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CHRISTMAS ON MY MIND

Item# 5698

By: Thomas Clark

Every Christmas there is a traditional party at the North Pole for Santa, Mrs. Claus and the elves. This year the theme is a karaoke contest, and the Christmas party invitation said to “come as your favorite entertainer.” Each individual has to impersonate an entertainer of their choice.

Santa Claus has gotten himself a pair of dark glasses and a bow tie. He is really getting into the spirit of the party by singing “Christmas on my Mind.” If the elves would like to join in, they can grab a trumpet or the drums or the French horn. With the addition of the piano, they can have a real band playing. If you’d like, Santa will play a few tunes—*I Can’t Stop Loving Christmas*, *Hit the Road Rudolph* and *Hallelujah I Love Christmas So*.

Of course, Santa Claus can never truly disguise himself. No matter who he tries to impersonate, we’ll always recognize his red suit, his round shape and his beard. So he can’t sing, *You Don’t Know Me*, but he can get us into the happy spirit of Christmas by leading us in singing, *Let the Good Times Roll!*

DARBY AND JOAN

Item #5610

by Tom Clark

Since the 18th century, Darby and Joan have been known in literature to be the quintessential, happily-married, elderly couple. These gnomes with the same names have put their heads together for a trip down memory lane. “Do you remember when . . .”? Joan most likely does remember, but she enjoys hearing Darby retell the story. When love grows older, memories stay new.

There are two linked oak acorns sitting in front of them and two birds on the South African coin that they found in the forest. Like them, Darby and Joan will stay head to head and back to back for year and memories to come.

Drench

Item# 5588

By Thomas F. Clark

This Green Thumb Gnome works for the Cairn Fire Department. He is their best “hose-down” man. When off duty he tackles the water hose in his own backyard. He knows that one setting does not fit all. The impatient take more water and the marigolds take less. The big leaf plants like to be soaked, and the African violets are content with a mere misting. Drench is a professional at watering. On the back of his statue you can see his fireman’s badge, based on a design of the badge in Denver, Colorado. Cheers to Drench; he can put out any fire or wake up any plant.

NICKLAUS

Item #5607

by Tom Clark

This little gnome is proud of being named in honor of his favorite golfer, Jack Nicklaus. His parents thought the name would bring him good luck, especially since they live near a golf course.

Although he isn’t large enough to play professional golf, the gnome, Nicklaus, is constantly on the lookout for stray balls. If you ever lose one near his home, just whistle, and he will divide the grass around the ball so that you can find it.

To help golfers make a longer drive, Nicklaus has replaced the tee with a thimble. This will help make the shot ‘sew’ good.

The lucky coins add up to 55. Is that an impossible score for 18 holes? Maybe not—just look at the coins again. See, there’s a “hole in one”!

NUTTY AND THE PROFESSOR

Item #5605

by Tom Clark

“Nuts”! That’s what interests these two characters—Nutty, the mouse, and the botany Professor. A book on nuts is helping the old teacher identify all the acorns on the base. He belongs to the Green Thumb Society as you can see from the logo on the book cover. A leaf on his thumb confirms his membership. Sometimes a small limb of a tree gets too burdened down with new acorns, and that is when the Professor takes the axe and cuts them loose.

Why are the mouse and Professor staring ahead? Perhaps another mouse is helping himself to “their” acorns. Or maybe they see the rabbit who posed for the coin from Zimbabwe.

Some folks say that a mouse helped Ben Franklin with his inventions. Maybe this mouse is helping the Professor with his research . . . or is that Nutty?

SHAMROCK

Item #5604

by Tom Clark

When Irish eyes are smiling, sure ‘tis like a morn in May! And Shamrock’s eyes are smiling all the time. Of course, when it’s time for some Irish stew, he smiles a little broader, although he has eaten so much of his favorite food he can no longer button his vest all the way down.

His new walking stick, a shillelagh, was a little too tall for him, so he cut it down to size. You can find the top of the stick lying on the base. You can also find his lucky Irish coin, which you may want to use when buying an Irish sweepstakes ticket.

The leaf on his “green thumb,” as well as the logo on his top hat are indications that he belongs to the leprechaun branch of Green Thumb Gnomes. He can make any garden green just by whistling for some Irish Mist to settle on the yard.

He was proud of his nice hat . . . until a bird sat on it and made a dent. But no dent was made in Shamrock’s smile. By the way, if you like Ireland, you’ll be able to find a smiling face in Shamrock’s beard.

SNACK

Item #5696

By Tom Clark

Breakfast is eaten very early in the morning in the life of a Garden Gnome. So when mid-morning comes, a snack is much needed and appreciated. Having just found a lucky Korean coin, Snack feels he deserves this treat.

It helps to have a chipmunk friend who can lead you to the best selection of nuts in the forest. As you can see, both of these woodland inhabitants are engrossed in their snack break. New energy will come from this nutrition and the rest of the chores can be tackled with enthusiasm. “Snack” will be gathering wood and berries, while Chip will be . . . er . . . monkeying around!

SPROUT

Item #5602 by Tom Clark These two garden gnomes are brothers and grew up loving plants. They played among the pots that their parents used, and they learned what makes a plant healthy. Even now, in their old age, they enjoy “potting” around with flowers and green plants. If you place these characters inside a flower pot, like African Violets or Primrose, you’ll see how effective these gnomes are at encouraging growth.

Both Sprig and Sprout have lucky pennies that they will use in their gardening. There is an old gnome custom to put a penny in the soil under a plant for good luck. The handbag contains more coins if they run out!

TATTOO

Item #5612

by Tom Clark

When a macho gnome rolls up his sleeves, the other folks usually run for cover. But this time is different. Tattoo just wants to show off his new tattoo. There can’t be any doubt now that the toughest of the gnomes loves his Mom!

Tattoo has found a lucky Irish coin, which is right behind his feet. It shows a mother hen followed by her chick. Likewise, no matter how old or strong or how far away from the nest the gnome child gets, he’s still proud to be a ‘Momma’s boy.’

I sculpted this artwork during Mother’s Day weekend, so the theme seemed appropriate. Of course, it is really appropriate for any day of the year when you love and honor your mother. The tattoo on Tattoo is for life . . . and so is his love for mom!

Thimble and Fred

Item# 5690

By: Thomas F. Clark

Our gnome, “Fred,” and “Thimble,” the mouse, are about to go into stitches as they laugh at each other wearing thimble hats.

One lucky coin is from Somalia, showing an elephant, the animal that is so afraid of mice. Our “mighty mouse” is standing on a spool of Clark’s thread, and under the thimble and in Fred’s hand is a coin from Norway. The ten ore piece shows a bee because, well, after all, it’s a sewing bee!

Welcome Home GTG

Item# 5585

By: Thomas F. Clark

Have you ever arrived home and then discovered that you had misplaced the key? Well, worry no more about that happening, for John Jeffrey has a skeleton key to make certain that you get in and are Welcome Home! The name “Katie” in the center of the key is in honor of John Jeffrey’s granddaughter, who has the key to his heart. My home town is Elizabethtown, North Carolina. The lucky coin on this statue shows the old courthouse, around which I used to roller skate. The coin celebrates the town’s Bicentennial (1773-1973). When I visit Elizabethtown along the Cape Fear River, the folks always “Welcome me Home.” Please place “John Jeffrey” near your front door – either inside or outside – so that he, too, can Welcome You Home!