



# Gnome News

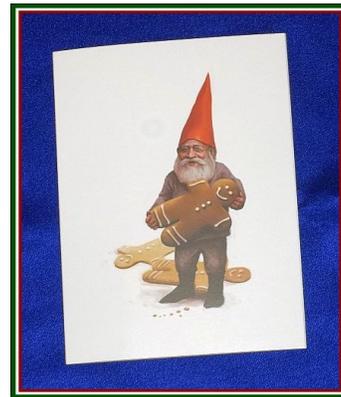
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Greetings,

Gnomers' Day is right around the corner, and this issue has some fun ideas on how to celebrate the day. We also found some great Gnome gifts for the holidays. Thanks to all the contributors this issue. Happy Holidays to all of you!

Gnome Christmas Cards! They are 4 1/2"x6". The retail price is \$4.95 each...but for club members they are \$3.50 each! When you order, talk to Gwen, the owner, and be sure to mention The International Gnome Club for the discount!  
**[www.woodenspoon.ws](http://www.woodenspoon.ws)**



The Gift Chalet in Auburn, Massachusetts has some wonderful wrapping paper and cards by Jenny Nystrom.  
**[www.giftchaletauburn.com](http://www.giftchaletauburn.com)**



Cute items, like this Gnome satchel can be found at:  
**[www.loungefly.com](http://www.loungefly.com)**



**GNOMERS' DAY ... December 1<sup>st</sup> ... is coming soon !!**



**This special day honors all collectors of Gnomes.**

***Gnome collectors are “Nanologists” – but most humans don’t know that. Lady collectors who are homemakers might consider this: Next time you have to fill out a form asking your occupation, instead of writing “homemaker” or “domestic engineer,” write “Nanologist” (with a capital “N”). I’ve been writing that for years, and no one has ever asked me what it is. That’s probably because the recipient assumed it was a highly specialized field and didn’t want to appear ignorant in the face of such a unique person! (Besides, collecting Gnomes is truly a specialized field.)***

**To prepare for Gnomers’ Day on December 1st ...**

***. Plan to have coffee with friends at your home.***

How could anyone not enjoy your Gnomes on such a special day?

***. Place some Gnomes on a dining table, and think about moving others around a bit.***

They like a change of scene. Spruce up those needing a gently-wiped face.

***. If you have a Gnome-shaped cookie cutter, bake cookies. Bake a cake and decorate it with a Gnome design.***

Use a Gnome cookie cutter to gently press the shape onto the cake’s top, then fill in the shape with icings.

***. Send a copy of this write-up to the editors of a local newspaper.***

They may be willing to mention the day if enticed by the colorful heading! Be sure to include your name, address, and phone number. They won’t publish it if they have no contact person.

***If you have a Gnome banner, display it!*** I have one on the front door all year, where it gets no sun. I hung it on a narrow curtain rod my handyman secured with regular mountings on either side.

**On the actual day of December 1<sup>st</sup>** (as you drink that first cup of coffee or tea) ...

. ***Walk around your home and extend a special and loving smile to every Gnome.***

Many collectors take a Gnomestroll nearly every day all year. *Try it: You'll like it!* Happy Gnome faces are a great way to start the day! I use china with Gnome designs daily.

. ***Wherever you drive today, place one of your largest Gnomes in the passenger seat facing outward (with the seatbelt on).*** Make a red hat for yourself! Lock the car if you park, and leave a window open a tiny bit. Don't park in hot sun that can fade or damage the Gnome. At the end of this write-up, there's a section to cut and mount for inside your car's passenger side window.

**From December 1<sup>st</sup> and onward ...** If you're a member of a Gnome collectors' group, print out their newsletters to share.

***If you have any Gnome jewelry,*** wear it every day! New acquaintances usually ask about it, and that can provide a chance for you to talk about Gnomes in general. Many people just listen to you without interrupting. (I think that's because they're not sure if you're on the level or a partial flibbertigibbet.)

***Hang Gnome-shaped cookies on your Christmas tree*** with a narrow ribbon around the neck – and share them with guests.

***Tell more people about Gnomes ...*** their charming lore, concern for our troubled earth ... and the many ways they brighten the lives and homes of humans. If you work, take Gnome cookies for co-workers! If you can't find the cookie cutters, tell us. A great source was mentioned in club newsletters you may have missed.

***Think of the ways you've promoted Gnomes this year!*** Have you given gifts of the book "Gnomes" (by Rien Poortvliet and Wil Huygen)? It will never grow old because it conveys the precious and unique lifestyle of our beloved Gnomes for all time. Keep a copy of the book on a living room table for guests to pick up and enjoy. It's a positively delightful must-have for Gnome fans of any age. Also try to find a Jenny Nystrom book. Even if the text is Swedish, the pictures all tell stories.

***If you've saved Gnome pictures and cards (like most of us), frame some for year-round pleasure.*** It doesn't matter if they have a holiday theme. ***Gnomes are never out of season!***

***Think about doing a Gnome craft project*** (cross-stitch, knitting, needlepoint, painting, wood, etc.). You can get a nifty crochet pattern from the International Gnome Club.

***Name all your Gnomes.*** If they come with a name, use that one. If they don't, start making a list of apropos names you encounter. Don't worry if you use a few duplicate names; people do, too! Write names on the undersides with a thin, indelible black marker. You can use a white stick-on label and ballpoint pen to label Gnomes made of china or other glossy material. If Gnomes are tiny, just cut a label to fit.

I have a few large cloth Gnomes, and I've tucked a name tag on a string inside their trouser waistband, under a shirt, or inside their hat.

***Inventory your Gnomes in a book.*** (I call mine a "Gnomeventory.") Take photographs and put them in large albums with pages that have lift-off protective film or slip-in pockets.

If you buy a Gnome on the Internet, just print out the listings' picture for your book.

List other Gnome items in a separate section (things like china, wall plates, pictures, tins, glassware, needlework and other craft projects, paper decorations, etc.). If you decorate a Christmas tree with Gnomes, give ornaments a separate section ... .. and ***don't forget to include your Gnome collection in your Will, to be sure they'll have a caring home.***



***Create your own Christmas cards*** from Gnome designs you've saved. (A cute Gnome on a card can be used for any occasion!)

If you're fortunate enough to find Gnomes for sale in a store, thank the manager or tell the check-out person you're happy to find a store selling Gnomes.

**Next time you need a gift for a child or grown-up** ... give a copy of "Gnomes" – usually available from Amazon and eBay. Many of us collectors keep a few on hand for gift-giving.

**A sequel to the book 'Gnomes' is "The Complete Gnomes" (same authors). It combines "Gnomes" with "Secrets of the Gnomes" in one volume.**

I keep a variety of informative Gnome books on a living room center table all year. Be on the lookout for older books, too. You never know where they'll surface! Tell us what you find and consider doing a book review.

**'BYE FOR NOW -- from a Gnome Devotee, and have a HAPPY GNOMERS' DAY !!**



The International Gnome Club does a newsletter for members several times a year. The president's address is [GNOMEUNET@aol.com](mailto:GNOMEUNET@aol.com).

If you're planning a trip out west, *there's a fantastic Gnome museum in California*. It's only 80 miles northeast of San Francisco (103 miles from Reno, Nevada). The Sacramento International Airport in California is about 40 minutes from Auburn (less than an hour). Contact [GNOMEUNET@aol.com](mailto:GNOMEUNET@aol.com) to arrange a visit to the unique museum.

(For other fun Gnome information, try ... [www3.telus.net/QueenGnomesRealm/](http://www3.telus.net/QueenGnomesRealm/) ... and [www.foundus.com](http://www.foundus.com).)

**Print out the sign below – to cut and mount on cardboard for displaying wherever the spirit hits you !**

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**GNOMERS' DAY ... DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>**

**To Honor Gnome Collectors!**



## **Unique Gnome Collectibles**

*By Alyssa L. Ochs – September 14, 2012*

Long gone are the days when gnomes only came in the form of small ceramic statues. With the increasing popularity of gnomes, the variety in collectible gnome items has increased as well. Although I have more than my fair share of ceramic gnomes strategically positioned throughout my home, I am always on the lookout for the most creative collectible items.

In this article, I have highlighted some of my very favorite gnome collectibles to share with you so perhaps, you can enjoy them too! While simply making this list, I suddenly found myself shopping online and splurging on gnome dinner plates and a gnome handbag. I never claimed this was a cheap obsession!

1. **Gnome kite** – \$26 at Yozingo -  
<http://www.yozingo.com/store/index.php/premier-large-easy-flyer-gnome-kite.html>
2. **Gnome jewelry** – various Ebay sellers -  
[http://www.ebay.com/sch/i.html?\\_nkw=gnome+jewelry&\\_sacat=0](http://www.ebay.com/sch/i.html?_nkw=gnome+jewelry&_sacat=0)



3. **Gnome salt & pepper shakers** - \$13.99 on Amazon -  
<http://www.amazon.com/Gnomes-Attractives-Pepper-Shaker-Ceramic/dp/B008O74WUA>

4. **Gnome cross stitch iPhone case** – Free at Craftsy -  
<http://www.craftsy.com/pattern/embroidery/the-little-gnome-cross-stitch-pattern/4305>



5. **Gnome Kleenex box and gnome earbuds** – Monkey See Monkey Do, Austin, TX -  
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Monkey-See-Monkey-Do/73676153648>



6. **Gnome dishes** - \$15-48 at P.O.S.H. -  
<http://www.poshchicago.com/category.asp?catid=7731>

7. **Gnome crochet hat** – \$30 Serviss Etsy Shop -  
<http://www.etsy.com/listing/60861986/hand-knit-hat-womens-hat-gnome-hat-in>

8. **Gnome 3D cake pan** - \$35 at Fancy Flours -  
<http://www.fancyflours.com/product/Gnome-3D-Cake-Mold/s>



9. **Gnome board games** – \$25.99 at Board Game Geek -  
<http://boardgamegeek.com/boardgame/94571/oh-gnome-you-dont>

10. **Gnome paper cutouts** –  
Free at 3 Eyed Bear -  
<http://www.3eyedbear.com/2012/08/14/the-snorfs/>



11. **Gnome skeletons** - \$39-54 at Skymall  
<http://www.skymall.com/shopping/detail.htm?pid=204092598&c=102961916>



12. **Gnome cookie cutters** - \$8 at Fancy Flours -  
<http://www.fancyflours.com/product/Cookie-Cutter-Gnome-Breadmen-Set-of-3/s>



### Tree idea ...



*With 2 little cats, I thought this could be worth trying. I ordered a 6 ft. for inside the house (to be decorated) ... and a 5 ft. for an enclosed back porch (that will be undecorated). The lights are clear/pre-lit, so as to not distort colors of Gnome ornaments.*

*I'll place large/standing Gnomes around the bottom – and watch my solution unfold! If the Gnomes need a wider base, my handyman will make one.*

*The larger indoor Gnomes already know about this, and they're thrilled at the prospect of having a unique spot over the holidays. I'll do some rotating, so they can take turns.*

*The trees are brand new and come from "The Christmas Tree" (store), selling on eBay.*

*With Gnomers' Day coming on December 1st, this is a good time to rev up our Ho-Ho-Ho ... and what better way than to plan a tree? Gnomers are like that, aren't they?*

### **GNOME DEVOTEE**

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## **2013 Gnome Man's Land™ Calendars for sale**

They are **\$15.00** each, which includes the shipping fee. Each month has a new and different picture.

All of the photos were taken of scenes at Gnome Man's Land™.

To order these calendars, please contact International Gnome Club member Jean Fenstermaker at

[TheGnomelady@GMAIL.COM](mailto:TheGnomelady@GMAIL.COM) or 707-539-4470.

