

STONEWARE COLLECTORS' GROUP
SPRING 2017 EVENT

March 3, 2017

Dear Stoneware Collector,

It's time once again for the semi-annual Stoneware Collectors' event. This Spring's gathering is scheduled to kick off on **Friday, May 5th (2:00 pm)**, and the **stoneware sale will be on Saturday, May 6th (9:30 am - 3 pm)**. **Please note that the Friday lecture is being held in Albany, NY at the NY State Museum at an earlier time than in the past; their address is 222 Madison Ave.** and there's parking right next to the Museum. Brandt Zipp from Crocker Farm will be speaking on early NYC stoneware; the Museum is also going to be bringing out some of their own wonderful pieces to show during the lecture as well. After the lecture, the Museum curators, Jennifer Lemak and John Scherer, want to take everybody behind the scenes into their storage areas to see the rest of Adam Weitsman's stoneware collection that's not on display. Adam has been continually buying wonderful pieces of stoneware that currently are not on display. This will be a big treat in and of itself!! After the lecture and the behind the scenes tour, we will be going back to Bennington (about an hour's drive) to go to Madison's Brew Pub for our usual dinner. The dinner is always a big success. If you want to check them out, here's a link to their website: <http://www.madisonbrewingco.com/>

The stoneware sale will be held in Bennington, Vermont the following day, Saturday, May 6th at 9:30 am, at our usual spot at Camelot Village Antiques Center. This is truly a wonderful venue for the show with the availability of the large tent, the increased road visibility and the foot traffic that comes through the Antiques Center. Camelot Village is a premier destination for antiques dealers, collectors and retail buyers alike in southern Vermont, and we're very fortunate to have their support. Please visit their website at www.antiquesatcamelot.com. Camelot Village is approximately 1 mile west of the Bennington Museum on Route 9. Special thanks to Brian Lewis, Camelot Village owner, for all of his work towards making this a huge success. With Brian's help, we will arrange for a 20' x 40' tent to be erected on the Camelot grounds. The fee for setting up is still \$35, which will be payable at the time of set-up. We will continue to work with Brian at Camelot Village to be sure that there is coffee available in the morning.

You are free to make your own motel reservations. Information on various hotel suggestions follows:

Bennington Motor Inn: 143 West Main St. (800) 359-9900

Best Western: 220 Northside Dr. (802) 442-6311

The Four Chimneys Inn: 21 West Rd. (Across from Camelot Village): (802)-447-3500

Hampton Inn: 51 Hannaford Sq. (802) 440-9862

The Paradise Motor Inn: 141 Main St. (802) 442-8351

We again will be placing press releases and advertisements in the Bennington Museum Newsletter, local community newspapers and the antiques trade papers. We also have a page on our website at www.madriverantiques.com/Bennington.html, and will be passing out flyers about the event at our upcoming antiques shows.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions at (860) 653-5733 or email us at: madriverantiques@aol.com. Furthermore, if you know of any stoneware collectors or dealers who might like to be included in our event and on our distribution list, please let us know as we'd love to include them as well. We are always interested in adding new people to our email list.

We do need your confirmation for set-up, lecture attendance and/or the group dinner, so please **RSVP no later than April 24th. It's imperative that we have an accurate count for dinner to pass on to the folks at the Madison Brewing Co. so they are best prepared to accommodate us.**

If you are no longer interested in receiving these notices, please let us know so we can remove you from our distribution list.

Thank you, and we're looking forward to hearing from all of you!

Best Regards,

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