

Majolica International Society
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1993 Annual Meeting at Sheraton Valley Forge
April 24-25, 1993, King of Prussia, Penna.

Arrangements are now complete for the Society's 1993 annual meeting and weekend at the Sheraton Valley Forge Hotel in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. For your convenience, a registration form for the weekend appears as the last page of this issue of the newsletter. Our meeting has been scheduled to coincide with a major regional antiques show, Renninger's Extravaganza, about which information appears in this issue.

The weekend kicks off on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. with meeting registration and a cocktail party. The party is a great opportunity to meet fellow Society members, to show photos of your collection (there were some terrific albums being circulated last year), to show or post photos of pieces that you would like to have identified, or to use the "Barter and Buy" Table which will be set up so that members can trade or sell majolica from their collections during the cocktail party.

Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. Following dinner, in recognition of the bicentennial of Minton & Co., our evening will be dedicated to Herbert Minton and the story of Minton majolica. We are honored to have Mrs. Joan Jones, the distinguished curator of the Minton Museum in Stoke-on-Trent, England, as our guest speaker. Mrs. Jones is the author of the just-completed Minton, the definitive work on the history of Minton & Co. The book is scheduled for publication in March 1993 and we hope to have an

Mrs. Joan Jones,
Curator of the Minton Museum

(shown below with majolica-glazed Cockerel Spill Vase, modeled by Henk, dates from 1874)



early copy on display at our meeting.

John Fletcher and Jerry Hayes, our enterprising archivists, will present a series of majolica surprises in a spirited talk entitled "Name This Piece!" and will also report on their participation this past fall in a regional meeting of Society members in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

On Sunday, beginning with continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m., members will gather for our annual meeting and business session at 9:00 a.m. The agenda will include plans and activities for the Society for the coming year. Anyone having an item for consideration by the membership should write to the Society's Secretary, Marilyn Karmason, requesting that it be included on the agenda.

Following conclusion of the meeting, the doors will be opened to Majolica Heaven! We are pleased to announce that this year we will have more dealers exhibiting with us than ever before and we are sure you will be delighted with the thousands of pieces of majolica they will have available for sale.

The Sheraton Valley Forge has extended our special room rate of \$75 a night for two days before and two days after our weekend. The hotel is conveniently located just off Exit 24 of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, allowing easy access to the historic and antiques-plentiful surrounding area. (See driving directions on page 5) To make your room reservations, please call the hotel directly at 215-337-2000. To get our special rate, make sure you tell them that you will be attending our weekend meeting.

Dealer's Corner:

Dealers Exhibiting at This Year's Majolica Heaven!

Raven and Dove Antiques:

Randi Schwartz, Wilmette, Illinois
Alvin Lake, Putnam Valley, New York
Pam Ferrazutti, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Ann Stratton, New York City, New York

Peddler's Chest:

Nancy and Carl Schaefer, Trumbaersville, Pa.,
Charles Washburne, Chappaqua, New York

Cara Antiques:

Connie and Richard Aranosian, Concord, N.H.
Linda Ketterling, Toledo, Ohio

Noble Peddler Antiques:

Richard and Linda Ronalter,
Torrington, Connecticut
Demitrios Bastas, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Fletcher & Hayes, Shell Beach, California
Gayle Greene, Glen Flora, Texas

Wilma Murray, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Candyce Brosz, Kansas City, Missouri
The Three Amigos:

Joan, Marilyn & Jerry, New York City, N.Y.
Michael Strawser, Wolcottville, Indiana
Laurie Houkes, Ephrata, Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Antique Shows

Coincide with Society's Annual Meeting

Renninger's Extravaganza,
Kutztown, Penna., April 22-24, 1993

Located at 740 Noble Street in Kutztown, Renninger's Antiques & Farmers Market is 1 mile from the center of town. An outdoor event, Renninger's features 1,200 antiques and collectibles dealers. To reach the show, take the Northeast Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike to Exit 33. Then take Rt. 22 West to Rt. 737 South. The April show schedule is as follows:

Thursday, April 22: 10 a.m. to dusk:

Dealer set-up and early buying.

Entrance fee: \$40.00 for 1 to 4 people and 1 car.

Friday, April 23: 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.:

Open to the public - Admission: \$4.00.

Saturday, April 24: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.:

Open to public. Admission: \$2.00.

For Majolica Society members, arrangements are being made for a bus on Saturday from the Sheraton Valley Forge to the Extravaganza with an afternoon return in time for the Society's cocktail party. If you would like to take advantage of the convenience of the bus and reserve a seat(s), please drop a note to Marilyn or Joan at the Society's address in New York.

Stoudt's Black Angus

Route 272, Adamstown, Penna., April 24-25, 1993

Stoudt's Black Angus is located on Rt. 272 in Adamstown, Penna., just off Exit 21 of the Pennsylvania Turnpike. In conjunction with Renninger's Extravaganza, the Black Angus antiques market is open on Saturday, April 24, and Sunday,

April 25, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Black Angus is all under cover and features 300 dealers. Admission is free.

Laurie Houkes, majolica dealer and Society member, will be exhibiting at Black Angus at Booth No. 16 in the Courtyard and invites fellow members to drop by to see her booth and to say hello. Laurie would also like us to know that she exhibits every Sunday of the year just three minutes away on Route 272 in Denver, Penna., at the site of the original Renninger's antique market, where she can be found in Booth A-54.

An added Black Angus attraction is Stoudt's on-site brewery hall which offers authentic German-style lager beers made by the Stoudt Brewing Company, which is the first true microbrewery in Pennsylvania. Amidst a decor of Victorian-era art and antiques, fine dining is also available in Stoudt's Black Angus Restaurant which specializes in serving fine, aged Angus beef. In addition to its full-course menu, Stoudt's features one of the best Raw Bars in the area and one of Central Pennsylvania's most comprehensive wine cellars. Whether you prefer informal or elegant, lighter fare or a bountiful meal, Stoudt's promises an unsurpassed dining experience. The restaurant is open from 1 - 11 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from Noon to 9 p.m. on Sunday. For reservations or more information, call 215-484-4385.

Phoenixville-Area Invitations to Society Members to View Private Collections

The Phoenixville Historical Society, John and Becky Boraten of Phoenixville, and Mrs. Ellis Stern of nearby Coatesville have each invited the Society's members to visit with them while you are at the annual meeting. As you may recall, Phoenixville was the site of the Griffen, Smith & Hill pottery, which manufactured Etruscan majolica. The Historical Society's exhibit features a number of pieces of majolica from GS&H and also other interesting information about that pottery. The Historical Society will be open on its regular schedule from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, April 23, but has also offered, if there is interest, to open specially for us on Saturday or Sunday. John and Becky Boraten and Mrs. Ellis Stern have issued invitations to view their

personal collections of Etruscan majolica. A trip to the Historical Society could readily be made in conjunction with visits to either or both of their homes. Would those who are interested in making a visit to Phoenixville, please drop a note to us at the Society's mailing address to let us know whether you would like to visit these collections and we will endeavor to coordinate a convenient time for a group to go to Phoenixville.

Oklahomans Gather Again and Gain a Georgian To Boot

Phyllis Hays reports that the Oklahoma regional group got together again at the end of January and that she has had calls from interested members from Arkansas and Kentucky. Mo Wizenberg gave a talk on French majolica to the 14 or so who attended. Mrs. Loretta Wolf of Marietta, Georgia was able to combine a business trip to Tulsa in time for the meeting and joined her fellow members for the January get together. Interested members, please note, this group will get together again in April and is planning a Majolica Swap Meet in July. For further information and to make plans to join the next gathering, Phyllis would be delighted to hear from you at 918-492-0797.

Tennis Anyone?

Danette Watkins of Lepanto, Arkansas dropped us a note saying that she had recently begun playing tennis with some new ladies in nearby Memphis and the group found out that three of them collect majolica and are members of the Society! What fun! Lucy (Moreau), Dixie (Horned), and Danette. Ladies, keep on playing and collecting!

Auction Notes

Thursday, April 22, Alderfer Auction of Pieces from the Boraten Collection

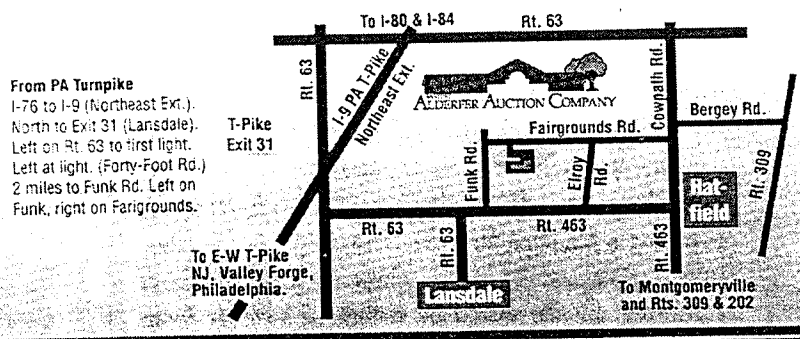
The Sanford Alderfer Auction Company will hold an auction of more than 150 pieces of majolica, much of which will be Etruscan, from the John and Becky Boraten collection at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 22. (The Alderfer auction facility is located near this

year's annual meeting site.) Previews are scheduled from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday evening, April 21, and on the day of the auction beginning at 7:00 a.m. A detailed auction brochure and listing is available upon request. Patterns of the consigned items include shell & seaweed, sunflower, bamboo, cauliflower, and maple leaf.

Terms: Cash, Acceptable Check, MC-Visa.

Sanford Alderfer Auction Co.,
501 Fairground Road, Hatfield, PA 19440.
Phone: 215-368-5477

(See below for map to Alderfer's Auction House.)



Early Summer Auction Planned

Michael Strawser has announced that he will be holding a majolica auction on Sunday, June 6, at the Holiday Inn in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. He is looking for additional consignments to join a number of rare pieces of majolica that he has already arranged to offer at this event.

For more information on consigning items to this event, please call or write:

Michael G. Strawser,
PO Box 332, Wolcottville, IN 46795
Ph: 219-854-2859

Barbara Hennessey

We are saddened to report the death in November of long-time member Barbara Hennessey of Michigan. Her husband Robert has written us to say thank you for the good times that they had as members and

mentioned that he and Barbara had enjoyed our conventions. On behalf of the membership, we extend our condolences to him.

Editors' Notes:

Society's Newsletter Seeks Writers

We would like to broaden the research and writing capabilities, as well as the geographic representation, of the Society's newsletter staff. To that end, we hope that several members who enjoy and have the time for writing and doing interesting majolica-related research would volunteer to write an article for a future issue of the newsletter during the upcoming year. So, if you would like to put together a piece for the Fall or Winter 1993 or Spring 1994 issues, please drop Polly Wilbert a note with your article idea(s). We can then assist you in researching and writing a short piece for the general benefit of the membership. In particular, we are eager to locate a member in the East Liverpool and Wellsville, Ohio areas who might be able to enlighten us on some of the potteries of that region.

Newsletter Names Submitted

As announced in the last issue of our newsletter, we are holding a contest to name the Society's newsletter. Several possible names have been entered and are listed below. Please review the proposed names, choose the one you favor, and either drop a note in the mail to Polly Wilbert (7 Cedar St., Salem, MA 01970) indicating your favorite or be prepared to vote your choice when you are at the annual meeting in April. The results will be announced at our Sunday morning meeting.

Proposed Newsletter Names:

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| Majolica Magic | Majolica Matters |
| Natureware [News] | Natural Possessions |
| Earthly Possessions | Majolica Messenger |
| The Majolica Enthusiast | Majolicaletter |
| Majolicatalk | The Majolica News |

Annual Meeting Wish List

Would any of our multi-talented and very wonderful members be able and willing to help us in any of the following areas at the April annual meeting?

- o Videotaping the Saturday evening lecture and talks
- o Photographing the weekend's activities
- o Developing a proposal of possible logos for the Society

(The logo project needs to be taken on by someone with graphics/print production expertise and does not have to be done by the time of the annual meeting, but we would like to discover whether we have any experts in this field who could help.)

If you can volunteer to take on one of these tasks, please let Jerry Leberfeld, Marilyn Karmason, Joan Stacke or Polly Wilbert know. We will be in touch with any volunteers with further details.

Newsletter Format

Beginning with this issue, our newsletters and membership directory will be copied onto 3-hole punched paper so that they can be saved in a 3-ring binder. We hope you will find this a convenient way to keep them for future reference.

Majolica Ads

Any member or friend is welcome to see my collection. Would love to show it off and not too many collectors over this way. Please write:
Louise Alexander, 1507 - 249th Street,
Harbor City, California 90710 3/93

Interested in learning of any references and information on sanded majolica. Please send to:
Jean S. Hicks, 5017 Shamrock Drive, Raleigh, NC 27612 3/93

Jill Crohan-Stutz of Shamrock Antiques in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia has a large inventory of majolica for sale, including Etruscan, Holdcroft, Bennett & Co., and Wedgwood. She would be happy to mail you an inventory list and respond with photos of any items that Society members may find of interest. Please be touch with her at:
Shamrock Antiques, Rt. 3 Box 397, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425
Phone: 304-876-2998 3/93

Wanted: Wedgwood cloth-on-basketweave bread tray. George Jones punchbowl. George Jones strawberry serving spoon. Etruscan sunflower syrup pitcher.
Robert Fox, 415 Somerset, St. Louis, MO 63119
or call 314-966-2000 12/92

Wanted: Creamer for George Jones pineapple-pattern tea set. Please send photo to:
Jerry Leberfeld, 25 Sutton Place South, NY, NY 10022 12/92

Wanted: Cup to match Shorter & Bolton 5 7/8" saucer. Pebbly white background with birds, fans, and prunus blossoms.
For sale to sugar bowl owner: Mint condition lid to sugar bowl, textured turquoise with green leaves and yellow flower finial.
call Phyllis Ann Hays: 918-492-0797 12/92

For Sale: Minton game pie dish bottom (p. 49 middle Majolica, Karmason/Stacke), great coloring and bottom marks, some minor damage on foxes' ears and one small bottom chip. \$875.00
Esther Quaintance, 1217 Fieldcrest, Centralia, WA 98531
Ph: 206-736-5868 3/93

Wanted: Girl with basket. 1967. Height 8" (No. 281). Karmason/Stacke, p. 60.
Need: Pink George Jones sardine box underplate. Marks I, p. 29.
Charlotte S. Magruder, 105 Lee Lane, Bellville, TX 77418 3/93

Driving Directions to Sheraton Valley Forge:

From Points North: (New York, New Jersey, etc.)

Take New Jersey Turnpike South to the Pennsylvania Turnpike (Exit 6) Follow Pennsylvania Turnpike to Valley Forge, Exit 24. Keep to right lanes at toll booth and take the Valley Forge exit, which is the first right just past the toll booth. Proceed approximately one mile through two traffic lights. The entrance to the Sheraton Valley Forge (and Convention Center) will be immediately on the right.

From Points South:

(Washington, DC; Baltimore, and Wilmington):

Take I-95 North to Wilmington, connect with Rt. 202 North and follow toward King of Prussia. Take Rt. 422 West to Route 23 West. At the entrance to Valley Forge National Park turn left onto No. Gulph Road. At the bottom of the hill, about 1/4 mile, turn left into Sheraton Valley Forge (and Convention Center).

Additional Attractions
in the King of Prussia Area

The Henry Francis duPont Winterthur Museum
Winterthur, Delaware

Visitors Service Office: 302-888-4600 or
800-448-3883, M-F: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Winterthur features 196 period room settings and display areas exhibiting 89,000 objects, including rugs, furniture, porcelain, silver, and woodwork, from over 200 years of American history. Beginning April 7, Winterthur offers special tours with a spring theme.

Winterthur is located 6 miles northwest of Wilmington, Delaware on Route 52 between Greenville and Centreville, Delaware.

Longwood Gardens

Route 1, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania
215-388-6741

350 acres of conservatories and outdoor gardens.

Pennypacker Mills

Route 73 at Haldeman Road
Schwenksville, Pennsylvania
215-287-9349

A beautiful Victorian country estate with many of the lovely original furnishings. Home of Samuel W. Pennypacker, former governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Valley Forge National Historical Park

Valley Forge, Pennsylvania
215-783-1077

Site of the 1777-78 winter encampment of General Washington's troops during the Revolutionary War. Guided tours available from the Visitors Center/Museum every 20 minutes on weekends only. Visitors Center open daily from 9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Five-mile biking and hiking trail.

Philadelphia Museum of Art
26th and The Parkway
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
215-763-8100

Featured Exhibit:

The Impressionist and the City: Pissarro's Series.
Some 70 oil paintings by Camille Pissarro (1830-1903). March 7-June 6.

The Court and Plaza Shopping Complex

160 North Gulph Road
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania
215-265-3353

Six major department stores and 325 shops and restaurants. M-S: 10 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Sun: Noon - 6 p.m.

For further information about activities in the
King of Prussia area:

Valley Forge Area Convention and Visitors Bureau:
Call 1-800-441-3549

Dues for membership in the Majolica International Society are payable in January of each year and are \$25.00/year. Members receive the Society's newsletter, which is published quarterly, and may attend the annual meeting, which is held over a weekend in conjunction with a large regional antiques show in either April or May.

For new members who join after July 1, half-year dues are \$15.

Letter of application for membership should be sent to the Society's mailing address:
Suite 103, 1275 First Avenue, New York, NY 10921

If you receive a duplicate of the newsletter or the address we're using for your mailing label is not correct, please drop us a note indicating which address you prefer or correcting the mailing information that we have for you. And, if you're about to move, please let us know your new address!

1993 Deadlines for Material for the Newsletter:

Summer Issue	6/01/93
Fall Issue	9/01/93
Winter Issue	12/01/93

Mail newsletter items to:
Polly Wilbert, 7 Cedar St., Salem, MA 01970