

NEW FROM NATIONAL*by Gil Biggie*

In the back of the national Bulletin is a list of the educational books that the National Button Society sells. Note that there is an index of all articles 1942-1996 in hard copy. IT IS NOW ONLINE AT THE MEMBERS-ONLY PART OF THE NBS WEBSITE, FOR FREE

Since the index ends in 1996, there is also an update up to the last issue in hard copy

An electronic version that you can keep updated yourself with each issue is FREE if you email dbgb@charter.net AND THIS ALSO IS ON THE MEMBERS ONLY WEBSITE: FREE.

And most cool: some past issues of the bulletin are available to read, in color, in the members only publications section. It is cute how one can turn the pages!

THIS IS FREE TO MEMBERS

There is a new CD with the black glass booklet, borders article, radiants article and more. See the back of the bulletin for the listing.

Contents:

Alston Patent-1949	Metal French Tights-2005
Black Glass Handbook-1967	Modern Sets-1954 & 1958
Borders-1999	Patterns-2009
Celluloid-1998	Realistic Sets 1957-1998
Glass Kaleidoscopes-2009	Repoussé-1948
Glass Reflectors Radiants-2004	Uniform Souvenir Buttons-1982

Paul Rice composed this for anyone who wants to be able to search the Blue Book by topic (off the National website).

The new and current NBS Blue Books can be saved to your computer (see below) so that you can click one icon on your desktop and, viola, a PDF version of the book pops up on your screen rather than in your lap.

The book on your screen is identical in every way to the hard copy. The best part, which I use almost daily for my Button Country projects, is the search function in your PDF reader which opens the Blue Book (probably Acrobat Reader but others work also).

As an example, when I click on the search icon in Acrobat Reader (little binoculars) or click "edit" then "search", a new search window pops up on the side. If I enter "litho" in the search box—(clear any little "x" in the bottom four check boxes) and click on the

search button—I immediately get a list of all twelve places in the NBS Blue Book where litho, lithograph, or lithographs show up. Neater still, I can click on any one of the twelve and it takes me directly to the sentence and paragraph where "lithograph(s)" is used. Cuts my hunting time by a factor of ten. Plus, if you are careful with your search term, you never miss a reference anywhere in the book.

Now, the reason we can do this is that Deb Hanson has published a PDF version of the Blue Book on the NBS website. (Thanks Deb!)

All you have to do to get this file from the internet onto your desktop is to go to the NBS site, find Publications and Forms, and download the version you want to use. Or for a really simple trip, just click on the link http://nationalbuttonociety.org/NBS_Publications_%26_Forms.html to access the correct website page.

Then click on [NBS2009Classification.pdf](#), for the 2009-2010 version or click on [NBSClassification2011-12MASTER1-23-10\(FINAL\).pdf](#), for the 2011-2012 version and (viola again), the book you selected comes up in your browser in its PDF format.

All that's left to do is to click on the "save" icon just above the book text, select desktop in the "save in" box at the top, then click "Save". The book should now be on your hard drive. You should see an icon on your desktop that will open it whether you are connected to the internet or not.

If per chance, you do not now have the free PDF reader, click here - <http://get.adobe.com/reader/#reader> .

The Western Regional Button Association is pleased to share our educational articles with the button collecting community. This article appeared in the December 2013 WRBA newsletter, *Territorial News*. Enjoy! And consider joining WRBA! Go to www.WRBA.us WRBA gladly offers our articles for reprint, as long as credit is given to WRBA as the source.