

R H I N O P H I L I G H T S

This month we introduce you to two rhinophiles 8,000 apart! If you know of any rhinophiles, anywhere in the galaxy, please let us know!

On this side of the Atlantic, down Arkansas way, you'll find Debbie Byrne & Tim Ward. Rhinos are a family affair for the Wards. The rhino collecting began when Tim and Debbie met more than ten years ago. Several years later Debbie and her husband began collecting rhinos of all types. Today their collection includes over 200 rhinos of all sizes and shapes and kinds.

Tim was born in Susanville, California in 1950 and raised in Klamath Falls, Oregon. He is a fifth generation dentist who graduated 1976 from Oregon Dental School. Tim's great-grandfather was instrumental in getting Stanford's

dental school off the ground. Debbie and Tim met in 1984 after talking via phone for three months while she worked for a dental product company. By 1985, they began a telemarketing business which prompted Tim to lecture, giving dental seminars on periodontics (gum disease). He has done this for three years now and is putting more emphasis on the dental office.

They are working toward RHINO 2, the New Generation format including more information on nutrition, pension funding, time management and general organizing of the hygiene department. The rhino logo has been incorporated by her husband in his nationally known dental consulting business, R.H.I.N.O. (Real Happiness In Non Operative Services) which is changing the face of today's general

dental office. Now backed by corporate sponsors, RHINO SEMINARS is a million dollar business. The *Rhino Report* is a newsletter mailed to 4,000 dentists nationally on a subscription basis. If there are any dentists out there, ask for a copy of their stationery. Debbie designed it. Cute. A major reason for their use of

the rhino logo is their concern for the endangered species. To make a difference in the efforts to help save the rhino is one of their long range goals

Meanwhile Debbie is no slouch. She owns and operates the Rhino Connection, a shop replete with calendars, cards, pottery, baby things - something for everyone. She will soon celebrate her first anniversary. Of course, she also scouts for rhinos to fill her shop. In fact, she is planning a mail-order catalogue and anyone who has rhino material for sale is asked to send information to her. Right now she has a be-a-u-ti-ful t-shirt which says r h i n o and has the profile of a white rhino on it. She also has very unique gift tags and rhino cards which I haven't seen anywhere else (not even in Portland!) Debbie is definitely a specialist in filling your rhino needs.

Write, call or visit Debbie Byrne at the Rhino Connection, 4101 Harrison, Batesville, AR 72501. (501) 793-8112.

Another rhinophile comes all the way from England. Meet Jill Jarvis.

"I saw my first rhino in the Maasai Mara Game Reserve, in 1978, in the same year I went to Meru and saw and was able to touch the white rhinos, the same animals so brutally gunned down in 1988. I work as a cook in a private preparatory school in the South of England. It is hard work, but we do have the long holidays, especially in the summer, so I get plenty of time to devote to main interests which are animals and natural history. I also collect scarce and out-of-print books on Africana. [ed note: see Bookseller box] As you can see, I do not have a great collection of rhinos yet, but I have only been collecting for two years, but rhinos seem to be as scarce in the shops here, as well as in the wild.

