

# MCCOY LIGHT - "Lamps: Hot or Not"

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While sitting in my meager home office one day contemplating what my next Journal Article might be, I decided to look thru my lamp collection for lamps that may not be easily found. As I looked over my collection, I saw some that you could find on most days either on E-Bay, in Antique Shops or at Flea Markets.

I found the Boot Lamp (Of Course) with the original shade, the Wishing Well Lamp (Made by McCoy for Buckingham Ceramics), the Fireplace TV Lamp from the 1950s, the Rearing Horse Lamp, the Wagon Wheel Lamp with an original shade, the Panther Planter TV Lamp and the Model "A" Car Lamp just to name a few. These lamps are a small selection of some common and abundant ones that are easily found.



The Internet is flush with Boot Lamps for sale, especially on E-Bay. As I write this, there are 97 lamps listed as being attributed to McCoy and 19 of them were Boot Lamps. That means 19.5% or about one fifth of the McCoy Lamp listings were Boot Lamps. 57 lamps of the 97 had nothing to do with Nelson McCoy but were listed as McCoy. So, that is 58.76% of the 97 listings. These two groups of listings added together equals 78.26% of the 97. Of the remaining 22% or 21 lamps listed some and I mean some were Fireplace Lamps, Wagon Wheel Lamps, Model "A" Car Lamps a Sunflower TV Lamp and many Candle Lamps. These are relatively easy to find lamps. Those remaining were fairly common but found less easily.

My observation that day was that most of the **available** Nelson McCoy Lamps are very common or just a little hard to find but not so desirable. Some probably would or could be purchased however the asking price was out of reach for most of us and to top that off, the added cost of shipping puts the price way over an affordable fun purchase. We're all looking for that bargain, aren't we?



Every once in awhile though, a “fairly” rare or very hard to find lamp will surface and be for sale. Lamps such as the Hyacinth Lamp, Wild Rose Lamps, Blossomtime Lamps, the Hunting Dog Planter Lamp, Cookie Jar Lamps, the Mermaid, Arcature and Mini Lamps all are elusive and you don’t see them for sale often.



If you are lucky enough to come across one of these hard to find lamps, you will probably pay a premium price to get it. Sometimes too, the rarity of the glaze color will command a higher than average price. You may be attracted to matte colors or have an eye for an onyx glaze. Whatever your tastes are, if you search long enough, what you are looking for probably will be found.



So, get out there when possible. Protect yourself from getting this horrible virus. Wear your masks and don’t forget to wash those hands. Maybe wash them while you are washing your newly found Blossomtime Lamp in the warm soapy water. Just remember to be safe and keep looking for the lamps you like. And ..... Don’t forget to use them.

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