

OPEN SALT COLLECTORS



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OPEN SALT COLLECTORS HOLD CONVENTION IN CLEVELAND

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Above left: atrium of the Embassy Suites-Rockside; Above right: Maris Jende working registration; Left: Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Tour; Right: Buy & Sell



Editor's Notes

I know everyone has been waiting anxiously for this issue of the newsletter highlighting the June 2015 Convention held in Cleveland. When I accepted job of National Newsletter Editor, I was sure I was up to taking on that challenge. But unfortunately, living with my diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease has proved to be more challenging than I anticipated. I am sorry to say that I cannot continue to fill the Editor position. The officers of OSC have begun the process of finding someone to serve as Editor. If you would be interested in serving as National Newsletter Editor or if you know someone who might do a good job as Editor, please contact George Kullgren or other officer of OSC to discuss.

I have enjoyed putting this edition of the newsletter together and wish circumstances allowed me to continue as OSC editor, but the task has proved too much for me to handle. I apologize for the delay in getting this edition to the membership.

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While we encourage the dissemination of information about open salt collecting, we do like to know in advance when and where material originally appearing in the National Newsletter will be used. Please contact the Editor (djwolfe711@comcast.net) if you would like to use anything from this newsletter. When publication occurs, we also ask that a copy be sent for our archives.

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Wolfie the Stuffed Greyhound

Did you meet Wolfie at the Convention? Did you have a photo op with him? If you have any pictures of Wolfie, please email to his Mum, Donna, at djwolfe711@comcast.net. Thanks.



Calling All Snowbirds

The Salty Snowbirds will be meeting on Saturday, February 20, 2016 on Anna Maria Island. The meeting will be held at the home of Donna Wolfe's friend, Barbara. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please email Donna Wolfe at djwolfe711@comcast.net.

OSC Logo Contest Winner

Natalie Todd is the winner of the contest and her winning logo highlights the top of page 1 of this edition of the newsletter. As you can see, Natalie put a lot of thought and talent into her submission into the contest. Natalie lives in Chappaqua, New York and she has over 1,000 salts in her collection. She created the logo by doing lifesize drawings of nine salts and two spoons from her collection. She then reduced the drawings and added the lettering by computer. Some of you may remember Natalie from the Newport Convention - she was the one carrying around the large notebook of drawing and notes of her collection in an attempt to avoid purchasing duplicate salts!

Natalie's entry was one of six received for consideration for the contest. The OSC officers voted to pick the winner. Thank you to the other collectors who took the time to create and submit logos for consideration. The selection of Natalie's design was almost unanimous. Natalie received a prize of \$100 for her winning entry.

Congratulations, Natalie, and thank you!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to thank MOSS for hosting the 14th National Open Salt Collectors Convention in Cleveland, OH. Diane and the members of her planning committee did an outstanding job at the convention. You Rock!

I would also like to thank everyone for their support in electing me as President of OSC. I am looking forward to the next two years. Serving with me this term will be Lesley Solkoske, Vice President; Nina Robertson, Secretary; Judy Johnson, Treasurer; Jeff Kornbau, Web Master; and Donna Wolfe, Editor of the National Newsletter.

There are several people that I wish to thank for their outstanding service to OSC. First is Sarah Kawakami, the President of OSC during the last four years, and second is Rod Elser, the Editor of the National Newsletter during 2001-2009, and 2011-2015, during which time he edited 27 of our 31 newsletters. Thank you both for jobs well done!

I also want to congratulate Natalie Todd, the winner of the OSC Logo Contest, whose entry of 9 beautiful, hand drawn open salts and 2 spoons from her collection, will now appear on the cover page of the National Newsletter.

Two changes were made to the OSC by-laws at the Board meeting at the convention on June 4, 2015. These changes will be posted on the OSC webpage (www.opensalts.info). First, the Board rescinded the requirement that proposed amendments to the by-laws be submitted in writing to the Board at least thirty days (30) prior to the meeting at which they will be voted upon. Second, the Board unanimously agreed to remove itself from the OSC Achievement Award process; therefore, removing any reference to the OSC Achievement Award from the OSC bylaws. The key to this decision was the discussion at the Board meeting, which reaffirmed that the primary focus of OSC, as an organization, is to produce a newsletter. During the discussion, the consensus of the Board was that if a host convention club wishes to issue an award in honor of a person(s) who helped to further the hobby of open salt collecting by making a significant contribution to this hobby, the selection process, as well as the award itself, will be left to the host convention club.

It always amazes me how we are often connected to each other in more ways than we realize. I'd like to share two stories with you. First, in the summer of 2005 Connie & I

traveled to Canandaigua, NY, to attend an open salt collectors meeting that was hosted by Judy Johnson. During the meeting I told Judy we planned to visit my cousin who lived in Canandaigua whom I hadn't seen in 50 years. When I mentioned his name Judy laughed and said, "Oh, he was my Middle School Principal!" So we're connected! Second, shortly before the convention in Cleveland I received a letter from P.J. Thompson, who lives in New Mexico. P.J. told me her family lived in Westminster, MD, years ago – she told me where her father worked, which school she attended, and which street she lived on. We currently live in Westminster, MD. So we're connected! When I arrived at the convention I found P.J. and showed her current photos I had taken of the street she lived on and old red brick school she attended. Westminster has changed a bit but P.J. immediately recognized the red brick school building, part of which is now a dance studio. So when you talk with friends, acquaintances, someone at an antique show, etc., take a little extra time to find out more about that person. You may find you are connected to them in more ways than you realize, and, you may also discover they collect open salts!

OSC Newsletter Help Needed

NOSC has been looking for a new editor for our National Newsletter. Two capable persons have stepped up to the plate and will work together. This needs to be a group project. Please consider writing an article for a future newsletter. Your help will make this job easier. The newsletter editor is a member of the NOSC Board. Anyone interested in helping or with questions should contact Lesley Solkoske at lgsolkoske@cox.net.

Salts She Wrote by Mary Kern

Square. Me square? Okay maybe a little. I have taken a fancy to the square of the Salt World. Individual, Master or Table size, I'm good to go on them. And when feeling a little drawn to the rounder trends, I will settle for a square base. I love them old and yet can appreciate the new. Material composition knows no limits for my square desires. Even doubles can square off here.

One thing that I do ponder when looking squarely at my squares is WHY? Somehow my mind cannot get itself wrapped around square plates and square goblets as table settings back in the 1800's to match square salts. Using the little round spoons to get salt out of the square corners seems a bit time consuming and perhaps awkward. Maybe the squares ones were designed to be used with the knife. Yes that is it—the tip of the knife. A clean one of course, to avoid being beheaded, would reach right into that pesky tight corner.

So I searched my shelves to find some special squares to share with you. Now some are totally square and a couple have softened themselves with a bit of a curve, but all definitely stand firm on being Square. One of those with curves is a blue glass double that was my grandmother's: square on the outside and round on the inside.



While we are into doubles, intaglios went square too. I like mine in an ornate and heavily jeweled holder.



Love my Scottish pedestal from Edinburgh Leth that sits on a very firm and square base.



A bright red Swedish Pukeberg also decided being totally square was not the way to go and rounded out the center.



A newer piece by FRITZ that has a square bowl and swirls of happy colors.



Even Judy Johnson knew that making square salts was the in thing to do.



The last of glass is a French Salier from an 1840 catalog, it rests on a very fancy square base.



Sterling in square? A little cutie on four splayed feet;



and add a good sized silver one with a bright red liner.

I do love my Champleve' and so of course I would have a square one.



My last is a marriage. I love marriages when they work out perfectly. This one is a cast metal squirrel with a black Tiffin Glass salt.

Pottery would not be kept from the square party as I found a Danish HJORTH piece. Actually it found me via a friend in Denmark.



I do not have any information on either of them and I must admit as pretty as they are, I truly do not care.



I have other squares, but these were sort of fun and I think first timers for my column. Now it's your turn to check your shelves and see how square your collection is

Mary

SALT COLLECTORS GONE WILD





14TH NATIONAL OPEN SALT CONVENTION AN OVERWHELMING SUCCESS

The 14th National Open Salt Convention was held in Cleveland, Ohio from June 4-7, 2015, hosted by the members of MOSS. The 70+ registrants were treated to a fun-filled and educational weekend, came from 19 different states. Chairperson, Diane Wittik, did an outstanding job of organizing all aspects of the activities along with the help of members of the Convention Committee:

Tenderfoot	Carolyn Bugel & Susie Proctor
Buy and Sell	Sue Sawyer & Nola Jende
Hospitality	Nola Jende & Susie Proctor
Convention Salt	Sue Sawyer
Displays	Deanne & Don Rabourn
Treasurer	Barbara Hartman
Speakers	Diane Wittik
Registration	Barbara Hartman & Maris Jende
Door Prizes	Maris Jende
Welcome Bags	Diane Wittik
Raffle Salts	Ed Bowman
Reverse Auction	Sherry & Al Diamond & Judy Johnson
Logo/Computer Designs	Amanda Kirchner

THURSDAY, JUNE 4TH

Convention activities began with registration on Thursday afternoon. The NOSC Board meeting was held Thursday afternoon as was the Tenderfoot meeting.



The Hospitality Room opened at 7pm and everyone had fun visiting with old friends and meeting new ones. And the delicious goodies which were provided by the Hospitality Committee were definitely a highlight of the entire Convention! Wolfie really enjoyed the cupcakes.



The Embassy Suites Hotel was the perfect venue for the convention. The meeting facilities were spacious and there was plenty of room for Buy and Sell and speaker sessions. The beautiful atrium served as a place for impromptu meetings and also was used for some of our meals. The staff were all very helpful and accommodating. The rooms were comfortable and spacious. All in all, the venue for this convention was a very good choice!



FRIDAY, JUNE 5TH

Friday's activities began with the first Buy and Sell session. The room was full of sellers with tables full of gorgeous salts to sell. A second selling session was held Friday evening.

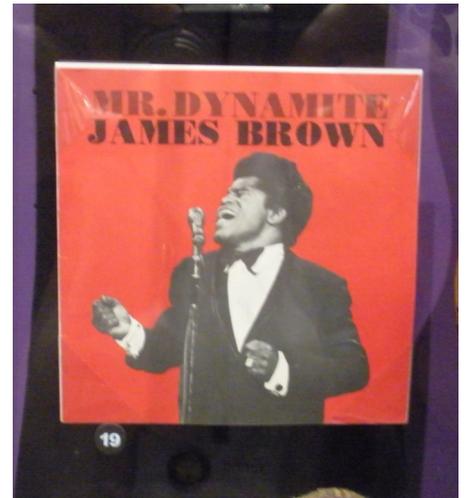
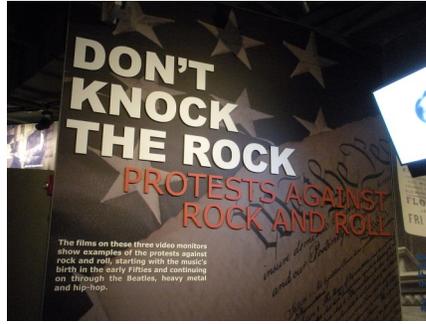


FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

Following Buy and Sell, the Opening Session was held, followed by the first speaker, Aaron Buchholz, who spoke on the making of the convention salt.



Following the opening session, we enjoyed a delicious lunch and then left for the tour of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. The museum is a must-see for anyone who is remotely interested in music of any genre.



SATURDAY, JUNE 6

Saturday's activities started with set-up of Displays. Four unique and creative displays were presented for voting of the attendees to determine the winners.



1ST PLACE - SUE SAWYER



SARAH KAWAKAMI



2ND PLACE - DIANE WITTIK



Two displays were set up for informational purposes only. Above is a display consisting of favorite salts of Kay and Ed Berg, along with a pictorial history of their salt collecting years. Below is the display set up by Don Rabourn showing his collection of Bird-with-Berry salts by Degenhart.



3RD PLACE - DONNA WOLFE



SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

The next order of business were Salt Workshops. The first workshop was presented by Walter Ludwig, assisted by Jack Burriss, past and present Directors of the National Heisey Museum. In addition to a history of Heisey glass, they identified open salts made by Heisey during the years of operation.



Octagon



Double



Fandango



Cut Block



Fancy Loop



Fancy Loop Celery



Punty Band



Plain Band



Beaded Panel & Sunburst



Pineapple & Fan



Pillows



Puritan (old)

SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

Heisey Salts (continued)



Priscilla



Colonial Panel



Urn



Revere



Yoeman (in three colors)



Ridgeleigh

Heisey salts not pictured include the nesting salt and pepper , Narrow Flute, Puratin (late).

The second speaker for the afternoon was Bill King who spoke on the Fostoria Glass Company. An article with details of his presentation will appear in a future issue of the National Newsletter. Two Fostoria items are pictured below.



The last presentation of the day was by Fred Ottoson on the Imperial Glass Company. An article with details of his presentation will appear in a future issue of the National Newsletter. Several Imperial items are pictured below.



SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

After the Workshops and lunch, the Reverse Auction was held. Pictures of some of the salts sold along with prices realized are shown on pages 17, 18 and 19. After the Auction, we dismissed until the Cocktail Hour, Dinner and Closing Ceremonies. When we reconvened for the evening festivities, many attendees got into costume to celebrate the theme, Rock and Roll. And then Elvis showed up and things got out of control!



SATURDAY (CONTINUED)
BANQUET (CONTINUED)



SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

BANQUET (CONTINUED)



SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

BANQUET (CONTINUED)



The lucky winners of the three raffle salts (left to right): Susie Proctor—Lacy Opalescent Boat; Lynn Patterson—Steuben Gold Calcite Pedestal; and Cathy Anderson—Heisey Green Pineapple & Fan. Congratulations!

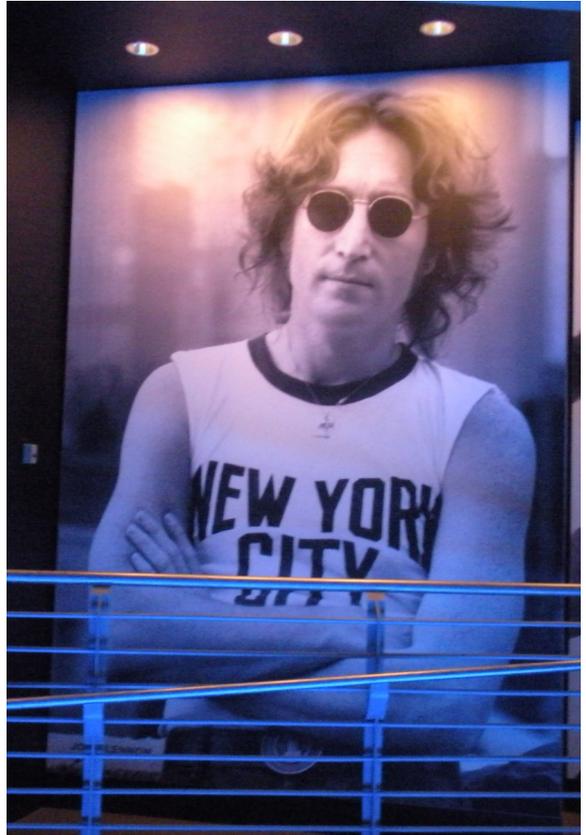


Sarah Kawakami presents the NOSC Award to Judy Johnson. Congratulations!



Cleveland Chair, Diane Wittik, passes the torch to San Diego Chair, Gerry Grube.

CONVENTION MISC.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE REVERSE AUCTION

There were 119 entries in the Reverse Auction and, as always, it was a great success for the sellers and the bidders. Our auctioneer, Al Diamond, did his usual awesome job, along with his helpers Sherry Diamond, Judy Johnson, Nola Jende and Susie Proctor.

Following are some of the items sold at the auction along with the prices realized:



LOT #54 - \$40



LOT # 81 - \$125



LOT #85 - \$110



LOT #100 - \$80



LOT #56 - \$35

**AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS
(CONTINUED)**



LOT #73 - \$140



LOT #110 - \$45



LOT #86 - \$75



LOT #98 - \$30



LOT #101 - \$50



LOT #82 - \$45



LOT #85 - \$110



LOT #112 - \$100



LOT #108 - \$230



LOT #88 - \$40



LOT #109 - \$35

**AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS
(CONTINUED)**



ITEM #61 - \$150



ITEM #38 - \$15



ITEM #68 - \$60



ITEM #43 - \$40



ITEM #67 - \$15



ITEM #45 - \$80



ITEM #62 - \$65



ITEM #44 - \$40



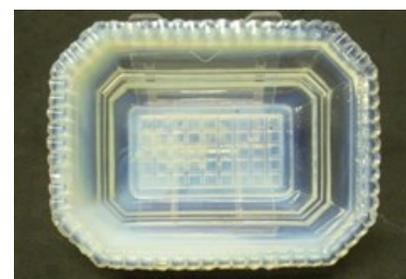
ITEM #46 - \$55



ITEM #65 - \$65



ITEM #49 - \$35



ITEM #64 - \$80



ITEM #47 - \$45



Come One, Come All!

15th National Open Salt Convention

San Diego, CA

May 4 - 7, 2017

The 15th National Open Salt Convention will be held May 4-7, 2017 in San Diego, CA, hosted by the OSSOTW-SC salt club. Chairpersons Robin and Gerald Grube have been working hard along with club members to find the perfect venue for our convention. The main meeting activities will take place Friday, May 5, and Saturday, May 6. Gerry has been looking at hotels in the Mission Valley area of San Diego which is more affordable than downtown and has been working with a representative of the San Diego Tourism Authority for the planning. There are multiple restaurants and two shopping malls within a mile or two of the Mission Valley hotels. San Diego being near and on the Pacific Ocean has a great year round climate. The convention theme is yet to be determined. Several club members are planning to have open houses for attendees to see their collections on Sunday and Monday after the convention. Possible open house hosts include Mary Kern, Dolli & Wilfred Cohen, Robin & Gerry Grube and Elaine Cooper. Mary lives in San Diego, but the other three live about 100 miles from San Diego which is why open houses will be extended to Monday to give attendees the chance to travel to them.

The San Diego area consist of 12 unique regions: Coronado; Downtown San Diego; East County; Gaslamp Quarter; Hillcrest; La Jolla, Mission Bay and Beaches; Mission Town and Old Town; North County Coastal; North County Inland; Point Loma, Harbor Island and Shelter Island; and South Bay. There are multiple big attractions and interesting areas to visit in the San Diego area, including the beaches, San Diego Zoo, Balboa Park, Sea World, Old Town (the site of the first Spanish settlement on the west coast). Old Town boasts 17 museums and historical sites. Downtown San Diego includes the historic Gaslamp Quarter and the USS Midway Aircraft Carrier Museum, and you can take a harbor cruise or a trolley ride around town. The Coronado district is just across the bridge from downtown and boasts stunning beaches and small town charm. Enjoy a game of golf or take a stroll along the 16 miles of boardwalk. Plan to visit for a week and tour the area before arriving at the convention venue - there are plenty of interesting, educational and fun activities to keep you busy!

Many of the attendees at the Cleveland Convention raised their hands when asked who planned to attend the California convention so we hope to have good attendance in San Diego. Put the dates on your planning calendar now, and join your fellow salt collectors at the 15th NOSC in 2017!!