

Let's share pewter and learn about German/
American history and culture in historic

TRAPPE, PENN.

The 2024 PCCA National Meeting

May 10 –12th – The Courtyard by Marriott
Philadelphia, Valley Forge/Collegeville



Photos courtesy
of Historic Trappe,
plus PCCA members
Edward McManus
and Robert and
Arlene Diercks.

Our special room rate at the
Marriott will be \$189.00 +
taxes per night for a King bed
and \$209.00 + taxes per night
for two Queen beds. The cut-
off date for reservations at
these rates is April 10th.

The number for hotel
reservations is 1-484-974-2600.
Or, reserve online (see Page 2.).

Meeting registration will be
\$150.00 per person which
includes two dinners plus
the entry fee for the Trappe
historic buildings and the
Deweese Tavern Museum.
The cut-off date for meeting
registration is April 19th.

Meeting topics will include
a presentation on Historic
Trappe, a personal collection
overview, pewter treatment
and restoration strategies,
a pewter discovery mystery
story plus...our always
informative Show & Tell.

The May 2024 PCCA National Meeting
Friday, May 10th and Saturday, May 11th
Courtyard by Marriott in Collegeville, PA

Featuring a tour of Historic Trappe and admission to 3 historic buildings as well as the Dewees Tavern Museum

Overview of the PCCA National Spring Meeting 2024:

The meeting will take place at the Courtyard by Marriott in Collegeville, PA; Friday May 10, and Saturday May 11, 2024. The event will feature a visit to Historic Trappe on Saturday where we will visit historic colonial houses and the Augustus Lutheran Church, the first Lutheran church in the US.

Hotel Information:

Courtyard by Marriott - 600 Campus Dr, Collegeville, PA 19426;
Phone: **(484) 974-2600**.

A special room rate will remain in place until **April 10: \$189 for single KING BEDS, and \$209 for a room with TWO QUEEN BEDS.**; Our group code is: "**PCC**". These rates are available till 4/10/2024. Here is a link to make your reservation:

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1696627306393&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Or contact the hotel directly at: **484-974-2600**.

The program will include a visit to Historic Trappe PA on Saturday, May 11, 2024:

Trappe, Pennsylvania is in Southeastern Pennsylvania about 40 miles north west of the Philadelphia International Airport. It is in Montgomery County and was settled in 1717. Trappe was formally incorporated as a borough in 1896.

Trappe, has a rich colonial history and is home to many historic colonial buildings including the **Augustus Lutheran Church**, built in 1743 and is a National Historic Landmark. Trappe also has the **house of Henry Muhlenberg**, the Clergyman who came from Germany in 1742 in response to the request of the Pennsylvania Lutherans and took charge of the congregation. He built the Augustus Lutheran Church in 1743. The church is the oldest unchanged Lutheran church building in the United States in continuous use by the same congregation. Finally, Trappe also has the historic house known as the **Speaker House**, which was the home of Frederick Muhlenberg and built in 1763. Frederick Augustus Conrad Muhlenberg was an American minister and politician who was the first Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and the first Dean of the United States House of Representatives.

Our plan is to spend Saturday visiting these building as well as the **Dewees Tavern Museum** at Historic Trappe, which displays a very interesting collection of Pennsylvania Dutch or Pennsylvania German collection of artifacts. The current special exhibit at the museum is titled "Native Son: The Life and Art of David Ellinger."

Meeting Schedule:

***Friday May 10, 2024:**

Board Meeting 1:00-3:00 pm – Martin Murphy Room

Introduction to Pewter 3:00-4:30 pm – (Presenter to be announced)

5:00 PM Evening program at Hotel, Cash Bar, Dinner, Sales Tables. (Salon B)

Presentations

- **Lisa Minardi - *Historic Trappe: An Overview of its Buildings and Collections***

Lisa Minardi, executive director of Historic Trappe, will present an overview about the town's history and its historic sites--including Augustus Lutheran Church, built in 1743 and used by the Continental Army in 1777; the Dewees Tavern, home to the Center for Pennsylvania German Studies; the Muhlenberg House, home of Rev. Henry Muhlenberg and his son Gen. Peter Muhlenberg; and the Speaker's House, home to Frederick Muhlenberg, first Speaker of the U.S. House.

- **Bob and Arlene Diercks - *The Evolution of a Pewter Collector/Collection***

***Saturday May 11, 2024**

8-9:30 am: Breakfast at Hotel or locally.

9:30-1:00 pm: Guided visit to colonial attractions in Trappe, namely the Augustus Lutheran Church, Dewees Tavern, The Muhlenberg House, and The Speaker House

1:30-3:00 pm: Lunch on your own

3-5 pm: Afternoon on your own--visit antique shops in Skippack, which is about 20 minutes by car from Trappe/Collegeville (Oliver & Co., Pennsylvania Traditions, Victorian Carriage Shops), historic houses in Schwenksville and Blue Bell, or a quick tour of Valley Forge National Historical Park (located about 20 minutes by car from Trappe/Collegeville). Other possibilities include a shopping trip to the King of Prussia Mall.

5:00 pm: Evening program at hotel. Cash Bar, Dinner, Sales Tables, and Show and Tell. We will also announce the winners in the members' only pewter sale. (Salon B)

Show & Tell will be moderated by **David Kilroy** and will discuss dolphin-handled porringers. If you have a dolphin-handled porringer whether signed or not, please bring it to the meeting.

Presentations:

- **Ed McManus - *Treatment Strategies for Pewter Objects***

- **George Witman - *Ambition, murder, and a trove of 17th-century pewter***

***Sunday 12 May, 2024:**

10:00 am: Optional visit to the Daniel Heister House in Sumneytown, PA (Lisa Minardi's restored 1757 House fully furnished with period antiques)-Below is a link to an article about the house in the Magazine Antiques.

<https://www.themagazineantiques.com/article/living-with-antiques-a-labor-of-love/>

Preregistration is required if you would like to visit the house (see registration form).

Direction to the Courtyard by Marriott:

Collegeville is easily accessible from Philadelphia International Airport.

Take I-95 South to I-476 N towards Plymouth Meeting to exit 16. Merge into I-76 W towards Valley Forge, 4.2 miles Use the right 2 lanes to take exit 327-328B-A toward Pottstown. Get on US-422W for about 7.8 miles. Take Exit at PA-29 N/S towards Collegeville-Ursinus College. Make a right on Collegeville Rd. Then make right onto Arcola Rd at the traffic light. Turn right on 2nd cross road (Campus Dr.) and proceed to hotel.

From South:

Take I-95 North to I-476 N towards Plymouth Meeting to exit 16. Merge into I-76 W towards Valley Forge, 4.2 miles Use the right 2 lanes to take exit 327-328B-A toward Pottstown. Get on US-422W for about 7.8 miles. Take Exit at PA-29 N/S towards Collegeville-Ursinus College. Make a right on Collegeville Rd. Then make right onto Arcola Rd at the traffic light. Turn right on 2nd cross road (Campus Dr.) and proceed to hotel.

From the North:

Take I-95 South (NJ Turnpike) to exit 6 towards the PA Turnpike I-276. Proceed to PA turnpike heading west. Take Exit 326 King of Prussia and follow signs to I-76 east, continue for half a mile then take exit 328A to US-422 west. Follow the signs to and once on US-422 west stay on for about 7.9 miles. Take Exit at PA-29 N/S towards Collegeville-Ursinus College. Make a right on Collegeville Rd. Then make right onto Arcola Rd. Turn right on 2nd cross road (Campus Dr.) and proceed to hotel.

From the West

Take PA turnpike to exit 326 King of Prussia and follow signs to I-76 east, continue for half a mile then take exit 328A to US-422 west. Follow the signs to and once on US-422 west stay on for about 7.9 miles. Take Exit at PA-29 N/S towards Collegeville-Ursinus College. Make a right on Collegeville Rd. Then make right onto Arcola Rd. Turn right on 2nd cross road (Campus Dr.) and proceed to hotel.

Registration Form

Meals

Friday

- There will be a buffet dinner at the Hotel

Saturday

- Saturday breakfast and lunch are on your own.
- There will be a another buffet dinner at the Hotel.

Dinners, visits to Historic Trappe colonial houses, and the Augusts Lutheran Church as well as the admission fee to Dewees Tavern Museum are included in the Registration Fee.

**Members with special dietary needs should contact Eric Lanka _____*

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. Yes No

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

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

Are you bringing pewter for the Sales Table? Yes No

Will you visit the Heister House on Sunday Morning? Yes No

Mail this form and your check for **\$150.00** (per person), payable to **PCCA** by **April 19, 2024**, to;

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