

# Chris' Measle-free button Competition Challenge

## Kathy Maurer

- Row 1 - Elephant button from one of my baby dresses made by Mom.  
My favorite button in her box, Bakelite with brass OME.  
Dad made just a few wooden buttons, which I treasure.  
I bought 6 Navajo buttons of a trip to Colorado in 1963, an adult souvenir.
- Row 2 - As an antique dealer and auction goer I always bid on the estate button box.  
I also found a couple of button books and started learning.  
China stencil, steel cup, passementerie, enamel with hand painting.
- Row 3 - We moved to Reno NV in 1993 and I found a Button Club! They all were  
friendly and patient with this newbie collector.  
The state button was the favor from my first Button Show.  
The buckle was from Dorothy Button (real name) who was downsizing.  
The triangle is from Maureen who loved snap-togethers. I'm always  
looking for 4 or more layers.  
Virginia gave me the Street Railway button when I told her I grew up in Spokane.
- Row 4 - A satsuma from long time friend Bev who just liked them.  
Enamel Renaissance boy was my first expensive button.  
I love black and white buttons whatever they are made of.
- Row 5 - The trip of our lifetime - London and Paris, 2017  
Hat from the Button Queen Shop in London - no longer open.  
I met a Mudlark. John is licensed to search the flats along the  
Thames and dig up treasures. This is a George I coin from 1723 turned  
into a button a century or more ago. The shank is there but loop is  
flattened into unmountable state. I am honored he sold it to me.  
The plastic padlock and metal perfume are from Paris.
- Row 6 - Tri-Cities Button Club, TCBC  
Rose Sullivan started the group. She sold me this Dutch silver which  
is British hallmarked for 1899 when imported into England.  
Stoneware was made for me by Dee, longtime antique dealer friend.  
Buffed celluloid is for Inge who introduced me to a category I'd not  
payed attention to before.  
FIMO shoe was given by Lucy who bought several at an area craft  
show many years ago. I haven't tracked down the maker, yet.