

Why Should You Join the Red Wing Collectors Society?



Our History

The potteries of Red Wing were very prolific in producing clay products from the late 1800s right up until the plant closed in 1967. Their 90-year production run started with stoneware, and art pottery and dinnerware were added in the 1930s. Known for its diversity, Red Wing's wares include beautiful salt glaze, the famous "Wing Crocks," detailed hand-painted dinnerware sets and beautiful art pottery vases, providing something for every collector!

For more than 35 years, the Red Wing Collectors Society has passionately kept the Red Wing potteries' legacy alive. Our 4,000+ members throughout the United States and Canada form the largest and oldest collecting organization in the country. No collection is too small or too large for you to be considered a "collector" of this unique piece of history. So...do you have the passion?

Membership Benefits

Web Site

Our interactive web site is the #1 resource for:

- Red Wing history & production information
- "Ask the Experts" for identification and values
- Online registration for events and membership
- Latest RWCS news and resources
- State chapter information and links



Commemoratives

A limited edition Red Wing piece is unveiled at the July Convention and is available to members only. These highly sought after miniatures of original Red Wing pieces are one of the highlights of each Convention.

Chapters

Located across the country, chapters are the local level of the RWCS organization. They meet throughout the year to socialize, network and share finds and information. Chapter membership is an additional fee.

Newsletter

The Society prints a full-color, bi-monthly publication. Also available electronically, it's packed with information including:

- Exciting articles about new finds and collections
- In-depth historical features
- Updates on upcoming club events
- Ads by members looking to buy and sell items
- Local auction details



Official RWCS Sponsored Events

July Convention — The highlight of the Society's year is the annual three-day Convention held on the second full weekend of July in Red Wing, MN. It includes:

- Educational Seminars
- Members Only Auction
- Show & Sale
- Member Displays



MidWinter GetTogether — This annual event held each February is a scaled down version of the Convention. It has all the activities of Convention under one roof plus sales out of hotel rooms. Whether you're looking for a more intimate venue or you just can't wait until July, this event is for you!

Youth Programs

KidsView — Many activities and seminars for children of all ages take place at Convention and MidWinter, such as learning how to bid at an auction, what to look for in an antique and hands-on craft projects.



Young Collectors — Held at the July Convention, this program is geared towards keeping the passion for Red Wing alive in youth ages 13-20. It offers education, hands-on activities and field trips. Participants can also volunteer at Convention and network with others.

APPLICATION FORM

A Primary annual membership is afforded all the rights and privileges of the organization. An Associate annual membership is afforded all the rights and privileges of the organization except for the receipt of the printed newsletter. There must be at least one Primary membership per household.

To become a member of the Red Wing Collectors Society, you can complete and return this form, call the business office, or visit WWW.REDWINGCOLLECTORS.ORG.

Please indicate if your membership is:

- ☐ New Membership
☐ Renewal Membership

Type of Membership:

- ☐ Primary Annual Membership = \$35
☐ Associate Annual Membership = \$15

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Areas of collecting interest (circle all that apply)

Stoneware Dinnerware Art Pottery Other _____

How did you hear about the RWCS? If referred by a member or chapter, please list their name above.

Are you interested in volunteering? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What is/was your occupation? _____

Check the appropriate box below if you want to make a one-time donation to the RWCS Foundation.

☐ No thanks ☐ \$10 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$_____

Method of Payment:

☐ VISA ☐ MC ☐ Discover ☐ Check/Money Order
(Payable to RWCS)

Signature _____

Card # _____

Last 3 Digits on Back _____ Exp. Date _____

Red Wing Collectors Society Foundation & Museum



Located in Red Wing's historic Pottery District, the Red Wing Pottery Museum is open daily and admission is free. The collection includes an extensive representation of Red Wing stoneware, dinnerware and art pottery, including this 20 gallon stoneware "Director's Jug", which is only one of two known to exist.

Founded in 2000, the RWCS Foundation is dedicated to gathering historical information and items, presenting these to the public in informative ways, and preserving this cultural heritage specifically as it relates to the pottery industry that thrived in Red Wing, Minnesota.

The Red Wing Pottery Museum/ RWCS Foundation is recognized as a 501(c)3 and donations are tax deductible.



The new Red Wing Pottery Museum at 240 Harrison St. in Red Wing's historic pottery district – open in summer 2014!



Red Wing Collectors Society Commemoratives from 1983, 2000, 2010 and 2012

Top 10 Reasons to Join the Red Wing Collectors Society:

1. Activity the whole family can enjoy
2. Network of collectors across the country
3. Access to experts who can help with identification and estimating values
4. Well-attended auctions to both buy and sell items
5. Extensive video library of past Convention speakers and educational sessions
6. Interactive Web site access: WWW.REDWINGCOLLECTORS.ORG
7. Visit the Red Wing Pottery Museum to learn more about Red Wing pottery and stoneware and its fascinating history
8. Opportunity to purchase much sought after RWCS Commemoratives
9. Subscription to an informative bi-monthly newsletter
10. Opportunity to attend the July Convention and MidWinter GetTogether with other people who share your passion!



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when someone says
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