Five Fun Facts: The Toothbrush

1. The Chinese invented the first toothbrushes by embedding hog hairs into ivory, bone or bamboo handles.

2. The most popular toothbrush color is blue.

3. The toothbrush was selected as the number one invention Americans could not live without, beating the automobile and personal computer.

4. The average American spends over 1,000 hours brushing their teeth in their lifetime.

5. Americans spend over $850 million a year on toothbrushes.

Sources: Delta Dental, Lemelson-MIT Invention Index, Front Range Dental Center.