

Meet with us at  
**Val-Kill**

The Fall 2018  
PCCA National Meeting  
September 7th and 8th  
The Holiday Inn Express,  
Poughkeepsie, New York

Examples of Val-Kill pewter



Craftsman Arnold Berge making pewter at Val-Kill



Eleanor Roosevelt's cottage at Val-Kill

# The 2018 PCCA Fall Meeting

Sept. 7th and 8th, Poughkeepsie, NY

## Meeting Overview

The scenic Hudson River Valley will be the site for our 2018 Fall National Meeting. The highlight of the meeting will be a special visit to Val-Kill, the 20th-century crafts center created by Eleanor Roosevelt.

During a picnic with friends at a favorite family location near Hyde Park, Franklin Roosevelt discussed a concept of farming and small industries flourishing during difficult economic times. Financed partly with funds from these friends, a cottage and workshop were built on the site. Dubbed Val-Kill Industries, traditional handcrafts suitable for family farms and small business were revived. These crafts included furniture-making, metalwork (including pewter) and weaving. Val-Kill also became a skills training center that provided a model for other initiatives during FDR's New Deal Recovery Program in the 1930s. After President Roosevelt's death in 1945, Eleanor made Val-Kill her permanent home. Later saved from potential development, Val-Kill was designated a National Historic Site in 1977 and is now run by the National Park Service.

Our headquarters will be the **Holiday Inn Express** in Poughkeepsie, NY. The address is **2750 South Road** and directions to the hotel are included on Page 5 of this announcement. Hotel rooms are available at the special rate of **\$179/night** which includes a complimentary Continental breakfast and wireless access. Reserve your room by calling **845-473-1151** and mention the group code **PCA**. Rooms are available "first-come, first-served".

Activities begin Friday at noon with the Board of Governors' luncheon and meeting to take place at the nearby Canvas Restaurant. Friday afternoon is open for attendees to explore the area.

Our Friday evening festivities kick off at 6:00 PM with a "Meet and Greet" (cash bar) reception and Sales Tables also at the Canvas Restaurant. Following dinner and a brief business meeting, Trish Maloney, Tour Guide from the Roosevelt/Vanderbilt National Historic Sites, will conduct a presentation entitled "Eleanor Roosevelt's Val-Kill". This will be followed by a session on **New York Porringers** by former PCCA President and Honorary Member **Mel Wolf**.

Please make sure to bring along any New York porringers from your collection.

Saturday morning, following a Continental breakfast at the hotel, we will caravan to the Val-Kill National Historic Site. At Val-Kill we will break into smaller groups for guided tours of the Val-Kill Cottage and the Stone Cottage, including a special showing and discussion about Val-Kill pewter led by National Park Service Curator Frank Futral. Pewter objects pulled from their permanent collection will be available for examination. Our visit to Val-Kill will conclude around noon and lunch will be on your own. There are a number of restaurants within the immediate area (a list will be provided in your Registration Packet).

The afternoon is open so you will have the opportunity to return to Val-Kill or visit many of the parks, museums and other historic sites in the area. Information about some of these other places is listed on the **Special Activities and Places to Visit** page in this announcement, and assorted promotional brochures will be in your Registration Packet.

Saturday evening activities start at 6:00 PM with another reception and Sales Tables at the Canvas Restaurant. After dinner, our formal program will begin with former PCCA President (and current Treasurer) **David Kilroy** leading a discussion on **Regional Differences in Banded American Mugs**. This session will include all regions and quart and pint sizes. It will also cover both raised and incised fillets. Members are encouraged to bring in their own mugs for this discussion. The evening will be capped off by an always informative **Show & Tell** session led by former PCCA President **Sandy Lane**. The meeting will adjourn following a few announcements.

If you have any questions or special needs, please contact Program Chair, **George Witman** at **508-839-4709** or **508-523-7635**. Email George at: ([George.Witman@umassmed.edu](mailto:George.Witman@umassmed.edu)).

**Reminder: Please mark your name on any pewter you bring for the Sales Tables, Program Sessions, and/or Show & Tell.**

# Schedule of Events

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## Friday, Sept. 7th

<b>10:00 am – 5:00 pm</b>	Pick up Registration Packets at the Holiday Inn Express (hotel lobby)
<b>Noon</b>	PCCA Board of Governors' Meeting & Luncheon (Canvas Restaurant)
<b>6:00 – 7:00 pm</b>	Meet & Greet Reception, Cash Bar and Sales Tables (Canvas Restaurant)
<b>7:00 – 9:30 pm</b>	Dinner and Evening Program (Canvas Restaurant)
<b>PROGRAM</b>	Welcoming Remarks, Announcements, and Brief Business Meeting – PCCA President <b>Tom Madsen</b> and Vice President <b>George Witman</b> <i>Eleanor Roosevelt's Val-Kill</i> – Trish Maloney, Tour Guide, Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Sites, National Park Service (NPS) <i>New York Porringers</i> – <b>Mel Wolf</b>

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## Saturday, Sept. 8th

<b>7:00 – 9:00 am</b>	Complimentary Breakfast (Holiday Inn Express)
<b>9:15 – 9:45 am</b>	Caravan to Eleanor Roosevelt's Val-Kill (National Historic Site)
<b>10:00 am – Noon</b>	Club will break into smaller groups for guided tours of Eleanor's Val-Kill Cottage, the Stone Cottage, and a special showing and discussion of Val-Kill crafts and related pewter, led by National Park Service Curator Frank Futral
<b>Noon</b>	Lunch on your own. The afternoon is free time to tour other historic and cultural sites, etc., in the area (see below & next page)
<b>6:00 – 7:00 pm</b>	Reception, Cash Bar and Sales Tables (Canvas Restaurant)
<b>7:00 – 9:30 pm</b>	Dinner and Evening Program (Canvas Restaurant)
<b>PROGRAM</b>	<i>Regional Differences in Banded American Mugs</i> – <b>David Kilroy</b> <i>Show &amp; Tell</i> : – moderated by <b>Sandy Lane</b> Final Announcements and Meeting Adjourns

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## Sunday, Sept. 9th

<b>7:00 – 10:00 am</b>	Complimentary Breakfast (Holiday Inn Express)
	Head home or visit nearby historic and cultural sites (suggestions below and on following page)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Franklin D. Roosevelt Home plus the Presidential Library &amp; Museum</li><li>• Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site</li><li>• Historic Huguenot Street, New Paltz, NY</li><li>• Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center at Vassar College</li></ul>

*(This Schedule of Events is subject to change. Times, speakers and events may be altered.)*

# Special Activities and Places to Visit

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## Sales Tables

Our Sales Tables offer an opportunity to view quality pewter at fair prices. It's a great way to expand or downsize your collection, or pick up a valuable book about pewter.

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## Show & Tell

Do you have a new piece of pewter you'd like to tell everyone about? Do you have questions about it? Is it old? Is it legitimate antique pewter or is it a fake? Show & Tell is your chance to show off your latest treasure, share a favorite piece, or find out more about a recent acquisition. It's a great way to learn more about pewter. So bring along some pieces for Show & Tell.

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## Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site

Hyde Park, New York was the home of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and includes the estate at Springwood along with his Presidential Library and Museum. Now operated by the National Park Service, the estate was purchased by James Roosevelt in 1866. Franklin was born there in 1882. Franklin and his mother Sara remodeled and enlarged the home in 1915, changing it from Italian-style architecture to a Colonial Revival exterior. Roosevelt eventually donated the property to the American people, but continued to maintain it as a family residence until his death in 1945. It was then passed on to the U.S. Dept. of Interior.

The Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum was the first of its kind in the country and today it contains millions of documents related to both Franklin and Eleanor. In addition, there is furniture made at Val-Kill as well as numerous books, photographs, film reels and audio recordings. A newly renovated, state-of-the-art museum was opened to the public in 2013.

Hours for Hyde Park Site are: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm seven days a week. Tours are offered throughout the day.

The fee for the Roosevelt Home only is \$10.00/person. The fee for both the home and the Library/Museum is \$20.00 /person. Admission is free if you have the National Park Service "America the Beautiful" pass.

For more information, visit [www.nps.gov/hofr/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/hofr/index.htm) and/or [www.fdrlibrary.org](http://www.fdrlibrary.org)

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## Historic Huguenot Street in New Paltz, NY

This 10-acre National Historic Landmark District includes a Visitor Center, seven historic stone houses, a reconstructed 1717 Huguenot church, a replica Munsee wigwam, exhibit and program spaces, archaeological sites, and a burial ground that dates to the very first settlers.

On Saturday, September 8th, the National Historic Landmark District will host Old New Paltz Stone House Day to celebrate the 340th anniversary of the settling of New Paltz. Guided tours will feature glimpses into all seven historic stone houses, two of which have been entirely out of public view for many years. Musical performances, skits, and sales of hand-made goods and crafts will take place throughout the day. Members of the 5th NY Regiment will bring reenactors from multiple time periods, engaging in musket firing, candle making, sewing, blacksmithing, and other activities. There will be musical performances by the 77th NY Regimental Balladeers and Early American Music & Arts.

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## Other Interesting Sites in the Area

Here are a few places of interest to visit around or not far from Poughkeepsie, NY: • Vassar College and the Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center; • Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site; • Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park • Sprout Creek Farm; • the Mid-Hudson Heritage Center; • The Culinary Institute of America; • Samuel B. Morse Home; • Mohonk Preserve

# Driving Directions (to hotel)

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**Directions from Stewart-Newburg Airport:** Turn left out of airport onto Rt 207 East to I-84 East. Go to Exit 13 and get onto Rt. 9 North. Stay on Rt. 9 North for 12 miles and the hotel is on the right.

**Directions from NYC and south:** Take I-87 North (NY State Thruway) to Exit 18 (New Paltz/Poughkeepsie). Make a right onto 299 East. Stay on 299 East for 5 miles (to the end of the road). Make a right onto 9 West and go for approx 3 miles. Cross the Mid-Hudson Bridge. As you cross the bridge, take the first right hand side exit out of the bridge. Merge onto Rt 9 South (towards Wappingers Falls). Stay on the left hand side lane. Make a left at the 1st traffic light and the hotel is on the corner of Rt 9 and Sharon Drive.

**Directions from Massachusetts thru to the Taconic Parkway:** Take I-90 West (Mass. Pike) across to the MA/NY border and get on the Taconic Parkway South. Drive to the Poughkeepsie exit. Take Rt 44/55 West to Rt 9 South (access to this ramp/exit to Rt 9 South is on your right hand side **before** getting to the Mid-Hudson Bridge. **DO NOT GO ACROSS THE BRIDGE!** As you get to that exit, merge onto Rt 9 South toward Wappingers Falls. Go for approximately 1½ miles. Stay on your left hand side and at the first traffic light on Rt 9, you will make a left. The hotel is on your left hand side.

**From Connecticut:** Take I-84 West (toward Newburg). Get off at Exit 13 to Poughkeepsie (Rt 9 North). Take Rt 9 North for 12 miles. The hotel is on the right hand side.

**Holiday Inn Express**  
**2750 South Road**  
**Poughkeepsie NY 12601**  
**Phone: (845) 473-1151**  
**Email: [expresspou.aol.com](mailto:expresspou.aol.com)**

# Driving Directions (local)

**From Holiday Inn Express (2750 South Road, Poughkeepsie) to Canvas Restaurant (305 Main Street, Poughkeepsie)** allow about 10 minutes to go directly to parking lot; allow extra time if dropping off pewter or people on Main Street.

- Leave the hotel heading north toward Sharon Drive.
- Turn left onto Sharon Drive.
- Turn right onto U.S. 9 N. Continue for 0.5 miles on U.S. 9-N.
- Exit right onto Academy Street. Continue on Academy Street for 1.3 miles.
- Turn left onto Main Street/Main Mall. Canvas will be on the right, next to The Artist's Palate.
- Park on Main Street if parking is available, or stop in front of the restaurant to unload pewter or accommodate people with impaired mobility.
- After unloading pewter, if parking on the street is not available, take the next right onto Garden Street and park in the Garden Street Lot.
- Park, use the kiosk to pay, and leave the parking ticket in the car if before 6 PM Friday. Your car may be towed if you don't pay. Parking is free after 6 PM Friday and all day Saturday.
- After parking, walk back along Garden Street to Main Street and Canvas restaurant.

**From Holiday Inn Express to Eleanor Roosevelt Center – Val-Kill**

- Head north toward Sharon Drive.
- Turn left onto Sharon Drive.
- Turn right onto U.S. 9 N. Continue for 6.0 miles on U.S. 9-N.
- Turn right onto St. Andrew Road. Continue for 1.2 miles on St. Andrew Road.
- Turn left onto Violet Avenue. Continue on Violet Avenue for 0.5 miles.
- Turn right into the Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site.
- Follow the signs to parking.
- Accessible parking is available.

# Registration Form (Please return entire form)

## Fall 2018 PCCA National Meeting

Friday, Sept. 7th and Saturday, Sept. 8th

The Holiday Inn Express – Poughkeepsie, NY

Featuring a special visit to Eleanor Roosevelt's Val-Kill



### Meeting Meals

Friday, Sept. 7th – Canvas Restaurant  
Reception & Cash Bar

Autumn Salad

Plated entrees: Indicate number each

Grilled Marinated Black  
Berkshire Pork

Herb Baked Faroe Island Salmon

Warm Apple Cobbler

*Members with special dietary  
needs should contact George Witman*

Saturday, Sept. 8th –  
Lunch on your own –  
restaurant suggestions  
will be included in your  
Registration Packet

Saturday, Sept. 8th – Canvas Restaurant  
Reception & Cash Bar

Acorn Squash Bisque with Maple  
Sherry Gastrique

Plated entrees: Indicate number each

Seared Breast of Organic Chicken

Baked Chatham Cod

Chocolate Marquis Cake

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needs should contact George Witman*

Please **PRINT** your name(s) and location as *you wish them to appear on your badge*.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City and State: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first PCCA National Meeting?  Yes  No

Are you bringing any pieces for the Friday evening talk on New York Porringers?  Yes  No

Are you bringing any pieces for the Saturday evening talk on banded American mugs?  Yes  No

Are you bringing any pieces for the Saturday evening Show & Tell?  Yes  No

Are you bringing any Sales Table Pewter?  Yes  No

Mail this form and your meeting fee check for **\$91 per person** (includes two dinners and tour tickets to Val-Kill) payable to PCCA, to be received by **August 28th**.

Send to: **George Witman – 1st VP and Program Chair**  
36 George Hill Road, Grafton, Massachusetts 01519-1417  
Home phone: (508) 839-4709; Cell phone: (508) 523-7635  
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**Please note: There will be no meeting registration refunds due to cancellations after August 28th.**