

Let's All Meet in **Richmond, VA**

The Fall 2022 PCCA National Meeting
October 12 & 13 at the Omni Richmond Hotel



The Virginia State Capitol



The Virginia Museum of History and Culture



The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

Featuring optional visits to the
Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and/or
the Virginia Museum of History and Culture.
Plus, presentations on Pewter Alloy Analysis,
Preservation Virginia, Pewter in Virginia,
Show & Tell and more.

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Meeting Overview

The beautiful and historic city of Richmond, Virginia is the site for our Fall 2022 National Meeting. In 1779, then Governor Thomas Jefferson was instrumental in moving the state capitol from Williamsburg to Richmond. While much of the city was in ruins following the Civil War, over the decades Richmond has grown to become one of the most vibrant cities in America. In fact, in recent years Richmond has been experiencing a Renaissance. Older neighborhoods have been restored, museums and restaurants have flourished, and business has increased dramatically.

Located in the heart of downtown, our headquarters will be the Omni Richmond Hotel. A block of rooms has been reserved for the PCCA at **\$169/night** plus taxes and fees. Reserve your room by calling **1-800-843-6664**. Or, call the hotel directly at **1-804-344-7000**. Make sure to tell them you are a member of the Pewter Collectors' Club of America. You can also make reservations on line using this link: <https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/richmond/meetings/pewter-collectors-club-of-america-10122022#make-a-reservation>. The **Cut-Off Date** for our special room rate is **September 27th**. Hotel valet parking is available at \$30.00 per day but alternative daily parking is also available in the area.

The meeting Registration Fee is **\$135 per person** which includes two dinners. Please refer to the **Registration Form** in this announcement for more details.

Meeting information packets will be available in the lobby of the Omni from 11:00 am until 4:30 pm on Wednesday. The PCCA Board of Governors' Meeting takes place from noon to 3:00 pm, after which 1st VP **Ed McManus** will conduct a presentation entitled **Introduction to Analysis of Pewter Alloys (XRF)**. This presentation will demonstrate the latest technology (X-Ray Fluorescence) currently used to identify the composition of an object as well as the percentages of elements in an alloy, in this case pewter. Both the board meeting and the special presentation will take place in the **Canal Room**.

Our evening festivities commence at 5:00 pm in the **Roanoke Room** with a "Meet & Greet" reception including a Cash Bar and **Sales Tables**. Dinner will follow the reception and the evening program will begin with

brief remarks by President **Eric Lanka** and 1st VP **Ed McManus**. Ed will then introduce our first speaker; Meika Downey, Education Coordinator for the Preservation Virginia organization. Ms. Downey will conduct a presentation entitled **"About Preservation Virginia (PV): Its Mission, Historic Richmond and PV Sites in Richmond"**. This will be followed by a ten minute break. Our second speaker of the evening will be PCCA Honorary Member **Bill Snow**. Bill will conduct a session entitled **"Pewter in Virginia"**.

On Thursday morning, breakfast is available at the Omni Hotel or in a nearby restaurant. Attendees then have the option of touring, on their own, the **Virginia Museum of Fine Arts** and/or the **Virginia Museum of History and Culture**. Both museums are close by each other and directions will be provided in your registration packet.

Lunch will be on your own at either one of the museums, within the city, or back at the hotel. Members are also free to visit the Virginia state capitol or other museums and historical sites in and around Richmond. A list of some of these other sites is located at the bottom of the **Special Activities and Places to Visit in the Area** page.

Thursday evening activities will start at 5:00 pm in the **Roanoke Room** with another reception and **Sales Tables** opportunity. Following our plated dinner, the program will begin with a talk by Anthony Barry, President of Camelot Pewter Inc. He will conduct a presentation entitled **"Pewter Casting, Spinning and Engraving Today"**. This will be followed by a ten minute break. After the break, two sessions will take place. The first is entitled **"Engraved Pewter, Old and New"** while the second will be our always popular **Show & Tell**. Please bring in pewter for both these sessions. Member moderators will be announced at that time. The evening ends with a brief business meeting led by President **Eric Lanka** and a few final announcements by 1st VP **Ed McManus**.

Remember, the **Cut-Off Date** for our special room rate is **September 27th**. There are a limited number of rooms available so members are urged to make reservations now.

Don't forget to label any and all pewter you bring to the meeting with your name.

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, October 12th

Check-in at The Omni Richmond Hotel (Mezzanine Level) and registration at the PCCA Table

- 11:00 am – 4:30 pm** Registration and pick-up envelope with Meeting Information and Name Badges
- Noon – 3:00 pm** PCCA Board of Governors' Meeting (Canal Room)
- 3:00 – 4:30 pm** **Introduction to Analysis of Pewter Alloys (XRF) – Ed McManus** (Canal Room)
- 5:00 – 6:00 pm** Meet and Greet Reception, Cash Bar and Sales Tables (Roanoke Room)
- 6:00 – 9:30 pm** Plated Dinner and Evening Program (Roanoke Room)
- PROGRAM** **Welcoming Remarks** – PCCA President, **Eric Lanka** and 1st VP, **Ed McManus**
- “About Preservation Virginia (PV): Its Mission, Historic Richmond and PV Sites in Richmond”** – Meika Downey, PV Education Coordinator
- 10 Minute Break
- “Pewter in Virginia” – Bill Snow**
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Thursday, October 13th

- 7:30 to 9:00 am** Breakfast at the Omni or within the surrounding area (a list of restaurants is available at the hotel lobby desk).
- 10:00 am – 4:00 pm** Members have the option of visiting the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts (VMFA) or the Virginia Museum of History and Culture (driving directions will be included in the registration envelope)
- Lunch on your own – Choose a local restaurant or the VMFA has an excellent cafe/cafeteria and both museums are located close by each other
- 5:00 – 6:00 pm** Reception, Cash Bar and Sales Tables – (Roanoke Room)
- 6:00 – 9:30 pm** Plated Dinner and Evening Program (Roanoke Room)
- PROGRAM** **“Pewter Casting, Spinning and Engraving Today”** – Anthony Barry, President: Camelot Pewter Inc.
- 10 Minute Break
- “Engraved Pewter, Old and New” plus Show & Tell – To Be Announced**
- PCCA Business Meeting and Final Announcements – Eric Lanka and Ed McManus**
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Friday, October 14th

Members are encouraged to extend their stay at the Omni at the special rate through Saturday, visit the many parks, museums and historic sites in and around Richmond, or head home

Spring 2023 National Meeting – Tentative site: Gloucester, Massachusetts

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

Special Activities and Places to Visit in the Area

Sales Tables

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

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 and 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.

The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts (VMFA) opened in 1936 at the height of the Great Depression. It started with an English Renaissance-style headquarters and featured the donated collection of 50 paintings from Judge John Barton Payne. Over the years, the VMFA has added considerably more gallery space and has grown to become one of the premier, medium-sized city art museums in the country. In May of 2010, the museum completed a \$150 million expansion project that added over 165,000 square feet of gallery and special exhibition space along with a larger library, gift store, formal restaurant and café.

Today, the museum's holdings include thousands of drawings, paintings, prints and sculptures from around the world and major, ever-changing exhibitions make it an exciting and inspirational experience for visitors. The museum also offers various student and educational programs for every age. Entry is free to the public except for special programs and limited exhibitions.

To learn more about the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, visit their website at www.vmfa.museum

The Virginia Museum of History and Culture

Founded in 1831, the Virginia Museum of History and Culture (VMHC) is owned and operated by the Virginia Historical Society. The Society lost its entire endowment following the Civil War and almost went bankrupt. However, in 1893, under new leadership, the Society recovered and over many decades assembled major collections of Virginia art, artifacts, documents, maps, Native American objects, military items, agricultural implements, and numerous decorative arts.

As time went by, the VMHC continued to grow. Recently (Spring 2022), the museum made major improvements to more than two-thirds of its now 250,000 square-foot complex. It added 50% more gallery space, a new theater, interactive learning areas, an education and community center, an updated museum gift/book store and a café. Currently, the museum holds almost nine million Virginia-related objects and is one of the top history museums in the country. The entry fee for groups (including PCCA attendees) is \$8.00 per person and a \$5.00 parking fee is required for non-Society members.

To learn more about the Virginia Museum of History and Culture, visit their website at www.virginiahistory.org

Other Places of Interest

If you plan to arrive early or stay later, here are several other places of interest you may want to consider visiting:

- The Valentine Museum (This museum displays a portion of Joseph Danforth Jr.'s pewter trade sign and a few of his tools.)
- The Virginia Capitol Building and the Executive Mansion • The American Civil War Museum and Historic Tredegar Iron Works
- The Holocaust Museum • St. Johns Church (Where Patrick Henry gave his "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death" speech.)
- The John Marshall House • The Virginia Science Museum • Historic Tuckahoe Plantation • The Poe Museum
- Wilton House Museum • Agecroft Hall • Riverfront Canal Walk • Patrick Henry's Scotchtown • Gaines' Mill Battlefield

Driving Directions and Other Transportation

FROM THE EAST

Take **I-64** West towards Richmond. Get on **I-95** South. Follow I-95 South and take **Exit 74A**. Get on South 10th Street and then on East Cary Street to South 12th Street. The Omni Hotel is located at 100 South 12th Street.

FROM THE WEST

Take **I-64** East towards Richmond. Get on **I-95** South. Follow I-95 South and take **Exit 74A**. Get on South 10th Street and then on East Cary Street to South 12th Street. The Omni Hotel is located at 100 South 12th Street.

FROM THE SOUTH

Take **I-95** North towards Richmond. Take **Exit 74A** off I-95. Get on South 10th Street and then on East Cary Street to South 12th Street. The Omni Hotel is located at 100 So.12th Street.

FROM THE NORTH

Take **I-95** South towards Richmond. Take **Exit 74A** off I-95. Get on South 10th Street and then on East Cary Street to South 12th Street. The Omni Hotel is located at 100 So.12th Street.

RAIL TRAVEL

Amtrak trains run daily from the North, South and West to Richmond's Historic Main Street Station. The station is located at 1500 East Main Street. The Omni Hotel is 0.4 miles from the station. Check **Amtrak** online (www.amtrak.com) for schedules and fares.

AIR TRAVEL

Richmond International Airport (RIC) is the closest major airport to the city. The driving distance from the airport to the Omni Hotel by taxi, Uber, or rental car is 7.9 miles and the drive time is approximately 12 to 15 minutes. Not all airlines have direct flights to RIC. If a direct flight is required to reach the area, the nearest major, alternative airports to Richmond are **Dulles International Airport (IAD)** or **Reagan International Airport (DAC)** next to Washington DC. The approximate drive time from Dulles to Richmond is two and a half hours. The approximate drive time from Reagan to Richmond is one hour and 50 minutes. However, traffic on I-66 and I-95 can be **very** congested at different times of the day so traveling from those locations may require extra time. Please check traffic reports and plan accordingly.

The Omni Richmond Hotel

100 South 12th Street

Richmond, VA 23219

Phone: 1-804-344-7000

On the Web: www.omnihotels.com/hotels/richmond

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Meals

Wednesday, October 12 – The Omni Hotel

Reception and Cash Bar

Plated Dinner

Please select a dinner entree
and indicate how many:

☐ Chesapeake Chicken

☐ Bistro Filet

☐ Grilled Rib Eye

Side dishes, dessert and coffee
or tea are also included

*Members with special dietary needs
should contact Ed McManus*

Thursday, October 13 –

Lunch on your own
at the hotel, at the
VMFA or locally in
Richmond. Restaurant
suggestions are
available at the hotel
lobby desk

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Please **PRINT** your name(s) and location as you wish them to appear on your badge and answer the following questions:

Name: _____

Name: _____

City and State: _____

Please indicate if this is your first PCCA National Meeting: ☐

Please indicate if you plan to attend the Introduction to Analysis of Pewter Alloys session: ☐

Are you bringing any pewter for discussion? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you bringing any Sales Tables Pewter? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Mail this form and your check for \$135.00 (per person), payable to PCCA, by October 1, 2022.

Send form and payment to:

Edward McManus

1373 Independence Avenue, SE

Washington, DC 20003-3735

email: edwmcmanus@hotmail.com

Note: There will be no meeting refunds after October 1st.