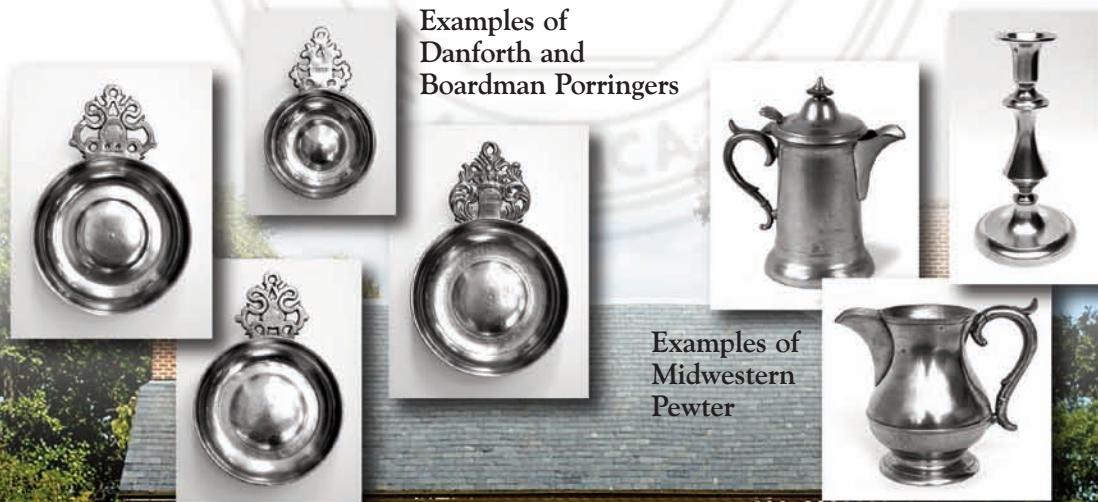


Join our gathering in  
**Fredericksburg,  
Virginia**

**The Fall 2019 PCCA National Meeting  
October 11th and 12th  
The Hyatt Place Fredericksburg**

Featuring a special tour of Kenmore Plantation, the 18th century home of George Washington's sister, Betty Washington Lewis.

Plus, a presentation on Fredericksburg and the Civil War, an overview of Connecticut porringers by the Danforths and Boardmans, a look at Midwestern pewter, a new session entitled "My First Piece of Pewter" and more.



# The 2019 PCCA Fall Meeting

Oct. 11th and 12th, Fredericksburg, VA

## Meeting Overview

Located on the Rappahannock River in Virginia, the historic city of Fredericksburg will serve as the host location for our 2019 PCCA Fall Meeting. Our headquarters will be the **Hyatt Place Fredericksburg at Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, VA 22401**. Directions to the hotel are included in this announcement.

A block of rooms has been reserved for our event and range in price from **\$139 – \$149/night** plus taxes. The price includes a complimentary buffet-style breakfast. Please reserve your room by calling: **1-800-55-HYATT (1-800-554-9288)** or **1-540-654-3333**. Be sure to mention our **PCCA Group Rate** for this event. The **Cut Off Date** for our special room pricing is **September 19th**.

Meeting registration is **\$122** per person and represents two dinners and admission to **Kenmore Plantation**. Meeting Information Packets may be collected in the Hyatt lobby from 11:00 AM until 4:30 PM on Friday. The PCCA Board of Governors meeting will take place from noon until 3:00 PM. PCCA past-president **Rick Benson** will present our ever-popular Introduction to Pewter Orientation from 2:30 until 4:30 PM.

Our evening festivities begin at 5:30 PM with a Meet & Greet and cash bar reception. After a thorough inspection of the Sales Tables, our dinner begins at 6:30. The evening program will open with a welcome by 1st VP **Eric Lanka** and a few brief remarks from PCCA President, **George Witman**. Our guest speaker for the evening will be John Hennessy from the National Park Service. Significant both politically and militarily during the Civil War, John will recount the powerful events witnessed by Fredericksburg so that we may better appreciate our Virginian location and its place in American history. This presentation will be followed by a talk on *Danforth and*

*Boardman Porringers* led by **Mel Wolf**. Please bring Danforth and Boardman porringers from your own collections to enhance the presentation and make sure to mark them with your name.

Saturday morning, after a complimentary breakfast, we will car-pool or individually drive to nearby **Kenmore Plantation** for a 9:30 AM arrival. There we will divide into groups and have private docents guide us through the home and grounds once occupied by George Washington's sister, Betty Washington Lewis. Once the tours are completed, lunch will be on your own and the afternoon clear for you to independently visit the many parks, museums and abundant historic sites in the area. Information about a few of these locales is found on the **Special Activities and Places to Visit** page of this announcement and will also be included in your Registration Packet.

The Saturday evening activities will again start at 5:30 PM with another reception and Sales Tables opportunity at our hotel. Following our buffet-style dinner, **George Witman** will conduct a brief business meeting. Then the evening program will start with a session entitled *Your First Piece of Pewter*. We're looking for no more than four members to bring in and share a story about their first pewter experience! Do we have any volunteers? If so, please contact: **Eric Lanka** at [yankeewoodworks1@gmail.com](mailto:yankeewoodworks1@gmail.com). This will be "first come, first served". The second talk will be a presentation on *Midwestern Pewter: Homan, Sellew and Sage*. **Don Dorsch** will moderate. Finally, a *Show & Tell* session, led by **Eric Lanka** will conclude the evening's program. Our meeting will adjourn following a few short announcements.

**Reminder: Make sure to mark both your pewter and any other collection items with your name.**



# Schedule of Events

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## Friday, Oct. 11th

**Check-in at the Hyatt Place Fredericksburg at Mary Washington**

**11:00 am – 4:30 pm** Registration – Pick-up Envelope with Meeting Information and Name Badges

**Noon to 3:00 pm** PCCA Board of Governors' Meeting & Luncheon (Hyatt Place)

**2:30 – 4:30 pm** Introduction to Pewter Orientation – **Rick Benson** (Hyatt Place Conf. Room)

**5:30 – 6:30 pm** Meet & Greet Reception, Cash Bar and Sales Tables (Hyatt Place)

**6:30 – 9:30 pm** Buffet-Style Dinner and Evening Program (Hyatt Place)

**PROGRAM** Welcoming Remarks and Announcements – Ist VP **Eric Lanka** and  
PCCA President **George Witman**

*Fredericksburg and the Civil War* – John Hennessy, National Park Service

*Danforth and Boardman Porringers: An Overview* – **Mel Wolf**

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## Saturday, Oct. 12th

**7:30 – 9:00 am** Complimentary Buffet-Style Breakfast (Hyatt Place)

**9:00 – 9:30 am** Car-pool or drive individually to Kenmore Plantation

**9:30 am – 12:30 pm** Club will break into smaller groups for privately guided tours of the  
Kenmore Plantation house and grounds

**12:30 – 4:30 pm** Lunch on your own plus the afternoon is free time to independently visit the  
many parks, museums and historic sites in the area. (see following page)

**5:30 – 6:30 pm** Reception, Cash Bar and Sales Tables (Hyatt Place)

**6:30 – 9:30 pm** Buffet-Style Dinner and Evening Program (Hyatt Place)

**PROGRAM** Brief Business Meeting – PCCA President, **George Witman**

*My First Piece of Pewter* – **Four Members**

*Midwestern Pewter: Homan, Sellew, Sage* – **Don Dorsch**

*Show & Tell* – moderated by **Eric Lanka**

Final Announcements and Meeting Adjourns

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## Sunday, Oct. 13th

**7:30 – 11:00 am** Complimentary Buffet-Style Breakfast (Hyatt Place)

**Head home or visit parks, museums and nearby historic sites** (see following page)

*(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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## My First Piece of Pewter

What was your First Piece of Pewter? Do you still have it? How did you come by it? Would you care to share the story with us? Saturday evening, before the formal presentation on Midwestern Pewter begins, members are invited to show us what got them started on their collecting adventures. Please contact **Eric Lanka** at [yankeewoodworks1@gmail.com](mailto:yankeewoodworks1@gmail.com). We'll limit the number of volunteers to four for this meeting and see how it works. Selection will be made on a first come, first served basis.

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## Kenmore Plantation

Completed in 1776 by George Washington's sister, Betty Washington Lewis, and her husband, Fielding Lewis, this beautiful, Georgian-style, brick mansion reflects the pre-Revolutionary war wealth and status of the Fredericksburg merchant. The house is noted architecturally for the outstanding decorative plaster work on the ceilings of many rooms on the first floor. In 1970 the property was declared a National Historic Landmark. Saturday morning, private docents will escort us along the grounds and through this beautiful home. Kenmore Plantation is 1.7 km / 1 mi from the Hyatt.

For more information, visit [www.kenmore.org](http://www.kenmore.org).

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## Mary Washington House

The Mary Washington House is the house in which George Washington's mother, Mary Ball Washington, resided towards the end of her life. George Washington purchased this house for his mother from Michael Robinson in 1772 for \$275. Mary Washington spent her last few years in the white frame house that is located on the corner of Charles and Lewis Street. It is now open as an 18th-century, period, historic, house museum, one of several museums in Fredericksburg operated by Washington Heritage Museums. The Mary Washington House is 2.1 km / 1.3 mi from the Hyatt.

For more information, visit [www.washingtonheritagemuseums.org](http://www.washingtonheritagemuseums.org).

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## Fredericksburg Battlefield

Fought in December from the 11th through the 15th in 1862, The Battle of Fredericksburg was one of the largest and deadliest engagements of the Civil War. Principal figures who participated in the battle include Ambrose Burnside, Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson. The American Battlefield Trust has worked to preserve hundreds of acres of this battlefield often called Marye's Heights. The Fredericksburg Battlefield is 1.6 km / 1 mi from the Hyatt.

For more information, visit [www.nps.gov/frsp](http://www.nps.gov/frsp).

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## Trolley Tours of Fredericksburg

This is a great way to enjoy an entertaining and informative trip around town. Trained and licensed guides will provide an overview of the downtown area and all Fredericksburg has to offer. Then you will have a better idea of where you may want to eat, shop and explore. Tickets may be purchased online and are also sold at the Fredericksburg Visitor Center.

For more information visit [www.fredericksburgtrolley.com/daily](http://www.fredericksburgtrolley.com/daily) or call (540) 898-0737.

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## Other Area Attractions

Distances are displayed to the nearest 0.1 mile and kilometer from the Hyatt Place Fredericksburg at Mary Washington.

- University of Mary Washington - 0.1 km / 0.1 mi, • Rising Sun Tavern - 2.3 km / 1.4 mi, • James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library - 2.4 km / 1.5 mi, • Hugh Mercer Apothecary Shop - 2.5 km / 1.5 mi, • Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church - 2.5 km / 1.6 mi, • Fredericksburg Area Museum and Cultural Center - 2.5 km / 1.6 mi, • Fredericksburg Expo and Conference Center - 3.8 km / 2.4 mi, • Spotsylvania Towne Centre - 4.2 km / 2.6 mi, • White Oak Civil War Museum - 11.4 km / 7.1 mi, • Chancellorsville Battlefield - 13.1 km / 8.2 mi

# Driving Directions

**FROM THE WEST:** Take I-76E towards Harrisburg, PA. Take exit 161 for I-70E toward US-30 Breezewood/Baltimore. Use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto I-70E (signs for Washington D.C./Baltimore). Use the left lane to take exit 1B for US-522S toward Hancock/Winchester. Continue onto US-522S. Turn right onto the VA/37S ramp to US-50. Take the exit toward I-81S. Use the left lane to take exit 300 for I-66E toward Front Royal/Washington. Take exit 28 for US-17 toward Warrenton/Fredericksburg. Merge onto US-17S (signs for Warrenton). Use right lane to take US-17S ramp to Fredericksburg. Turn right onto US-1 S/US-17 BUSINESS S/Cambridge St. Keep straight on US-1 for about 1 mile, then bear right onto Jefferson Davis Hwy. Hyatt Place will be located at #1241.

**FROM THE NORTH:** Traveling on I-95 toward Washington, take exit 27 ramp “right” for I-495W toward Silver Spring. Upon entering VA, the road name changes to the Capital Beltway. Remain on the Beltway until exit 57A. Take the ramp to the right for I-95S toward Richmond. At exit 133A, take ramp right for US-17 –BR toward Falmouth/Hospital. Keep straight onto US-17- BR/Warrenton Rd. Turn right onto US-17 BR/Cambridge St. Keep Straight on US-1 for about a mile, then bear right onto Jefferson Davis Hwy. Hyatt Place will be located at #1241. If you reach Snowden St., you’ve gone too far.

**FROM THE SOUTH:** Head North on I-95 toward Washington D.C. Approaching Fredericksburg, take ramp right for VA-3E/Plank Road. Take ramp right and follow signs for US-1 North. Turn left onto Jefferson Davis Hwy. Hyatt Place will be located at #1241.

## **THE NEAREST AIRPORTS ARE:**

- Manassas, VA (MNZ-Manassas Regional) - 64.1 km / 39.8 mi
  - Washington, DC (DCA-Ronald Reagan Washington National) - 79.4 km / 49.4 mi
- The preferred airport for Hyatt Place Fredericksburg at Mary Washington is Washington, DC (DCA-Ronald Reagan Washington National). Other airports in the Washington DC area include Dulles Intl. Airport (IAD) and Baltimore/Washington Intl. Airport (BWI).

**Hyatt Place Fredericksburg at Mary Washington**  
**1241 Jefferson Davis Highway**  
**Fredericksburg, VA 12601**

**Phone: (540) 654-3333**

**Website: [hyattplacefredericksburg.com](http://hyattplacefredericksburg.com)**

# Registration Form (Please return entire form)

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Featuring a special visit to Kenmore Plantation



### Meeting Meals

Friday, Oct. 11th – Hyatt Place  
Reception & Cash Bar

Buffet Dinner –

- Salad
- Chicken Cordon Bleu or Pork Tenderloin with Mango Salsa
- Fresh Vegetables
- Dessert, Coffee and Tea

*Members with special dietary needs should contact Eric Lanka*

Saturday, Oct. 12th –  
Lunch on your own –  
restaurant suggestions  
will be included in your  
Registration Packet

Saturday, Oct. 12th – Hyatt Place  
Reception & Cash Bar

Buffet Dinner –

- Salad
- Marinated Grilled New York Strip Steak or Baked Halibut with Herbed and Citrus Butter
- Fresh Vegetables
- Dessert, Coffee and Tea

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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

Do you plan to attend the Introduction to Pewter Orientation?  Yes  No

Are you bringing any pieces for the talk on Danforth and Boardman porringers?  Yes  No

Are you bringing any pieces for the talk on Midwestern pewter?  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 **\$122 per person** (includes two dinners and tour tickets to Kenmore Plantation) payable to PCCA, to be received by **October 1st**.

Send to: **Eric Lanka – 1st VP and Program Chair**

**91 Pleasant Valley Road, Mansfield Center, Connecticut 06250-1539**

**Phone: (860) 423-1507**

**email: yankeewoodworks1@gmail.com**

***Please note: There will be no meeting registration refunds due to cancellations after Oct. 1st.***