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 **"I could look at them for hours"**  
A collector tells of her love for the Hummel figurines

 **Experience tradition**  
Discover the figurines of past decades again

 **Important visitors**  
A delegation from the Sießen convent visited the Manufaktur in Rödental

**15**  
novelties in 2018

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5.75"

  
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Sculptors: Marion Huschka  
and Tamara Fuchs  
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Dear   
 Club members,  
 dear Hummel fans

I am pleased to present to you today the second edition of the Hummel-Post. We have received many positive letters and telephone calls. I assume I have met your taste with the first edition! I believe that we are on the right track. We are also on the right track with the most important thing: Hummel figurines. You can look forward to 15 new models which we currently produce in the best quality craftsmanship. Our sculptors and painters are working hard on refining and improving the figurines so that they will have even more expression and emotion. You can look forward to the new club figurine of 2019 and about 20 new Hummel figurines per year – hopefully even better, even more valuable. We have now identified and tackled the problems of the past. After intensive discussions with members of the retail business, we have adapted conditions in the interests of Hummel and its high-quality craftsmanship in keeping with the times.

That is why I'm approaching you with this request: If your dealer is no longer able or willing to supply you with figurines, please call us directly. Our team will be happy to advise you on (212) 933-9188 or club@hummelfiguren.com and will accept your order or provide you with the name of a nearby retailer. Please enjoy the news from the world of Hummel now – information and entertainment around the summer, news from Rödental and

above all many enchanting new Hummel figurines for your collection or for giving away. Thank you for your patience and loyalty!

With best regards



**BERND FÖRTSCH**  
 CEO

**Bavarian Cheer**

Sculptor: Marion Huschka  
 Sculpted: 2016  
**HUM 2373**  
 4.75" \$ 325.-



**Bavarian Toast**

Sculptor:  
 Marion Huschka  
 Sculpted: 2016  
**HUM 2344**  
 5.25" \$ 325.-



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**Angel of Love**

**Annual Angel 2018**

Sculptor: Tamara Fuchs

Sculpted: 2018

**HUM 2385**

5.25" \$ 225.-

This is the annual angel for 2018. Once a year, the Hummel Manufaktur produces a lovingly crafted angel which enjoys great popularity not only among collectors. This angel carries a heart as a special detail.

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# Panorama

## Hummel Figurines Whet the Appetite

Hummel figurines are fun. Not only in showcases and on shelves, but also as table decoration: Here they whet your appetite for a hearty Bavarian meal. And no one will ever get enough of this lovely sight.

Let yourself be inspired: A coffee table can also be beautifully deco-

rated with Hummel figurines. And we are sure that you have many more ideas! The "Bavarian table" was designed by the decorators of the Rödental furniture store Schulze and can be seen in the Hummel shop in Rödental.



*New*  
Collection 2018

### My Little Horseshoe

Sculptor: Anette Barth

Sculpted: 2017

**HUM 2379**

4.75" \$ 235.-

Anette Barth has designed this novelty for our Hummel Manufaktur. Matching "Feelin' Lucky" HUM 2375, she wears a horseshoe as a symbol of happiness and is thus allowed to join the luck series.



### Hummel at the Day of the Franconians

Visit us in Ansbach: There you will find us on July 1 at the "Day of the Franconians" with a Hummel figurine stand downtown. In the central Franconian district capital, you can expect a festive day with numerous special events and demonstrations. In keeping with the motto "We want to whet the appetite for Franconia", one focus is on culinary delights.

More information:  
[www.tagderfranken.de](http://www.tagderfranken.de)



## For True Fans

... and all Hummel lovers, there are now matching T-shirts. The men's shirt in black or white is adorned with the famous "Merry Wanderer". Women can choose between the girl with the horseshoe (HUM 2379 "My Little Horseshoe") on a white T-shirt and the Goose Girl (HUM 47) on a black T-shirt.

The following sizes are available S to XXL for \$30.- each.

They are available online at [www.hummelgifts.com](http://www.hummelgifts.com) or by phone at (212) 933-9188.

## The "Postillion" is bringing news

It is called "Postillion" and once a month provides you with news from the Hummel workshop by e-mail – entertaining, informative and worth reading. In the Hummel Manufaktur newsletter, we give you detailed information on new

figurines, you can read stories about popular classics and learn lots of interesting facts about the Bavarian-Franconian lifestyle.

Please register at: [www.hummelgifts.com](http://www.hummelgifts.com)

## JOIN IN THE FUN!

### We are giving away "Friends"

The girl with the fawn is one of the most popular Hummel figurines – not only among collectors but also among Hummel Manufaktur employees. Because it expresses love, loyalty, friendship and grace in a wonderful way. The figurine was sold out and has now been reissued. We are giving away one figurine – fresh from the new batch.

Tell us why you love Hummel figurines in an e-mail or a letter. The winner of the figurine "Friends" will be drawn from all senders. Deadline for entries is July 2, 2018. Legal recourse excluded.

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### Friends

Sculptor: Reinhold Unger  
Sculpted: 1940  
**HUM 136/I**  
5.25" \$ 310.-

**FIGURINE IN ORIGINAL SIZE**

# Enjoying a Wonderful Summer

**F**eel the sun and warmth, enjoy magnificent nature, bright flowers and lush greenery: Summer gives us moments of happiness in abundance. We love the smell of hay and the sight of rolling grain fields while walking. The summer evenings tempt you to sit outside with a cool drink and delicious grilled food.

Some of you are now looking forward to your upcoming vacation, to relaxing days without any obli-

gations. In Berta Hummel's time, there was still talk of the summer retreat which Bavarian townspeople enjoyed for a few weeks during the hot season in tranquil villages with fresh country air.

Where there were no hotels and guest houses, some locals earned a welcome extra income in summer from the guests seeking relaxation. Then beds were cleared for the paying visitors and the children of the hosts were energetically encouraged to be quiet. Today sum-

mer vacationers find a temporary home in hotels, boardinghouses and vacation homes. But then as now, guests in the countryside love hiking and walking in the midst of meadows, forests and mountains. They enjoy the down-to-earth cuisine and the clean air. And they take the liberty of doing nothing – after all, they are on vacation. Whether as a vacationer or at home: The warm season promises lightness and joie de vivre. Take your time for it!



## Just Ducky

Sculptor: Marion Huschka

Sculpted: 2018

**HUM 2393**

4.75" \$ 260.-

This lovingly crafted Hummel figurine made of a unique ceramic from the 2018 collection shows a standing girl cradling a duck in her hand and feeding it carefully. The duck is immediately noticeable because it shines like porcelain in contrast to the typical Hummel matte surface. The reason for this is that it went through a different manufacturing process than the rest of the girl during the extensive manufacture. It is a timeless collector's item that is handmade with precision over months that will adorn every showcase, every glass cabinet or other beautiful place.



# Summer Retreat

Pluck a little cloud from the clouds' white,  
 That strides through the sunny sky.  
 And decorate the hat that accompanies you,  
 With a green sprig.  
 Hide yourself lazily among the abundance of grasses.  
 Because it does good, because it benefits.  
 And if you are a harmonica player  
 And carry one with you, then play  
 what comes to your mind.  
 And let your melodies be guided  
 By the liberated plucked clouds.  
 Forget yourself.  
 Your thinking should  
 Not reach further than a  
 grasshopper's hop.

JOACHIM RINGELNATZ



## EXCURSION TIP

### Invitation to a visual treat

Hydrangea lovers get their money's worth at Schlosspark Moyland in North Rhine-Westphalia: Magnificent balls of flowers, loose plates or dense panicles – hydrangeas inspire with their splendor of form and color. More than 350 historical and contemporary varieties can be admired in the park which has received several awards for its beauty. On July 21 and 22, a hydrangea weekend with guided tours, presentations and a variety of activities will take place there.



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**FIGURINES IN ORIGINAL SIZE**



### Birds of a Feather

Sculptor: Marion Huschka  
 Sculpted: 2017  
**HUM 2394**  
 4.75" \$ 260.-

Matching "Just Ducky", the new 2018 Hummel collection introduces "Birds of a Feather". The boy is distinguished by the extremely precise handiwork and carries two ducklings. These two animals are conspicuous in that they get their shine due to a special production technique. Like some other figurines, the boy wears typical Bavarian lederhosen since the creator of the figurines, nun Maria Innocentia Hummel, came from Bavaria.



RELAXING  
*Lavender*  
THE SCENT  
OF THE SUMMER

The warm season without lavender? Unthinkable! The fragrant flowers of the small subshrub start emitting their fragrance in June or July. If you cut off the faded stems at the beginning of August at the latest, you can enjoy a second bloom with a little luck. However, the lavender is not really brought into shape with the pruning shears until spring. The fragrant flowers can be harvested and dried for a soothing tea. On their own or in combination with other soothing dried plants, you can take the scent of summer with you into autumn in an herbal cushion. A mixture of hop blossoms, lavender, melissa, chamomile and thyme, for example, can have a relaxing effect if you are suffering from sleep problems and stress. The body heat releases the effective essential oils.

**Sweet Love**

Sculptors: Marion Huschka and Tamara Fuchs  
Sculpted: 2018  
**HUM 2388/Z**  
3.25 \$295.-



Aren't the two of them cute when they forge first delicate ties on the bench? Hansi has written a little letter to Marie and now plucked up the courage to give it to her. Of course we won't give away what's in it. That remains the secret of the two Hummel children.

The lovely figurine was completely redesigned by the two sculptors Marion Huschka and Tamara Fuchs and brings back to life the memory of a child's first love.



## Can bumblebees actually sting?

Bumblebees are as much a part of summer as ice cream and barbecues. They are beautiful to look at and very peaceful fellow inhabitants of the garden. Only when you really, really harass them a lot, will you learn that bumblebees can indeed sting. And of course they fly – even though their wings

are actually too small to carry them through the air. That doesn't bother the insects. Nevertheless, they buzz from blossom to blossom. The friendly buzzers are tough at that: They start getting busy at six degrees already and also in wet conditions. Bees need signifi-

cantly warmer weather. In unfavorable weather conditions, bumblebees are the ones that prevent a com-

plete crop failure. Unfortunately they are also endangered – like many other insects. If you want to help the animals, you should fill your garden or balcony with flowers.

## IN A SMALL SPACE A SNACKING GARDEN FOR GOURMETS

Everyone still knows them: the large vegetable gardens and orchards that once fed families. Today, there is often a lack of time and space for cultivation. But a little snacking garden is possible even in the smallest spaces. Even a balcony can, with the right plants, become a blooming and fruitful oasis. For the snacking garden, we recommend for example different strawberry varieties, including a monthly strawberry which provides aromatic small fruits throughout the summer. Red currants, gooseberries and autumn raspberries also provide a delightful and delicious harvest. And space-saving, robust column apple trees provide the gardener in late summer with tasty fruits that are easy to pick. Besides the indispensable chives and parsley, there is surely still room for spicy herbs like lemon and orange thyme. They go well with scented violets. Enjoy the delightful edible flowers in any salad.

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### The Florist

Sculptor: Gerhard Skrobek

Sculpted: 1957

**HUM 349/0**

5.25" \$ 300.-

Oh, how sweet the flowers smell! The little Hummel boy was christened "The Florist". He carefully picks flowers from the garden. The little flower-enthusiast was shaped in 1957 by master sculptor Gerhard Skrobek and gives viewers a feeling of closeness to nature and summer.



## Keep annoying mosquitoes away

They are true tormentors – mosquitoes. They either rob us of our peace with their penetrating buzzing. Or they stab us and plague us with itchy bumps. Numerous household remedies promise

effective deterrence. Try them to see what works best for you! Herbs like basil, chives, lemon balm, peppermint or sage should keep away the pests. A tomato plant on the window sill or

balcony should also serve this purpose. Geraniums and the incense plant, which will thrive in a flower box for example, are said to be extremely unpopular with the annoying fliers.

### COLORFUL EVEN IN THE WINTER

## Drying hydrangea flowers THE RIGHT WAY

Hydrangeas accompany us through the summer with their beautiful lush flowers. Most species grow best in semi-shade and do not want to be too dry. Some can change the color of the blossoms: They present the coveted blue on rather acid soils. In neutral or more alkaline soil, the blooms turn pink. If you want to decorate your home in winter with colorful hydrangea blos-

soms, you can use glycerin (available at drugstores): Mix 100 milliliters of glycerin in a container with 200 milliliters of water. The flower stems of the hydrangeas remain in the mixture until small glycerin droplets are visible on the bracts. The stems are then dried and will decorate your home with bright colors for a long time.

### *The longest day of the year*

is the day of the summer solstice on June 21. Exactly at noon Central European time, the zenith of the sun will reach the Tropic of Cancer: We will have more daylight hours than on any other day of the year. In northern Germany, longer than in the south by the way. It is hardly known that the solstice can also fall on June 20 or 22, but this happens quite rarely.

## Tasty and healthy weeds

For many gardeners, nettles are a weedy nuisance. But the wild plant is extremely tasty and has undreamt-of culinary qualities. Its subtly tart to nutty aroma enriches spreads, pestos, pancakes and risottos. For a side dish, blanch the tender leaves briefly, steam them with onions and add a dash of cream. Collect the leaves in your own garden or at the edge of the forest. Heavy-duty gloves protect against the burning effect. Young plants of about 20 cm are particularly tender and aromatic and healthy: The wild

plant is rich in secondary plant substances, iron, potassium and calcium, soluble silica and vitamins. Stinging nettles are used as medicinal plants for purification, urinary tract infections, rheumatism and gout. For a wholesome tea, pour a quarter liter of boiling water over a tablespoon of fresh leaves and let it steep for five to ten minutes.



## ST. JOHN'S DAY THE JUMP ACROSS FIRE

In many rural areas, a large bonfire is lit around June 24, St. John's Day: It is supposed to ward off demons that cause diseases, harm cattle or cause deformities in children. In some places, straw dolls are therefore thrown into the flames. The fire is also supposed to ward off dreaded hail damage in the coming harvest months. In some areas, boys and girls jump over the bonfire. This custom is supposed to protect against diseases. And when a couple jumps hand in hand over the fire, a wedding is soon to be celebrated.

FIGURINE IN ORIGINAL SIZE

SWAROVSKI EDITION

Limited to 1,999 pieces



### Lucky Girl

Sculptor: Anette Barth

Sculpted: 2016

HUM 2387

5.5" \$ 385.-

The "Lucky Girl" is part of the precious Swarovski collection. The girl holds a pot of lucky clover leaves in her hand, with one clover leaf made of Swarovski crystal attracting the viewer's attention. This figurine is part of the luck series and limited to 1,999 pieces.

# Hiking like the

Experience magnificent royal castles and wonderful nature:  
In the Allgäu region around the famous fairytale castle of  
Neuschwanstein, the two are very close to each other.

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SWAROVSKI EDITION

Limited to **1,999 pieces**

### My Edelweiss

Sculptor: Anette Barth

Sculpted: 2018

HUM 2395

4.75" \$ 360.-

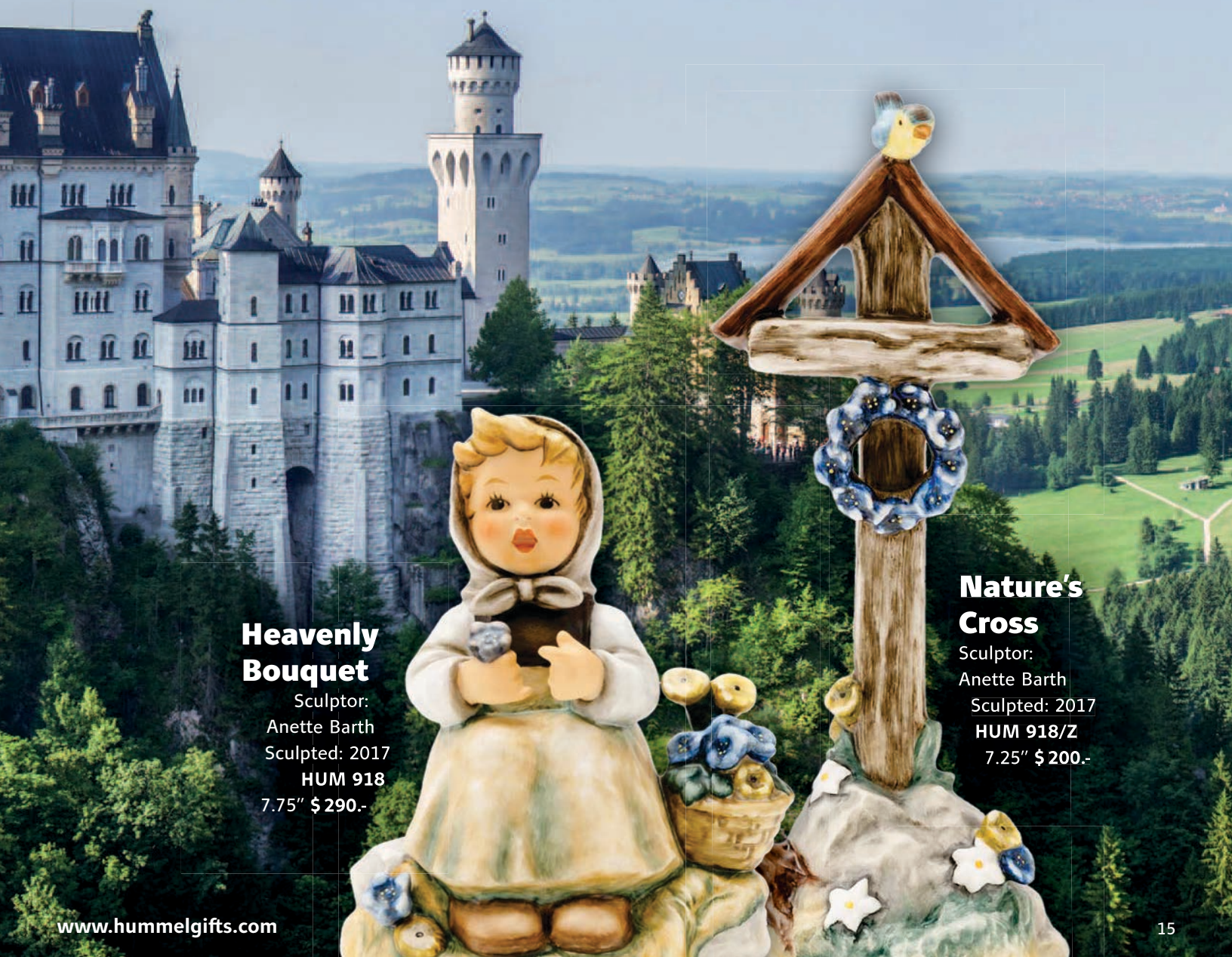
THE NOVELTIES  
918, 918/Z, 2395  
FOR A SET PRICE OF  
**\$ 715.-**

# Fairy-Tale King

**S**hy king Ludwig II built his castle Neuschwanstein in an idyllic location to withdraw from the public eye. But seven weeks after his mysterious death in 1886, the castle was opened to the public and the refuge became a magnet for the public.

Today, Neuschwanstein is one of the most visited castles in Europe and is still fascinating. Like no other building, it bears witness to the ideals and desires of Ludwig II. It was not a place of royal representation, but a place of retreat. The king fled into a dream world here – the

poetic world of the Middle Ages. But this era was only an illusion in Neuschwanstein: The old-fashioned appearance concealed state-of-the-art technology and maximum comforts with hot-air central heating, running water, flushing toilets, telephone connections and windows that were unusually large for that time.



**Heavenly Bouquet**

Sculptor:  
Anette Barth  
Sculpted: 2017  
**HUM 918**  
7.75" \$ 290.-

**Nature's Cross**

Sculptor:  
Anette Barth  
Sculpted: 2017  
**HUM 918/Z**  
7.25" \$ 200.-



**MOVE:**

*Preferably more often for a short time than infrequently for a long time*

**Active People Are Healthier and in Better Mental Shape**

Daily walks or hikes – many people love to exercise in the fresh air when they are on vacation. Could it be possible to take the joy of it into everyday life? It would be good for your health. “Those who manage a brisk walk of only eight minutes every day reduce their risk of cardiovascular diseases by 20 percent,” sports physician Prof. Dr. Martin Halle from the Technical University of Munich explains. After only six to eight weeks, heart function and muscle metabo-

**EXCURSION TIP: CRYSTAL WORLDS**

*Where it glitters and sparkles*

From Neuschwanstein in southern Bavaria, it takes less than two hours by car to reach Wattens near Innsbruck where you can experience the Swarovski Crystal Worlds. The sparkling crystals of the company, for which Daniel Swarovski laid the foundation stone with his artistry in cutting, have been impressing people since 1895. Today, the stones dazzle not only on jewelry, accessories and

decorative items, but also on the special Hummel figurines of the Swarovski edition. The Swarovski Crystal Worlds are a world of experiences conceived by André Heller with park, art museum, sales venues and restaurant. In the garden, visitors can marvel at a cloud made of 800,000 crystals. Artists, designers and architects like Brian Eno, Tord Boontje, Niki de Saint Phalle, Keith Haring, Andy

Warhol and Salvador Dalí have interpreted and presented the material crystal in various ways in the museum's 16 underground exhibition rooms. The Crystal Worlds are one of Austria's most visited sights.





lism are improved and vessels became more elastic. It is high time to clear up that widespread error that one must be active for at least 30 minutes in order to achieve positive effects, says the expert.

And movement can do even more: The German Sports University showed that the more older people move in everyday life, the fitter their minds become. In addition, hiking reduces stress and depression and raises self-confidence, as is proven by various studies.

Forest walks seem to be particularly beneficial for health: They not only reduce blood pressure, heart rate and stress levels, but also seem to strengthen the immune system. Researchers suspect that the reason for this is special substances in the forest air that trees emit in order to protect themselves against pathogens and pests.

## Discover the Idyllic Alpine Landscape on Foot

A visit to Neuschwanstein can be wonderfully combined with a relaxing hike through the impressive foothills of the Alps. Despite the many visitors to the royal castles, hikers will find peace and quiet between mountains, trees, meadows and lakes not far away. An attractive route with magnificent views of the castles and the Alpsee (lake), for example, leads from the large car park at the foot of Neuschwanstein up to the picturesque Hohenschwangau castle.

Afterwards, the trail goes down again and circles around the idyllic Alpsee. At the west end, the Mary monument and a beautiful view of Neuschwanstein await hikers. It is in memory of Marie Friederike, the wife of Bavarian King Max II and mother of the fairy-tale king Ludwig II. On the circular lake walk, you can either continue in the direction of the starting point or – if you are more active – return to the car park via Marienbuche, Neuschwanstein and the Pöllat

gorge which, however, is often closed because of falling rocks.



Walking time:  
**3 hours**

Length: **9 km**

Difference in altitude:  
**300 meters**

### Festival Tradition

Sculptor: Marion Huschka  
Sculpted: 2017  
**HUM 917**  
4.25" \$ 225.-

### Mountaineer

Sculptor: Gerhard Skrobek  
Sculpted: 1955  
**HUM 315**  
5.25" \$ 310.-

### Time out

Sculptor: Gerhard Skrobek  
Sculpted: 1986  
**HUM 470**  
4.25" \$ 300.-



# Completely New from the Hummel Manufaktur



Look forward to two brand new figurines from our workshops that we are presenting to you here for the first time.



FIGURINE IN  
ORIGINAL SIZE

## FIGURINE IN ORIGINAL SIZE



## You'll be fine

Sculptor: Anette Barth

Sculpted: 2018

**HUM 926**

4.25" \$ 455.-

'Tis early practice only that makes the physician: The little doctor is well equipped with a book and a "remedy" in a can to cure the aches and pains of his patient "patients". Children have always imitated what they experienced and saw while playing. Such a scene is captured by this novelty with great attention to detail.

Anette Barth has completely remodeled this elaborate Hummel figurine. For the processing, the master model was disassembled into 16 individual parts which were then artfully assembled again, burned several times and painted rich in detail. The employees of the Hummel Manufaktur handle any figurine about 1,200 times before it is considered to be a perfect "Hummel" that is allowed to leave the factory.

## FIGURINES AVAILABLE FROM JULY 2018



## In the Orchard

Sculptor: Anette Barth

Sculpted: 2018

**HUM 461**

5.50" \$ 360.-

The little gardener looks thoughtfully at the apple in his hand. I wonder if he's thinking about putting it in the ground with his spade? Maybe a new little apple tree would grow? Master sculptor Gerhard Skrobek designed the little fruit lover in 1984. The figurine is now issued in this form for the first time. It shows a scene that must have been common in earlier times. Because at that time, children in the countryside were certainly expected to help in the house and yard. The home grown fruit harvest played an important role for

the nutrition during the cold season. Particularly long-lasting apples were harvested with great care and stored airily on wooden shelves. They were often the only fresh fruit available in fall and winter. While these storage apples could often only be picked in October, families eagerly awaited the ripening of the "summer apples", also called "corn apples" in July and August. When the stored fruits were used up in spring, the summer harvest ended the "apple-free" period.

Directly from the tree, "corn apples" are wonderfully fresh and juicy and should be eaten quickly. Because they can't be stored and will therefore never make it to the supermarket shelves. But whether they are summer or winter apples: The fruits help to stay in shape. They regulate blood sugar levels, reduce excessive blood fat levels and supply the body with numerous health-promoting substances.

# The new Skrobek special edition

In honor of master sculptor Gerhard Skrobek, the Hummel Manufaktur is issuing a series of six special figurines. "Summertime Surprise" kicks off the exclusive special edition. In July already, the little boy with the ladybird will get some company. You can then order "Well Done!" – a figurine with two mischievous looking boys that Skrobek designed in 1973. In the coming years, a collector's figurine from the artistic hands of the well-known sculptor will be issued each year. On his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2022, the edition will be completed with the sixth figurine.

It is considered to be a lucky symbol and pest controller. Whoever has it in the garden is lucky: The ladybird kills plant lice completely without the use of chemicals. In former times, it was believed that the Virgin Mary had sent the little crawlers which, by the way, supposedly also protected against disaster.

The cute beetles have always fascinated children in particular. Who doesn't like to remember childhood and how wonderful it was to spend time in nature? Out by the stream, climbing trees, watching butterflies, bees, bumblebees or lizards, picking a thick bouquet of flowers or just letting the sun shine on your face? And how beautiful



was it when we met the little red good luck charm? We let it crawl over our arms, fingers and the backs of our hands, before the little bug spread its wings again and flew away into the world. How we would have loved to follow it!

**A moment of happiness in a child's life captured**

Maria Innocentia Hummel was a good observer of even the smallest details. In her drawing, the Franciscan sister perfectly captured just such a moment of happiness: A little boy with a walking

stick in his hand enjoys the cute insect with seven dots on its back. "Summertime Surprise" is the name of the figurine which master sculptor Gerhard Skrobek, who worked for Hummel Manufaktur since 1946, created for the first time in 1980.

The 1<sup>st</sup> figurine is here – collect with us!



SKROBEK EDITION

Limited to **950 pieces**



**Summertime Surprise**

Sculptor: Gerhard Skrobek

Sculpted: 1980

Date of issue: 2017

**HUM 428/I**

5.50" \$ 360.-

A little Hummel boy with a walking stick in his hand enjoys the cute insect with seven dots on its back. "Summertime Surprise" is the name of the figurine master sculptor Gerhard Skrobek created for the first time in 1980. It is limited to 950 pieces and only available on advance order. The exclusive character "Summertime Surprise" can be purchased only by members of the Hummel Club.

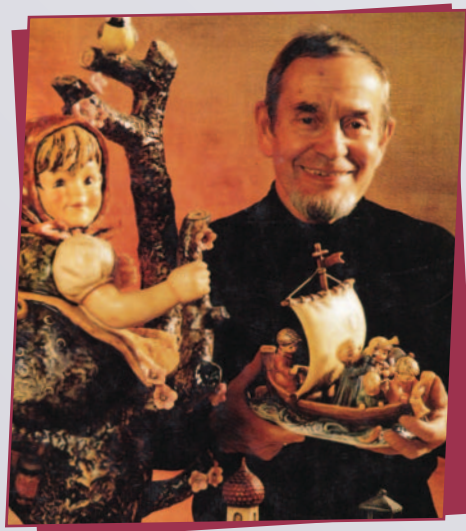
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# Awareness of art and skilled hands

Gerhard Skrobek was the third in the ranks of the early “M.I.Hummel-sculptors” after Reinhold Unger and Arthur Möller. Born in Silesia in 1922, he soon moved to Berlin with his art-loving parents. He spent hours at the Berlin Zoo as a teenager observing and drawing animals. His decision to turn to sculpture led the young man to the renowned Reimann School, a local private art and craft school. For his further education, he moved to Coburg in 1946 to the then well-known sculptor Poertzel, who shaped many porcelain parts for Goebel. The young Gerhard Skrobek traveled extensively during this



time and had exhibitions in Coburg and Munich. In 1951, the talented artist joined the then W. Goebel porcelain factory and soon became one of the

leading sculptors. In 1954 he was entrusted with the design of the first Hummel figurines. Under his skillful hands, many of the Hummel drawings were transformed into impressive figurines that are still inspiring today. As chief sculptor, Gerhard Skrobek was also responsible for a number of other series of the porcelain factory. To this day, visitors can admire the 1.80 m Merry Wanderer in front of the Manufaktur in Rödentel which he developed for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Goebel porcelain factory. From 1985 to 1993, Gerhard Skrobek worked as a freelancer for Goebel. He died in 2007 in Coburg.

## Popular figurines by Gerhard Skrobek

As the designer of a series of timelessly beautiful Hummel figurines, Gerhard Skrobek is still unforgotten by Hummel lovers today. A small selection of his works:

### Feathered Friends

Sculpted: 1956  
**HUM 344**  
 4.75" \$ 425.-



### Botanist

Sculpted: 1982  
**HUM 351/0**  
 4.75" \$ 245.-

### Just Dozing

Sculpted: 1995  
**HUM 451**  
 4.25" \$ 320.-



# Look forward to the second figurine of the exclusive Skrobek edition:



## Well Done!

Sculptor: Gerhard Skrobek

Sculpted: 1973

**HUM 400**

6.25" \$ 590.-

What secrets might those two boys be sharing? They seem to be good friends and maybe they're thinking up a prank - with that mischievous look about them. Sculptor Gerhard Skrobek has turned the small scene from everyday life for children, which Maria Innocentia Hummel masterfully captured, into an exceedingly endearing Hummel figurine. It will be available as part of the exclusive Skrobek edition for the first time starting in July. You are welcome to pre-order now.



**FIGURINE IN ORIGINAL SIZE**



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Indira Groeger has made filigree salmon-colored roses from edible paper for the wedding cake and there will also be white lace decorating the three-layer cake. "I put pastel blue fondant on the bottom layer matching the wedding dress of our Hummel figurine. The other two layers will be a subtlewhite," she explains.





# A Wedding Cake for Prince Harry

They knitted the knot at Windsor Castle on May 19: Prince Harry and US actress Meghan Markle. The wedding cake, which will be created for the couple by pastry chef Claire Ptak of the Violet Bakery, will cost more than 50,000 euros. The Hummel Manufaktur also had a very special cake created for the courtly event.

Indira Groeger, known from the SAT.1 TV show "Das große Backen", designed a designer cake for the British bridal couple for the Hummel Manufaktur – crowned by a Hummel figurine with a personal signature.

The 32-year-old married baker from Upper Franconia has been awarded many prizes for her art of baking and cake design in the recent past. Indira Groeger selected the Hummel figurine "Dearly Beloved" to represent all couples who are about to get married and are looking for an inspiration for a tasteful, modern yet stylish and romantic cake. Master Painter Sabine Tzscheuschner labeled it with the lettering "Harry & Meghan" and with the wedding date. The discreet colors of the figurine suit all of Indira Groeger's taste – "and the spirit of the times," as she emphasizes. "The coloration is so great," she enthuses, "all things vintage are highly modern again." And the figurine will certainly not disappear into a drawer but will certainly find a place of honor in a showcase, the baker is sure.

"And you can see the quality, too," she enthuses.

Indira Groeger creates wedding and birthday cakes, baptism, com-

munion and confirmation cakes, silver and golden weddings, anniversary cakes and other festive occasions on order.

The Hummel Manufaktur has many suitable figurines to decorate these cakes. "The great thing is that all Hummel figurines can also be individually labeled," Indira Groeger says.

The baker is thrilled: "This idea can be implemented for many festivities and ennobles the day in a very special way. There are also suitable Hummel figurines for many professions. In this way, the recipients have a valuable, lasting and very personal memento of their day of honor. This is an ideal gift." If you want to whet your appetite: You can admire Indira Groeger's creations at her website [www.indirasugarcakes.com](http://www.indirasugarcakes.com).

A true feast for the eyes: the festive cake of multiple award-winning baker Indira Groeger.





# A Hummel for the Cake

A Hummel figurine makes every festive cake an extraordinary eye-catcher. And when the cake has long been eaten, it remains a valuable reminder of a very special day.

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ORIGINAL SIZE

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## Dearly Beloved

Sculptor: Helmut Fischer

Sculpted: 1998

HUM 2003 2/0

4.25" \$ 325.-



For every occasion, the Hummel Manufaktur offers a suitable high-quality figurine to decorate a festive cake: for a silver or gold wedding, birthday, christening, communion and confirmation, an anniversary, farewell to retirement and other celebratory occasions. An experienced master baker or confectioner will make your wishes come true with pleasure:



The wall ring "Ba Bee Ring" (HUM 30B) as decoration for a festive cake.

At [www.hummelfiguren.com](http://www.hummelfiguren.com), you can search by subject, get ideas and order figurines. We will be happy to advise you in our Manu-

faktur – even if you want to have your figurine labeled individually. You can reach us by phone at number (212) 933-9188.



**Peaceful Blessing**

Sculptor: Helmut Fischer  
Sculpted: 1998  
**HUM 814**  
4.75" \$ 230.-



**Close Harmony**

Sculptor: Gerhard Skrobek  
Sculpted: 1956,  
Date of issue: 1963  
**HUM 336**  
5.25" \$ 390.-

*For your very own Hummel figurine*

You can turn your Hummel figurine into an exclusive unique piece with individual lettering. After consulting with the experienced painters of the Manufaktur, you can have almost any figurine labeled on the base or on free surfaces according to your wishes: as a gift for a birth, birthday, communion and confirmation, wedding anniversary, the first day at school or graduation. The Hope figurines are a favorite for recovery wishes (pages 64/65).

# Hummel Lovers

## DAY OF GENERATIONS

Hummel was “buzzing”: Around 600 lovers of the lovable figurines made the Manufaktur in Rödental the center of the Hummel world on the Day of Generations: They admired new products, got information about the current range and took an extensive look behind the scenes. Because when else can collectors experience how their little treasures are created first-hand?

### Video of the Open House

You were unable to attend the Day of Generations at the Rödental Hummel Manufaktur? Here you will find a TV report about the event:  
[www.tvo.de/mediathek/video/roedental-faszination-hummel-figuren](http://www.tvo.de/mediathek/video/roedental-faszination-hummel-figuren)

### Angel of Faith

Annual Angel 2017  
Sculptor: Tamara Fuchs  
Sculpted: 2016  
**HUM 2384**  
5.00" \$ 220.-  
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# in Hummel Paradise



A Hummel souvenir for a Hummel fan: Club Manager Kerstin Grießenbrock presents a T-shirt to Rödental's mayor Marco Steiner.

Collectors and Hummel enthusiasts from all over Germany and even neighboring foreign countries had traveled to revel in the Hummel Paradise. And some fell in love with one or two figurines who then traveled home with them. The Swiss family Müller-Hofmann took on a round trip of 1,200 kilometers in one day to attend the Day of Generations in Rödental. And of course, to add another very special piece to their collection: They had their new acquisition "Sparkling Shell" individually labeled by the painters of the Manufaktur. Things are lively in the salesroom which had been completely redesigned and modernized. Customers were able to shop at reduced prices, get information on the life

of Franciscan Sister Maria Innocentia Hummel in the movie theater and visit the affiliated small museum. And animated shop talk arose in front of many a showcase among connoisseurs of the traditional figurines.

The Hummel workshops were also unusually lively. The employees of the Manufaktur were happy to have people "look over their shoulders" and cheerfully answered all curious questions. Many interested guests looked over the shoulders of the specialists during their work processes and informed themselves about the complicated individual work steps. After all, it can take up to three quarters of a year to produce a Hummel figurine from development to completion. Elena Molter had come to Rödental with her family from near Bamberg and was impressed: "I didn't realize there was so much manual work involved in every figurine. It is unbelievable with how much attention to detail and with how much effort they are painted, for example. How these beautiful colors are used and how this expression is created in the faces – is simply great!"



Max at the so-called "garnishing": He gets down to the finishing touches with lots of love.

Five-year-old Leila tries her hand at painting. Mama Karla can give expert tips: She is a trained glass ceramic painter.



Helmut Schneider has arrived from Saarbrücken. His heart belongs to his complete collection of all Hummel circus figurines which he already has at home, including the tent. But while looking and rummaging in the shop, he would not rule out additions of other motifs, he stated.



### Angel of Love

Annual Angel 2018

Sculptor: Tamara Fuchs

Sculpted: 2018

**HUM 2385**

5.25" \$ 225.-

still incomplete



Dorothea Forkel and her daughter Jessica and grandchildren Leander and Raphael are happy about the selection in the Hummel shop.



Interested visitors follow the production in the Manufaktur.

Resi Schürf from the Traunstein area eagerly photographed especially the slightly larger figurines. "I can't get enough of looking at them. They simply make me swoon," she said. She arrived by motorhome and combined the visit to the Hummel Manufaktur with a short vacation.

In workshops, visitors practiced decorating in the painting department and garnishing an original "Hummel" in the white production department. Garnishing means the wet cleaning and assembling of a figurine. The parts must be carefully "sludged on". Eight-year-old Pia Schreiber and ten-year-old Max Krausa also learned that this is not that easy. Max's mother Anja could, however, give her son valuable tips – after all, she used to work as a ceramics figurine sculptor at the Hummel Manufaktur and used the Day of Generations to stop by her old workplace. Both children were enthusiastically on board.

Although the children in particular were absorbed in their work while garnishing, some mothers could not resist making a deer, a little lamb or a small dog. Body, head

*"I can't get enough of looking at them. They simply make me swoon!"*

and legs had to be assembled. The work has its pitfalls for the inexperienced, ten-year-old Julian found out: "One of the legs keeps falling off," he remarked. But with a little help from a member of the staff, it finally worked out. With much sensitivity and perseverance, Julian then set about smoothing the "seams" and putting the finishing touches to his little dog. One floor up, the painting workshop was a colorful event: The children gave free rein to their creativity and passion for colors: The

more colorful the better, was the motto of the up-and-coming artists. The deer can turn out yellow-red or green-blue. The shop also saw the birth of some funny spotted brown and white dogs. As an original, albeit not genuine "Hummel figurines", they will now enter the children's room as individual pieces and remind them of their day at the Hummel Manufaktur. "Hummel played a decisive role in shaping life here in Rödental and contributed to the development of our town," Marco Steiner, First Mayor of the Upper Franconian town, said in his welcome to the Day of Generations. There is almost no household in the region without these figurines and everyone knows someone who has worked and made a living here, the head of the city explained. "We are very happy that the production of Hummel figurines will continue. The Hummel Manufaktur is simply a part of Rödental," Marco Steiner stated.





# Important Visitors from the Sießen Convent

Sisters Emanuela and Jutta-Maria get information at the Hummel Manufaktur and show their skill in "garnishing".

A sausage fried on the traditional "Kühla" is a fine thing: The Franconian delicacy, which is cooked on pine cones for its typical aroma, visibly appealed to the two Franciscan sisters Emanuela and Jutta-Maria at the open day at the Rödental Hummel Manufaktur.

The small delegation from the convent in Sießen, 400 kilometers away, had accepted an invitation from technical plant manager Peter Hohenstein. For Sister Jutta-Maria, it was her first visit to Rödental. After a brief discussion with the plant manager about new products and models that are still strictly guarded followed by culinary refreshments, Sabine Tzscheuschner took the two delegates from the convent on a tour through the Manufaktur.

The colors are defined individually for each Hummel figurine. In the Hummel workshop, the decor developer is mainly responsible for the colors with which the respective Hummel models are decorated. "Our recipes are determined individually for each figurine. We guard the mixture like the apple of our eye," she revealed.

The two Franciscan sisters listened attentively to the expert's explanations for more than two hours. In the painting section, the visitors learned that each painter uses her own spatula to mix the paint. Sabine Tzscheuschner has been using her tools for over 35 years. "It's irreplaceable," she says and explains: "I will not give it up."

At the interactive stations in the white production section, which

had been set up for the visitors for the Open Day, Sister Emanuela had the opportunity to practice the so-called "garnishing". She chose a lamb to match the Easter period. The Sister put the individual parts together in an experienced manner. The guest from Sießen explained that her dexterity comes from her previous experience with pottery. "I would hire her," Steffi Metz praised her "trainee" from the convent.



Decor developer Sabine Tzscheuschner shows Sister Emanuela and Sister Jutta-Maria the embossed model number that every Hummel figurine carries.

# How It All Began

**A new exhibition at the Hummel Museum in Massing shows a cross-section of Berta Hummel's entire artistic work. Previously unknown works will also be on display.**

**A**rt enthusiasts will get their money's worth from the new exhibition at the Massing Hummel Museum, as will lovers of the Hummel figurines: From May 18, a cross-section of Berta Hummel's entire artistic work will be on view – starting with the first drawings of the toddler to her studies at the Academy of Applied Arts in Munich all the way to the paintings that were created after her entry into the Franciscan convent in Sießen that went on to serve as models for the world-famous Hummel figurines.

For the first time worldwide, the first six originals will be shown which were used as models for the

well-known merit reward cards. Of these, the first copies of the publishing houses "Ver Sacrum" and "Verlag für christliche Kunst München" will be on display. Small merit reward cards with English, French and Dutch texts are also on display. Also on display are pictures of the artist's dress and profession, for example, as well as her memorial images and previously not shown prints.

In 1994, the Berta Hummel Museum was opened in the family's former living quarters. The 22<sup>nd</sup> exhibition will present some unknown works as well as the first Hummel figurine to the public. Berta Hummel originally wanted

figurines to be only terracotta or white. However, the W. Goebel porcelain factory, the former manufacturer of the Hummel figurines, convinced her that only colored figurines could be sold. A few years ago, the museum managed to acquire the first Hummel figurine, a terracotta Merry Wanderer. In the exhibition, he can be seen next to a white Merry Wanderer and a black one from the Zeitgeist series.

The Berta Hummel Museum houses the world's largest collection of Hummel figurines with more than 3,000 specimen, about 500 of which can be seen in the entrance area of the museum.

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Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Sundays and holidays: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.





The new exhibition in the Massinger Hummel-Museum gives an impression of the broad artistic work of Berta Hummel, who later called herself Maria Innocentia.



# Where Queen Victoria

As a classic, the "Merry Wanderer" enjoys unbroken popularity. The lovable journeyman now takes his friends and followers on a journey (through time) through his romantic homeland. First stop: Rosenau Castle in Rödental – The favorite castle of Queen Victoria of England.



# Most Liked to Be...

**O**ur merry wanderer is something very special. It is not only a collector's item in the showcases of lovers and admirers of exquisite figurative ceramics, but also an imposing original about two meters high in front of the main entrance of the Manufaktur in Rödental. The artist Gerhard Skrobek, who worked for the com-

pany as a sculptor since the 1950s, was responsible for this. A special material and lime paint ensure weather resistance.

Just a stone's throw away from the traditional company is another overgrown Merry Wanderer. It looks out from a small hill onto the neighboring hills lined by meadows and forests and the fa-

mous Rosenau Castle and is considered a landmark of the town of Rödental. The little boy has determinedly grabbed his bundle, shouldered his umbrella and, singing a merry tune, gone out to explore the famous sights around his birthplace. So let's follow him!

First of all, the lively wanderer walks into the historical landscape

A romantic lake with black swans, a rock grotto and an impressive chestnut avenue await the little wanderer.



park of the Rosenau, which is designed according to the English model and still covers around 36 hectares today. A short tour is especially worthwhile in spring and summer: In the park there is the romantic swan lake surrounded by weeping willows and the little Prince pond, which feeds a specially constructed rock grotto and a waterfall and is picturesquely entwined by ferns, as well as the orangery and remains of the Hermitage. An impressive chestnut avenue leads to Rosenau Castle.

When approached from the south, the castle presents itself from its best side. Idyllically situated on a small rise and flanked by stately trees, it looks down on the eager wanderer. After 1805, it was owned by the dukedom of Coburg. In 1819, Franz Albert August Karl

Emanuel von Sachsen-Coburg-Saalfeld, Duke of Saxony, was born at Rosenau Castle. 21 years later, he married his cousin, British Queen Victoria.



**"If I were not who I am, my real home would be here," Victoria raved about Rosenau Castle and Park in her diary.**

For Victoria, it was love at first sight: "It was with some emotion that I beheld Albert – who is beautiful."

The Queen noted these words in her diary after meeting the handsome prince on October 10, 1839. Victoria's favorite uncle King Leopold I of Belgium arranged the marriage with the educated and handsome Albert. A

small portrait of the Duke, enclosed in a handwritten letter, aroused Victoria's interest. The marriage was extremely hap-

py: The Queen, who had enjoyed a German education in her youth, bore her husband nine children.

The couple also enjoyed visiting Albert's

home in Rödental. The pair stayed in Rosenau a total of seven times. Away from the strict court ceremonial in England, Victoria and Albert were happy: On the romantic banks of the river Itz, the queen even had her own private bathhouse near her favorite castle.

Prince Albert was very progressive and shaped the modern world: In 1851, he organized the first world exhibition in London and laid the foundation for the water supply and sanitary facilities in workers' homes. He is also thought to be the one who brought the tradition of a decorated Christmas tree to England – with mouth-blown glass balls from the neighboring Lauscha in Thuringia.

He was a loving father to his nine children and an irreplaceable advi-



sor to his wife. When he died at Windsor Castle at the age of 42 after 22 years of marriage, Victoria was inconsolable. "My life as a happy one is ended ..." she wrote to her uncle Leopold. Albert's room remained untouched; for years the queen had the washing water prepared for him every evening and visited Albert's birthplace several more times.

Today, Rosenau Castle is a museum owned by the Free State of Bavaria and open to the public. You can visit the imposing marble hall, which is lined with stucco marble and in which Prince Albert was baptized, as well as the blue drawing room. In nearby Schwanensee, black mourning swans can be seen from March onwards, which arrived in the park at the suggestion of Queen Victoria.

With a wave of his umbrella, our wanderer says goodbye. He will soon continue his hike. We will tell you about this in the next issue of the Hummel-Post.



# Happily on the road for decades

The Merry Wanderer was one of the first Hummel figurines ever made. Sculptor and porcelain modeler Arthur Möller made the cheeky fellow come to life in 1935 as a figurine sculptured from a drawing of famous Franciscan sister Maria Innocentia Hummel. The artist selected around 40 figurines from her harmoniously colored illustrations for the first production, including the "Merry Wanderer" as number 7.

Today the figurine is available in different sizes between 4.00 inches and as "Jumbo" with 32.00 inches. HUM 7 and HUM 11 have the same appearance.

In Rödental, a six-foot Merry Wanderer, designed by Gerhard Skrobek, welcomes visitors to the Hummel shop and the Manufaktur. Not far from there, a "colleague" looks out into his homeland from a small rise. In addition, in Staten Island, New York, another oversized Hummel wanderer can be admired: He has invited guests to a Bavarian restaurant since 2014.

## Merry Wanderer

*The "Merry Wanderer" is a very well known figurine created by Arthur Möller in 1935. It was produced in more sizes than any other Hummel figurine. Special figurines have no buttons or six or seven on the vest.*

Sculptor: Arthur Möller  
 Sculpted: 1935  
 HUM 11 2/0 | HUM 7/0 |  
 HUM 7/I | 7/X

4.00" \$ 220.-  
 6.25" \$ 385.-  
 7.00" \$ 600.-  
 32.00" \$ 25,000.-

**FIGURINE IN ORIGINAL SIZE 6.25"**



## Our invitation:

# Visit us in Rödental!

## EXPERIENCE *how your Hummel figurines are created!*

Be there when magical Hummel figurines are created with great attention to detail, craftsmanship and experience. Our team will be happy to show you around the Manufaktur: Here you can look over the sculptors' shoulders as they form the first models of a new Hummel figurine from soft clay. And they already look very much alive. You will see how shapes are created, how the individual parts are cast and assembled and how they are fired. And be amazed when the painters give the figurines that typical look of the lovable, carefree "Hummel children" with very special colors and lots of skill. The one and a half hour guided tour of

the Rödental factory is free of charge and is available in German or English on request.

- You can attend without registration on the first Thursday of every month. Meeting point is the Hummel shop at 1 p.m.
- Groups of at least eight people can arrange an individual appointment for Monday through Thursday or Friday mornings.





# Shopping and more in the Hummel shop

In the newly designed sales rooms, you will find a broad selection of Hummel figurines in all sizes which you can purchase with a five percent discount on the regular price. If you are looking for a very special gift: The painters of the Manufaktur will be happy to label selected personalizable figurines according to your wishes.

Connected to the shop is a small exhibition showing the history of the world-famous Hummel figurines. In the cinema, you can immerse yourself in the life of Maria Innocentia Hummel, the creator of the enchanting children's drawings on which the Hummel figurines are based.

**OPENING HOURS:**

Monday through Friday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
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## Angel of Faith

Annual Angel 2017  
Sculptor: Tamara Fuchs  
Sculpted: 2016  
**HUM 2384**  
5.00" \$ 220.-



## Angel of Love

Annual Angel 2018  
Sculptor: Tamara Fuchs  
Sculpted: 2018  
**HUM 2385**  
5.25" \$ 225.-



### Our tip

Have yourself a nice day in Rödental: After a visit to the Hummel Manufaktur, a visit to the Rosenau, which the "Merry Wanderer" has presented to you on the previous pages, is well worth it. The castle and landscape park with swan lake, grotto and other sights as well as a glass museum are only a few minutes' walk from the Manufaktur.

# “I could look at them for hours”

Once infected with the passion for Hummel figurines, many lovers of the enchanting creatures cannot get rid of the collecting fever. The Hummel-Post went to visit the Weißbrodt couple in Regensburg, who opened their showcases and talked about their enthusiasm for Hummel figurines.

Did the father have any idea what he would trigger with the Christmas present to his daughter Rosi? 30 years ago, he gave her a beautiful angel with a candle and Rosi Weißbrodt was infected with Hummel fever. Today, she and her husband Helmut have lovingly decorated more than 500 figurines in showcases and cupboards in their apartment in Regensburg. And they enjoy the little treasures every day: “They all have such beautiful faces.

You can really fall in love,” Rosi Weißbrodt laughs and fetches a couple of children on a sledge (“Winter Days”) from the “winter shelf” of their collector’s showcase. “I can’t get enough of looking at the characters,” says the Hummel lover as she looks at the “Letter to Santa Claus” with a smile.





Rosi Weißbrodt with one of her favorite figurines: the lovable boy under the umbrella (Umbrella Boy HUM 152 A).

The enthusiastic collectors have decorated an entire village in miniature format in this showcase corner.



**Husband Helmut loves decorating**

While it is usually the women who enjoy decorating the apartment, here it is husband Helmut who takes care of the Hummel figurines presentation and the decorations for Christmas, Easter and other occasions. "I still love doing that. After all, I was a professional decorator in department stores for many years," he explains. And has thus also contributed his share to the constantly growing treasure of Hummel figurines: "I was sort of at

the source, because we sold Hummel products at our store," he says. This freed him from the worries of many husbands to find suitable gifts for his beloved. Helmut Weißbrodt knows that a Hummel figurine is always the right thing for his Rosi.

He used to design showcases with a love for detail and many ideas. These days, his wife is delighted when he decorates the apartment in winter with star-covered fabric and lights and, of course, many Hummel figurines. On the table in the living room, angels put you in a festive mood.

**"The crib is uniquely beautiful"**

Helmut Weißbrodt sets up the Hummel crib on a small cupboard during the Advent season. "It is my favorite part and uniquely beautiful," the 63-year-old says. Even the two young, still lively cats show respect: "They leave the crib alone; but with everything else we must be careful that they do not knock over anything," he wonders.

Even in retirement, the fever of collecting has not let them go: "We are always happy when something new comes out and we buy what we like spontaneously," says Helmut Weißbrodt. The childless couple already knows what they are going to do with this impressive collection: The animal lovers already support the animal sanctuary Gut Aider-

bichl with animal sponsorships. The Hummel figurines will be donated to this organization.



A shelf for every season: Here Rosi Weißbrodt always has her Hummel treasures in sight.



As a young man, Helmut Weißbrodt wanted to work as a clown in the circus. That's why he loves the Hummel Circus so much.

# Of Shapes and ... and a loving look at every little detail

When the sculptors have put the finishing touches to their work, the viewer is already faced with a real Hummel figurine. Only the color seems to be missing in the dark gray clay model. But before a new "Hummel child" leaves the factory, the craftsmen in Rödental still have many hours of work ahead of them. Because producing thousands of copies of the master model calls for model and mold makers, among many others. We have "looked over their shoulders".



## Three Little Wanderers

Sculptor: Marion Huschka

Sculpted: 2018

**HUM 927**

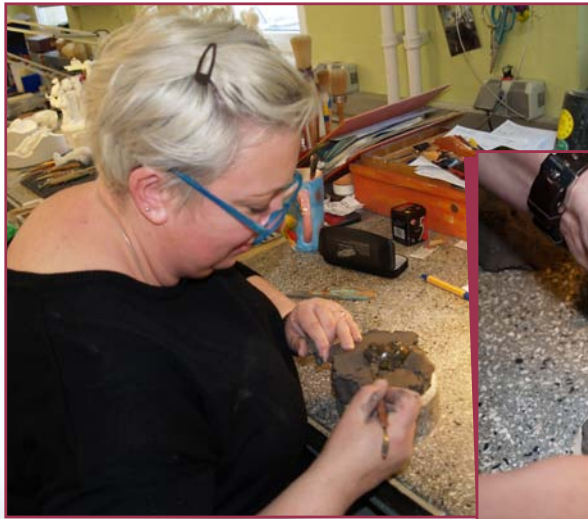
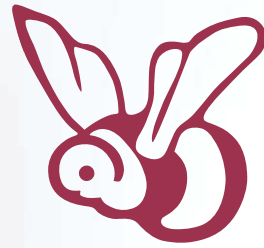
9.5" \$ 2,150.-

**HUM 927  
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Don't worry, the "Three Little Wanderers" on the right are yet to be painted with the typical warm Hummel colors. The motif was first used by Sister Maria Innocentia around 1938 in an oil painting for Father Wilhelm Renz, the founder and director of the Emmausheim for the homeless.



# Figurines



## 1. Embedded in clay

Nicole Stöbel is designing the clay bed for the little head of one of the little wanderers here. It will then be wrapped in a sleeve, oiled and doused with liquid gypsum. This half mold still has to be recut, smoothed and provided with so-called "locks". The notches and fixing pins prevent the two halves of the mold from slipping later on. The second half mold is produced in the same way. This is how the first master mold and in principle also the following working molds are created.

## 2. Why the head is missing

Already easy to see: This will become one of the three wandering boys – still "headless" here. The sculptors have put many, many hours of work into the master model. However, as a whole no useful mold can be built with it. That is why it is cut up into its individual parts. "It is pretty exciting when you cut up the master model," employee Nicole Stöbel says. But nothing has ever really been broken. Together with the sculptors, the mold makers consider where the figurine can best be cut. Often the head is cut off, as here with one of the little wanderers (HUM 927) – a new figurine, which will be available from July on. The more detailed the figurine, the more pieces are created. The elaborate Sister's Children (HUM 2288) is made up of 58 parts. In the case of the "Three Little Wanderers", there are 31 individual parts for which



the master molds as well as the working models and molds have to be created for the foundry.



#### 4. The exception in green

There she lies in light green synthetic resin: the current club figurine "Housecleaning: Boy with Broom". For figurines produced in larger quantities, this material is used for the molds in place of the usual plaster. Unlike plaster molds, which become less and less precise with increasing use, synthetic resin lasts longer.



#### 3. With attention to detail

Peter Dreßer proves his eye and his knack for very fine details as a "retoucher" and the great precision in design and expression for which the Hummel figurines are famous worldwide: "The face and eyes must be even and expressive and the lips clearly defined," he says. He also focuses on the hair, the proportions of the fingers and the finely worked ears, for example. He smoothes uneven spots and makes sure that angles and projections match, so that the traveling boy he has on the table can later carry his backpack. Every single part of the respective figurine requires his skill. "I am eradicating the teething problems, so to speak," he says. Tiny signs help to correctly assemble the individual parts during further processing. Peter Dreßer also has to bear in mind that the glaze will later take away details and ensure that the handling in the foundry runs smoothly.

#### 5. "I like the fine-tuning."

Ronja Heumann is an industrial ceramist in the field of process engineering. As a junior model and mold maker, she is currently working on the retouching of the signpost for the "Three Little Wanderers" figurine. Here she is working on the grass at the base of the stand. "I like this fine-tuning a lot," she says.





## 6. For a secure footing

Yvonne Hofmann shows the molds for the pedestal on which the figurine will later be safely standing.



## 7. Ready for the foundry

Yvonne Hofmann smooths the working forms. When the plaster has set for about 20 minutes, the sharp edges are broken for safety reasons. "Within the mold making department, we always swap activities so that it doesn't get monotonous," she says. With the help of the working molds, the individual parts of the figurines are cast in the foundry. The liquid casting compound washes out the plaster and after a while the contours become blurred. The working mold is then exchanged for a new one which can be recast from the working model at any time.

# Become Part of the Hummel



For more than 40 years, collectors of Hummel figurines have come together at the Hummel Club. This tradition will be continued – with many exclusive advantages for the lovers of the magical figurines.

## Join the Hummel-Club – with these advantages:

At the Hummel Club, you are the center of attention as a loyal collector and fan. The new Club team is happy to provide you the best possible assistance with any questions you may have. Your Club membership begins with your own personal exclusive Hummel figurine with a retail value of \$230; which you receive for a membership fee of only \$130! In addition, your membership also offers you further exclusive benefits:

- As a Club member you receive the Club magazine „Hummel-Post“, a \$40 value, delivered free to your home 4 times a year. The magazine has grown in scope: its 68 pages now

offer, in addition to entertaining and exciting news from the factory in Rödental, news about Club events, a large and informative service section, knowledge and interesting information about selected Hummel figurines and a catalog section in which you can browse to your heart's content.

- Annually you will receive your attractive personal membership card, a collectible in its own right, which will open the door to many activities and benefits.
- Club members also have the exclusive opportunity to purchase strictly limited Hummel figurines produced in smallest quantities, at particularly favorable prices.

- At each Club anniversary (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, years etc.) you will receive an attractive loyalty pin and have the exclusive opportunity to purchase an exclusive trendy loyalty figurine.
- Orders of \$200 and over are shipped free for you as a member.
- And more benefits are in the pipeline. Let us surprise you over the next months!

More questions? Our Club team is there for you, ready and willing to help.

You can reach them through the Club hotline: (212) 933-9188 and at club@hummelfiguren.com. You can also place your orders there!

## Do you want to become a member?

Call us or fill out one of the order cards here in the Hummel-Post. The current club figurine will be at your home within a few days.





# World!



## Housecleaning: Boy with Broom

Club figurine 2018/2019

Sculpted: 2018

**HUM 2395**

4.25"

Included in your membership  
(Value: \$ 230.-)

The current Hummel Club figurine "Housecleaning: Boy with Broom" was completely remodeled by master sculptor Marion Huschka. It is another treasure in every Club member's collection.



## Housecleaning: Girl Washing

Club purchase figurine 2018/2019

Sculpted: 2018

**HUM 2397**

4.50" \$ 230.-

The "Housecleaning: Girl Washing" figurine completes the helper duo. After all, who likes to clean alone? The purchase figurine was also sculpted with great attention to detail by Marion Huschka.



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# Precious guides

Bob and Ruth Miller did a great service to the collectors of Hummel figurines all over the world issuing the invaluable price guides. This is their story.



**Dear Mrs. Miller, Mr. Miller – thank you very much for taking the time to answer our questions! With your fantastic Miller Price Guides you have made history for Hummel figurines and the Hummel Manufaktur. Collectors all over the world appreciate your expertise and the interesting information about Hummel figurines that you have been providing over so many years.**

**How did you come to this extensive knowledge? What attracted you to the figurines?**

Our hobby started after our first tour to Europe in 1964 and visiting the German town of Rothenburg and seeing all the Hummel figurines along with the interesting German

culture. We purchased a few figurines as gifts as well as a few for me. Shortly after arriving home I decided to write to the shop and order a few more figurines as I thought I might just like to start collecting these little cuties! I ordered several times and received every one and I just fell in love with them. All of a sudden, Bob asked me to order one just like one I already had, but in a larger size. I didn't like the idea but being a good wife I obeyed and consequently it arrived and we added it to our collection. This continued with several orders but every piece he wanted was exactly like one I already had but in a larger size. Finally, I gave up and said, I only wanted the 4-6 inch size in my collection

and you were spoiling it. So I will turn the collection over to you. That is how "our" collection started! We started helping each other, but the collection was really Bob's! As our collection grew, Bob began asking dealers information as to how many may have been made and in how many variations, etc.

**It began with falling in love with the figurines, lead to a growing collection and then to the valuable Price Guides collectors of Hummel figurines rely on all over the world!**

Naturally the No. 1 Price Guide became a very much needed and important manuscript in our lives. Having visited the factory and talked with Wilhelm Goebel and all the other top position men, they gave us their blessings and all the information from the factory archives which we needed to start publishing the very first Price Guide on Hummel figurines. Soon after, Eaton, Ohio, and Rödental, Germany, became Sister Cities and had numerous exchange visits. We are happy that we could contribute to the success of the figurines!

**You personally had an extremely large collection. How many figurines did it contain?**

We actually ended with over 3.000 M.I. Hummel figurines and over

1,000 Goebel figurines in our personal collection.

**Which of your figurines was the most valuable – in money and for you personally?**

The most valuable was an International figurine for which Bob flew to the San Francisco Airport, gave the lady a \$10,000 check and immediately returned back to Ohio. Personally, he feels the most valuable is "Silent Night with the Black Child" which he purchased from Mrs. Hummel, Sister Hummel's mother!

**Which figurine in your collection was the rarest?**

Our rarest figurine was probably "Letter to Santa" with the tree trunk post.

**Which figurine would you have wanted, but you did not have it?**

Bob always wanted Hum 19, "Prayer



Special figurines for a special couple!

Before Battle, Ashtray" which he was able to see but never able to purchase!

**If you had an idea for a new figurine today, what would it be?**

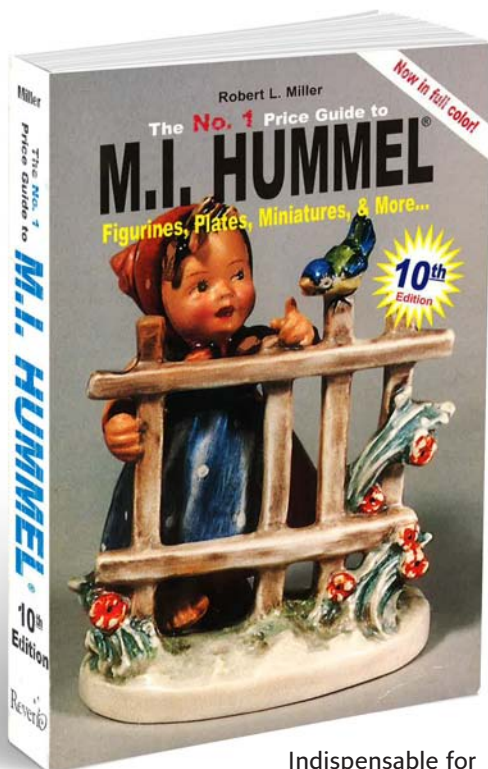
If, ever a Hummel figurine could have been made to suit Bob's desire, it would have been a man with a white apron, cap and pencil behind his ear, appearing as a happy and successful grocer. Bob was in the food business all of his life with his father, brother and later our son so that would have been a priceless figurine dedicated to many food entrepreneurs!

tastic hobby was at an all-time low and only a few of our favorites remain with us. Of course we have kept our "Silent Night with the Black Child", a special dearly beloved that the factory made for us for our 50th wedding anniversary (glasses on Bob and a Price Guide under his arm) and another the factory made for our 80th birthdays (Hum 2005 open number with the number 80 in the boy's hands), and a Plaque in appreciation from Wilhelm Goebel, dated 1982, plus a few others. Hummel figurines have accompanied us throughout most of our lives. Having them with us made it a fantastic journey!

**You are now enjoying your well-deserved retirement. Unfortunately, due to limited space, you had to part with most of your extensive collection. Would you tell us which pieces you kept?**

As we have moved to a small senior condo, room for our fan-

**In the name of all collectors and the Hummel Manufaktur in Rödental: Many thanks to both of you for your commitment to Hummel figurines over all these years! We thank you for this interview and wish you all the best in the future! We shall continue to stay in contact.**



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# Find the Errors

Take a close look at the two photos of HUM 201 "Retreat To Safety". Can you see the five errors on the right side? The solution will be published in the next issue of the Hummel-Post.



# Solution of the puzzle

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## Little Goat Herder

Sculptor: Marion Huschka

Sculpted: 2010

HUM 200/III

13.25 " \$ 2,600

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PLEASE PRE-ORDER!**

The "Little Goat Herder" presents himself in a good mood with his animals. Some viewers may feel reminded of Peter, Heidi's friend from Johanna Spyri's famous children's story. The Hummel figurine was designed by master sculptor Marion Huschka in 2010.



# Crossword puzzle



1. After spring comes ...?
2. On the road with the ...?
3. HUM 2388/Z is?
4. Who sculpted "Bavarian Cheer"?
5. Register at [www.hummelgifts.com](http://www.hummelgifts.com) to receive?
6. HUM 136/I is named?
7. The "scent of summer" is?
8. Who was the "Fairy-Tale King"?
9. What's one of Ludwig's most famous castles?
10. What's located in Wattens, Austria?
11. Who sculpted HUM 315, "Mountaineer"?
12. What's the name of HUM 428/I?
13. The "Hummel Museum" ist located in?
14. The Rosenau Castle was a favourite of what famous British person?
15. Which figurine is being produced for the last time in 2018?
16. Who recently left the TV show NCIS (Abby)?

**Solution:**



We wish you success in figuring this out! We will tell you the solution in the next Hummel-Post. It will be published in August.

Did you do the puzzle in the spring issue? The correct solution was: HUMMEL FIGURINES

# Your Summer Horoscope



**GEMINI**  
(May 21 – June 21)

You enjoy the hustle and bustle around you. But don't let things drift too much or you will lose track. Your friends appreciate your spontaneity and your unusual ideas.



**CANCER**  
(June 22 – July 22)

Your high expectations for yourself and others will not always be fulfilled. But you can deal with disappointments like that. New interesting experiences await you.



**LEO**  
(July 23 – August 23)

Summer is your favorite time of year. You can't get enough of all the summer activities. But be careful, don't overdo it and also take some time to relax.



**VIRGO**  
(August 24 – September 23)

Take heart to finally tackle an important task. After all, you have already accomplished a lot! The stars will now give you the energy you need.



**LIBRA**  
(September 24 – October 23)

It is sometimes hard for you to keep your inner balance. The feelings veer off in too many directions. Let your heart speak to regain your balance.



**SCORPIO**  
(October 24 – November 22)

Summer tempts you to dream. But be careful: Don't ignore reality in your wishful thinking. People who are close to your heart are happy about a sign of life.



**SAGITTARIUS**  
(November 23 – December 21)

A fresh breeze is blowing through your relationships and friendships this summer. Look forward to one or the other interesting meeting in the coming months.



**CAPRICORN**  
(December 22 – January 20)

The stars are particularly kind to you now. Maybe a door will open that you've been knocking on for a long time? Then you need to seize your chance with guts and courage.



**AQUARIUS**  
(January 21 – February 19)

An exciting time with new experiences is on the horizon. You will gain enough strength to put important things on track again. Don't take criticism from the wrong quarter to heart.



**PISCES**  
(February 20 – March 20)

Do not set unrealistic goals for yourself. Tackle things with a smile, especially when the going gets tough. Others mean well: allow them to help from time to time.



**ARIES** (March 21 – April 20)

You have your hands full, but fortunately you're not lacking in motivation. Sensitive words from dear friends will help you to quickly overcome a small depression.



**TAURUS** (April 21 – May 20)

When things get hot, you're in your element. But don't let yourself be driven by your impulses in the coming months. You can move on with a level head and stamina.

# Riddles for connoisseurs

Do you recognize Hummel figurines by their small details? We put you to the test and present you with a brain teaser for true Hummel connoisseurs. A little hint: All figurines are currently available.



## Feelin' Lucky

Sculptor: Tamara Fuchs

Sculpted: 2017

**HUM 2375**

5.00" \$ 235.-

The chimney sweep designed by Tamara Fuchs is a classic symbol that is supposed to bring luck. This is underlined by the little pink pig and the four-leaf clover that he holds in his hands. That is why the name "Feelin' Lucky" was chosen for this lovingly worked out figurine of the luck series.



# Salmon fillet with asparagus-potato salad

## INGREDIENTS for 4 portions

4 pcs. salmon fillet (deep-frozen, at 125 g)  
 500 g smaller waxy potatoes  
 500 g green asparagus  
 1 bag of ready-made Sauce Hollandaise  
 25 g butter  
 50 g salad cream  
 1 tbsp light balsamic vinegar  
 Salt, pepper  
 1 tbsp lemon juice  
 2 tbsp oil  
 2 tbsp cut chives

## PREPARATION

1. Allow the salmon fillets to thaw. Cook unpeeled potatoes in salt water, drain, peel and quarter. Peel the lower third of the asparagus, cut off the ends and cut them diagonally into 3 cm long pieces. Cook in boiling salted water for about 10 minutes. Drain the asparagus in a sieve and rinse with cold water.
2. Stir Hollandaise sauce into 1/8 l cold water. Bring to a boil while stirring. Stir in the butter on a low heat until it melts. Remove the sauce from the heat and let it cool down a little. Stir in the salad cream and vinegar. Add the asparagus and potatoes and season to taste with salt and pepper.
3. Sprinkle salmon fillets with lemon juice, salt and fry in hot oil. Sprinkle the asparagus-potato salad with chives and serve with salmon fillets.



# Hummel up Close

**24-year-old Carina has got a tattoo of her grandmother's favorite Hummel figurine.**

The grandmother had tears of emotion in her eyes and the grandfather has become a little enthusiastic about tattoos since then – because Carina, the 24-year-old granddaughter of the two seniors, got a very special motif in their honor: Her left shoulder is unmistakably adorned with a picture of the Hummel figurine HUM 196 “Telling Her Secret”, skillfully placed in front of a violin.



“My grandmother loves Hummel figurines and the one shown is her favorite character,” Carina explains. The violin is dedicated to Grandpa. Under a pretext, she had her grandparents write down their first names “Anna” and “Alois”, which the tattoo artist reproduced faithfully on Carina's skin. The tattoo is meant to be a thank you, because the grandparents are always there for her and took care of her even in difficult times during a long illness of the mother, the young woman says.

The 24-year-old, who is studying German and Catholic theology to be a teacher in Bamberg, can well imagine that the two Hummel girls will eventually get company on her shoulder: “I really like the Hummel



figurines,” she says. She admires the filigree, expressive design and the special charm of the figurines that remind her of her childhood. Her granny, who collects Hummel figurines herself, also gave her granddaughter some figurines. Carina sat for almost seven hours in the Nuremberg studio “Tattoo Passion”, where tattoo artist Amy Grey put the image of the violin and the Hummel children on her skin. “The violin was quickly finished,” says the 24-year-old. The picture of the Hummel figurine she brought into the studio, on the other hand, took a long time because of the many colors. “The motif was completely new for the tattooist, but she really got it right,” she says happily.

## Telling Her Secret

Sculptor: Reinhold Unger

Sculpted: 1948

**HUM 196/0**

5.25" \$ 390.-

These two friends were sculpted by Reinhold Unger in 1948. The Hummel girl on the right is no stranger to Hummel lovers. Because it has already been immortalized in the figurine “Which Hand?” (HUM 258).

# Happy Birthday!

## Heavenly Protection

Sculptor: Reinhold Unger

Sculpted: 1938

**HUM 88/I**

6.75" \$ 595.-

The figurine was modeled in 1938 by Reinhold Unger. Parents love to give this lovely protective figurine to their children when they start school.



## School Boy

Sculptor: Arthur Möller

Sculpted: 1938

**HUM 82 2/0**

4.25" \$ 245.-

With his thumbs tucked into the straps of his shorts, the little guy marches forward with his school bag on his back. This figurine was designed in 1938 by master sculptor Arthur Möller. It was produced in numerous sizes.



# 1938

### ROMY SCHNEIDER

was born on September 23 in Vienna. She became famous in the 1950s as empress "Sissi" in the films of the same name.

### HEINO

was born on December 13. The folk song singer became popular with the song "Blau blüht der Enzian".

### SPENCER TRACY

received an award as Best Actor for his role in "Captains Courageous" at the Oscars.

### TONY MARSHALL

was born on February 3 as Herbert Anton Bloeth and today looks back on a 50-year musical career.

Join us in a look back on the tradition-rich history of the Hummel figurines, some of which are celebrating their anniversaries this year at the home of many a Hummel collector. We present unforgotten figurines of past decades. Do you remember?

### Barnyard Hero

Sculptor:  
Reinhold Unger  
Sculpted: 1948  
**HUM 195 2/0**  
4.00" \$ 245.-

Getting bit on the naked leg by an angry goose can hurt a lot. The little boy is not even trying to take up the "fight", but saves himself by jumping over the fence. Master sculptor Reinhold Unger shaped the small scene from rural life in 1948.

Over the years, it has been offered in different sizes and variations that differ in the position of the hand for example.



### Be patient

Sculptor: Reinhold Unger  
Sculpted: 1948  
**HUM 197 4/0**  
3.25" \$ 130.-

The hungry ducks can't wait to get their food and harass the girl with her bowl. In earlier times, caring for the fowl on the farms was regarded as a typical task for women and children. Based on a drawing by Sister Maria Innocentia, master sculptor Reinhold Unger designed this expressive Hummel figurine in 1948.



# 1948

**PRINCE CHARLES**, the eldest son of Queen Elizabeth II, first heir to the throne of the United Kingdom, was born on November 14.

**FRANZ LEHÁR**, Austrian composer ("The Merry Widow"), died on October 24 at the age of 78 in Bad Ischl, Austria.

**ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER**, composer of numerous world-famous musicals, was born on March 22 in London.

**GÉRARD DEPARDIEU**, one of the most popular French actors, was born on December 27 in Châteauroux in France.

## Angel Duet

Sculptor: Gerhard Skrobek

Sculpted: 1968

**HUM 261 2/0**

3.25" \$ 215.-

Master sculptor Gerhard Skrobek shaped this enchanting duo in 1968. The devout attitude of the two angels will also create a contemplative atmosphere at your home. Whether as a special decoration for the Christmas season or as a gift: this Hummel figurine will delight generations to come.



## Girl with Trumpet

Sculptor: Gerhard Skrobek

Sculpted: 1968

**HUM 391**

Children love sounds and making music. Sister Maria Innocentia has captured such a moment of a "musician" completely immersed in playing. Sculptor Gerhard Skrobek has transformed the drawing into a lovely Hummel figurine. Together with the singer (HUM 389) and the accordion player (HUM 390), the trumpeter formed a small band.

# 1968

**LILIAN HARVEY,**  
British-German actress and singer ("The Congress dances"), died at age 62 in Juan-les-Pins.

**KING FELIPE**  
of Spain was born on December 30. He succeeded his father Juan Carlos I on the throne in 2014.

**KÄTHE KRUSE**  
was a world-famous German doll maker. She died on July 19 at the age of 84 in Murnau am Staffelsee.

**DANIEL CRAIG,**  
British actor, best known for his role as James Bond, was born in Chester on March 2.

## Bath Time

Sculptor: Gerhard Skrobek

Sculpted: 1978

**HUM 412**

A scene that probably all parents know: Little boys sometimes don't attach so much importance to a thorough washing. The washtub is ready, the washcloth is in his hand and yet he doesn't seem to want to use it. The expression on the sister's face speaks volumes: "Wash yourself!"



## In Tune

Sculptor: Gerhard Skrobek

Sculpted: 1978

**HUM 414**

4.00" \$ 300.-

I wonder who started singing first? The charming duet "In Tune" of the Hummel girl and the little bird was produced for the American market for the first time in 1981. Master sculptor Gerhard Skrobek breathed life into the original M.I. Hummel figurine.

# 1978

**MIROSLAV KLOSE,**  
record goal scorer for the German national soccer team, was born in Opole, Poland, on June 9.

**FRANZISKA VAN ALMSICK**  
celebrated worldwide success as a swimmer in the 1990s. She was born on April 5.

**THEO LINGEN,**  
the unforgotten German actor, died at the age of 75 on November 10 in Vienna, Austria.

**JOHN PAUL II**  
succeeded John Paul I, himself the successor of Paul VI who died after only 33 days in office, in the Year of Three Popes.

## The Little Troubadour

Sculptor: Helmut Fischer  
 Sculpted: 1988  
**HUM 558/0**  
 4.25" \$ 225.-

The Hummel Manufaktur is a musical place! This troubadour also belongs to the Hummel family.

The M.I. Hummel figurine convinces not only with musical talent, but also the detailed design which is based on the drawings of Sister Maria Innocentia Hummel. The Hummel musician was designed by Helmut Fischer in 1988 and has been a joy to everyone ever since.



## The Angler

Sculptor: Gerhard Skrobek  
 Sculpted: 1988  
**HUM 566**

The little boy has successfully cast out his fishing rod: A fish has taken the bait, seems to almost still be wriggling and now must be brought ashore. Master sculptor Gerhard Skrobek shaped the young angler and his catch with many little details.



# 1988

**GERT FRÖBE,**  
 one of the most renowned German character actors, died in Munich on September 5 at the age of 75.

**TENNIS PLAYER STEFFI GRAF**  
 and swimmer Michael Groß were voted Athletes of the Year in 1988.

**LENA GERCKE**  
 won the first season of the TV show "Germany's Next Top-model" in 2006. She was born on February 29.



## Oh, No!

Sculptor: Helmut Fischer  
Sculpted: 1998  
HUM 2082

I wonder who's going to come out on top in this little fight? The two geese seem to not want to allow the boy on his tricycle to pass and make their point with a lot of chattering.

## Worldwide Wanderers

Sculptor: Helmut Fischer  
and Tamara Fuchs  
Sculpted: 1998  
HUM 2000

With the highly symbolic model number HUM 2000, the figurine symbolizes the five continents, whose children are happily walking toward the new millennium behind the "Merry Wanderer". This special edition was launched at the turn of the millennium.



# 1998

FRANK SINATRA,  
American singer,  
actor and entertainer,  
died on May 14 at  
the age of 82.

THE MOVIE "TITANIC"  
won Best Picture and a total of eleven awards  
at the Oscars.

HANS-JOACHIM KULENKAMPFF  
made his mark as a quiz master ("Einer wird gewinnen").  
He died at the age of 77 on August 14.

## FROM THE HUMMEL WORLD

# “Everybody loves their Hummel figurines”

Joffrey Streit as Brand Ambassador Germany moves Hummel figurines into the public eye. His heart's desire: Reigniting the Hummel fever! He writes about his experiences here.



**M**y first cautious stock taking as brand ambassador for the Hummel Manufaktur is very positive. I have good and likeable colleagues who, together with owner Bernd Förtsch, are highly motivated in their work. During the first few weeks of my term, I also met pleasant Hummel friends from Germany, neighboring countries and the USA. They all love “their Hummel figurines”. Moreover, these small figurines have a permanent place in the lives of collectors from all over the world.

It is amazing how much joy these little boys and girls with their lovely faces bring to people. Even after 83 years of tradition, Hummel figurines have lost none of their attractiveness. On the contrary: Especially in these fast-moving times, the Hummel figurines convey a piece of an “ideal world”. Taking a longer look, I think the figurines even take the stress out of everyday life.



The press reacts extremely positively to "Hummel". All the journalists I have met and spoken to so far not only know them, but also remember that there are Hummel figurines in their family. Childhood memories come alive again!

In this context, we would also like to thank the media for their favorable and friendly coverage of "Hummel".

Sister M.I. Hummel would surely delight in knowing how carefully and respectfully her life's work is reported on. She can be sure that her inheritance will be preserved. I am happy to be the brand ambassador of the Hummel Manufaktur and look forward to a good and hopefully long time together. And I look forward to many wonderful encounters with Hummel friends from all over the world. With the purchase of the Hummel Manufaktur, new owner Bernd



Brand Ambassador Germany Joffrey Streit in an interview with Renate Haidinger, Chairman of the Breast Cancer Association

Förtsch has not only preserved the traditional craftsmanship and jobs at the Rödental location, but has also given the worldwide Hummel family great pleasure. Off to a good future together!

## World of Hope

Hope 2018

Sculptor: Anette Barth

Sculpted: 2018

**HUM 2389**

3.75" \$ 225.-



## Gift Of Hope

Hope 2017

Sculptor: Anette Barth

Sculpted: 2016

**HUM 2377**

4.00" \$ 180.-



A part of the proceeds per figurine goes to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc.

# “Let’s sing” Says Goodbye

**The little bandoneon player is no longer issued**

What might this trio sound like? The clear child’s voice, the expressive bandoneon and the cheerful chirping definitely form an attractive combination. Master sculptor Reinhold Unger designed the enthusiastic little singer Heini with his instrument in 1938. After many decades during which it found its way into countless apartments, this Hummel figurine is no longer being reissued. Get yourself one of the last specimens!

The bandoneon is known today as the typical Argentine tango instrument. But in the first decades of the 20th century, the “squeeze box” developed into an extremely popular musical instrument in Germany. In the 1930s, the bandoneon was one of the basic instruments of dance and entertainment bands.

It was a popular mood setter for Polkas and Ländler. Because the bandoneon was easy to learn: Musicians did not need to be able to read music. They played according to a series of numbers, a so-called “clothesline system”. And even completely without instructions, it obviously gave children pleasure to elicit a melody from the instrument. In 1920, there were supposedly more bandoneon associations in

Germany than football clubs, especially in the Ruhr area, in Saxony and in Hamburg. The Swiss also loved the instrument. During the Nazi era, the boom ebbed away. After the war, the production facilities in the east German Erzgebirge (Ore Mountains) were cut off from the west. Although there were still many bandoneon clubs

after 1950, in which mainly ensembles of four played together. In West Germany, however, the accordion gradually replaced its little brother.



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