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Butte's World Museum of Mining and Spooky Antiques



This was just a little clip someone put up on YouTube. Obviously it was part of a longer show, but there is no further information given. It would be interesting to see more. [The World Museum of Mining](#) was built on and around the [Orphan Girl Mine](#), an underground hardrock mine that operated from 1875 to 1956. There are underground tours you can take too. The "town" in the video is an outdoor exhibit called [Hetroarin Gulch](#), a composite re-creation of an Old West mining town. Some of the buildings are quite old and were moved here from various places throughout Montana, while others were built onsite. All of them have exhibits inside. Although it can be hard to find for some visitors, it is definitely a must-see for anyone traveling through Butte, or who wants to get a sense of Montana and its past.

The man in the clip tells of seeing an apparition in a yellow sticker. There are certainly places at the World Museum where the shadows of the past lie heavily around you, as you walk around, especially if it is a day when there are fewer visitors. I have had such feelings there myself, that I wasn't really alone, such as in "the dry" in the [hoist house](#) by the headframe. The mention of the dolls frightening a worker there is interesting as well. Some believe that spirits can become attached not only to particular sites or buildings, but also artifacts, furniture, and other objects. One famous example is the sinister reputation of the doll in Florida called [Robert](#).

It's not just dolls that can be haunted. Some antiques seem to have "something" that comes along for the ride. There is a brisk business selling "haunted items" on eBay. Walk around in an antique mall sometime by yourself and see what you can "feel" from certain objects (this type of psychic sense is called psychometry). Some feelings a person gets from an antique might be simple memory locked in an object; in other cases...who knows? When you buy a rocking chair, a lamp, a watch, a doll, clothing, etc. --something that had a past life you know nothing about-- you need to be careful that you don't bring "something else" home as well!

An interesting article about haunted antiques: [Antiques and collectibles](#)

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Emma said...

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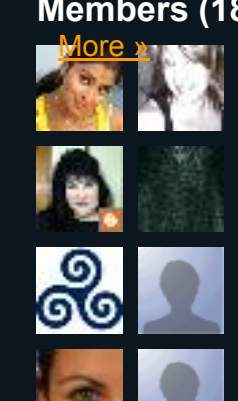
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