Ron Hubble’s artistic skills developed early in life with a serious miniature piece called Futuristic City for a junior high science fair. He was “shocked” when he won 2nd place.

By Richard W. Hubble

Born in Hannibal, Missouri, Ron moved to Quincy, Illinois during grade school. After graduating from high school in 1970, he attended Quincy College for one year and then spent another year at Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois studying art. Next, he attended the Art Student League in New York City for one year in the mid 1970’s. At this stage in his career Ron mainly painted and sculpted. After producing a body of work, Ron produced a one man show in St Louis in the early 1980’s to sell his paintings. While organizing the show, a friend asked Ron to do a couple of generic 18th century miniature busts. The busts were so good that his friend suggested that he make a few more and attend a Miniature Trade show (MIAA) in Philadelphia and show his pieces. The MIAA is a wholesale trade show whose vendors sell to retail shops across the country. During the first day of the trade show he took in over $5000 in orders. Thus began Ron’s career in the miniature art world.

Ron Hubble

In the early years, Ron did a lot of commissioned work for private museums and collectors. The list of private collectors is very long and includes many Americans, Spaniards and English as well as some French and a member of the royal family of Qatar. Privacy concerns do not allow discussion of the works in private hands but works in two museums will be presented below.

In the early 1990’s Carole and Barry Kaye, wealthy Los Angeles benefactors of the miniature art scene, saw Ron’s work and asked him to build something special for their new museum (The Carole and Barry Kaye Museum of Miniatures) that they were opening up Los Angeles. Ron hired 4 assistants and it took them 4 years to complete the project. The result is “The Museum of Fine Art”, a structure inspired by France’s Versailles and England’s Osterley Park House. The entire structure and each of the rooms are incredibly detailed. Space limitations in “Family Notes” prevent the publication of the pictures of this masterpiece, but please visit our website at: www.hubbell.org (click on the October 2011 Archived THFHS Posts and then click on “Ron Hubble Miniature Collector April 1997”) to learn more about Ron’s work and see colored pictures of this incredible work of art. Ron also made other pieces for the museum. The museum closed in the late 1990’s and the collection was moved to the Naples Center for the Arts in Naples, Florida. Ron’s pieces remain in this collection and go on display on a rotating schedule with the other major pieces from the original collection.

Ron has also made several large pieces for Mr. and Mrs. Wen-Jen Lin of Taiwan. These pieces are in the permanent collection of the Miniature Museum of Taiwan including a very large model of a Roman Forum, an English Castle and a French salon from the Louis XV-XVI era (see the accompanying photo). More color photos of

Ron Hubble: Masterpiece Collection-Jacobean Drawing Room

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Hal Harold Hubbell

Hal Hubbell, 81, of Elyria, Ohio (A&R# 9333) died Monday, April 25, 2011 at St. John West Shore Hospital, Westlake. He was born January 8, 1930 in Elyria, where he lived most of his life.

Hal was a long standing, and very proud, THFHS member (since 1984) who enjoyed collecting books and memorabilia about the Hubbell Family. His daughter, Lynn-El Hubbell Nos of Medina, Ohio (A&R# 11860), also a THFHS member (since 1994) has offered to collect and forward documents to the Hubbell Center in his memory.

Hal attended Elyria Schools where he played football and participated in various baseball leagues. He served with the U.S. Army in Germany from 1954 to 1955. Hal was formerly employed as sales manager and engineer at David Round and Sons in Solon, Ohio.

He attended Beth-El Baptist Church in Elyria and was a member of John W. Barkley Lodge # 621 F. & A.M, Cleveland and Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Cleveland.

Hal is also survived by another daughter Rachel Ann McHenry of San Diego, California, a past THFHS member (2003); son, Keith Hubbell of Terre Haute, Indiana, a past THFHS member (1994-1997); five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lillian in 1979; father, Harold in 1981; mother, Loretta in 1993; brother, Kenneth in 2003; and his son, Bill Depew in 1996.


The Hubbell Family Historical Society celebrates the life of Doug Poulter, “Castlebrom” a friend and strong supporter of the Society. Doug was born 21 May 1932 in Providence, Rhode Island and passed away 30 December 1910 in Palm City, Florida. After his retirement in 1991 Doug became an accomplished genealogist and compiled a massive data base on the Hubble’s of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. He was an active member of the Florida State Genealogy Society and the Martin County Historical Society and Chairman of the Martin County Cemetery Committee. In 2004 he was awarded the Martin County Genealogy Outstanding Achievement Award. His published effort, “A Sojourn, The Hubbles of the United Kingdom & Other Commonwealth Countries” is an invaluable reference for our overseas cousins. Doug started his genealogy ‘sojourn’ because his mother’s name was Hubble and the family story was that they descended from the famous Scottish architect Robert Adam. (Doug’s grandfather was Robert Adam Hubble). The efforts to prove the rumor proved futile but left us with a precious record of Doug’s research.

Doug was a THFHS member since 1995. He attended the THFHS Folsom, California reunion and since then worked on behalf of the society although his Hubble mother did not descend from Richard. He was a director for Hubbell Center and worked with James Hubbell Jr. (a neighbor) to establish a plan for the future of the Center. He enthusiastically supported the Family Tree DNA project and actively recruited UK Hubble’s in the hopes of some day establishing a link to the U. S. family.

Carol Boggs summed Doug up best: “He was resourceful, persistent, and detail oriented and at the same time possessed a fine sense of wry humor”. I fondly remember his willingness to help with my research questions. He will be greatly missed. By Hilbert Hubble
The Hubbell Family Scholarship Fund Awards Two Scholarships For 2011-2012 Academic Year

The Scholarship Fund received six applications for the 2011-2012 academic years, from which two recipients were selected on September 1st. For their continuing education each recipient will receive a $750.00.

This year, the Scholarship Fund received a total contribution of $1,567.50 from 45 contributors. In 2010, the fund received $3,171.00 from 50 contributors. The reduced amount received require lowering the amount for this year from $1,000.00 to $750.00. The Funds current balance is $3,656.17.

The THFHS Board of Directors and the Scholarship Fund Committee congratulate the two recipients for this year.

Melissa Beals

Melissa Beals is 19 years old and is the daughter of Gary Beals [A&R# (8131)], of San Jose, CA. Gary has been a member since 2001. She will start her sophomore year at Biola University in the Los Angeles area, pursuing a degree in Cinema and Media Arts with emphasis in production. Her classes will include cinematography, lighting and sound. Her long term goal after graduation is working in the music production industry.

She grew up performing in musicals and choirs, and early on recognized the affect music has on people. Along with her interest in music, she is also active in intramural soccer at Biola. All students at Biola University are required to take a certain amount of bible classes as well as attend chapel for credit to receive a minor in Bible. In her home church, Melissa is serving as a worship leader for the high school youth group.

Nicholas Kubley

Nicholas Kubley is a descendent of George Edward Hubbell, born August 1th 1791 in Newtown, CT.

He is 19 years old and is currently attending Mid-State Technical College in Stevens Point, WI. Nicholas is pursuing an associate’s degree as an IT-Programmer/Analyst. Nicholas will graduate in December 2012, and is considering teaching programming as a second career, since he enjoyed tutoring a friend in his class.

He is 4-H member of the Plover Clowers Club, and contributed his free time as a bell ringer for the Salvation Army, bowling for charity events, and the Holiday Basket Project. Since 2005 he has been a 4-H youth leader for computer projects for the club.

As a member of the Portage County FFA Alumni Association, he is building and managing their first website. He also volunteered his time in the Computer Workshop for the Girl Scouts at MSTC. Nicholas has received several awards for his work with the local 4-H Club, and is their current vice-president.

A Long, Hard Road-A Local Musician’s Journey

Story by Jessica Murray of the Brazil (Indiana) Times

Music has brought performer Hal Hubble joy and pain throughout his life, but he's decided his musical journey isn't over yet.

Hubble spent his life playing saxophone, violin, guitar, banjo, mandolin and singing his heart out. "Living a hard life, that's where you get your great songs from," Hubble said with tear-filled eyes. In 1978, his original song, "My Pulse Pumps Passions," appeared on Billboard's Hot Country Singles at number 76. "I had to leave a girl in Indy and she said 'I know you have to go, but I'll always love you no matter what' and that's where 'My Pulse Pumps Passions' came from," Hubble explained.

In addition to performing songs he's written, Hubble's career includes doing Elvis impersonations. In 1993, he placed sixth out of 93 in the International Elvis Impersonator Contest in Memphis, Tenn. Hubble is so well known for performing with an Elvis style, when he enters the room, and greets audience members with his best Elvis-like "Hello Darlin," the crowd may wonder if Elvis has really left the building.

Even though Hubble has traveled to perform in many places across the United States, he continues to perform at local events. He recently performed at a wedding and has been invited to perform at a retirement home.

In the future, Hubble hopes to continue performing and sharing his love of music with others. He also plans to continue teaching and passing on his knowledge to younger musicians.

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Salt Lake City Reunion: June 22-25, 2011

The Banquet Dinner

By Dr. Pete Hansen, President, THFHS

Were you there for the fun? Genealogy studies prevailed - in the midst of touring the world’s largest open pit copper mine and Brigham Young’s declaring “This is the place” to build the primitive City to become the world’s LDS headquarters (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints). Hubbells across North America gathered for fun and learning genealogy in the LDS Family History Library next door to our Plaza Hotel……and the opportunity of walking thru beautiful gardens in Temple Square across the street, visiting the Tabernacle, learning about LDS Faith…..and having our closing banquet in the fabulous old Hotel Utah a block away.

Jim and Mary Ann Hubbell of Logan UT, along with family, organized and hosted our reunion. There were activities for everyone. The hospitality room buzzed with memorabilia members brought to look at, items for purchase, and a giant puzzle completed the last day. No end to snacks and beverages.

Special feature was the Hubbell Center presentation by HC Librarian Patricia Dawson from Des Moines IA, who gave a power point demonstration using the new Digitalized DVD recently completed to research one’s Hubbell ancestral lineage. Immediately following this many of us remained in the Family History Library doing additional family research. What an opportunity!

New officers elected for the 2011-2013 term were President Peter O. Hansen, M.D. of Kenai, Alaska; Vice President Marjorie Hlava of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Treasurer Janice Fulton of Bucyrus, Ohio; and Secretary Dorcas Aunger of Arcadia, California. New Directors appointed for the 1011-2017 term are Roger Hubbell, Wilson Hubbell, Logan Jim Hubbell, Dorcas Aunger, Hilbert Hubble, and Susan Okoniewski. Appointed to a seat vacated by Karen Hubbell for the 2009-2015 term was Jean Hubbell.

The Closing Banquet was chaired by outgoing President Hilbert Hubble. Hubbell Hall of Fame Inductees announced by Jan Hubble Fulton on behalf of her father, Robert D. Fulton, were Hilbert Hubble, Dr. Peter Hansen, and Carol Hubbell Boggs. Elegantly framed certificates were presented to each recognizing their contributions to our Society.

Next Reunion – in Des Moines, Iowa, summer of 2013. Plan to come and bring your families. There will be lots to do for youth and adults seeing Hubbell Center; touring the Governor’s Mansion and state capitol; visiting a modern farm/dairy, amusement park, Iowa Science Center.

If you are looking for more details or Minutes of our family meetings, they will be published in the 2011 Annual and /or posted online in the “Members Only” section on our website.
Katie Hubbell and Heather Kotula, serve up a treat to Margie Hlava and her granddaughter

Pat Dawson presents an update on the Hubbell Center

Membership Chair Laura Hubbell and Friend

Beth Ross looking for the best composition

Paul Hlava, Jim Hubbell, Kitty Ver Kuilen (with daughter), Mary Hubbell Kimmel and Margie Hlava

Hilbert with Edith and Burton Carney

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Dorrance Hubbell celebrates his 87th Birthday with the staff

Gerry Hubbell

Dorrance and Doris Hubbell

Glen Kimmel

Anne Cooper with a souvenir

Erik and Gordon Hubbell

Nancy Moses

Jean N. Hubbell and Jack Jerome Hubbell enjoying Jack’s “Collection”

Barbara Kruse with Pete
World War II veteran Clifton Hubbell at home in Downers Grove with his cap and a photo of himself when he was in the U.S. Navy. Photo: May 2011

World War II Heroes Celebrated by Crowd of Thousands

As of May 2011, an organization called Honor Flight Chicago has flown 34 Downers Grove, Illinois men to Washington D.C. in recognition of their service during World War II. There are still 12 men waiting to go. “The goal is to honor them and to thank them for the service that they gave us so many years ago”, said Mary Pettinato, the organization’s president.

Our own, Clifton Howells Hubbell (A&R# 7339), has been one of the 34 to make the journey. Clifton, now 91, said he hesitated at first when asked if he wanted to partake in an Honor Flight. Clifton served stateside during the war. His humility almost kept him from applying to go on one of the flights, said his wife, Esther. “He was dragging his feet. He said he though his service wasn’t that exemplary, because he wasn’t exposed to as much dangerous stuff as some of the others,” she said. Someone finally convinced him his service was worthy. He was given the same hero’s welcome as the other veterans when he arrived home Wednesday night. Friend and fellow veteran Lloyd Lawson, 83, also sat in the crowd Wednesday to welcome home Hubbell. Lloyd and Clifton live in the same retirement community in Downers Grove.

“I didn’t know too much about it”, Clifton said. “I’d been to Washington a few times. The more I heard about it, the more I thought I wanted to go... particularly to see this World War II monument.” As an engineer during the war, Hubbell was responsible for inspecting war-bound Navy ships to ensure they were safe. “It was a frightening time in the (1940s). Because of Hitler and the war in Europe, it was a scary time. A lot of people’s lives were disrupted. It was a bad war,” Hubbell said.

Clifton is an active member and supporter of THFHS. He has been a member of the Publications Committee, a Publications Editor, Scholarship Board member, a long standing member of the Board of Directors (1987-2003) and was the 4th President of the Society from 1991-1994 (and probably a few other positions that I have missed). He and Ester have been members since 1982, Contributing members since 1987, and Proud to Be Hubbell members continuously since 1991. Congratulations Clifton on a job well done.

For more information on Honor Flight Chicago, visit www.honorflightchicago.org. Story by Megan Craig of Triblocal.com and Nick Vogel of mysuburbanlife.com. These stories have been edited.
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Thus, today, research focuses on understanding how these communication pathways work so new drugs can be developed that are more specific to a desired result.

Wayne Hubbell and his colleagues at UCLA have developed a powerful new technique, called site-directed spin labeling or SDSL, to study how protein structure changes over time.

Understanding the structural changes to a protein when a hormone or drug binds to it is critical to designing better drugs.

Hubbell, Hamm and their colleagues began working together in 2000, using SDSL, to unravel this biological mystery.

**Dr Wayne Lester Hubbell, PhD**

Dr Wayne Lester Hubbell, PhD (A&R# 13316) is a past THFHS member (1994-97). Professor Hubbell grew up in Oregon, received his B.S. degree in Chemistry at Oregon State University in 1965 and his Ph.D. in Chemistry at Stanford University in 1970. After completing a postdoctoral fellowship at Stanford, he joined the faculty of the Department of Chemistry at UC Berkeley. In 1983, he moved his laboratory to the Jules Stein Eye Institute at UCLA where he continues to develop new techniques to "observe" the ways proteins change shape when coming into contact with other proteins.

The article appeared in August 2011 on www.bioresearchonline.com. This article has been edited

A detailed biography of Dr. Hubbell can be found at:

http://faculty.chemistry.ucla.edu/institutio

Dr Wayne Lester Hubbell of Buffalo, New York

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Family Notes

A busy year for the four descendants of William Fields Hubble II (A&R# 10330)

Dr. Rebecca Lynn Hall, daughter of THFHS member Martha Gayman Hubble Hall (A&R# 12729) married Dustin David Fife June 24th, 2011. Rebecca is a Clinical Psychologist and Dustin is an Architect. Both are working in Chicago.

William Fields Hubble III (A&R# 12730) currently living in Phoenix, Arizona married Char Davis June 12th, 2010. We may be hearing more about Char and Bill. As of June 2011, filming of the pilot for the new TV series “Real Housewives of Scottsdale” concluded. Broadcasting the series has not been scheduled yet.

Andrew Harrison Hubble (A&R# 14385), son of THFHS member Richard W. Hubble, graduated from Rose Hulman Institute of Technology in June 2011 with an engineering degree. Deferring his education, Andrew has signed up for a 2 year tour of duty with the Peace Corps in South Africa. He will be teaching math and science at the primary and secondary school level in the Northern Cape Provence outside of Kuruman. Kuruman is located in the Kalahari Desert.

Jessica Wood Hubble (A&R# 14386), daughter of John & Marilyn Hubble of Dallas, TX, married Austin John Hipshen on April 29, 2011, in Dallas TX. Jessica is currently working at Gucci Corp and Austin is a commodities broker in New York City. They are living in Manhattan. 4 weeks after Jessica’s wedding, on May 28th, 2011, Christopher Fields Hubble (A&R# 14387), the second child of John & Marilyn’s tied the knot. Christopher and his new wife Michelle Janine (Shelley) Hoover were married in a ceremony in El Paso, TX. They will be living in Dallas.

Margie Hlava (A&R# 8867), a THFHS member and Society Vice-President was recently interviewed in the ArnoldIT.com Search Wizards Speak series. A blog devoted to Enterprise Search, (large company database searches). As more and more companies digitize their information, it is critical that the content be structured such that successful searches can be conducted. Margie is at the forefront of this vital link in any digitization process. To read the complete interview, visit our website and click on Margie Hlava Interview-2011 in the October 2011 Posts.

Members: If you have any family news, send the item to your Editor for inclusion in the next issue of “Family Notes”

Blogging On The Web

1990 was a momentous year in world events. In February, Nelson Mandela was freed after 27 years in prison. In April, the space shuttle Discovery carried the Hubble Space Telescope into orbit. And in October, Germany was reunified. Then at the end of 1990, another revolution took place that changed the way we live today.

Tim Berners-Lee, a physicist at CERN (the European Organization for Nuclear Research) followed his dream of a better, easier way to communicate via computers on a global scale, which led him to create the World Wide Web. He accomplished this by creating a browser-editor (the precursor of windows internet explorer) with the goal of developing a tool to make the Web a creative space to share and edit information. Today, there are approximately 80 million active websites where an amazing amount of information is routinely published. 1

An offshoot of the World Wide Web is the weblog or blog. A college student who began blogging in 1994 is recognized as one of the earliest bloggers 2. However, it has only been in the last 7 or 8 years that blogging has exploded in popularity. Bloggers can write about family happenings, special events like overseas trips, business or hobbies to name just a few. Some sites provide family information while others don’t, so some bloggers can be hard to identify.

Over the last 14 months all Hubbell/Hubble bloggers that have posted at least once have been catalogued. To date there are over 60 current Hubbell/Hubble bloggers on the internet. In this issue of Family Notes, 2 of these bloggers will be profiled. (For those readers that don’t use a computer, and I am told that there are a few, blogging is nothing more than an electronic diary, in its simplest form, where text, pictures and even video can be posted and viewed by the public on the internet) 1

1 http://info.cern.ch
2 http://en.wikopedia.org

Blog #1:

Sarah Hubbell was born in Philadelphia, Pa. but she currently lives with her husband, Mike and their 2 kids in Katy, Texas. Sarah has 2 blogs. In addition to being a mom and wife, Sarah is a chemical and environmental engineer, an entrepreneur, and a portrait photographer. She works three days a week, from home, in her role as Director of Technology for a water and wastewater treatment equipment company she helped start six years ago. That gives her plenty of time to hang out with her kids, manage her home, blog and run her other business, “Enlightened Photography”. See http://enlightenedphotography.wordpress.com/about/. Sarah says on her site, “My late father taught me the mechanics of photography with a 35mm Canon SLR but...continued on next page
the art of taking a great picture I learned from several wise mentors over many years. I specialize in child and family portrait photography because I absolutely love kids and their adorable quirks and expressions, but I don’t need any more of my own. I love my two little boys to death and you will see my portfolio has plenty of shots of them, but I love capturing the essence of other people’s kids as well.”

Her second site is called: http://www.waterwatereverywhere.net/. Started in 2005, this site is a personal blog where she talks about family. In her own words: “Water Water Everywhere is my personal blog where I write to encourage others that balance is possible, harmony and peace in the family are achievable, and life can and should be lived full of joy and not stress. I want my blog to be a place of calm amid the chaos of motherhood. To that end, I write about my perspective on parenting, faith, handling money wisely, and appreciating the beauty in the world around me through my photography, some travel, and fashion.

Sarah is also a contributor to “All Things Chic”, a popular lifestyle and fashion blog, and “Seeds of Faith” a blog for Christian women. She is also a “definite Twitter addict”, and she can usually be contacted at: http://twitter.com/MainlineMom

Not to be outdone, Sarah’s husband Mike is also a chemical engineer and, until recently, “owned” the number one most visited Penn State sports blog, Black Shoe Diaries.

Blog #2

Justin Hubbell grew up in South Wedge, Rochester New York. He went to the School of the Arts in his home town, then to SUNY New Paltz. Justin is an aspiring comic artist and writer. Speaking out on ignored social/political issues, he aims to publish a body of hard hitting graphic novels that "speak for the silent." He is currently living in New York. His blog is called: http://sheepspond.blogspot.com/. He also maintains a website, with comics at: http://www.justinhubbell.com/
Hal Hubble

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States, he still calls Parke and Clay counties his home. Hubble grew up on a farm between Brazil and Rockville, Indiana. His interest and love for music began with weekly Saturday night hoedowns. "There were some hot times, believe you me. I learned back then that an audience is the most important thing going for a performer. Give the people what they want, and they'll in return love you to death," Hubble recalled. Hal watched his father, Jim Hubble, play fiddle every Saturday. According to Hubble's biography, Hal was part of the Saturday night talent lineup from the start of first grade through high school. "Growing up, I played the fiddle. My brother played the guitar. My father told me he didn't think I'd ever learn to sing or play guitar," Hubble told The Brazil Times. "But I borrowed a kid's chord book and learned all the guitar chords. I was determined to learn to sing too."

Today, he still sings, and plays guitar, saxophone, mandolin and banjo. "If there's any one thing that's brought me happiness, it's music. But if there's anything that's also brought me unhappiness, it's music because of the disappointments," Hubble said. In addition to singing and writing, Hubble mentors young musicians like his friend Jason Wendell. "Hal's been around the block and I've learned a lot from him. Someone like Hal has a lot a real-world experience and he's great to talk to," Wendell said.

In addition, Hubble's musical dedication landed him a spot in the Wabash Valley Musicians Hall of Fame, and he was inducted Feb. 13, 2011. Hubble didn't begin his life after high school performing, but, like a first love, he never forgot it or stopped making music. After graduating from Van Buren High School in 1956, Hubble played minor league baseball for the Indianapolis Indians from 1957-1958. He later attended Porter Business College and studied to be a mortician. Hubble served as the funeral director of Beech Grove's Little and Sons Funeral Home, and ended up marrying the boss's daughter, Kay Little, in 1962. Hubble left the funeral home to work as a salesman and a factory laborer. Meanwhile, he still played music at the county fairs, alumni banquets and night clubs. Hubble performed with other groups and added equipment to his own group piece by piece as he could afford it.

In 1968, Hubble finally felt strong enough to play full-time gigs and make music his career. Along with his brother John, Hubble moved to California to entertain as the duo, The Hubble Brothers. Later, they went their separate ways, but Hal continued to play in such places as the Mint Casino in Las Vegas, Jilley's in Palm Springs and Disneyland. "I don't ever pick up a guitar for myself. I do it for other people's happiness," Hubble said. He also won first place in Vegas with "My Pulse Pumps Passions," and was named the Professional Country Category Winner in the first Songwriters International competition. "Major labels turn you down, but then you get another label to accept the same song that they turned you down on," Hubble said jokingly. Hubble says he's considering performing locally again, and is currently negotiating with local venues. "I want to go out and do some special shows, no more night clubs. I might travel, but that's all up in the air," Hubble explained.

Hal Hubble’s Impersonation of Elvis

This edition of Family Notes is published in the “Members Only” area on our website at www.hubbell.org. See all of the pictures in color! Also, you can read past issues of Family Notes (still under construction) and the Annual in the Publications Section.
these incredible pieces can be seen in another article published in the April 1998 issue of the magazine “Miniature Collector” (follow the same links as previously described above). This article goes into much detail on the design and production of the French ballroom and the collaborative nature of the “Hubble & Company” effort.

Over the years, Ron routinely attends a number of international events to showcase his work. Each year he attends the Miniaturas show (Madrid, Spain) in November and the Kensington Doll House Festival (London) in December. Additionally he attends shows in Chicago, Dallas, San Francisco and Los Angeles throughout the year (for a list of shows that Ron attends see his website: www.ronhubble.com). At these meetings Ron displays his furniture and accessory line of pieces (ranging in price from $20 to $500). And of course he networks with collectors and other artists.

Recently, Ron has evolved away from making custom individual pieces and now concentrates his time between architectural and interior design of large projects and teaching. Though a resident of St. Louis, Mo., each summer, Ron lives in Santa Barbara, Ca. and teaches classes up and down the West Coast. He also teaches in Europe on a regular basis.

Ronald Dean Hubble (#406d) was born in Hannibal, MO. 1/2/1952. He is the son of Harold Dean Hubble b: 12/2/1915 in Shelbina, Shelby County, Missouri (~40 miles west of Hannibal). Ron’s father was a contractor.

Family stories tells how his grandfather William Henry (Harold?) Hubble, in his late teens, walked from West Virginia to Missouri, then bought land and started farming in Shelbina. William H. was born in Virginia 12/12/1887. The 1900 census has William H. living in Smyth Co, Virginia with W.H. and Jane Wolfe. He died in Shelbina, Mo. November of 1968. Ron’s grandmother was Nettie Harris b: 2/20/1888 and died of Scarlet Fever Aug 15, 1933. After Nettie died his grandfather got a mail order bride-Mini Scott (she had one son Earl from a previous marriage). Ron is the great grandson of (A&R# 2746) Lewis Jackson Hubble and California Kate Wolfe.

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The study, the largest to date on breast cancer in African-American women, will involve 5,500 African-American women from four ongoing studies — the Carolina Breast Cancer Study (CBCS), the Women’s Circle of Health Study (WCHS), the Black Women’s Health Study (BWHS) and the Multiethnic Cohort Study (MEC) — as well as 5,500 controls, or healthy women. Until now, studies on breast cancer in African-American women have been hampered by not having a large population to investigate risk factors for specific subtypes of breast cancer and for breast cancer diagnosed at an early age. After the spread of her breast cancer to the brain, Jayne Hubbell and her husband, Phil, knew Jayne’s prognosis was poor, so they decided to get together with some of their favorite people. The couple held a gathering of friends and family (A Celebration of Life) in October 2008. Many in attendance made gifts in Jayne’s honor. Jayne and Phil (who has been a volunteer with Roswell Park’s Pastoral Care program since 2005) decided to establish an endowment for Roswell Park in January 2009 with gifts they received. The couple also decided to make a personal pledge of $25,000 and made arrangements for a charitable remainder trust payment that would benefit their endowment following Phil’s death. Jayne died that summer, knowing her family’s gifts would make a difference. In addition to their endowed fund, after Jayne’s death, Phil made a gift of $250,000 to fund studies seeking new treatments for women who face difficult to treat, aggressive breast cancers. “I’ve seen firsthand what makes Roswell so special. We wanted to invest in research that was so very needed to help others.”

Philip Hamilton Hubbell II (A&R# 12108) is the son of Ralph G. Hubbell (A&R# 9651), a sports announcer in Buffalo that was featured in the Spring 2008 Family Notes.