

31st National Arts and Crafts Conference and Shows

February 16 – 18, 2018 Omni Grove Park Inn
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Event: 31st National Grove Park Inn Arts & Crafts Conference and Shows

Location: Omni Grove Park Inn Resort and Spa
290 Macon Avenue Asheville, NC 28801
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Dates: February 16 - 18, 2018

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

Summary:

For the past 30 years, this three-day educational conference and its selling shows have served as the galvanizing force behind the current Arts & Crafts Revival. Asheville author and director Bruce Johnson brings together leading seminar speakers, respected antiques dealers, and juried artists and artisans for what the *New York Times* has called "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 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 16	1:00-6:00pm	All three shows.
Saturday, February 17	Noon-6:00pm	All three shows.
Sunday, February 18	11:00am-4:00pm	All three shows.

The shows are open to the public. The cost of a three-day ticket is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Outdoor parking is free, as well as three hours of garage parking.

Attendance: Approx. 2500 – 3000 from across the United States, Canada and England.

Asheville Participants:

Each year the **Asheville-Buncombe County Preservation Society** organizes afternoon house tours for the conference attendees. These tours have become one of the most important fund raisers for the Preservation Society each year.

In addition, the **Asheville Art Museum** also organizes a fund raiser in the form of a Saturday evening reception and talk.

Also, **Asheville** inns, bed-and-breakfasts, restaurants, galleries, and shops enjoy a February spike in sales as Arts and Crafts Conference attendees extend their stay to explore the area.

Conference Events:

In addition to the afternoon shows, the three-day conference consists of six major seminar presentations, more than 30 daily small group discussions, a Saturday evening movie, walking tours of the Grove Park Inn and adjacent Biltmore Industries, daily demonstrations, Friday and Saturday evening socials, educational displays, an 88-page Conference Catalog, a wall calendar, poster, and canvas tote bag. Each three-day conference pass is \$160, which also includes daily show entry.

Conference Registration: www.Arts-CraftsConference.com
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