crown Match Co.	Jim Moffett, CA	3034	10-87
Chef Hats	Mike Schwimmer, MA	2637	11-10	Dams	John Clark, FL	58	2-16
Chefs	Chester Crill, CA	2047	12-99	Dated	Mike Prero, CA	17952	1-21
Chevy Dealer	Greg Lund, CA	3760	11-05	Dated Auto	David Schroeder, CAN	4616	1-01
Chez Paree	Seymour Shedlow, IL	94	5-01	Dave & Busters	Mark Quilling, MN	104	12-20
Chicago Match Co.	Mike Prero, CA	876	1-21	David Lionel Press	Mike Prero, CA	135	12-15
Chicken-In-The-R.	John Clark, FL	81	2-16	Deer	Chester Crill, CA	620	4-05
Chickens	Gayle Hofacker	5125	1-16	Delaware	Win Lang, CA	237	6-97
Chicks & Feed	Leland Roll, AR	112	3-10	Dentists	D. Longenecker, PA	77	12-20
Chimney Sweeps	Jim Moffett, CA	20	6-93	Dept. Stores	Andy Anderson, MO	810	7-96
Christmas	Mike Prero, CA	8461	1-21	Devils	Toby Messmer, KY	254	1-16
Christmas, Giant	D. Longenecker, PA	159	12-20	Diamond Appr. No. 7	Clem Pater, OH	36	2-16
Cigars	Andy Anderson, MO	474	7-96	Diamond Four-Color	Judi Wittwer, AZ	194	10-89
Classic Collectible	Kathie Williman, MD	174	12-10	Diamond Lic. Match	Clem Pater, OH	16	2-16
Classique	Jim Moffett, CA	33	6-93	Diamond Match	Clem Pater, OH	29	1-16
Click	Cheryl Crill, CA	195	4-05	Diamond Quality	Harry Branchaud, CA	5000+	10-90
Clocks	Cheryl Crill, CA	49	7-93	Dia. Quality (full-bk)	Bill Retskin, NC	500	10-88
Clothing	Dan Bitter, OK	5434	1-06	Diamond Safety-First	Ed Brassard, WA	300	10-88
Clowns, Circus	Judi Wittwer, AZ	341	3-06	Diners	Greg Lund, MD	1124	11-05
Clowns, Rodeo	Judi Wittwer, AZ	102	3-06	Diners, Full-length	Dan Bitter, OK	158	12-05
Club Med	Mike Samuels, DC	14	1-21	Dining/Dancing Cpls	Cheryl Crill, CA	289	7-93
Clubs (all)	Andy Anderson, MO	4819	7-96	Dinosaurs	Chester Crill, CA	49	4-05
Clubs, Athletic	Bill Longenecker, PA	263	11-10	Diplomatic	Mike Samuels, DC	208	11-05
Coal Co.'s	Larry Bell, CAN	2231	10-90	Discos	Chester Crill, CA	227	4-05
Coast Bk Match Co	Clem Pater, OH	17	11-20	Disney	Wayne Eadie, NY	879	1-21
Coca-Cola	Wayne Eadie, NY	1002	1-21	Disney, Foreign	Wayne Eadie, NY	61	1-16
Cocktail Glass N/S	Chester Crill, CA	528	4-05	Disneyland	Wayne Eadie, NY	148	1-21
Cocktail Lounges	John Bachochin, OK	3318	12-20	Disneyworld/EPCOT	Wayne Eadie, NY	460	1-16
Coffee	Tom Valachovic, FL	474	1-21	Display	Doug Rice, WA	331	1-13
Coffee Shops	Greg Lund, CA	652	11-05	Dog Racing	Mike Samuels, DC	214	1-21
Colgates	John Williams, OH	2150	11-05	Dogs (all)	Cheryl Crill, CA	4376	4-05
Colgate Bridge Sets	Dave Hampton, CA	206	10-88	Dogs, stock	James Willard, MD	3134	11-16
Colleges	Bill Hayes, FL	5091	3-16	Dolphins	Chester Crill, CA	252	4-05
Colorado	Richard Giardini, CO	5123	2-16	Donkeys/Burros	Chester Crill, CA	601	4-05
Columbia Mch(old)	Mike Prero, CA	23	1-21	Douglas Match Co.	Jim Moffett, CA	23	10-90
Combos	Walt Wecker, IL	1600	10-87	Downtowner Mot Inn	Ralph Brann, IN	70	4-93
Combos, Casino	Tom Stephen, MD	137	10-20	Dragons	Chester Crill, CA	672	4-05
Combos, Hol. Inn	Tom Stephen, MD	517	10-20	Drinks (Alcoholic)	Andy Anderson, MO	1624	7-96
Combos, Navy Ship	Dave Hampton, CA	89	10-88	Drive Ins (theatres)	Ralph Brann, IN	157	4-93
Combos, Railroad	Marie Harbison, PA	159	4-93	Driving Schools	John Nichols, NM	48	5-93
Comedy Clubs	Chester Crill, CA	108	4-05	Ducks	Chester Crill, CA	463	4-05
Connecticut	David Barbieri, CT	1872	1-16	Drug Stores	G. Hofacker/L.Cole	4346	2-16
Conquistadors	Chester Crill, CA	112	12-99	Duncan Hines,	Bob Hofacker, OH	2160	11-20
Consumer Press	Mike Prero, CA	16	1-21	E-Award (WWII)	Mike Samuels, DC	149	1-16
Contact	Judi Wittwer, AZ	348	5-01	Eagles	Chester Crill, CA	1719	4-05
Contours	Toby Messmer, KY	1917	12-10	Eagles (F.O.E.)	D. Longenecker, PA	2549	12-20
Convention, RMS	D. Longenecker, PA	12670	12-20	Easel Back	D. Longenecker, PA	221	12-20
Coronation/Royalty	John Clark, FL	194	11-10	Eddy Penny Boxes	Larry Bell, CAN	663	10-88
Cotton Bolls/Bales	Ellen Gutting, NV	168	1-16	Eddy Quality	Bill Retskin, NC	50	10-87
Country Clubs/Golf	Mike Hothan, MO	16507	1-21	Edward I. Plottle	Mike Prero, CA	142	1-21
County Seats	Clem Pater, OH	3176	2-16	Eiffle Tower	Mike Prero, CA	234	1-21
Cowboys	Warren Marshall, CA	172	10-88	Elephants	Kathie Williman, MD	1307	12-10
Cows/Steers	Chester Crill, CA	2631	4-05	Elks (B.P.O.E.)	John Bachochin, OK	10603	12-20
Crabs	Cheryl Crill, CA	349	4-05	Elvis Presley	Wayne Eadie, NY	114	1-21
Credit Unions	Mel Reese, WI	5922	11-10	Embassies	Mike Samuels, DC	116	1-21
Crests	Mike Prero, CA	3773	1-21	Embossed	Mel Garrett, KS	12210	6-93
Crime Stoppers	Rich Greene, NJ	32	1-16	Emp. Bk Match Co.	Clem Pater, OH	15	2-16

England	Mike Hubbard, MI	3686	7-05	Garages	Andy Anderson, MO	2032	7-96
Errors	Mike Prero, CA	3198	12-15	Gas Stations	Greg Lund, MD	27127	11-05
Eskimos	Ellen Gutting, NV	122	1-16	Gasoline/Oil Brands	Bill Hayes, FL	8805	3-16
Executive Inns	Ralph Brann, IN	51	4-93	Geese	Chester Crill, CA	125	12-99
Extend n' Ad	Jim Moffett, CA	55	10-90	Geiger Bros.	Mike Prero, CA	190	1-21
Eyeglasses	Billijo Piper, KY	408	1-16	Gem Match Co.	Warren Marshall, CA	66	10-88
Fairs (not World)	Judi Wittwer, AZ	250	5-01	General Match Co.	Everett Hoy, OH	500	10-88
Famous Places	Paul Moyer, CA	6000	10-87	George Washington	Chester Crill, CA	202	4-05
Feat . 20s(stripped)	Dan Bitter, OK	3212	1-06	Georgia	Win Lang, CA	1043	6-97
Features (all)	Joel Acus, OH	5905	12-20	Germany	Sid Barlow, ENG	13961	3-16
Features, 15-strike	Joel Acus, OH	2737	12-20	Ghosts	Cheryl Crill, CA	32	10-13
Features, 21-strike	Joel Acus, OH	2326	12-20	Giants	Stella Williams, OH	668	1-16
Features, 22-strike	Joel Acus, OH	142	12-20	Giraffes	Chester Crill, CA	66	4-05
Features, 30-strike	Dan Bitter, OK	3057	1-06	Girlies (all)	Walter Hubbard, CA	29061	4-93
Features, 40-strike	Dan Bitter, OK	85	1-06	Girlies (sets)	Walter Hubbard, CA	3889	4-93
Features, Contour	Joel Acus, OH	95	12-20	Girlies (singles)	Tom Gray, IA	4776	12-15
Features, Display	Joel Acus, OH	193	12-20	Girlies, Features	Tom Gray, IA	409	1-21
Features, Giant	Joel Acus, OH	656	12-20	Gold Panners	Jim Moffett, CA	230	6-93
Features, Knothole	Joel Acus, OH	146	12-20	Golf Clubs	Win Lang, CA	6235	6-97
Features, Odd-Strkr	Joel Acus, OH	47	12-20	Gondolas	Chester Crill, CA	267	4-05
Features, Poster	Joel Acus, OH	34	12-20	Grant-Mann	Mike Prero, CA	100	1-21
Federals	Dan Bitter, OK	3502	7-99	Green Hat, Lion	Joel Acus, OH	36	1-16
Federals, short	Dan Bitter, OK	2453	7-99	Grocery Stores	Andy Anderson, MO	4317	7-96
Federals, tall	Dan Bitter, OK	1049	7-99	Group I	Charles Specht, IL	1500	11-10
Filigree	Helen Hollmann, PA	11318	11-10	Group I Baseball	Bob Borton, OH	681	11-10
Filigree-Type	George Bruckman, CO	11040	5-93	Group I Football	Bob Borton, OH	764	1-21
Finance Co.'s	?, CAN	243	9-93	Group I Sports	Charles Specht, IL	1340	11-10
Finland	Mike Hubbard, MI	3718	7-05	Gum	Andy Anderson, MO	137	7-96
Fire Co. (+related)	Mike Samuels, DC	569	1-21	Gum/Candy	Judi Wittwer, AZ	144	3-06
Fish, Jumping	Loren Moore, CA	423	1-16	Hallmark	Gayle Hofacker, OH	281	1-16
Fishing	Mike Samuels, DC	465	1-21	Hangers	Ellen Gutting	61	1-16
Flamingos	Carmine Arpino, CT	264	1-16	Hardware Stores	Andy Anderson, MO	1036	7-96
Flats	Mike Schwimmer, MA	5427	11-10	Hats, Women's	Bill Calhoun, CAN	864	2-16
Florentine	Everett Hoy, OH	300	10-88	Hawaii	Jim Moffett, CA	3763	10-89
Florida	Fred Houk, FL	23203	11-10	Hawaii, T.H.	Helen Hollmann, PA	204	11-10
Florists	D. Longenecker, PA	898	12-20	Hearts	Dave Hampton, CA	29	10-88
Flowers	Opal Calhoun, CA	1182	4-93	Hemisphere '68	Stuart Bergman, TX	29	6-93
Flowers, N/S	Chester Crill, CA	429	6-93	Henseleit Match Co.	Mel Reese, WI	87	2-15
Foillite	Verna Troxel, WA	7000	7-93	Hillbilly	D. Longenecker, PA	6792	12-20
Food Products	John Nichols, NM	256	5-93	Hiltons	Frank Lawton, CA	3521	10-18
Foreign	Mike Hubbard, MI	70196	7-05	Hilton, Boxes	Carmine Arprino, CT	186	1-16
Fork Lifts	Art Houser, SC	170	9-97	Hiltons, Foreign	Sid Barlow, ENG	1088	12-10
Four Seasons	Wayne Eadie, NY	1977	1-21	Hiltons, Mini-Max	Jim Moffett, CA	22	10-89
Foxes	Chester Crill, CA	546	4-05	Hiltons, N/S	Bob Oliver, FL	1016	10-87
France	Sid Barlow, ENG	10045	3-16	Hiltons, Stock	Al Kilburn, PA	778	5-93
Fraternal	Mel Garrett, KS	7893	6-93	Hobos	Ellen Gutting, NV	115	1-16
Fraternities	Mike Prero, CA	156	1-21	Hockey	Judi Wittwer, AZ	149	5-13
Fred Harvey	Judi Wittwer, AZ	498	1-10	Holiday Inn	George Cosentini, CA	13200	6-06
Friendship Inns	Mike Prero, CA	848	1-21	Holiday Inn Boxes	Carmine Arpino, CT	784	1-16
Frogs/toads	Chester Crill, CA	190	4-05	Holiday Inn, Foreign	Carmine Arpino, CT	851	1-16
Fruit	Chester Crill, CA	661	4-05	Holiday Inn, N/S	Janet Penny, PA	3200	11-20
Fuel Co.'s	Andy Anderson, MO	1435	7-96	Holiday Inn, Stock	Carmie Arprino, CT	11218	1-16
Full-Frontals	Mike Prero, CA	622	11-05	Holland	Sid Barlow, ENG	4034	12-10
Full-length (20s)	Dan Bitter, OK	8097	3-14	Hong Kong	Sid Barlow, ENG	1595	12-10
F-L Bank Checks	Carmine Arpino, CT	461	1-11	Horse Racing	Mike Samuels, DC	886	1-21
Funeral Homes	D. Longenecker, PA	6045	1-16	Horse Race., Harness	Morris Pasternak	419	7-17
Gambling Ships	Jim Moffett, CA	21	6-93	Horse Race., Thrbrd	Morris Pasternak	598	7-17