

FRANKOMA

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL PLATES

AMERICA'S FIRST ANNUAL LIMITED EDITION CHRISTMAS PLATE SERIES



1965
"Good Will Towards Men"



1966
"Bethlehem Shepherds"



1967
"Gifts for The Christ Child"



1968
"Flight Into Egypt"



1969
"Laid in a Manger"



1980

"UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN"

Boxed

In 1965 The Late John Frank, Artist and Founder of Frankoma Pottery created the first annual Christmas plate made in America. They were inspired by the Christmas story and the fact that the life of Christ has been the inspiration of more "Art" in all of its mediums, than any one subject in the history of the world. A self imposed demand was that every plate should have a scriptural background for each years renderings. No other pottery to our knowledge has attempted such a religious annual commemorative plate in the history of America.

They are done in low bas-relief, with sharp enough detail, and sufficient good modeling as to make each plate a treasured piece of **sculpture**, as well as tell a story relative to Christmas time and the life of Christ. They are done in a semi-translucent "Della Robbia" white glaze. The plate is 8½ inches in diameter; the master mold was signed by Mr. Frank through 1973. Beginning in 1974 the master mold is signed by his daughter Joniece Frank; all plates are copyrighted. The production is limited to those that are actually sold up till about the 10th of December. The master mold is destroyed on Christmas eve, and there are none made after that. The edition is limited to that year.

These plates are introduced in early spring and only sold through Frankoma Pottery dealers, for it was created as a bonus for their participation and selling Frankoma Pottery. We have tried to keep the price very reasonable so that more people can afford to own them, collect and enjoy them.

We hope they will be a spiritual inspiration and reminder of the lasting value of the scriptures, and a blessing to all those who possess them.

PAST ISSUES NO LONGER AVAILABLE FROM FACTORY



1979
"The Star of Hope"



1978
"All Nature Rejoiced"



1977
"Birth of Eternal Life"



1976
"The Gift of Love"



1975
"Peace on Earth"



1970
"King of Kings"



1971
"No Room in the Inn"



1972
"Seeking The Christ Child"



1973
"The Annunciation"



1974
"She Loved and Cared"