



2009 Convention Education Session Information Thursday, July 9

Keynote: Cathy Wurzer

Title: Tales of the Road

Thursday: July 9, 10:30 a.m.

Session: Description:

Cathy Wurzer is the author of a new book about historical sites along Highway 61 which includes a chapter about Red Wing Pottery and the potters themselves. She received a good deal of help from RWCS and the Goodhue Co. Historical Society. Cathy will talk about the research that went into the book that focuses on stories along the highway that have been, until now, not well known.

Speaker Biography:

Cathy Wurzer is one of Minnesota's premiere journalists, with an extensive background in public and commercial broadcasting. Cathy is currently the host of "Morning Edition" on Minnesota Public Radio. Cathy has held a number of positions in the past at MPR, including talk show host, reporter and producer. She is also the co-host of "Almanac", a weekly public affairs program, produced by Twin Cities Public Television for Minnesota's statewide public television network.

Cathy Wurzer is also a published author...having written the regional best seller "Tales of the Road-Highway 61" in 2008, published by the Minnesota Historical Society Press. She was the executive producer and host of the public television documentary by the same name that had its premiere earlier this spring.

Session: Title: Orientation for First Timers

Speaker: Catherine Beall

Thursday: July 9, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Friday: July 10, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Session: Description:

If 2009 will be your first time attending the Red Wing Collectors Society Convention, there is a lot to see and do! Start your first Convention experience out right by attending an Orientation Seminar led by longtime RWCS member Catherine Beall. Catherine will discuss all of the activities that are lined up and offer tips on making the most of your Convention experience. NEW THIS YEAR: a representative from the Red Wing Visitor and Convention Bureau will also stop in for both Sessions to tell you about all that Red Wing has to offer.

Speaker Biography:

Hello! I am Catherine Beall. I am interested in Red Wing and have grown up with it, and have attended chapter meetings in Nebraska and South Dakota. Mr. Charles E. Murphy's prints are especially admirable, and collecting Art Pottery is my favorite past-time. As a younger member of the Red Wing Collectors Society, I participated in Kid's View Activities, but now volunteer along with Wendy Callicoat and Sue Jones-Tagliapietra. I have been a volunteer and a Displayer in the Convention Display Room. In Iowa High School Speech competitions for the past two years, I have earned excellent ratings for both Group and Individual contests. As a black belt in Tae Kwon Do, I have learned discipline and self defense.



2009 Convention Education Session Information Friday, July 10

Session: Title: Commemorative History

Speaker Name: Jack Horner

CFO, Treasurer of Western Stoneware

Session: 1: 10:30 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

Session: 2: 11:00 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

Session: 3: 12:30 p.m. to 1:20 p.m.

Session: 4: 1:20 p.m. to 2:20 p.m.

Session: Description:

Come and learn about the RWCS Commemorative production at Western Stoneware. Jack Horner will be discussing the production methods of the 2009 Convention Commemorative. He will also have several pieces in stages of production to show the steps from clay to finished piece. In addition, Jake will also show an award winning documentary produced Monmouth College students on Western Stoneware.

Speaker Bio:

Jack Horner was raised and educated in Monmouth, IL the home of Western Stoneware. However, Jack began his career at Container Corporation Chicago and Weyerhaeuser Company Container, Bag Division Sales. At Container Corporation Chicago, Jack's positions included Lab Technician, Quality Control, Research & Development, and Marketing. Jack has been with Western Stoneware since 1970. He began as an Assistant Sales Manager and over the past 30 years he has held positions in packaging & shipping, research & development, Special Projects Coordinator, Maintenance Supervisor, and Plant Engineer. Currently, Jack is the Treasurer/CFO and co-owner of Western Stoneware, Inc.

Session: Title: Red Wing Paper Memorabilia

Speaker Name: Dan DePasquale

Session: 1 10:30 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

Session: 2 11:00 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

Session: Description:

If you are interested in reviewing the history of the Red Wing Stoneware Companies through paper memorabilia this program should be of interest to you. You can expect to see original documents ranging from stationary, to ink blotters, to checks, to original advertising of stoneware products and much more. It is guaranteed you will see some items that you have never seen. Additionally, paper items contain a wealth of information about the stoneware companies and production pieces. "Tidbits" of information about the companies and products will be shared.

Speaker Biography:

Dan DePasquale is a charter member and past president of the Red Wing Collectors Society. He has helped author two books on Red Wing and is currently completing a third book with co-author Larry Peterson.



**2009 Convention Education Session Information
Friday, July 10**

Session: Title: Saffron Ware – the beautiful yellow ware of the Red Wing Potteries

Speaker Name: Tammi Soutar Hawley

Session: 1 10:30 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

Session: 2 11:00 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

Session: Description:

This Session: will be a general overview of the beautiful buttery yellow Saffron Ware line of stoneware produced by the Red Wing Stoneware companies in the early part of the century. I will feature a small display of a few Saffron pieces and the similarities to the Gray Line series of stoneware! I will have a few pieces that are most likely not Red Wing so folks can learn to tell the difference between the real thing and the “others”.

Speaker Biography:

Tammi Soutar Hawley started collecting Red Wing about 10 years ago – mainly interested in small utilitarian items for decorating. Interest sparked into yellow ware and cookie jars shortly thereafter. Today my main collecting areas are that of saffron ware, cookie jars, and a few dinnerware patterns such as Chevron from the Gypsy Trail line and Bob White. I have been married to my stoneware fanatic husband Jon for just about 5 years – we spent our honeymoon digging in the Red Wing pottery dump! We have 3 ½ year old twins Quinn and Coralee and live in Sioux Falls, SD.

Session: Title: Red Wing Salt Glaze

Speaker: Rick Natynski

Session: 3 12:30 p.m. to 1:20 p.m.

Session: 4 1:20 p.m. to 2:20 p.m.

Session: Description:

Whether you're new to collecting Red Wing salt glaze stoneware or an advanced collector, this Session: is for anyone who enjoys a piece of stoneware with turkey droppings and a hand-drawn cobalt decoration. Rick will offer identification tips and show photos of more than 100 pieces ranging from the most common target decoration to the rarest bird decorations.

Speaker Biography:

Rick Natynski began collecting Red Wing stoneware in 2001 and has since built a nice collection of salt glaze, his favorite being anything that bears the “ribcage” decoration. He also enjoys advertising stoneware. Rick became the editor of the Red Wing Collectors Society Newsletter in 2006. He lives outside Milwaukee with his wife, Elsa, and 1-year-old daughter, Synneva.



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Session: Title(s):

Session: 1 & 2: Gypsy Trail A to Z

Session: 3 & 4: Overview of Dinnerware, Provincial 1941 through Hotel & Restaurant 1967

Speakers: Terry Moe and Larry Roschen

Session: 1 10:30 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

Session: 2 11:00 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

Session: 3 12:30 p.m. to 1:20 p.m.

Session: 4 1:20 p.m. to 2:20 p.m.

Session: Description:

Terry Moe and Larry Roschen are presenting a seminar that will provide extensive insights into Red Wing Dinnerware. The seminar extends through all 4 Sessions. The first 2 Sessions provide an in depth analysis of the earliest solid color dinnerware lines. Wreath, Gypsy Trail and Ivanhoe will be examined closely. There will be pictures of all known pieces in each of the lines and selected items will be available for hands on inspection. The last 2 Sessions will provide an overview of all of the remaining dinnerware lines beginning with Provincial 1941 and ending with the lines in production when the Pottery closed in 1967. Numerous photos from all patterns will be shown and discussed. The seminar is based almost entirely upon primary source materials from the Pottery. Brochures, Price Lists, Company internal documents, and advertising materials provide the resources for the presentation. Feel free to bring dinnerware items you would identified to the seminar. While it is not necessary to attend all of the 4 Sessions, none of the material will be repeated. If you want a complete overview of all the dinnerware lines, you will need to attend all 4 Sessions.

Speaker Biographies:

Larry Roschen and his wife Kathy have collected Red Wing pottery since 1980. After buying everything and anything for a few years, dinnerware soon became their primary collecting interest. Pitchers, teapots, salt & pepper shakers and dinner plates are Larry's focus, as well as building complete sets of several dinnerware patterns. In recent years research of original Red Wing documents is a growing interest. Larry currently serves as the dinnerware advisor for the "Ask the Experts" section of the RWCS website.

Terry Moe and his wife Marilyn have been collecting Red Wing pottery since they inherited a partial set of Gypsy Trail Plain and Reed in 1975 from Terry's Grandmother. They primarily collect dinnerware and at one time had all of the production dinner plates except Buds. Gypsy Trail, Wreath, Ardennes, and Normandy along with Merrileaf are the main focus. They also collect supper trays. Primary source material relating to dinnerware is also a major interest.

Larry and Terry have conducted numerous dinnerware seminars for RWCS Midwinter and Summer Conventions.



2009 Convention Education Session Information Friday, July 10

Session: Title: Red Wing 101 and Red Wing 102

Speakers: Paul Wichert and Linda Krueger

Session: 1 10:30 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

Session: 2 11:00 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

Session: Description:

How familiar are you with Red Wing Stoneware and Pottery? Want to learn more? RED WING 101 and 102 are geared toward the new collector. Paul Wichert and Linda Krueger will present on the history of the Red Wing potteries, what they produced, what's collectible and what's not. They will discuss collector trends, an items 'condition' and will provide you with some pointers on what to watch for when you're buying. They will also cover ovals, signatures, and shape numbers, reuse of the molds, as well as various glazes, colors, and color combinations.

Speaker Biographies:

An Information Technology professional by trade, Paul Wichert is a long time collector of Red Wing and Advertising Stoneware. An Antique dealer for over 15 years, he has been an active member of the Red Wing Collectors Society since 1992. He has served with the RWCS commemorative distribution crew since 1993. He has participated as an appraiser at Waukesha Historical days' celebrations and at the Antique Treasures Expo with the Keno Brothers (Antiques Road Show) in Madison, Wisconsin. Hosted by the Fox Riverwalk Antique mall, he also has presented the Red Wing 101 seminar for various groups of antique dealers and collectors.

By profession, Linda Krueger is a self employed Interior Decorator in the Twin Cities area. She is also an antique dealer with over 20 years experience and collects mostly stoneware, and occasionally, an art pottery piece or two. A native of Sleepy Eye, MN, she also collects a variety of Sleepy Eye items. An active member of the Red Wing Collector Society since 1989, Linda has served on the commemorative distribution committee continuously since 1993. She is a member of the Gopher Chapter and was a commemorative chair.

Session: Title: Dump Finds

Speaker: Steve Showers

Session: 3 12:30 p.m. to 1:20 p.m.

Session: 4 1:20 p.m. to 2:20 p.m.

Session: Description:

Steve Showers started digging Red Wing stoneware in 1967. His presentation will encompass past and present "finds". Steve has been digging every fall and winter for the past 22 years and has found many interesting items over the years which he will share with you. A few of his more interesting finds include a five gallon jug from Edmore, North Dakota, a bisque bank from the Chicago expo of 1893, many salt glaze lids, advertising butter crocks, jugs and bowls. Come see what's new this year from the Dump!!

Speaker Biography:

Steve retired in December of 2003 after 40 years with the 3M Company. He has been a "Red Wing Archeologist" for over 40 years digging up history in the Red Wing Potteries dump. In addition to his interest in the Red Wing Pottery dump he is an avid bottle digger in the summer. He collects Red Wing items from Goodhue County, Minnesota. He and his wife, Phyllis, live in Welch, Minnesota.



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Session: Title: Recent Finds and Discoveries in the Red Wing Dump

Speakers: Dennis Nygaard

Austin Fjerestad

Session: 1 10:30 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

Session: 2 11:00 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

Session: Description:

Once again, our Session: promises to be both interesting and different as we talk more about early wares and new finds at the dump. Most of our seminar will cover the details of some of our previous finds with added info and insight from other newer finds. Early forms, flaws, and unknown items will be shown and talked about that relate to early lid production, bisque pies, decorations and marks. On top of this we will talk about some of the Mysteries of the Dump and what we are learning about the area the dump encompasses. With all the new pieces, finds and discoveries from the dump this Session: promises to wow the new collectors and the veteran collectors as we shed light on wares from the 1880's era of the potter industry.

Speaker Biographies:

Dennis Nygaard is a long time RWCS member who has not missed a Convention. He has been digging in the Red Wing dump for over 25 years, often with fellow diggers Steve Showers and Austin Fjerestad. In addition to his dump finds, Dennis collects stoneware fruit jars from all United States potteries with a special interest in New Brighton, PA pottery. Dennis lives in Hastings, MN with his wife, Virginia, and three sons.

Austin Fjerestad has been a RWCS member since 1996 and has been digging with Dennis in the dump since 2002. Austin has been an avid digger all of his life looking for bottles since he was 12. In addition to putting the dump puzzle together, Austin collects Minnesota Sodas prior to 1920's. He is a lid collector both through his dig finds and mint finds.

Session: Title: LEDGER

Speaker: Dave Kuffel

Session: 3 12:30 p.m. to 1:20 p.m.

Session: 4 1:20 p.m. to 2:20 p.m.

Session: Description:

The recently published Red Wing Union Stoneware Company special order ledger, dating from 1906-1914, will be the topic of conversation. A brief review of LEDGER content will be provided for newcomers. New speculation regarding the LEDGER itself, further detail regarding some of the LEDGER entries, and the introduction of a corresponding "eLEDGER" will be discussed.

Speaker Biography:

Convention 2009 marks Dave' Kuffel's 30th consecutive convention. Dave's Red Wing collecting has primarily focused on stoneware, and most recently, on advertising bee hive jugs, crocks and butter jars. Dave also has an interest in Mission style furniture and architecture, and, wooden bodied automobiles (woodies). Dave states that Red Wing - the people, the pottery, the Convention, and the city- have become a significant part of his life. Dave currently serves on the RWCS Foundation board of directors which has responsibility for all facets of the Red Wing Pottery Museum. He encourages all RWCS members to visit and support their museum.



2009 Convention Education Session Information Friday, July 10

Session Title: What is new with the RWCS Foundation and the Red Wing Pottery Museum

Speakers: Ron Linde, Diane Hallstrom, Larry Peterson, Louise Schleich, Carmen Selfridge

Session Description (Last Year):

The RWCS Foundation Board Members will discuss the new projects, acquisitions and up coming events. Rather than listen to rumors or guesses, come get the whole story and answers to anything and everything you've ever wanted to know.

Session Bio:

The main purpose of the Foundation is to preserve Red Wing and other American stoneware and pottery for future generations. The displays are a historical reflection of what has happened in Minnesota and the United States during the past century. The museum's purpose is to encourage collecting in those who may not know about the RWCS, as well as to educate those who stop to visit.