

Jacobi, Lori

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Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2005 12:30 AM
To: zenandtonic@comcast.net
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Let's stay in touch, and I hope I can acquire one of the display cases from you (with attribution in the exhibition, too).

Thanks again for writing.

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Alan

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Sent: Tue 10/11/2005 11:00 AM
To: Blum, Alan
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Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2005 11:22 PM
To: zenandtonic@comcast.net
Cc: Jacobi, Lori
Subject: RE: Kent Micronite Filter display

Thanks, Anthony. This is such a great idea that I now must insist we increase the budget so that we can tell the story of the KENT Micronite filter as a mini-exhibit within the overall exhibition. Surely all of the things you describe in your note, not to mention your time, would be worth far more. I think I should include my intact, unopened asbestos-era KENT pack to the mix, too.

The overall exhibition is entitled, "Cartoonists take up smoking," and it tells the story of the tobacco controversies over the latter half of the 20th century, as seen through the eyes of the nation's newspaper editorial cartoonists. More than 80 original cartoon artworks are in the exhibition (which will open at the National Museum of Health and Medicine next year), in addition to approximately 120 supplemental items (such as a copy of the original 1964 report of the Surgeon General, original newspapers with smoking related headlines, and a large number of advertisements and promotional materials). Although I don't know of any editorial cartoons about the micronite filter or about smoking and asbestos, it's possible I can come up with an angle that could justify including the KENT display.

I'd like to mention this idea to the director of the Museum, as we head into the final planning stages. (Early versions of the exhibition have been shown in Lexington (Kentucky), Seattle, Birmingham, and Tuscaloosa.)

Let's keep brainstorming at your convenience. My associate, Lori Jacobi, is archiving all items in the exhibition and serving as the liason with the museum. Her email is ljacobi@cchs.ua.edu in case you have other questions about the dimensions of exhibition cases and the like or if you haven't heard from me.

In any case, thanks for this great communication.

Alan

From: Zen and Tonic [mailto:zenandtonic@comcast.net]
Sent: Wed 10/12/2005 10:51 PM
To: Blum, Alan
Subject: RE: Kent Micronite Filter display

Dear Alan,

Thank you for your kind words regarding the Kent Micronite display. And, thank you for sharing some of your incredible recollections about the asbestos Kent Micronite filter; astounding details indeed.

It would be my pleasure to work with you in providing Kent Micronite Filter display items for your exhibit (and within your indicated budget). Along this line, I also have a couple of ideas for showcasing the filter materials in the display, per your approval.

In addition to my eBay hobby endeavors, I construct asbestos material displays for environmental training providers in my area. The display containers are larger than the single-cigarette display, and consequently, hold more materials. These larger acrylic display cases are also completely clear, durable, and sealed. The mounted sample pieces are secured firmly in place and are quite visible; the training providers seem to find them indispensable.

I was thinking of making a display that includes: a nicely presented "intact" Kent Micronite Filter cigarette; a dissected

Micronite filter enclosed within a clear petri dish; a "cabinet" size mineral specimen of crocidolite; and a small, sealed vial of separated blue-grey crocidolite fibers; and photos with magnified images of the crocidolite/fibrous filter materials. All items would be appropriately labeled, highlighting each of their respective relevant features.

The cigarette by itself is astonishing in its own right; but I also believe that including a cut apart filter showing the bluish crocidolite asbestos and including an exemplary mineral sample of actual crocidolite along with the display would seem to connect the filter's bewildering "asbestos/tobacco" relationship even more. At the same time, the inclusion of asbestos in the display may have the added benefit of also increasing asbestos-awareness; all in the context of promoting current human health and historical corporate marketing guises.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this proposal. Although I am obligated to be out-of-town for approximately 2 weeks in New Orleans on a current work assignment, I will be returning around October 28th. I would like to forward a couple of photos showing the larger display case with the crocidolite specimen and other materials for your review at that time. Please contact me at your earliest convenience with your schedule requirements for preparing the display items to coordinate with your exhibition(s).

I am truly delighted with the prospect of an opportunity to help contribute to your very meaningful and exceptional endeavors

Sincerely,
Anthony G. Rich

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Jacobi, Lori

From: Blum, Alan
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2006 7:13 PM
To: zenandtonic@twmi.rr.net
Subject: RE: Looking forward to exhibit

Hi, Anthony. This is great news. Please let me know where to send the payment. My two emails are ablum@cchs.ua.edu and ljacobi@cchs.ua.edu. Her number is ###-###-####. The best address is to me at ablum@cchs.ua.edu. Please let me know how you'll be sending it, so I'll be on the look-out. Hope all's well with you and your family. Alan

From: Zen and Tonic [mailto:zenandtonic@twmi.rr.com]
Sent: Sun 1/29/2006 10:19 AM
To: Blum, Alan
Subject: Looking forward to exhibit

Greetings Dr. Blum.

I have completed your Kent Micronite Display (with added features) and it is ready for delivery. If you are still interested in obtaining the display for your exhibition(s), please reply back with your shipping information at your earliest convenience.

I hope this email reaches you in good favor. A few weeks ago, I had attempted to send several photos to you as email attachments for your review and to inquire about the status of your interest with the display previously discussed, but most of the emails were returned as "undeliverable".

Take care and be safe.

Sincerely,
Anthony G. Rich (ebaY ID: "star-stuff")

-----Original Message-----

From: Blum, Alan [mailto:ablum@cchs.ua.edu]
Sent: Sunday, November 13, 2005 1:03 PM
To: zenandtonic@twmi.rr.com
Subject: Looking forward to exhibit
Importance: High

Thanks for your prompt and thoughtful reply, Anthony. I look forward to the exhibit and also to hearing more about your work, especially your sojourn in New Orleans. Let's stay in close touch. And warm regards to your wife, who wrote a nice note in your absence. Alan

1/30/2006

Jacobi, Lori

From: Jacobi, Lori
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2006 9:14 AM
To: 'asbestos-hunter@hotmail.com'
Subject: Kent Micronite filter display

Anthony,

Dr. Blum tells me that he has lost contact with you and he's asked that I contact you to verify that we should send a check for \$100 for the filter display to you at _____ . If this is correct, I can have that check written this Friday and sent to you immediately. The display can be sent to: _____

Let me know if your address is correct and thank you for your patience.

Lori Jacobi
Archivist
The Center for the Study of Tobacco and Society The University of Alabama
(205)348-2162

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(Original Message):

From: "*Jacobi, Lori*" <ljacobi@cchs.ua.edu>

To: <asbestos-hunter@hotmail.com>

Subject: *Kent Micronite filter display*

Date: *Wed, 26 Apr 2006 09:14:06 -0500*

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Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2006 10:41 PM
To: Jacobi, Lori
Subject: Kent Micronite Filter Display

Hello Lori,

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From: Zen and Tonic [zenandtonic@twmi.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, May 07, 2006 11:54 PM
To: Jacobi, Lori
Subject: RE: Kent Micronite Filter Display

Lori,

Check payment has been received for the Kent Micronite display materials and thank you for your purchase. The display package will be shipped on Tuesday (May 9, 2006) via insured USPS Priority Mail service to the previously indicated street address. I hope the Kent Micronite display materials are received in good order and meets with the Center's satisfaction and exhibition purposes. Thanks again.

Sincerely,
Anthony

-----Original Message-----

From: Jacobi, Lori [mailto:ljacobi@cchs.ua.edu]
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2006 9:59 AM
To: zenandtonic@twmi.rr.com
Subject: RE: Kent Micronite Filter Display

Great! I just spoke to our accountant and he will send you a check today.

Lori

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found cartoons

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From: Blum, Alan
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2006 4:27 PM
To: Jacobi, Lori
Subject: RE: Kent display

1 cartoon
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Just check and see if we have any cartoons related to the filter, low-tar, or some aspect of the cigarette itself. Also we need to include a KENT ad from the 1950s advertising the Micronite filter, plus the sample packs that were given out in those plastic cases at medical meetings. It's just a marvelous historical moment. The modern angle is that no filter, with or without asbestos, confers any health benefit, and that's the ultimate point. We should say that today nearly all cigarettes are filtered brands, in spite of the fact that the filter does not make smoking in any way, shape, or form safer. In fact, by having to suck harder to get the smoke, this increases the risk for emphysema and heart disease by increasing the exposure to poison gases like carbon monoxide, cyanide, and ammonia. I could see the overall headline: "The Filter as Fraud." They'd never let that get used, so perhaps we should simply say "The Filter: Not Safer." The filter is made of cellulose acetate rolled like a little roll of toilet paper. There are holes in the filter to ventilate the smoke, but since our lips cover these holes, they only serve to fool the machines that measure, at the tip, the levels of poisons in each cigarette. Why not order another display from Anthony? AB

draft
4/1/06

From: Jacobi, Lori
Sent: Fri 5/19/2006 4:11 PM
To: Blum, Alan
Subject: Kent display

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I unpacked the Kent display and it is SO COOL! I put everything back as it was to protect it. Now I just need to compose some text. I can ship it to DC next week with the Califano foam core cartoons.

Lori

of 5/20/06 slides
Time Out
- Hepa

As far as your request for obtaining an additional display, what components of the display materials would you be interested in acquiring? Are you interested in just the "intact" Kent Micronite cigarette display? Or, the "intact" display with Crocidolite mineral sample? Or, everything as sent in your last shipment? Also, I could send some photos of other suggested display components, if you'd like. It would be a pleasure to provide additional Kent Micronite display materials to you.

Sincerely,
Anthony

-----Original Message-----

From: Jacobi, Lori [mailto:ljacobi@cchs.ua.edu]

Sent: Monday, May 22, 2006 8:24 AM

To: zenandtonic@twmi.rr.com

Subject: Kent filter display

Anthony,

The Kent Micronite display is awesome! It will make a great addition to our show. Is it possible to acquire another?

Lori

Jacobi, Lori

From: Zen and Tonic [zenandtonic@twmi.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2006 11:12 PM
To: Jacobi, Lori
Subject: RE: Kent filter display

Lori,

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My current available supply of intact original Kent Micronite Filter cigarettes are somewhat limited. However, if you believe it is in the best interest of your exhibition/showcase purposes, I can dissect and prepare an extra Kent Micronite Filter cigarette and include it with the other basic Kent Micronite display materials (like the display package sent to you recently).

The "other suggested display components" for the Micronite display series that are available, basically consist of:

--The original 1955 King Size Kent Micronite cigarette package; empty, but in very good condition. In such good condition in fact, that when it was opened, it was carefully opened from the bottom leaving the original cellophane wrapping almost entirely intact. The original 1"-wide, blue, Series #125 DeWitt-Clinton tax stamp is perfectly intact on the top of the package and appears in its sealed/undisturbed condition. The empty package has not been crushed nor pressed, but rather, it appears to maintain its "full" shape. A historical item to display alongside the Kent Micronite cigarette materials.

--Various sizes of display cases. I included the larger clear acrylic display case with the reflective base in your last package, which seemed to adequately accommodate all of the individual pieces. However, there are smaller cases with similar design features (i.e.- reflective base, shape, etc.) that can be customized to suit your specific display configuration if needed.

--Various sizes and grades of Crocidolite mineral samples; larger/smaller, with/without matrix rock, "processed", variable colorations, mounted/unmounted specimens, etc.

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These do NOT contain asbestos, but do offer a historical comparison between filter types from an early era of filter-tipped cigarettes, particularly between original Micronite Filter cigarettes. The filter media of these cigarettes appear to be slightly "off-color" (very light grey-ish blue), consistent with the reported dye-effect attempts by Lorillard to "brand" or distinguish the Micronite filter.

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Lori

-----Original Message-----

From: Zen and Tonic [mailto:zenandtonic@twmi.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2006 9:29 AM
To: Jacobi, Lori
Subject: RE: Kent filter display

Hello Lori,

Thank you for your notification message regarding receiving the Kent Micronite Display material and your satisfaction with it. I hope it assists with increasing awareness about tobacco/asbestos hazards and the "truth" in related historical advertising.

Jacobi, Lori

From: Blum, Alan
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2006 3:18 PM
To: Jacobi, Lori
Subject: RE: KENT display

Funny, but the only one in the right time frame for the asbestos-Micronite filter is the first ad with the various luxury objects. But the ad doesn't do anything for me. I like the other two ads. The best ad would be the early-1950s series of black and white ones with the guy blowing through a white napkin to show how the KENT smoke leaves less of a stain. I know we have plenty of these. There are always some on ebay. AB

From: Jacobi, Lori
Sent: Tue 5/23/2006 3:12 PM
To: Blum, Alan
Subject: KENT display

Steve Hill says they have a 2' x 4' x 6" display case that he can use for the Kent stuff. The Lucite boxes within the larger box could be displayed in the case along with cartoons and ads. Speaking of ads, I found three Kent ads (attached). The MD Magazine ad dates to 1960, after the asbestos filter was pulled.

Lori