

NEWS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT DAVID HOEXTER (AND JUDIE SIDDALL)

Our third annual meeting welcomed members from all over the US and Great Britain. Over 100 members attended, our largest meeting to date.



The entire group together at the Third Annual Meeting, 2002!

Many members worked for over a year in organizing the meeting and various side-events. I want to particularly thank the meeting committee, which included the chair, Chet Creutzburg, and Peggy Sutor, Fred Sutor, David Martin, Kim Rotatori, Sally Michelfelder, Donna Mirkovich, and Pat Halfpenny. Sincere apologies if I omitted anyone.

We began the meeting with an optional day by visiting the collections and homes of three of our members, Sally and Gus Michelfelder, Donna Mirkovich, and Chet Creutzburg and David Martin. We ended with a dinner for over 60 people at the home of Peg and Fred Sutor. Many thanks to these individuals who were so gracious in opening their homes.



Chet Creutzburg at the Sutor's

The meeting was held at the Mendenhall Inn, nearly astride the Pennsylvania/Delaware border. We listened to five lecture/discussions; toured the nearby Winterthur Museum and Gardens (with an emphasis on its extensive transferware collection); and ended with a fabulous show and sale which included 32 tables of transfer printed pottery, rumored to be the largest collection of transferware ever exhibited at one location. Speakers included Roger Pomfret, Amy Earls, George Miller, Pat Halfpenny (for the third year!), and Ted Gallagher.



David Martin & Kim Rotatori at the Show & Sale

We've included a few photographs of the events, graciously provided by Ward and Diane Zumsteg, David Hoexter and Judie Siddall. I wish we had space to show more! We've included a photo of the entire group; our meeting chair Chet Creutzburg; a few of our members enjoying the hospitality of Peg and Fred Sutor; Peg showing her collection of red/pink historical transferware; Ted Gallagher's great rarities; a view of the show and sale; Kim Rotatori and David Martin at the members sale table; Dora Landey in her booth of beautiful blue; Rita Cohen showing Chinoiserie; and an amazing collection of two-color transfer pieces showed by Sara Sampson. Forgive us for singling out specific individuals: we used the best photos; other exhibits were equally as impressive!

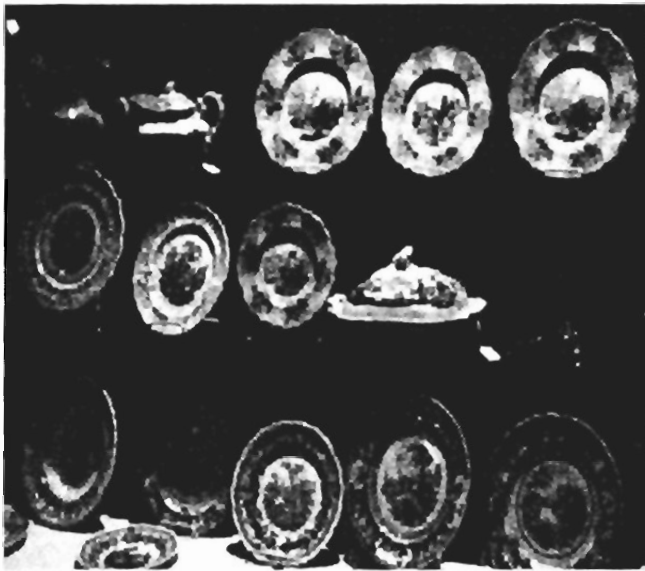


Two examples of "Great rarities in Historical Staffordshire" from Ted Gallagher.
Can you name these views?

This wonderful event demonstrated the vitality of the TCC and its members. We have a tremendous amount of dedication and knowledge within the organization. In particular, we are fortunate to have benefited for the past two years by the spirited leadership of our immediate past president, Judie Siddall, who remains on our Board as membership chair and unofficial co-president. Peggy Sutor and Chet Creutzburg are continuing as vice-president and treasurer, respectfully. Dennis and Ann Berard also continue with communications; and Peter Bevaqua and Gene Fleischer continue as members at large. We are pleased to welcome Linda Arman as corresponding secretary and Davida and Irv Shipkowitz as members at large. And of course, myself as incoming president. Finally, and needless to say, is Norman Wolfe, our tireless Bulletin editor.

We have ideas for some upcoming events and programs. More on this in our next Bulletin. But to close, let me briefly mention our upcoming October 2003 meeting in Stoke-on-Trent, England. Information is provided elsewhere in this Bulletin.

David Hoexter and Judie Siddall, December 2002. (more photos on pages 10 & 11)



Amazing collection of two color transfer pieces from Sara Sampson



Dora Landey with a beautiful selection of blue transferware!



Rita Cohen showing early blue chinoiserie.



Peggy Sutor showing her collection of red historical transferware! (above)



“Enjoying hospitality at the Home of Peg & Fred Sutor” (left)

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TCC

By Linda Arman

My son, Joseph, and I have just returned from the 3rd Annual Meeting of the TCC, and a truly great time was had by all! It was so nice to see old friends from the previous meetings, and new friends, meet through the TCC bulletin, ebay, and all the other ways we have found each other.

After an excellent dinner, sitting at tables with people who understand our passion (it's so difficult to find that with friends at home!), we were treated to very congenial opening remarks from our president, Judie Siddall and Pat Halfpenny (Director of Collections at Winterthur). Then Ted Gallagher engaged us all in a wonderful speech about great rarities in Historical Staffordshire. We were shown photos of some of the rarest pieces known, along with very interesting stories about many of them. Ted is someone who has truly dedicated his time to the research and investigation of every piece he owns - and those he wishes to someday own.

The next day we traveled to Winterthur, what an absolute delight! We saw such wonderful things and were treated, in small groups, to an exceptionally interesting guided tour. We then participated, again in small groups, in an excellent workshop held by Ted Gallagher and Ron Fuchs, a staff member at Winterthur.

We also attended two enthralling lectures - the first on "The Rise and Demise of Transfer Print in America" by Amy Earls and George Miller, the second, "Blue Printed Ware from Bleak Hill" by Roger Pomfret. After an opportunity to visit the grounds, gift shops, etc., we returned to our fabulous lodgings at the Mendenhall Inn. That evening we had another delicious dinner, followed by the annual meeting and "Show, Tell and Stump the Panel".

The next day was the show and sale. Talk about a dream come true! Just imagine a large, lovely room filled with tables, all containing every imaginable color and shape of beautiful transferware china. What a wonderful end to three truly wonderful days!

Please do make an effort to attend one (or all) of these meetings. It is such fun to meet people with the same interests. Just imagine saying to someone that you wish you could find a pink Canova gravy boat or a soup tureen from the Quadrupeds series, and have them not only understand what you are talking about, but say "I've got one!"

We do **all** hope to see you at the next meeting!

P.S. I should mention, for those who were fortunate enough to arrive a day early (Joseph and I could not), there were visits to the homes of Sally & Gus Michelfelder, Donna Mirkovich and Chet Creutzburg & David Martin, to view their outstanding collections, followed by an informal supper at the home of Peggy & Fred Sutor. Everyone who attended had a fabulous time.

Linda Arman, Corresponding Secretary

I sincerely regret having missed yet another chance to meet and chat with some of the best friends I've never met :) The rumors are false, I really do exist up here in the great Northwest (Yes, it rained today)! Hope to see you all soon. Norman Wolfe, Editor