

S.S. Sarna Christmas Bells

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Wade and Pauline have been collecting bells since the early 1970's and at the present time their Sarna collection numbers more than 240 bells and strings of bells. Kathryn and Herb contributed some of the Sarna Christmas bells for this article.

Sarna was born in Rawalpindi, Pakistan (the capitol), his birth date unknown, but was probably in the mid 1890's. He was the youngest of four children in a family of moderate means. Some of his schooling was in India and some in the United States.

Mr. Sarna's bell business started in 1938 when he went to Indonesia by way of Bombay where he started purchasing bells and had them shipped to New York. His bells were advertised in the Sunday edition of the *New York Times* and by noon Monday they were all sold. Thus the beginning of the Bells of Sarna.

In 1974, the large Annual Christmas Bells first made their appearance with the tree-shaped bell. These bells were made into the 2000's but at this time we do not know when the last one was produced. Three to four colors are used on many of the bells.



Figure 1. Greetings, 1974.

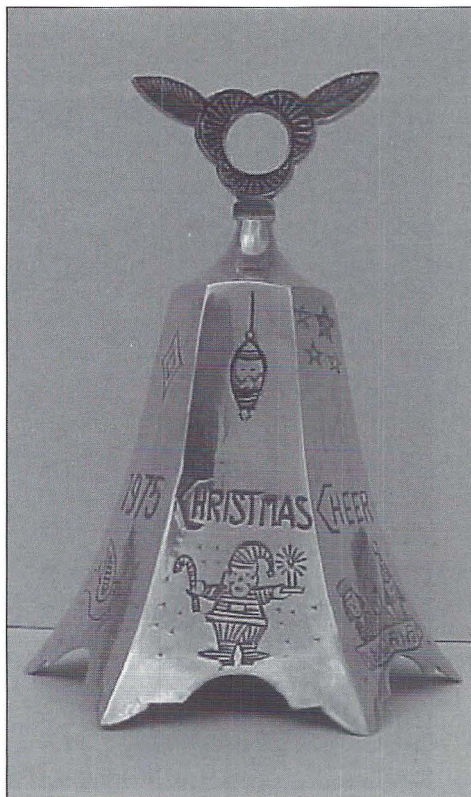


Figure 2. 1975, Christmas Cheer.

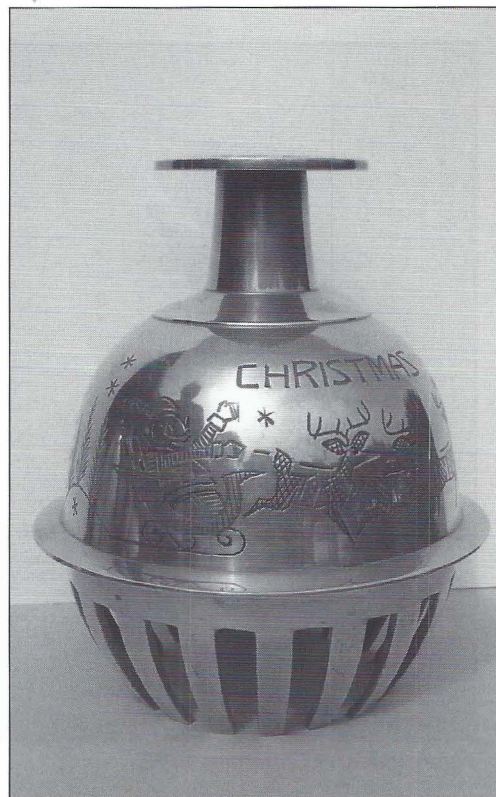


Figure 3. Christmas with Santa Claus and Sleigh, 1976.

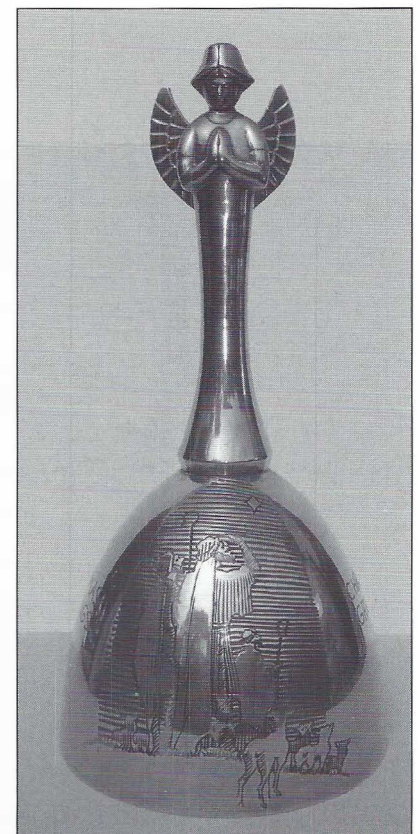


Figure 4. 1977.

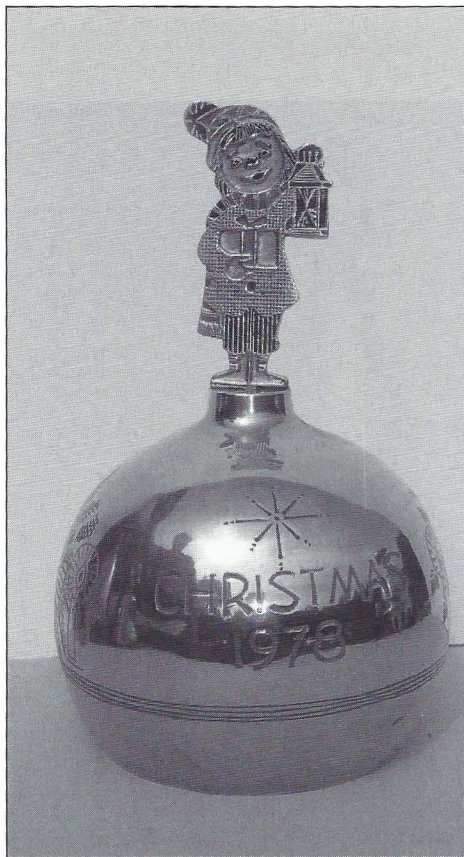


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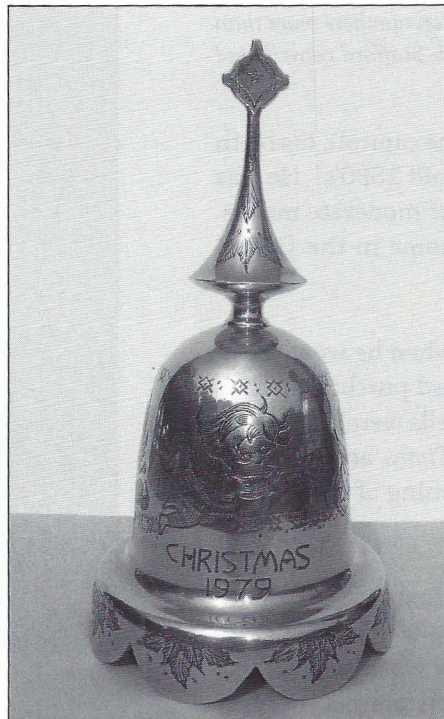


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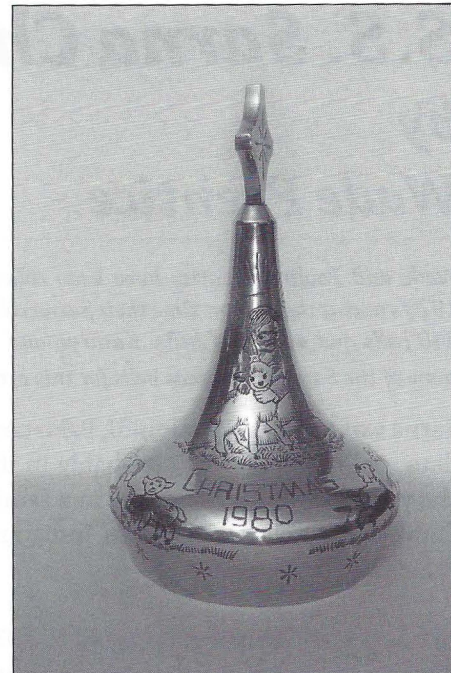


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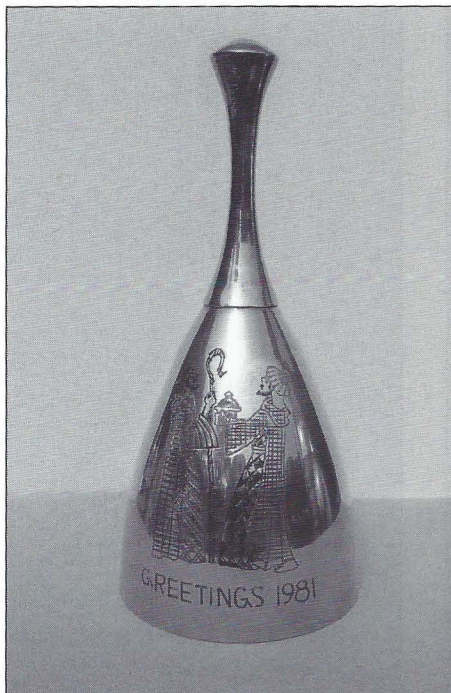


Figure 8. Christmas 1981.

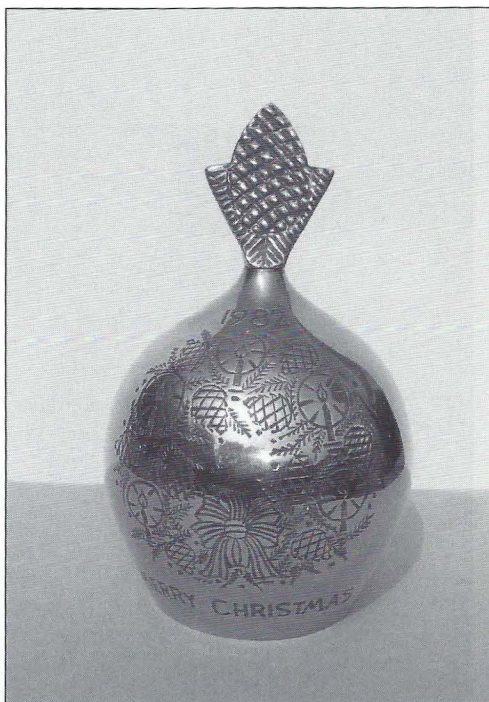


Figure 9. Merry Christmas 1982.



Figure 10. 1983.



Figure 11. Santa Claus, 1984.



Figure 12. 1985.



Figure 13. Windmill, 1986.



Figure 14. Merry Christmas, 1988



Figure 15. Merry Christmas, 1991.



Figure 16. 1995.

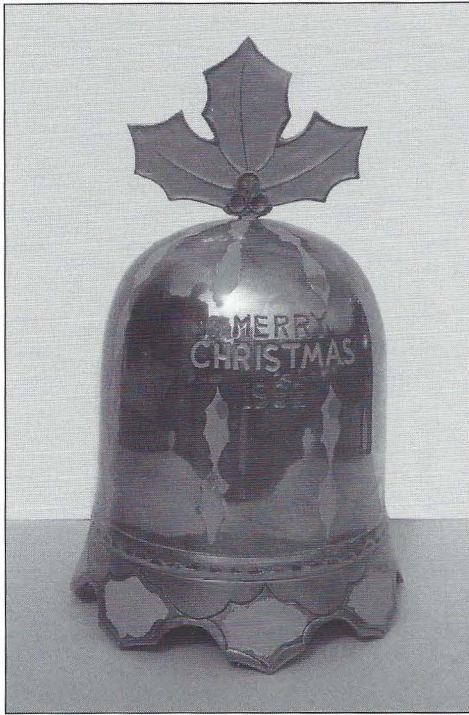


Figure 17. Christmas, 1992.



Figure 18. 1993.



Figure 19. 1996.



Figure 20. Merry Christmas, 1997.



Figure 21. Merry Christmas 1998.



Figure 22. 1999.



Figure 23. 2000.