

# Fact Sheet

**Event:** 32nd National Arts & Crafts Conference and Shows at the Omni Grove Park Inn

**Location:** Omni Grove Park Inn Resort and Spa  
290 Macon Avenue  
Asheville, NC 28801  
(800) 438-5800  
www.GroveParkInn.com

**Dates:** February 15-17, 2019

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

**Summary:** For the past 31 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 15 1:00-6:00pm Contemporary Crafts-firms Show  
1:00-6:00pm Books, Magazines & More Show  
1:00-6:00pm Antiques Show

Sat., February 16 Noon-6:00pm All three shows.

Sun., February 17 11:00am-4:00pm All three shows.

## **Seminars in the Heritage Ballroom:**

Friday, February 15th

- 8:00pm *If Jewels Could Talk: Stories to Share With Friends*  
by Rosalie Berberian.
- 9:00pm *Gustav Stickley: The Branded Years: 1912-1916*  
by Stewart Crick

Saturday, February 16th

- 9:00am *Mary Chase Stratton and Pewabic Pottery* by Bill Porter
- 10:00am *From Ruskin to Roycroft: How John Ruskin Created the Arts & Crafts Movement* by Dr. James Spates
- 8:00 pm *Film: The Gamble House* by Don Hahn  
The Emmy-Award nominated documentary tells the story of two architect brothers who built an iconic house and influenced Arts and Crafts Design. *Free admission to this screening sponsored by the Arts & Crafts Research Fund.*

Sunday, February 17th

- 9:00am *Irving Gill: The Greatest Architect You've Never Heard Of*  
by Allen Hazard
- 10:00am *From Hand to Hearth: Mosaic Fireplaces of the Arts & Crafts Era*  
by Ted Ellison

## **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 \$160 per person.

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

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

**Attendance:** Approx. 4000.

**Registration:** [www.Arts-CraftsConference.com](http://www.Arts-CraftsConference.com)  
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