



TCC ANNUAL MEETING: BIRMINGHAM, AL OCT 17-20, 2019

PROGRAMMING SPOTLIGHT

TRANSFERWARE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS AT THE BIRMINGHAM MUSEUM OF ART

The TCC 2019 Annual Meeting will be richly enhanced by on-site programming at the Birmingham Museum of Art (BMA) on Friday, October 18, and Saturday, October 19, which will include lectures, guided tours, handling sessions, and gallery exploration.

Founded in 1951, the BMA is considered to be one of the finest regional museums in the United States. The striking museum complex encompasses 3.9 acres in the heart of the cultural district. It consists of a three-story museum, with numerous galleries, a state-of-the-art auditorium, and soaring exhibition and event spaces adjoining a 30,000 square foot outdoor sculpture garden. Its holdings include a diverse and extensive collection of fine and decorative arts from many parts of the globe. Of particular interest to TCC members will be BMA's noteworthy ceramics, including the Buten Wedgwood collection, and the Dwight and Lucille Beeson Wedgwood Collection. The extensive Beeson collection, permanently displayed in a custom-designed 2,500-foot gallery, traces the development of Wedgwood pottery from the 1760's to the 1870's. Several of BMA's spacious and well-interpreted galleries highlight the work of other ceramic producers.



On Thursday evening, October 17, Anne Forschler-Tarrasch, PhD, Chief Curator & Marguerite Jones Harbert and John M. Harbert III Curator of Decorative Arts, will be our featured speaker at The Tutwiler Hotel. There she will provide us with an overview of the incredible ceramic collection of the BMA, setting the stage for our museum experience. On Friday, following presentations by noted speakers in BMA's Steiner Auditorium, Dr. Forschler-Tarrasch will conduct small-group vessel handling sessions using specially-selected objects from the BMA collection. Our group will also enjoy private docent-led gallery tours, and a catered lunch in the BMA Eighth Avenue Foyer. Saturday morning programming will also include a series of engaging lectures in the BMA auditorium followed by off-site activities.

The Tutwiler Hotel, our meeting venue, is conveniently located just one block from the museum, enabling attendees to take an easy stroll from the hotel through Linn Park to the BMA to participate in the activities planned for Friday and Saturday and, at their leisure, further explore the many treasures that the BMA has to offer.

Be sure to register before June 15th to take advantage of the special Early Bird discount. Need a registration form? Just go to www.transferwarecollectorsclub.org.



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