

**Come One, Come All!**

Meet with us in

# Old Sturbridge Village

The Spring 2023 PCCA National Meeting  
May 20 & 21 at the Publick House Historic Inn  
in Sturbridge, Massachusetts



Our room rate will be \$169.00 per night which is good at the Publick House, the Chamberlain House and the Tillyer House.

Meeting registration will be \$115.00 per person which includes two buffet dinners, a buffet breakfast on Sunday morning and a tour of the OSV collections. A special, reduced rate entrance fee (\$20.00) will be available to those wishing to tour the entire Village.

Our meeting topics and speakers will be outlined in the Meeting Announcement Overview.



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## ***May 20 & 21 – Sturbridge, MA***

### **Meeting Overview**

Sturbridge, Massachusetts is located in south central Massachusetts, southwest of Worcester and east of Springfield. During the 1600s, it was part of an overland route linking Boston to Springfield. In the 1730s the General Court gave out 50 homesteads to families interested in settling in the area. The name Sturbridge is derived from an English town, Stourbridge, where many of the town's ancestors came from. Its Citizens participated in the Revolutionary War and Colonel Ebenezer Crafts personally equipped a company of cavalry for the Continental Army. In 1824, Marquis Lafayette and his son, George Washington Lafayette visited Sturbridge and stayed at the Publick House. The Publick House first opened its doors in 1771. The meeting will take place in Crafts Hall, named after Col. Crafts.

In the 1840s, George Washington Wells started a small spectacle shop that eventually grew into the American Optical Company. His sons, Channing, Albert and Cheney, continued the business. In 1926 Albert began to shop for antiques which in turn, influenced Cheney to collect American time pieces and Channing to collect fine furniture. The Wells family and others formed the Wells Historical Museum in 1935. By 1946 and after significant changes, Old Sturbridge Village emerged. Go to <http://www.osv.org> for further information. Old Sturbridge Village will have examples of rare pewter for viewing during the tours to OSV.

The meeting will take place at the Publick House located in downtown Sturbridge. A block of rooms has been set aside for \$169.00/night plus taxes and fees. Rooms are available in the Publick House, Chamberlin House and Tillyer house. Call the Lodging Desk Direct at (508) 347-3313, be sure to mention our group name, Pewter Collectors' Club of America, Inc. **The cut off date for the group rate is April 4, 2023.** The address for the Publick House is 277 Main St., Sturbridge, MA 01566. Parking is free.

The meeting Registration Fee is \$115.00 per person which includes two dinners, a breakfast and a tour of the Old Sturbridge Village storage facility. Individual tickets to the Village can be purchased at the reduced rate of \$20.00. Please refer to the Registration Form in this announcement for details.

Meeting information packets will be available at the Publick House from 11:00 am until 4:30 pm on Saturday. The PCCA Board of Governors' Meeting takes

place from noon to 2:00 pm in the Library. The Introduction to Pewter session will be conducted by Rick Benson from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm in Crafts Hall.

Evening festivities commence at 5:00 pm with a "Meet and 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. The first speaker for the evening will be Tom Kelleher, Curator of Mechanical Arts, Old Sturbridge Village. The second speaker is to be determined.

Sunday will begin with a buffet breakfast in the Tap Room. The first tour of the OSV storage facility will begin at 10:00 am. The tour will include examples of pewter in the OSV collections. Lunch will be on your own. The second tour will begin at 1:00 pm. Members who purchase the optional \$20.00 ticket to tour the Village may do so before or after the visits to the storage facility. The group will reconvene at the Publick House at 5:00 pm. There will be a cash bar reception followed by dinner in Crafts Hall. Evening activities will include a speaker, to be determined, the National Business Meeting and the traditional Show and Tell session. Members who bring pewter to the Show and Tell session are reminded to label their pewter pieces with their name.

#### **Directions**

**Driving:** Sturbridge is located in Central Massachusetts, at the crossroads of the Massachusetts Turnpike I-90, and Connecticut, I-84. From the Mass Pike (Route 90) take exit 78 to I-84. Then take exit 6-B West off of I-84 onto Route 131 (Main Street). The Publick House is ½ mile on the right.

**Train or Bus:** Amtrak and Greyhound serve the cities of Worcester, MA and Hartford, CT. Taxis are available from the train or bus station to transport you to Sturbridge, MA.

**Air:** Sturbridge is easily accessible from Logan International Airport in Boston, T.F. Green in Rhode Island, Bradley International Airport in Connecticut, Worcester Regional Airport or Southbridge Municipal Airport. Rental cars and limousine services are available from these airports.

**Please submit your registration and check to Edward McManus by May 1, 2023.**

## Registration Form

### **The May 2023 PCCA National Meeting**

**Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

### **The Publick House Sturbridge, Massachusetts**

*Featuring a tour of the Old Sturbridge Village storage facility and an optional reduced entry fee to the Village for Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>.*

*Note: tours to the storage facility are limited to 12 members at a time;*

*There will be two tours on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.*

### **Meals\***

#### **Saturday**

There will be a buffet dinner at the Publick House with a choice of meat and fish.

#### **Sunday**

- There will be a breakfast buffet in the Pub Room, at the Publick House.
- Sunday, lunch is on your own.
- There will be a buffet dinner at the Publick House with a choice of meat and fish.

*All meals with the exception of lunch on Sunday are included in the Registration Fee.*

*\*Members with special dietary needs should contact Ed McManus*

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 Pewter presentation. ☐

Are you bringing pewter for the Show and Tell session? Yes ☐ No ☐

Are you bringing pewter for the Sales Table? Yes ☐ No ☐

Mail this form and your check for \$115.00 (per person), payable to PCCA by May 1, 2023; add an additional \$20.00 (per person) if you wish a reduced ticket to OSV to:

**Edward McManus**

**1373 Independence Ave, SE**

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