

Uncommon Collection Site

Problem

Using Peter Buchanan-Smith's book *SPECK, A Curious Collection of Uncommon Things* as inspiration (please take a look at it on reserve at the library) develop a web site which organizes and displays an **uncommon** collection of 15 to 30 of your photographs / scans (collected by you). You should also include some appropriate information about each item such as: where it was found, the date, the name, the color, etc. This will be a Dreamweaver project primarily using HTML and CSS with limited graphics. You should get your idea OK'd by me A.S.A.P. and start collecting!

Project specs

Page specs

- A short description of the project, your uncommon collection, and a mention of, and link to the book that inspired it
- A gallery for your pictures which includes a grid of small thumbnails and a bit of textual information on the item, each thumbnail should be able to be clicked to reveal a larger version and possibly more information depending on the concept
- A way for users to contact you via email and a way for folks to know your name

Technical specs

- The page content's width should be no more than 750 pixels wide, the height of the pages has no limit
- 15 to 30 items
- All images should be adequately compressed and 72 ppi to scale
- Thumbnails should be the same width and height
- All pages should be linked to a single external css style sheet that defines the presentation and location of its elements, using more than one sheet or embedded styles may be appropriate, but their use should be defensible
- Other than the images of your uncommon items, the presentation of the page should be dominantly defined with standard css rules. Subtle use of graphical elements such as tiled background images, rounded corners and next or back buttons are appropriate.
- Anchor links should change states when rolled over.

Creative specs

- The creative problem is to develop an **uncommon** collection, so traditional collections such as: base ball cards, hummels, or commemorative plates are not what we're looking for. The book will be the best place for examples.
- Though the collection should be uncommon the items in it should have a common theme
- Consider keeping the layout clean and sharp, and letting the interesting objects do most of the talking. The layout and organization of the book can also be a good source of inspiration, and of course, the groovy site links on the course web site should also be utilized.

Project Objectives

- To creatively find the uncommon in the common
- To explore creative idea generation techniques such as developing mind maps, brainstorming and lists
- To further understand the implementation of html and css to produce web applications
- To study and implement appropriate usability principles
- To organize content into logical and usable structures
- To organize data such as images and files into logical and easily accessible structures
- To study and implement appropriate aesthetic graphic and web design principles
- To utilize the appropriate image resolution and compression for specific types of images

Evaluation

- Quality of design and artwork
- Concept
- Technical mastery
- Use of discussed technique and principles

Delivery

- Site uploaded to my server and linked to, from your personal directory page.