

Fact Sheet

Event: 30th Anniversary National Arts & Crafts Conference and Antiques Show at the Grove Park Inn

Location: Omni Grove Park Inn Resort and Spa
290 Macon Avenue
Asheville, NC 28801
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www.GroveParkInn.com

Dates: February 17-19, 2017

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Website: Arts-CraftsConference.com (see "Media Room" for photos.)

Summary: For the past 29 years, this three-day educational conference has served as the galvanizing force behind the current Arts & Crafts Revival. Author and Conference director Bruce Johnson has remained dedicated to his goal of providing Arts & Crafts collectors at every level with the information they need to make confident and satisfying decisions as they select items, both antique and contemporary, for their homes. Johnson locks the doors to the exhibition hall when his morning and evening seminar speakers are at the podium, in order that collectors, as well as exhibitors, can benefit from them. In addition, he weaves small group discussions, walking tours, house tours, educational displays, workshops and demonstrations into an agenda that runs from early morning to nearly midnight. The New York Times has called it "the most important weekend of the year for Arts & Crafts collectors."

Exhibitors: approximately 50 of the country's leading Arts & Crafts antiques dealers; approximately 50 juried contemporary artists and artisans working in the Arts & Crafts style; approximately 25 book sellers, publishers, non-profit organizations and magazines editors and publishers. A complete list is on the website.

Show Hours: Friday, February 17 1:00-6:00pm Contemporary Crafts firms Show
 1:00-6:00pm Books, Magazines & More Show

1:00-6:00pm Antiques Show

Sat., February 18 Noon-6:00pm All three shows.
Sun., February 19 11:00am-4:00pm All three shows.

Seminars:

Friday

8:00pm Heritage Ballroom: Seminar: *Frank Lloyd Wright: Japanese Art as a Means to Organic Architecture* by Kevin Nute.
9:00pm Heritage Ballroom: Seminar: *Behind the Scenes: The Filming of Gustav Stickley: American Craftsman* by Herb Stratford (Special Sneak Preview to Follow)

Saturday

9:00am Heritage Ballroom: Seminar: *Professional Aspirations: Women & The Art Pottery Movement* by Adrienne Spinozzi
10:00am Heritage Ballroom: Seminar: *Arts & Crafts Electric Lighting: Beautiful, Useful, Inevitable* by David Cathers
8:00pm Heritage Ballroom: Seminar: *Scott, Zelda & Tom: Literary Asheville* by Bruce Johnson

Film: *Genius*

The story of Thomas Wolfe (Jude Law) and his editor Max Perkins (Colin Firth). *Free admission to this screening sponsored by the Arts & Crafts Research Fund.*

Sunday

9:00am Heritage Ballroom: Seminar: *The Mysterious Oscar Onken & His Shop of the Crafters* by Michael McCracken
10:00am Heritage Ballroom: Seminar: *Building Paradise In California: The Gambles & Their House* by Ted Bosley

Small Group Discussions:

Approximately 10 each day on topics ranging from collecting specific firms to home improvement; complete list appears on the website.

Cost:

Three-day conference fee, including all seminars, discussions, tours, demonstrations, daily show entry, canvas tote bag, conference poster and

88-page Conference Catalog, is \$150 per person.

The Grove Park Inn has special Arts & Crafts Weekend Packages.
Call (800) 438-5800 for pricing and availability.

General public admission to all three shows is \$10, good for all three days.

Attendance: Approx. 4000.

Registration: www.Arts-CraftsConference.com
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