



2010 Convention Education Information
Keynote: Thursday, July 8
Educational Seminars: Friday, July 9

Keynote: Jerry Mewhorter

Title: Former Plant Superintendent Red Wing Potteries

Thursday: July 8, 10:30 a.m.

Session: Description:

Jerry Mewhorter will discuss his personal experience working at the Red Wing Potteries from July 1956 until its close in 1967. He will focus on his experience as a kiln setter, managing dinnerware and mold production as Plant Superintendent, and his role on the Negotiating Committee during the strike. His first hand knowledge is sure to be a very informative presentation you don't want to miss.

Speaker Bio:

Jerry Mewhorter is a Red Wing Native and graduate of Red Wing Central High School. Jerry's father was a mold maker at the potters in the 1940s. Jerry worked at the Red Wing Potteries from 1956 to 1967. His first position was a kiln setter while earning his Industrial Engineering degree from the University of Minnesota. Shortly after graduating he became Plant Engineer and he focused on improve efficiencies by analyzing the production process especially dinnerware design painting and mold filling. In addition, his duties included time studies to establish production standards and incentive guidelines. In 1963, Jerry became the Plant Superintendent and continued working there until the close of the Potteries in 1967. Jerry was intimately involved in the Negotiating Committee during the strike. Jerry is lives in Red Wing with his wife Louise.

Session: Title: Orientation for First Timers

Speaker: Catherine Beall

Thursday: July 8, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

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

Session: Description:

If 2010 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 Callicot 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.



**2010 Convention Education Session Information
Friday, July 9**

Session: Title: 2010 Commemorative Production

Speaker Name: Bob Downs, Maple City Pottery

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

Session: 4: 1:30 p.m. to 2:20 p.m.

Session: Description:

Bob Downs from Maple City Pottery will discuss the complete production of the 2010 RWCS Convention Commemorative. His presentation will include showing the molds, greenware and photos of the commemorative production. He has experience in every aspect of the pottery process and is looking forward to your questions. Come and learn the details about how the Commemorative goes from a mold to your piece!

Speaker Bio:

Bob Downs founded Maple City Pottery in 1987. The pottery is located in Monmouth, IL. Bob and his artisans learned their trade, perfected their art, from some of the county's recognized potteries and, by his own admission, through pure trial and error. "My elements have always been fire, water, earth, and air."

Session: Title: Stoneware Fakes

Speaker Name: Larry Birks

Session: 1 10:00 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

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

Session: Description:

Modern technology has given unscrupulous individuals the tools needed to "fake" advertising on old pieces of stoneware. The quality of some of the forgeries that have been found has fooled even the most competent collectors. This seminar is devoted to showing you pictures and samples of faked stoneware and how to identify the forgeries. Paper label forgeries and total stoneware fakes being manufactured by potteries both domestic and foreign will also be covered.

Speaker Biography:

Larry has been actively collecting stoneware since the mid 1980's. A passion for collecting advertising beater jars and butter crocks soon led him to RWCS and his current collection of salt glaze churns, jugs, and crocks. He is currently the President of the Trails West Chapter of RWCS.



**2010 Convention Education Session Information
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Session: Title: Stoneware and Non- Decorated Watt Ware

Speaker Name: Phillip Meyer

Session: 1 10:00 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

Session Title: Decorated Ware of Watt Ware

Speaker Name: Phillip Meyer

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

Session Description:

Session 1: This Session will cover the early years of Watt Pottery production of stoneware and non-decorated wares from 1922 to 1947

Session 2: Will cover the decorated lines of Watt Pottery from 1947 -1965.

Both sessions will include a brief history and the ending of Watt Pottery.

Speaker Biography:

Phillip Meyer has been collecting Watt Pottery since 1998 and was elected president of Watt Collectors Association. Meyer has over 630 Watt pieces in his collection.

Session Title: Fermenting Dill Pickles and Sauerkraut

Speaker: Diane Roupe

Session: 1 10:00 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

Session Description:

Come and learn about the first uses of Red Wing Crock- fermenting! Diane Roupe, author of "The Blue Ribbon Country Cookbook" and Iowa State Fair food judge, will present the proper and safe method of making fermented dill pickles and sauerkraut in a Red Wing crock and then safely canning these products following the latest USDA Guidelines. She will share her tips, suggestions, and all the details you need to start your first batch of pickles or kraut this fall. Don't miss this opportunity!

Session Title: Current Safe Canning Procedures

Speaker Diane Roupe

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

Session Description:

Here is your chance to learn how to extend the life of your garden or farmers market purchases in to the winter –just like grandma - Canning. Diane Roupe, author of "The Blue Ribbon Country Cookbook" and Iowa State Fair food judge, will present the how-to's of safe canning following the latest USDA Guidelines. Bring your canning questions. For both new and experienced canners! Come and learn how to enjoy your summer veggies all year round!

Speaker Biography:

Diane Roupe is a Des Moines, Iowa native with a degree from the Northwestern University School of Music. Prior to devoting full time to her lifelong interest in food and cooking, she served as Executive Director of the National Rehabilitation Association in Washington, D.C. and Vice President for Public Affairs of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Greater New York. She taught at New York University in the



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Food and Hotel Management program.

Ms. Roupe is the author of "The Blue Ribbon Country Cookbook," first published in 1998 and hailed as one of the most comprehensive American cookbooks of our time. She is the winner of numerous ribbons for her food entries at the Iowa State Fair, including the blue ribbon for canned Sauerkraut, which she fermented in her 5- gallon Red Wing crock. Now serving as a respected judge at the Iowa State Fair as well as other important food competitions, she is a certified judge of the Kansas City Barbeque Society.

Session: Title: North Dakota Pottery Road Show

Speaker: Bill and Linda Bakken

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

Session Description:

Pottery produced in North Dakota from its beginnings at the University of North Dakota about 1910 until about 1960 has become very collectable. Potteries like UND, Dakota, Messer, WPA and Rosemeade produced large numbers of beautiful vases, figurines and salt and pepper sets. We will describe the history of North Dakota potteries through the 1960's, introduce some of the people involved in production, and show some of the products they produced.

Session Title: Rosemeade Pottery

Session: 4 1:30 p.m. to 2:20 p.m.

Session Description:

Rosemeade pottery has become a popular collectible today because its creator, Laura Taylor Hughes, chose subjects which continually fascinate people--animals, birds, fish--and modeled authentic characterizations of their living counterparts. These innovative designs were then accurately hand painted in nature's vivid coloring. Rosemeade was produced in Wahpeton, ND, between 1940 and 1961. This session will explore the wide variety of Rosemeade pieces.

Speaker Biography:

Bill Bakken: After retirement from IBM, Bill attended Minnesota State University Mankato and received an MA in History in 1996. He taught a wide selection of history courses at Rochester Community and Technical College as a part-time instructor from 1996 until retirement in 2008. His interests include collection of North Dakota Pottery, reading science fiction, adventure, and Biblical History, and snorkeling and underwater photography. Bill is a North Dakota Pottery Collectors Society Board Member.

Linda Bakken: Linda retired from Mayo Clinic in 2002. She has taught a variety of community education courses. Her interests include reading mysteries and science fiction, sewing for her grandchildren, making doll clothes, snorkeling, and photography. She has collected North Dakota pottery for over 30 years and is presently the web master for the North Dakota Collectors Society web site. She and Bill have done extensive research on Rosemeade pottery and have made a number of presentations to share their findings.



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Session: Dinnerware Paper Products & Advertising

Speakers: Terry Moe and Larry Roschen

Session: 1 10:00 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

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

Session: Description:

Larry Roschen and Terry Moe are presenting a seminar that will provide insights into Red Wing Dinnerware paper items. Red Wing Dinnerware paper items included; product brochures, price lists, magazine ads, trade journal articles and ads, internal company documents, letters to customers, photographs, production drawings, and other items. We have far too many to show them all during this seminar, but attendees will see a representative sample of each category. Many of the items including some from the RWCS Foundation will be shown to the general audience of dinnerware collectors for the first time. Actual items will be available for viewing. We will also be available after the seminar to answer dinnerware questions. If you have any dinnerware paper items to share, please bring them to the seminar.

Speaker Biographies:

Larry Roschen and his wife Kathy have collected Red Wing dinnerware since 1980. Salt & pepper sets, pitchers, and teapots are the focal point of their collection. They have also built nearly complete sets of several dinnerware patterns including Ardennes, Tip Toe, Kashmir and Charstone Bleu. Odd and hard-to-find pieces are another area of interest. Research of original Red Wing documents and other vintage publications has also become an important part of the collecting experience. Larry and Kathy served as RWCS commemorative managers 1993 through 2000, and are active members of the Gopher Chapter. Larry currently serves as the dinnerware advisor for the "Ask the Experts" page on the RWCS website and recently became a member of the RWCS Foundation board. He and Terry Moe have presented dinnerware seminars at the convention and midwinter events for many years, and have written an "Introduction to Red Wing Dinnerware" with photos that is currently being published in the RWCS newsletter in an ongoing serial format..

Terry Moe and his wife Marilyn have been collecting Red Wing Pottery since they inherited a partial set of Gypsy Trail that had belonged to his Grandmother. They primarily collect dinnerware with emphasis on Gypsy Trail, Wreath, Ivanhoe, Ardennes, Normandy, Hotel & Restaurant, Nassau, and Merrileaf. Primary source materials relating to the history of Red Wing Dinnerware are also a major interest. They have been interested in sharing their discoveries with other dinnerware collectors by means of RWCS Newsletter articles and Convention seminars.



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Session: Title: Red Wing 101 and Red Wing 102

Speakers: Paul Wichert and Linda Krueger

Session: 1 10:00 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 and seasoned collectors new to the RWCS. These light-hearted seminars will address the history of the Red Wing potteries, their vast array of products, collector trends, and an items 'condition'. They'll provide some pointers on what to watch for when you're buying. They will discuss ovals, signatures, shape numbers, reuse of the molds, as well as various glazes, colors, and color combinations. A seminar highlight is a 'fun' exam handed out at the beginning of each presentation. Come join us and see if you can 'ace' the test.

Session Title: Red Wing Trivia

Speakers: Paul Wichert and Linda Krueger

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

Session Description:

A brand new computerized seminar, containing approximately 80 fun questions about the Red Wing Potteries/products and the Red Wing area in general! What was the largest size boot that the Red Wing Shoe Company has made? What's different about Charles Murphy art pottery mark versus Belle Kogan's? Join us, and find out.

Speaker Biographies:

Paul Wichert: An Information Technology professional by trade, Paul Wichert is a long time collector of Red Wing and Advertising Stoneware and has been a RWCS member since 1992. A past 'Vision' committee member, he presently resides on the membership committee and has served with the commemorative distribution crew since 1993. A long time antique dealer, he has participated as an appraiser at Waukesha Historical days, Wisconsin PBS appraisal fairs, and at the Antique Treasures Expo with the Keno Brothers.

Linda Krueger: By profession, Linda Krueger is a self employed Interior Decorator. She is also an antique dealer with over 25 years experience and collects stoneware and some art pottery. A native of Sleepy Eye, MN, Linda 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 crew since 1993. She is a member of the Gopher Chapter and was their commemorative chair person for 3 years.



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Session: Title: Experience the Dump through Steve Showers

Speaker: Steve Showers

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

Session: 4 1:30 p.m. to 2:20 p.m.

Session: Description:

Steve Showers Red Wing passion can be found in his Pottery Dump digging experience. This session will give you a peak into the passion, discovery, and knowledge found in the pottery dump. For more than 50 years Steve has devoted his Red Wing interest to the Red Wing Pottery dump. In this session you will see the dump come alive through one of the few dump enthusiasts! Come and see Red Wing Pottery in a new way and in many cases never seen before pieces.

Speaker Biography:

"Red Wing Archeologist" Steve Showers has been a Red Wing Pottery dump digging for over 50 years. Steve and his wife are active members of the Gopher Chapter, Iowa Chapter, Cannon Valley Red Wing Collectors Club. He has been a speaker at every Convention since he joined the RWCS. Steve and his wife Phyllis are avid gardeners with their Red Wing using sewer pipe as planters, shards as ground cover and stepping stones. They live in Welch, Minnesota.

Session: Title: That Can't be Red Wing: recent dump finds at Red Wing

Speakers: Dennis Nygaard

Austin Fjerestad

Session: 1 10:00 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

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

Session: Description:

What is Red Wing? Well the Dump Diggers are at it again; rewriting the history of known Red Wing by digging pieces from the dump. Come one come all to see several new pieces that you would not call Red Wing and probably would not consider Red Wing! New items in the tally are: New bisque items including flower pots and hanging planters, new colors including some wild color variations on unusual pieces. There is also a new umbrella stand as well as some possible 1880's art pottery/test pieces. We will also share some of our ultimate finds, which naturally tie into much of the above. Yes you will be amazed and shocked as well as educated!

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 30 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 digging in the dump since 2002 with Dennis. He enjoys digging up lost history in the Red Wing dump as well as town dumps and collecting soda bottles. Austin is currently writing a book on sodas and digging at the dump as well as being a Sci-Fi author. Austin lives in the Twin Cities and is a Freelance Graphic Designer.



**2010 Convention Education Session Information
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Session Title: What is new with the RWCS Foundation and the Red Wing Pottery Museum

Speakers: RWCS Foundation Board Members

Session: 1 10:00 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

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

Session Description:

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 Biography:

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.