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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone. I trust that everyone is enjoying the summer like weather that most of us have already experienced this year. Of course, one of my favorite warm weather activities is roaming around outdoor antique shows and flea markets. I am happy to say that I have already tried several, and usually have found something to take home with me. And the good news is that there are several more nearby that I have not visited so far this year, and as they say-I can't wait!

We are also looking forward to attending several of the Chapter meets this year. Plans are being finalized for all four of our Chapters and more information is included with this newsletter. You can also check out the Griswold & Cast Iron Cookware Assn Facebook page. Click on EVENTS tab for info on all the meets. Our club website at GCICA.net has information as well.

And don't forget our national convention, which will be in the St. Louis, Missouri area in April, 2025. More information on this event and our Chapter meets is available in this issue. Terri and I really enjoy our club meetings because of the friendly people and the great opportunities to learn more about collecting, not to mention the great buying and selling that goes on.

As a reminder, our website at GCICA.net is up and running. For those who have not yet signed up on the member section please consider doing so soon. We are working to improve our website and making progress in including new information of interest to our members.

Finally stay safe and good hunting and look forward to seeing you at one of our club meets soon!

Art Chatfield

Email me at [artchatfield@gmail.com](mailto:artchatfield@gmail.com) or phone at 513-673-1875.

## DUES REMINDER

If anyone has a friend that is a cast iron enthusiast that doesn't belong to the club you can sign them up or they can join by sending their dues to the secretary, Malinda Fontenot. Her contact information is at the back of the newsletter. Checks and payment should be made out to G&CICA, not to Malinda. Dues can also be paid online, at the G&CICA web page (gcica.net).

Individual membership for 2024 is \$30, and family membership is \$40. The student rate will remain \$10.

## 2024 G&CICA NATIONAL CONVENTION, ERIE, PA

The 32<sup>nd</sup> G&CICA National Convention was held in Erie, Pennsylvania on March 14-16, 2024. This is a summary of and a photo essay of some of the highlights of the convention.

Things started off on in the afternoon of Thursday, the 14<sup>th</sup>, with an open house and tour at the Curtze-Watson Museum which houses a large collection of Griswold items. The club financially supported the kitchen project in 2002.

The hospitality room at the hotel was open in the evening with pizza and social interaction on the agenda.

Friday, the 15<sup>th</sup> began with a welcoming address by Scott McCarter. It was followed with a show and tell of rare and unique items supplied by those attending the convention.

### TABLE TOPICS

The Table Topics began at 1:30.

Art Chatfield; Wood handled  
Griswold



Blake Williams; Some favorite  
pieces



Clayton Mitchell; Rare  
Griswold



Scott McCarter; Rare  
Griswold



Dave and Nancy Lange; Porcelain ashtrays



Scott McCarter; Applied handle Griswold and Erie



**Butch Parthree and Brad Schwarting; Commemoratives and premiums from past conventions**



**More commemoratives and premiums**



## **SEMINAR**

Following the table topics, on Friday afternoon, Gary Baron, our convention host, gave an outstanding seminar about how cooking fuels, cast iron hollow ware, and cooking techniques evolved from open fires, to hearth and fireplace, to wood and gas stoves and into the twenty-first century.



## **AUCTION**

A box meal was provided at 4:00 Friday afternoon. At 5:30 the preview of auction items was opened and the auction started at 6:30. Wheeler Auctioneering, of Edinboro, PA did a great job of keeping things lively and moving, with over 115 items auctioned.



Folks previewing some of the auction items

Scott McCarter introducing the hard-working auction team



The auction gets underway with Kevin Wheeler



Tables of auction items



## SWAP MEET

Saturday, the 16 began with members setting up for the swap meet at 7:30 am and the swap meeting getting underway at 9:00 am. Things kept lively for a few hours until the lunch break at 12:30.



## SATURDAY BANQUET AND AWARDS

Good food and great company was enjoyed by all during the closing banquet on Saturday night



## AWARDS, HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS FOLLOWED THE BANQUET

First time convention attendees with their special commemorative skilletts



**Roy Meadows-Lifetime Achievement**



**John McNamara and Andrew Kost-Recognition**



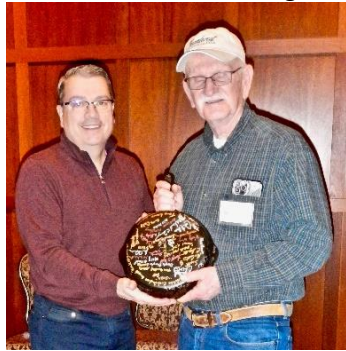
**Brenda Bernstein-President's Award**



**Gary Baron  
Convention organizer**



**George Delp  
Lifetime of volunteering**



**Bille Botsford  
Contributions to the club**



**Joan Baldini  
Charter member & vital contributor**



## **CONVENTION BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

### **Griswold & Cast Iron Cookware Association Membership Meeting**

Date of Meeting: March 16, 2024

Time of Meeting: 3:00 PM

Location of Meeting: 2024 National Convention - 31st Anniversary Courtyard by Marriott, Erie Ambassador Conference Center

Board Attendees: Art Chatfield President, Josh Delp Vice President, Malinda Fontenot Secretary, Kathy Wenz Assistant,

Brenda Bernstein Treasurer, Eric McAllister Director,

Blake Williams Director, Sonny McCarter Director-at-Large, Ed Botsford NE Regional Director, Brian Wheeler Heartland Regional Director, Rick Hoxmeier, West Coast Regional Director, Joe Zawadowski Dixie Regional Director, Scott McCarter Immediate Past President, Brad Schwarting Historian

### **Pre-meeting – First Annual Women's Skillet Toss**

Ed Botsford gave a rousing introduction to the First Annual Women's Skillet Toss. Competition will be held at each 2024 Chapter meeting. The National Finals will be at the 2025 National Convention in St. Charles, MO. A green sheet explaining the competition was handed out to the membership.

### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting of the G&CICA Membership meeting was called to order by President Art Chatfield. We have an election of one director, Chapter Reports, and we have Old Business and New Business.

### **II. 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Minutes are on the Board website. The published minutes will be available for the membership to read. Scott McCarter made a motion to approve the 2023 Association Minutes as submitted. Motion was seconded by Joe. Minutes approved.

### **III. Treasurers Report**

Brenda Bernstein a review of our financial status as of end of year 2023. \$28,846.96 in two accounts, checking and Pay Pal. Accounts have been audited and are in order. We had an income of \$9,172.89. Expenses were \$21,743.76. There was a net loss of \$9,201.15 over the previous year. The main expenses were our new website, increased publication, and postage. Eric McAllister made a motion to accept, seconded. Motion passed.

### **IV. Committee Reports**

Per Art, some of the committees are inactive, but they are still in the by-laws, so we request a report.

**Appraisal** –Russ Howser –No activity

**Auction** –Sonny McCarter–Art thanked Sonny for the great job handling the Auction. Sonny reported that the auction sales were a little over \$25,000. Jon McNamara and Andrew Kost purchased the most items. We made around \$800 on the extra commemorative pieces. That is about 30% over what they cost us. Great to put that back in the club. Sonny wanted to thank Butch, Gayle, Doug, Kathy, Tommy, Blake, Scott, and Doyle for helping, and Ashley for learning how to bid. Thanks to the sellers who put the items in the auction. Sonny will work on getting the checks out in a timely manner. Thanks to Kenny Swadley for putting the most items in the auction.

**Communications** –Russ –No activity

**Convention Site** –Brian and Jo Wheeler

National Convention 2025 -Brian and Jo Wheeler will be hosting the convention in St. Louis at the Embassy Suites in St. Charles. Official dates are April 10, 11, and 12<sup>th</sup> but they have rooms blocked from Tuesday through the following Monday of the following week. If you come early there are events being planned for Tuesday and Wednesday visiting the St. Louis Arch and the Anheuser Brewery. Lots to do in the area, shops, casinos. Thanks to Russ Howser for helping with the planning. Need presentations and Table Topics. Sonny reminded Brian to use the Committees established to help set things up. Joe asked for info for the newsletter.

**Library** –Dormant

**Facebook** –No report

**Historical Society** –Dave Lange –Nothing to report. **Ethics** –Scott McCarter nothing currently. Russ will meet later.

**Election Nominating** –Scott McCarter

Every year the membership has one of three Director at Large positions to elect. Eric McAllister has agreed to accept the nomination for the position for three more years. Vice President and President are next year. The Board elects the Secretary, Treasurer positions. Malinda has agreed to accept two more years as Secretary. Brenda has agreed to accept two more years as Treasurer. Kathy Wenz has agreed to accept two years as vice-secretary. The Board approved all three positions. Scott will call for floor nominations for the Director at Large position. Three calls for floor nominations were called, and no nominations were heard. Gary Taylor moved to close the nominations and nominate Eric McAllister. Motion seconded. All approved. Eric McAllister is the new Director at Large for three years.

**Finance Budget and Audit** –Annette Long -Brenda Lewis, Annette Long, Brenda Bernstein audited the accounts. There were no issues. Taxes were filed. Reviewed inventory. All accounted for.

**History and Archives** –Dave Lange –no activity

**Membership** –Vacant

**Reproduction** –Sonny McCarter –new zeros added. No new ideas for commemoratives.

**Historian** –Brad Schwarting –Nothing new.

**Local Convention** –Gary Barron- Hope I took care of what you needed.

Applause from the members. Gary was thanked for hosting the convention. There were 127 attendees at the convention.

### **V. Future Conventions**

**2026** Regular rotation will be in Florence Kentucky with Art and Terri hosting. April 23,24, 25, 26.

Regular update corner in the newsletter for conventions.



**2027** will be in New York with Andrew Kost and Jon McNamara hosting. Binghamton or Racino. Updates coming. Antiques, gaming, outdoors...

**2028** open for ideas and hosting

It was moved and Gary Taylor seconded to accept these dates. Motion approved.

Anyone interested in hosting a convention. Please get with Art.

## **VI. Chapter Reports**

**West Coast** - Rick Hoxmeier. The event was held in Sept. in Albany, Oregon. At the home of Chuck and Tina Foster. They hosted a pulled pork dinner with all the sides. They showed their collection to the group. A Taco Bar was at the Elks for lunch on Saturday. They tried something new at the meeting. They held an auction of items. It was successful. The 2024 meeting will be in September, watch the newsletter for details.

**Heartland** – Doug Wenz. Chapter Meeting will be September 27 & 28, 2024 in North Platte, Nebraska. Thirty rooms at a Motel 6 have been reserved for the two nights. Friday night for dinner at Capone's then dessert at our house. Saturday morning will be breakfast casserole at the American Legion Club, meeting, then lunch and swap meet. Doug mentioned coming in early to visit the area attractions. Lincoln County Historical Museum, UPRR Classification yards, Buffalo Bill Scouts Rest Ranch. Brochures are on the tables.

2023 Heartland chapter meeting was in Fulton, Mo and hosted by Russ Howser.

Friday dinner was at the Worst House then to Howsers for a wonderful selection of desserts. About 40 attended. Saturday meeting was well attended with show and tell, lunch, discussions, and swap meet. Several new people came to see what was going on at a meeting.

Russ and Art reminded people that non-members are welcome to attend one Chapter Meet. Sometimes all they need is an invitation from you. That is how we can get new members to join.

**Dixie** - Clayton Mitchell –Going back to Ashville at Echo Mountain Inn. Like a boarding house. We can cook there. Friday night cooking with a fire pit. Gary Taylor said its Hendersonville, North Carolina. Oct 17 – 20th 2024. They bring in breakfast Saturday. Lots of outdoors. Apple Orchards. About 30 to 40 people attend. It's a great time.

**Northeast** –Andrew Kost - Oswego New York. Sept 13 & 14th at the Hampton Inn.

Festivities at the local News Club. They have the use of a kitchen, so will be cooking.

Friday and Saturday. They use nice old pieces of iron. Nascar moved to the same weekend, so make reservations early to avoid higher prices. Cost of room will offset because of the food being served by the hosts. Looking at a trip to Cooperstown Baseball Hall of Fame on Thursday the 12th. They are right in the wine region. Corning Glass museum is close, Racino is just 10 miles away. Gary Baron is going to do some casting at the Moose Club. They will get info to Joe to get the information out early. They have room outside if it is nice weather, or inside if the weather is raining or snowing. September is usually very nice weather. Thank Annette and Diane for hosting the 2023 chapter meet. They brought in two new members.

## **VI. Old Business**

Malinda reported that we finally have most of the kinks worked out of the website. The website is the data place for information on all the chapter meets. The Chapter President or secretaries should send the information to Malinda to update the site. Reach out to Malinda or Josh. Bruce Kelfstrom was charging \$350 per month to administer, but that fee will be reduced to \$125 with Malinda and Josh doing the updates. Get them the Chapter dates, motel information, and other information on the Chapter meets.

We have 50 to 100 visits to our site per month. There are currently about 340 registered members for 2024. That sounds low but what happens is members who come to the National Convention register and then the people who don't come to the National Convention and go to the chapter meets register there. Everybody doesn't renew at the same time. We still have a total of about 570 people in our database. Chapters can get a list of current and non-current members, then contact the non-current to see if they want to renew membership. Renewal can be done on the website. We have 160 people who actually paid for their membership online.

In our board meeting we talked a lot about how to get people to the website. Josh and Malinda talked a little bit about the Facebook members and getting them to go to the website as G&CICA member to be able to see the newsletter, Chapter meet information, and National information. If you are a member, you can see e-mail addresses and detailed information about the site.

We also talked about changing the front page the interface photo to a slide show. Members could send Malinda jpegs of their collections, and how they are displayed. The slide could be changed periodically. Someone brought something up to me last night after Gary did his presentation on the stove. Why didn't we film him and put it on the website? It was a great presentation. Members could see what we do at our conventions. We need a committee of people that can update these things on the site on continuous basis, so the site stays fresh. It is a work in progress.

Malinda has done an awful lot to help us interfacing with Bruce. We could use some new members that are more familiar with web sites to help the club.

Dinner is at 5:00 in the program, happy hour an hour before.

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Motion passed.

No Board Meeting was necessary to schedule.

**Meeting Adjourned at 3:58 pm**

Minutes Submitted by: Kathy Wenz, Vice Secretary

### **TREASURER'S YEAR END VIEW 2023**

This is a review of G&CICA's financial position at the end of the year 2023. We have **\$28,846.90** in our accounts, including US Bank and PayPal as of December 31, 2023. All accounts have been audited and were found to be in order.

G&CICA had an income of **\$9,172.89**, this resulted in a decrease of **\$5,644.63** over the prior year. 2023 expenses were **(\$21,743.76)** an increase of **\$3,548.65** over the prior year; netting a loss of **\$12,570.87** for the year of 2023; resulting in a loss of **\$9,201.15** over the previous year. Factors contributing to the loss were the new website creation fees, increased publication and postage fees, and higher hotel convention reservation fees.

Respectively submitted by: Brenda Bernstein  
G&CICA Treasurer, January 19, 2024

### **2023 FISCAL REPORT FOR G&CICA**

By: **Brenda Bernstein -Treasurer**  
January 19, 2024

**Beginning balance 1-1-23 \$41,553.71**

<u>Income</u>		<u>Change from previous year</u>
Membership	\$ 8,148.10	\$ (2,276.50)
Auction	\$ 1,024.79	\$ (2,017.21)
Convention	\$ 0.00	\$ (1,556.02)
Donations	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 9,172.89</b>	<b>\$ (5,644.63)</b>
<u>Expense</u>		<u>Change from previous year</u>
Conv Adv/Exp	\$ (5,120.00)	\$ 5,120.00
Newsletter	\$ (8,452.66)	\$ 1,185.56
Postage	\$	\$
Publications	\$ (3,132.95)	\$ (102.13)
Board Expense	\$ (247.39)	\$ 247.39
Insurance	\$ (187.00)	\$ 0.00
Website	\$ (4,200.00)	\$ 1,335.00

Bank Fees	\$ (271.76)	\$ 97.29
Office Expense	\$ 0.00	\$ (1,819.56)
Auction Expense	\$ (131.00)	\$
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 21,743.76</b>	<b>\$ 3,548.65</b>
<b>Ending Balance 12-31-2023</b>	<b><u>\$ 28,846.90</u></b>	

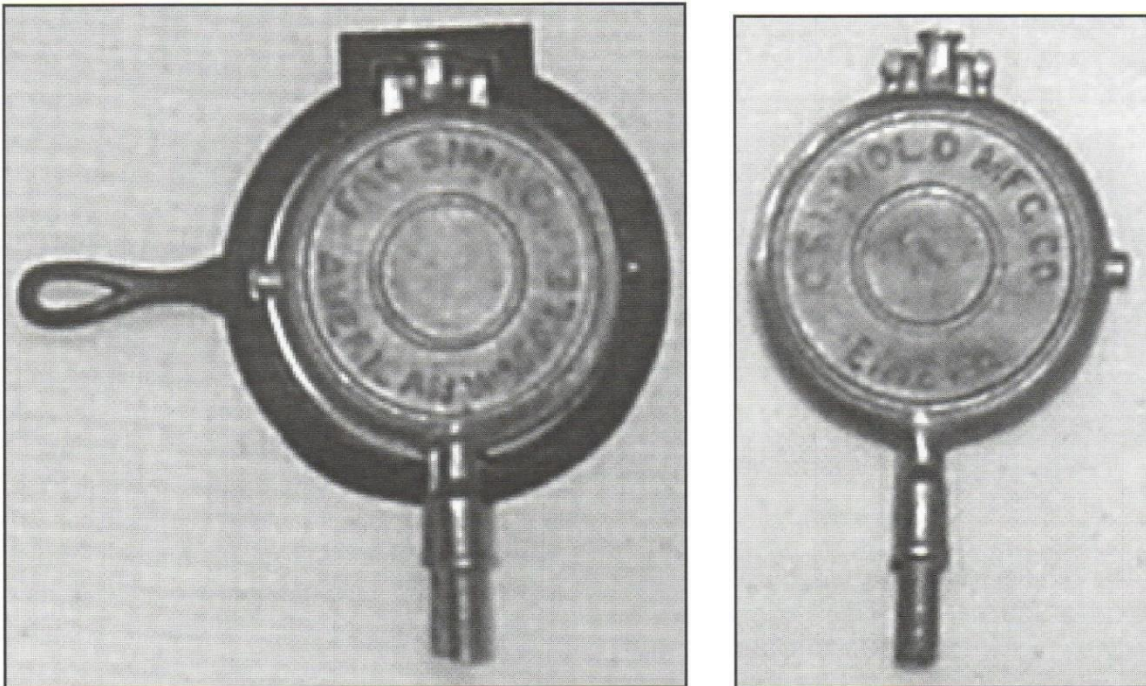
## A Look Back, In Their Own Words

### G&CICA the 1<sup>st</sup> 25 years

As we go forward as a group, I wanted to take a look back in the rearview mirror. There was so much knowledge from those early years that continues to help us today. As I share these stories, I will not add, edit or change any wording. Please let me know what you think or if you have a specific write-up from the early years that you would like to see shared in future issues. My contact info is listed in the Griswold quarterly inside the back page...

Eric McAllister

#### Very Unusual Griswold Aluminum Facsimile Waffle Iron? Prototype?



This facsimile Aluminum Waffle iron was purchased recently from Bootsie Barbour of Erie, PA..It came from her grandfathers estate. He was a purchasing agent for the Griswold Manufacturing Company from 1930 to 1950. Here are a few excerpts from the provenance that came with it.

"I am so very happy that you are pleased with the waffle iron and that it has found a good home. It is always difficult to sell things that were family stuff but on the other hand one cannot save everything. I am glad someone who appreciates Griswold has the piece. I am an Erie history buff and do not like to see any Erie history fade away. My mother is the same way. She is very involved in starting a Marx toy museum here in Erie. There were two plants here at one time & I mentioned, we do have some interesting Griswold paper things. Photos from the summer picnics and Christmas parties. I remember them both very well as the children were given so much to eat and toys, Griswold have been good to their employees.

Upon mentioning I had a calling card of a C.E. Portenier I received the following message.

"Charles Emerson Portenier was my grandfather! My maiden name was Portenier. When my grandfather died in the early 70s one of the grandchildren took a lot of paperwork and that is how those cards ended up at a dealers. I in fact bought one in the 80s from an antique shop on West 26 Street in Erie. It really is a small world."

The waffle iron handles are solid aluminum and are cast into the paddles as one piece. It is the exact size of the cast iron variation, fitting perfectly into the cast iron base. That would mean it was not made from the cast iron facsimilie mold but was made independently. It may predate the cast iron as a prototype with the aluminum handles being removed for the cast iron version.

## Member Spotlight: Dave Lange

By Mary Theisen, as told by Dave and Nancy Lange.

### Dave's connection to vintage cast iron



Dave and Nancy Lange live in Erie, Pennsylvania, home of the Griswold Manufacturing Company. Dave's father, Leonard, worked in maintenance for Griswold for about fifteen years, while his uncle, Aloysius, was a metal pattern maker for about ten years.

Dave became fascinated with vintage cast iron during his courtship with Nancy in the mid-1980s. Nancy had prepared an exceptional breakfast for him using a number 10 Griswold large block logo cast iron skillet and credited the skillet for the delicious meal.

Thus began Dave's quest to find a similar piece for himself.

### Dave's collection

Dave saw a market and started selling vintage cast iron. He went about it methodically. He began by contacting people listed in the forward of a book about vintage cast iron, to see if those people had any iron for sale.

According to Dave, Chuck Wafford was one of the only people who returned his call. Dave began sourcing



pieces at flea markets and auctions and selling them to Chuck, who then resold them. After a while, Dave cut out the middleman and started selling himself. Dave smiled, saying he "got a good education from Chuck, but [Chuck] didn't pay enough."

Dave's sales fed his collecting habit. At the peak of his collecting days, his collection numbered in the thousands.

In addition to Griswold cookware, Dave is interested in figural cast iron, such as Hubley banks and door stops. His favorite piece is a marked Griswold size zero (toy) finger hinge waffle iron.

Over the years, Dave has sold off much of his collection, which now consists primarily of miniatures and pups.

For the "show and tell" portion of the March 2024 convention in Erie, Dave brought his collection of 92 different Griswold ashtrays.

His favorite ashtray is the beautiful blue enameled one he found

unused in his father's bureau after his death some 55 years ago.

## Dave's involvement in G&CICA

Dave joined the Griswold & Cast Iron Cookware Association (G&CICA) a year or two after its inception in 1992. While he went to the first organizational meeting in April 1992 at the Asbury barn in Erie, he sat outside for an unknown reason; he didn't join the meeting.

Upon joining G&CICA, Dave became a leader in the club. He served on the board of directors and as Northeast chapter president. He and Nancy organized two national conventions in Erie and two Northeast chapter meets. Dave also served as a link between the Hagen History Center in Erie and G&CICA. Dave and Nancy's commitment to the association is evident in their near-perfect attendance at the national conventions, missing only when Dave's health did not permit travel.

Dave and Nancy always help at the local G&CICA conventions. In fact, at the 2024 convention in Erie, Nancy received a volunteer recognition award from past president Scott McCarter for her contributions to the club.

Dave's favorite part of membership with G&CICA is the annual convention and the great people in the group.

## A story from Dave

Griswold offered some pieces that had a colored porcelain enamel coating. Griswold outsourced the enameling job to the Erie Enameling Company. Dave said it was typical for someone in the know—such as an employee—to barter with an enamel company employee to get a piece in a particular color, i.e. “Here



are two ashtrays—you can keep one if you enamel the other for me.”

Dave brought a color ring to the 2024 convention that showed the different colors of enamel the Erie Enameling Company made available, including colors with stippling. The stippling process involved an already-enamelled piece having many spots of a different color sprayed onto the base color.

Dave explained that when an iron piece is enamelled, it is placed in a 4000° oven. Because of the intensity of the heat, Dave said it is common to find warping on enamelled pieces. Dave brought a particularly unusual ashtray with him to the 2024 convention. There were fingerprints on the ashtray's outside enamel, showing where someone had held it before the enamel was baked on. Dave said that the people who did the enameling were more concerned about the parts of a piece

that would be visible when the ashtray was placed on a table, not the backside.

## Dave's advice for new collectors

Dave offers valuable advice for those embarking on their vintage cast iron journey: prioritize quality over quantity. He never settled for a “placeholder” in his collection; he waited for the right high-quality piece to fill a gap. This patient and discerning approach, he believes, is the key to building a collection that stands the test of time.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, FUTURE MEETINGS, ETC.**

### **2024 NORTHEAST CHAPTER REGIONAL MEETING**

**Dates:** Friday, September 13-Saturday Sept. 14. Duration: 21 hours 30 minutes

**Location:** 3 Goodrich Rd., Owego, NY 13827-4866

**Lodging:** Hampton Inn, 1030 State Route 17C, Owego, NY 13827. Phone 607-687-4600

We have a block of rooms reserved for the event. There are also several hotels in the area that are an easy drive to the meeting site in Owego if the block of rooms has been released at the Hampton.

**Activities:** All activities will be held at our local Moose Lodge which is about a 5 minute drive from the hotel. We decided to have the activities at this venue because it has great indoor and outdoor cooking and gathering spaces. We are planning on having this event being very cooking focused (using cast iron of course), and all food will be provided at no cost to attendees. Other members are invited to cook as well, but not at all necessary. There will be an open bar on Friday.

Owego Moose Lodge, 3 Goodrich Rd., Owego, NY 13827

**Schedule:** (tentative)

Friday: 5:30-Dinner (Feel free to come over to the Moose Lodge any time after 1 pm. We will be cooking and hanging out pretty much all day).

Saturday: 8:30-10:00-Breakfast (Menu TBD, but thinking baked goods, coffee, etc. Attendees can arrive anytime during this period. Not a prompt 8:30 start.)

10:00-Show and Tell

11:00-Business Meeting

11:30-Skillet Toss

12:30-Lunch

1:30-Swap Meet

### **2024 WEST COAST CHAPTER MEETING**

The West Coast Chapter meeting will take place on September 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. Friday we will gather at the home of Rick & Chris Hoxmeier at 3:00pm. Time will be spent renewing friendships and hopefully meeting new friends. Dinner will be served. Saturday's event will happen at the Community Center in LaCenter. We will begin with a waffle breakfast cooked on iron at 9:00am. Activities will include a business meeting, show and tell and auction. Table sales will follow lunch. Please bring one of your favorite items for show and tell.

Friday's address: 32708 NW Eagle Crest Drive Ridgefield, WA 98642

Saturday's Address: 210 E 4<sup>th</sup> Street LaCenter WA 98642

### **2024 G&CICA HEARTLAND CHAPTER REGIONAL MEETING**

Public meeting open to anyone on or off Facebook

**When:** September 28, 2024

**Location:** American Legion Post 163

2020 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street

North Platte, Nebraska 69101

**Hosted by:** Doug and Kathy Wenz

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308-530-8507 (Doug) or 308-650-1351 (Kathy)

For those who arrive on Friday, September 27th, Doug and Kathy can show you the Lincoln County Historic Museum at 1:00 pm. There is a \$10 admission fee. There will be a gathering for dinner at Capones Bar and Grill, 2520 Halligan Drive, at 6:00 pm. Following the dinner, Doug and Kathy will host a dessert at their home, and you can view their collection and talk iron among friends, new and old. Their address is: 203 North Bryan Ave.

### **Saturday, September 28**

8:30 am; The hotel does not serve breakfast, so we will have a breakfast, coffee, and rolls available at the American Legion.

9:00 am; Show and Tell. Bring your new treasures that you found along the way, or some of your favorite pieces to educate the group. Even if we have seen it before, we can see it again and enjoy the story behind the collection.

11:00 am; Business meeting. Review yearly agenda items.

12:00 pm; Lunch of brisket sandwich and sides.

1:00 pm; Swap meet. Bring items to sell or trade.

There will be a skillet toss at a time to be determined.

4:00 pm; Adjourn

Rooms can be reserved at the Motel Studio 6, 2701 Halligan Drive, North Platte, NE 69101. Phone 308-252-7038. This is a new hotel just off Exit 177 or 179. Let them know it is the Griswold & Cast Iron Cookware Association, Heartland Chapter. We have a rate of \$74.99 for a single or \$79.99 for a double.

Consider coming in early. North Platte has a lot of area attractions.

Discover More at [VisitNorthPlatte.com](http://VisitNorthPlatte.com) or call 800-955-452

Link to GCICA Heartland Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/358229544349019>

## **2024 DIXIE CHAPTER MEETING**

**Location:** Echo Mountain Inn, 2849 Laurel Park Hwy, Hendersonville, NC 28739. Phone 828-693-9626

**Dates:** Thursday, Friday, Saturday. October 17, 18, 19.

Make your reservations as early as you can. Folks that attended this year's meeting have already booked for next year and rooms will quickly be filled with autumn "leaf peepers".

## **FUTURE NATIONAL CONVENTION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **2025 NATIONAL CONVENTION, ST LOUIS, MO**

Thursday April 10, 2025 at 12 pm-April 12 at 8 pm

Duration, 3 days

Embassy Suites by Hilton St. Louis St. Charles

GCICA National Convention consists of members buying, selling, trading, and sharing cast iron. The activities include room sales, swap meet, auction, raffle, seminars, national skillet toss championship, social events and a banquet.

More details will be posted on the G&CICA Facebook page, web site and in the Quarterly as they become available.

### **2026 NATIONAL CONVENTION, FLORENCE, KY**

Thursday April 23, 2026 at 12 pm.

GRISWOLD & CAST IRON COOKWARE ASSOCIATION, FOUNDED 1992  
2023-2024 NATIONAL OFFICERS & BOARD

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