

Shooting Gallery
Floral Splendour and Hunting Romance

Manufacturer: An unknown company in Thuringia

Year of construction: End of the 1950s/beginning of the 1960s

Owner: Monika Meicher, Calbe/Saale

With shooting gallery inventory from Sebnitz and Neustadt in Saxony, mid-1960s

The first simple shooting stands appeared at funfairs around 1840. In the 1870s, the first shooting galleries became established on fairgrounds.

The design of the shooting gallery from the post-war decades that is shown here has been largely preserved in its original form. In addition to figurative front paintings, which often depict hunting scenes, the decoration as a half-timbered hunting lodge was also popular for shooting galleries in the Federal Republic.

In the shooting gallery, merchandise from the GDR is displayed. The artificial flowers made of paper or plastic were produced in various factories in Sebnitz and Neustadt in Saxony in the Ore Mountains.

Many of the artificial flowers shown here are "collectors' flowers": flowers with glued-on stamps from Eastern Europe or matchbox and bottle labels from the region of the former GDR. They can be dated to the mid-1960s.