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'50s Flavored Finds

A taste of the late '40s through the early '60s found in amateur stereo slides

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Relaxing Around the House

These two ladies in our first view (who I'm guessing are perhaps mother and daughter) appear to be having a nice visit, but I'm not so sure that they are wearing their everyday around-the-house clothes! Could they maybe have been on their way to church or to a wedding?

Unfortunately, the slide mount offers no information other than a handwritten "May 1956". The style

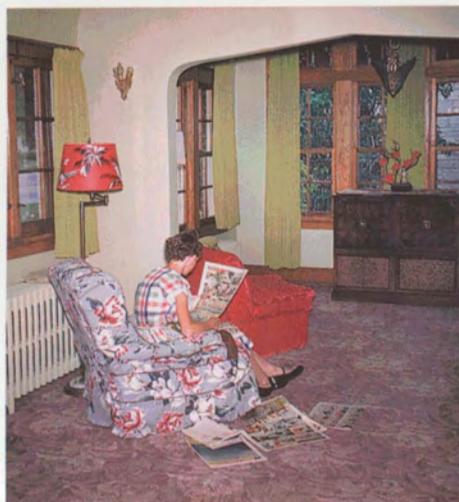
of their clothes and hair is a lot of fun though. This is a Kodachrome slide, in an older style (gray with red edges) Kodak cardboard mount. The photographer is unknown.

Our second view shows a woman catching up on the comics from the Sunday newspaper in a house that was apparently built well before the '50s, judging by the radiator, windows, and a ceiling light fixture that strongly resembles a large bat spreading its wings.

However, the chairs and floor lamp have quite a bit of that mid-century charm. I like the giant floral pattern on the nearest chair, and the pattern on the shade of the floor lamp is also nice. You don't see red lamp shades every day, but this one goes well with the red chair! (Although it would seem that the room would be bathed in a sea of red when that lamp is used!)

The woman's dress, while not so crisp and formal-looking as those in the previous view, is also a colorful example of the style of the times.

This slide was mounted in a "Kwik Mount" slip-in mount made by the Armme Company, Chicago, USA. It is unlabeled, but other slides from this same photographer show dates from 1952 into the later '50s. Most of his slides were apparently shot near where he lived and worked, in a suburb of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. 📷📷



This column combines a love of stereo photography with a fondness for 1950s-era styling, design and decor by sharing amateur stereo slides shot in the "golden age" of the Stereo Realist—the late 1940s through the early 1960s. From clothing and hairstyles to home decor to modes of transportation, these frozen moments of time show what things were really like in the middle of the twentieth century. If you've found a classic '50s-era slide that you would like to share through this column, please send it to: Fifties Flavored Finds, 5610 SE 71st, Portland, OR 97206.

As space allows, we will select a couple of images to reproduce in each issue. This is not a contest—just a place to share and enjoy. Please limit your submission to a single slide. If the subject, date, location, photographer or other details are known, please send that along too, but we'll understand if it's not available. Please include return postage with your slide. Slides will be returned within 6 to 14 weeks, and while we'll treat your slide as carefully as our own, Stereo World and the NSA assume no responsibility for its safety.

