



2011 Convention Education Information

Keynote: Thursday, July 7

Educational Seminars: Friday, July 8

Keynote: Ronald C. Schirmer, Ph.D

Title: The Ancient Art of Red Wing Pottery

Thursday: July 7, 10:30 a.m.

Session: Description:

People living in Red Wing have been producing distinctive pottery for more than 1,000 years – a claim few cities in the United States can make. However, unlike the historical wares, comparatively few people study the prehistoric types. In this heavily illustrated presentation, I will describe the ancient pottery of Red Wing – its construction methods, decorations, and the roles it played in their cultures.

Speaker Bio:

I am an Associate Professor of Anthropology at MSU, Mankato, and one of two recognized experts in the archeology of the Red Wing area. I earned my Ph.D. in 2002 and have been conducting archeological research in the area for more than a decade. I am also involved in collaborations with the regional Native American communities to improve archeological interpretations by using oral traditions, and I assist regional conservation organizations in site preservation efforts.

Session: Title: Orientation for First Timers

Speaker: Catherine Beall

Thursday: July 7, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Friday: July 8, 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 Calliccoat 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.



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Session: Title: Salt Glaze 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 share the salt glazing process from start to finish. He will show samples of salt glazing from a perfect piece to all the “seconds”. In addition, he will give information on kiln pieces and how the salt glaze application works. Come hear an expert and ask all those burning questions about salt glaze.

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: RW Stoneware Dump Finds

Speaker Name: Paul Boudin & Connie Mathison

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

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

Session: Description:

Paul Boudin and Connie Mathison have been digging in the dump for 5 years. Paul and Connie will share their experience and finds in the dump. Come and see the newest Dump Digging members. This will be their first time speaking at an RWCS event, please come and welcome them.

Speaker Biography:

Paul Boudin started collecting Red Wing in 2000 since then he has acquired a very nice collection of advertising crocks and jugs and salt glaze dump finds. He attended his first Convention in 2007 and met Steve Showers who started his digging interested. Since that first convention Paul has attended every auction and stopped at every antique mall in town. If Paul is not there, you can find him in the dump.

Connie Mathison also attended my First Convention in 2007 went to Steve Showers seminar and he met us to go digging in the dump at a later time. My collection consists of a lot of different items. But my main collection is of over 400 shoulder bowls.



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Session: Title: What is Facebook, Twitter, and You Tube?

Speaker Name: Stacy Wegner

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

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

Session: Description:

Have you been asked: find or friend me on Facebook? Follow us on Twitter? Check out a You Tube Video? But, you are having questions, concerns, or just don't know what it all mean, attend this session. This hands-on session in the computer lab presented by Stacy Wegner, RWCS Executive Director will be a 101 to these "social media" sites and a great place to get your questions answered. Come Find the RWCS!

Speaker Biography:

Stacy Wegner has been active on Facebook for 2 years and Twitter for about one year. As executive director, she manages the RWCS Social media presence. She has been director of the RWCS, since her first MidWinter in 2006. Stacy, her husband Luke, and daughter Flora are collectors of all kinds of Red Wing that finds its way to their door step. Currently, Stacy is actively collecting Smart Set dinnerware.

Session: Title: Recollections of Working at the Potteries

Speakers: Hannes Kuehn

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

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

Session: Description:

Hannes Kuehn will share a narrative recollection of working at Red Wing Pottery from 1956 to 1957. He was a Modeler/Designer who worked closely with Charles Murphy and Ted Hutchison. Come and hear his stories and learn more about working at the Potteries in the 1950s.

Speaker Biographies:

Hannes Kuehn began his modeler/designer career as an apprentice at Ulmer Keramik in Germany in 1954. In 1956 Hannes immigrated to the US and began working at Red Wing Potteries. Following his stint at the Potteries, Hannes had other ceramic's position until he became a Dental Technician owning his own lab from 1958 to 1988. In 1988 he became the Manager/Director and Instructor at the UCLA Dental School until 1999. Hannes currently lives in Southern California

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 upcoming 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.



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Session: Red Wing Dinnerware Paper Products & Advertising Part 2

Speakers: Terry Moe and Larry Roschen

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

Session: Description:

Terry Moe and Larry Roschen will present a seminar that will provide insights into Red Wing Dinnerware Paper items. Part 1 was presented at the 2010 RWCS Convention. This seminar does not repeat items from last summer. It does contain most of the items from the 2011 Midwinter seminar with a few new additions. Red Wing Dinnerware paper items included such varied items as product brochures, price lists, magazine ads, trade journal articles and ads, internal company documents, letters to customers and many others. We have far too many to show them all during this session but attendees will see a representative sample. 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.

Session: Red Wing's Casual dinnerware line

Speakers: Terry Moe and Larry Roschen

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

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

Session: Description:

Terry Moe and Larry Roschen will present an overview of the Casual dinnerware line in a slide show format. Patterns in the Casual line include Smart Set, Chuck Wagon, Round Up, Hamm's, Tip Toe, Hearthside and of course Bob White. Recently uncovered information about the elusive Chuck Wagon pattern will be presented, as well as photos of hard to find items from the Casual patterns.

Speaker Biographies:

Larry Roschen and his wife Kathy have collected all forms of Red Wing pottery since 1980. Red Wing pitchers, teapots, salt & pepper shakers are primary collecting interests along with building complete sets of several dinnerware patterns. Larry's interests have slowly turned from growing the collection to learning more about the Red Wing dinnerware lines through research of vintage documents. Larry currently serves as the dinnerware advisor for the "Ask the Experts" section of the RWCS website and serves on the board of the Red Wing Collectors Society Foundation.

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. Gypsy Trail, Wreath, Ardennes, and Normandy along with Merrileaf are the main focus. They also collect supper trays. Primary source materials relating to dinnerware are also a major interest.

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



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Session Title: Red Wing 101 Trivia

Speakers: Paul Wichert and Linda Krueger

Session: 2 10:00 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

Session Description:

Red Wing Trivia 101 is an interactive 'Trivia' session. RED WING TRIVIA 101 is geared toward the new collector, seasoned collectors, and trivia junkies. This light-hearted seminar addresses the history of the Red Wing potteries, their vast array of products, trends, and condition. Get some pointers on what to look for before you buy. We'll touch on 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 102 Trivia

Speakers: Paul Wichert and Linda Krueger

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

Session Description:

Red Wing Trivia 102 is an interactive 'Trivia' session. RED WING TRIVIA 101 is geared toward the new collector, seasoned collectors, and trivia junkies. This light-hearted seminar continues the exploration of the Potteries' history, products, trends, and much more. 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: Dinnerware Concentration

Speakers: Paul Wichert and Linda Krueger

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

Session Description:

Dinnerware Concentration is a brand new computerized seminar styled after the old TV game show Concentration. Come help us solve the 50 plus puzzles. Don't worry; you won't need to know the names of the dinnerware patterns – if you can solve the puzzles. This light-hearted seminar will familiarize you with most of the Red Wing dinnerware patterns. This definitely isn't serious, but it'll be fun. Come join us. Need the answers to the RWCS 2011 crossword puzzle. We'll distribute them before this seminar.

Speaker Biographies:

Paul Wichert: An Information Technology professional by trade, a RWCS member since 1992, Paul Wichert has served continuously on the commemorative distribution crew since 1993. He also resides on the membership committee, and provides some technical/analytical support to the society. An antique dealer, he participated as an appraiser for a number of events including PBS appraisal fairs and the Keno Brothers Antique Expo.

Linda Krueger: By profession, Linda Krueger is a self employed Interior Decorator. A long time antique dealer, she collects stoneware and art pottery. A native of Sleepy Eye, MN, Linda actively collects 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.

Session: Title: New Brighton, PA pottery

Speakers: Dennis Nygaard

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

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



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Dennis is going to cover the miniatures and stoneware bottles made by New Brighton Pottery of Pennsylvania. New Brighton Pottery was a major competition to Red Wing and the two companies often sold in the same territories included Red Wing, MN. Dennis has been an active collector and historian for this pottery for more than 15 years and has made three trips to learn more about the pottery. Come and learn more about one of the biggest potteries on the east coast.

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 has three sons.

Session: Finding Red Wing through the Media

Speaker: Ruth Nerhaugen

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

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

Session: Description:

Writing about Red Wing has always been one of Ruth Nerhaugen's favorite assignments — the community, its history and especially its stoneware industry. She will talk about covering the convention for the Republican Eagle newspaper and writing the annual supplement, and exchange stories about collecting Red Wing.

Speaker Biography:

Ruth Nerhaugen, recently retired as a reporter at the Red Wing Republican Eagle newspaper, has attended nearly all the Red Wing conventions, but not always as a member. She covered the 1978 convention for the local newspaper, and had so much fun she continued to "volunteer" for the assignment, even after joining the Society herself.

Her stories about collectors and about Red Wing pottery and stoneware also have appeared in the convention supplement. Though retired, she wrote several features for this year's edition. Ruth and her husband Stan are RWCS members and live in Red Wing.