



NOVELTY
Salt & Pepper
Shakers
CLUB

2024 CONVENTION INFORMATION



SCHEDULE OF EVENT (TENTATIVE)

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
All Week	Shaker shopping and sightseeing on your own	Any room & all local attractions
Sat-Wed, July 6-10th		
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Open house viewing of Weaver’s Collection	10445 Stratton Rd., Salem, Ohio
Sun, July 7th		
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Registration	TBD
Mon-Wed, July 8-10th		
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Raffle donations	Boardroom
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Registration	TBD
Wednesday, July 10th		
7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Amish Tour	Front Lobby
Thursday, July 11th		
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Board of Directors meeting	Prefunction room
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Raffle room open (donations still being accepted)	Boardroom
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Auction entries accepted	Meeting Room
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Theme and Display contest set up	Salons
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Costume contests sign up	Outside of Salons
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Combined Chapter Presidents with the Board of Directors meeting	Prefunction room
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Junior member’s party	Prefunction room
2:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Final Auction entries accepted	Meeting room
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Registration	TBD
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Costume contests sign up	Outside of Salons
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Raffle room open (donations still being accepted)	Boardroom
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Theme and display contest set up	Salons
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	First Timers’ reception	Prefunction room
6:00 PM - TBD	Singles Mingle	Prefunction room

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Friday, July 12th		
8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Final registration	TBD
8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Final costume contest signup	Outside of Salons
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Move raffle baskets to Salons	
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Final theme and display contest set up	Salons
9:30 AM - 12:15 PM	Shaker Olympics opening ceremonies, Raffle Drawings, Presentation, 2024 Convention Commemorative Shaker Unveiling	Salons
12:15 PM - 1:45 PM	Lunch on your own	
1:30 PM - 1:45 PM	Costume contestants gather and change	TBD
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Costume contest Vote for your favorites	Salons
2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	View & vote on theme and display contests	Salons
2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	View auction shakers	Meeting Room
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Pick up theme & display contest entries	Salons
5:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Dinner, Shaker Decathlon, raffle drawings, and auction	Salons
Saturday, July 13th		
8:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Shaker distribution	TBD (room registration occurred)
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Pick up display contests entries	Salons
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Pick up theme contest entries	Salons
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Lifetime Achievement Award and Business meeting	Salons
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Breakout Sessions	Salons
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch on your own	
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Raffle drawings, 2025 convention presentation, auction	Salons
5:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Dinner & dancing, Shaker Olympics closing ceremony, contest winners, raffle drawings, slideshow of convention, drawing of #1 shaker, passing of the S&Ps, short auction	Salons

GENERAL INFORMATION

Join us for the 39th Annual Novelty Salt & Pepper Shakers Club Convention in Canton, Ohio for the first inaugural Shaker Olympics. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Weaver via email at jweaver@neomed.edu or via phone at 216-533-0575.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Categories of Convention Registrants

There are two types of convention registrants: Club Members and Guests

- **Club Members** (Primary, Associate, and Junior) are paid club members, i.e., each has his/her name and address listed in the club's "Membership Roster" or "Junior Membership Roster." At convention, club members can enter any contest within their membership classification (regular or junior), vote in all contests, buy #1 convention set raffle tickets and convention sets, bid during the auctions, and buy and sell shakers from members' hotel rooms. Note, junior members can bid during the auctions only with written approval of the adult who will be financially responsible for them.
- **Guests** are non-club members who are registered for the convention on a member's registration form, e.g., non-member spouses and friends. Guests may attend all convention functions and activities. They may buy general raffle tickets but NOT tickets for the #1 convention set. Guests cannot vote, enter contests, buy convention sets, bid during convention auctions, buy/sell/trade shakers on their own, or vote at the business meeting. It is acceptable for a guest to help a member sell shakers in the member's hotel room.

*Daily Visitors – Club and Non-Club Members

Monday through Thursday:

- **Club Member Daily Visitors** (not registered for the convention) wanting to buy shakers can purchase a One Day Club Member Visitor Pass for \$25 that is good for any one day Monday through Thursday
- **Non-Club Member Daily Visitors** (not registered for the convention) wanting to buy shakers can do one of the following:
 1. Purchase a One Day Non-Club Member Visitor Pass for \$30 that is good for any one day Monday through Thursday.
 2. Join the Club and purchase a One Day Member Visitor Pass for \$25
 3. Join the Club and register for convention (\$90 for Thursday, Friday, & Saturday). Meals depending on availability.

Friday and Saturday:

- **Non-Club Member Daily Visitors** wanting to stop by the convention and check out our club may do one of the following:
 1. Pay a \$15 daily fee. This fee does **NOT** allow them to buy shakers in members' rooms. They can only observe the convention activities. They can apply the visitor's fee directly toward club membership dues.
 2. Join the Club and register for convention (\$90 for Friday & Saturday or \$45 for only Saturday). This will allow them to buy shakers and participate in the activities as a club member. Meals depending on availability.

Disclosure: The club does not guarantee the availability of seller rooms being open at any given time. Monday through Wednesday during the day the selling rooms are usually closed since people take that time to travel around the region, shop or visit. On Thursday during the day members may be attending meetings, setting up displays, registering for the auction, etc. The rooms are usually open in the evenings for selling after dinner.

*Daily Visitors (both Club and Non-Club members) will be issued a dated "Visitor" badge. Upon arrival please register by contacting Josh Weaver (216-533-0575).

*Please note that daily visitors are **NOT** allowed to SELL shakers.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Embassy Suites by Hilton Akron/Canton Airport
Address: 7883 Freedom Ave NW, North Canton, OH 44720
Telephone: (330) 305-0500

When calling for reservations, mention Group code "Novelty Salt and Pepper Shakers Club." You can call the hotel directly using the number listed above. For reservations via the internet, book your group rate for the Novelty Salt and Pepper Shakers Club by using this online reservation link:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/caknaes-nsp-24e1da37-11f8-4ad3-884a-531249b74d05/>

Our room rate is \$139.00. Hotel's room rates are based on single or double occupancy. Each additional adult in the room will incur a \$10 per person additional charge. All rooms are suites. All rates are per night, plus applicable taxes. The hotel room rate is valid from July 7 – July 15, 2024 so plan on coming ahead of time or staying late to visit local attractions. **Please make your hotel reservation by June 16, 2024, to receive the block rate until the block is filled. If you are told the block is full and quoted a higher rate, please notify Josh Weaver at 216-533-0575.**

Hotel Amenities:

- Free made to order breakfast M-F: 6 am – 9 am; Sat & Sun: 7 am – 10:30 am
- Free evening reception (drinks and hors d'oeuvres) 7 days a week: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
- 24-hour fitness center
- Free Wi-Fi
- On-site restaurant
- Business center

Parking Services

- Free parking

Pool Facilities

- Indoor pool

Property Features

- Smoke free property

Transportation Services

- Complimentary shuttle to and from Akron/Canton Airport and nearby restaurants (within 5 mile radius & scheduled in advance)

Rooms Features

- All rooms are suites
- Refrigerators
- Microwaves
- LCD televisions
- Bathrooms feature complimentary toiletries and hair dryers.

Pet Policy Embassy Suites by Hilton Akron/Canton Airport

- Pets allowed, \$75.00 non-refundable fee, \$75(1-4 nights), \$125(5+ nights) 2pets max, dog or cat only

Package receiving: Shipped packages accepted for guests of this event up to five (5) days in advance of the convention.

OPEN HOUSE to View the Weaver's Collection (optional)

Over 75,000 pairs of salt and pepper shakers with a personal tour by Karen Weaver

When: Anytime between Saturday July 6th through Wednesday July 10th from 10 am – 5 pm

Where : Karen Weaver's home (45 minute drive from convention hotel)

Karen Weaver
10445 Stratton Road
Salem, Ohio 44236

Please indicate on the convention registration form if and what days you may plan to attend the open house so that Karen can plan accordingly.

AMISH TOUR (optional)

When: Wednesday July 10th - 7:45 am to 5:30 pm

A charter bus will take the group to The Amish & Mennonite Heritage Center in Holmes County in the morning where we will have a tour of the Behalt, which is a 265 foot circular mural (cyclorama) called Behalt that illustrates the history of the Amish and Mennonites from their origins to the present day. This will be followed by an educational experience through a pioneer barn and one room school house. Around noon the group will be deposited in the small town of Walnut Creek for buffet lunch on your own at the Der Dutchman with time to peruse the surroundings which include an antique shop, Amish craft stores, and a chocolate store. We will complete the afternoon at Walnut Creek farm which will include a wagon ride which will make us feel like we are stocking the Ark for Noah. Cost is \$65 per person. Limited seating available on the charter bus – first come first serve.

MEALS

Your registration fee includes the dinners on Friday and Saturday nights. If you have food allergies or dietary restrictions, please note them on the registration form.

Friday and Saturday Night Seating

Seating will be advanced, assigned seating. Tables will be numbered, and at registration you can select a table number based on seating charts. Seating will be at round tables with 8-10 people to a table depending on the final size of the tables and the final number of attendees. While your table number will be consistent for both nights, the location of the table will change. Changing table locations gives everyone a better chance to have a "prime" table spot for one of the two nights.

Example 1: You have table #5. On Friday night your table might be center, front, on the left side of the room, but on Saturday night it might be right, rear, near an exit.

To be fair to everyone, and to keep a complicated process as simple as possible, seating will be selected on a first come, first served basis. If you wish to sit with specific people, you can reserve spots for up to 8 people including yourself. Please provide the name of those for whom you're reserving places. Also, please ensure that these folks know that you will be reserving for them.

Example 1: You arrive on Tuesday morning, but your good friend won't get there until Thursday evening. With your friend's approval, you can reserve table spots for yourself and your friend.

Example 2: Your chapter wants to sit together. You will be the first to arrive at convention. With the approval of your fellow chapter members, you can reserve up to 8-10 spots including your own, i.e., a whole table, if it's available. If more than 8-10 chapter members want to sit together, then more than one person must make the reservations. Note: Your tables may not be adjacent since table numbers will be randomly placed.

CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

Buying, Selling and Trading of Shakers

Buying, selling, and trading of shakers are restricted to club members who are registered convention attendees and visitors who have purchased a daily pass. **Members, guests, and visitors must always wear their name badges during convention activities, including when they are buying, selling, or trading shakers in individual hotel rooms.**

Room Selling

If you are selling and want to rent a table from the hotel, the cost is \$15.00, plus tax and will appear on your hotel bill. If you wish to order a table, please be sure to request one on your reservation form.

If you are selling from your room, here are a few things to remember:

- All shakers must be priced individually or placed on a table with other shakers offered at the same price with the price displayed.
- Any sets brought for display purposes must be clearly marked as "DISPLAY ONLY; NOT FOR SALE."
- Private auctions or raffles of any kind are not permitted in hotel rooms.
- Rooms are not permitted to be open during club functions. However, rooms can be open after 10:00 PM on Friday and Saturday if the auction extends beyond this time.
- Please return door hangers to the boxes next to the elevators on Saturday night after the evening function.

Contests

Contests can be rewarding for participants and fun for all to view or watch. You must be a Club member to participate in any of the contests. Only registered, club-member attendees may vote on contests. Contest winners will be announced Saturday evening. Adult prizes in any contest, except theme (one prize awarded per contest category) will be as follows: 1st place: either 1 free room night (based on availability) or \$100 in cash; 2nd place: \$75; and 3rd place: \$50. Prizes for participants under 18 in any contest will be determined by the convention committee.

Adult Display Contest

Adult shaker displays may be created in a choice of four sizes:

- **Little Box Display, formerly known as Shoebox display**, can be any number of shakers, but all shakers must fit inside a box that is no larger than **13" x 9" x 5" (new size)**. Neither shakers nor any part of the display can extend out of or above the box.
- **Small displays** consist of up to 30 shakers and may not occupy more than half of a standard 6-foot table with no overhang.
- **Medium displays** contain from 31 to 75 shakers and may not occupy more than half of a standard 6-foot table with no overhang.
- **Large displays** are those containing more than 75 shakers and may not occupy more than a standard 6-foot table with no overhang.

Junior Member Display Contest

- Junior displays will have no more than 30 shakers and may not occupy more than half a 6-foot table with no overhang.

Display Definitions

- **Shaker definition:** A "Shaker" means an individual shaker. A pair of shakers would constitute two shakers in the count for Small, Medium, and Large, or Junior displays. Individual shakers used in displays may be part or a pair or a single without a mate. One-piece shakers are counted as a single shaker. Trays, bases, and condiment pieces (such as mustard pots which are not salt or pepper shakers) are not counted in the number of shakers for display.

Example 1: If you enter one pair and one single in the small display contest, then three shakers have been entered.

Example 2: If you enter 6 pairs including a complete condiment set and two shakers with their egg cup bases, then 12 shakers have been entered.

- Displays must meet the above dimensions and fit on a standard 6-foot table (6 feet by 30 inches) without overhang, even if the tables provided by the hotel are larger than 6 feet x 30 inches.

Adult and Junior Member Shaker Theme Contest

- You are encouraged to bring a shaker that you feel represents the convention theme: “Shaker Olympics”. Only one set per member classification (regular or Jr. Member) may be entered in the contest. Shakers are accepted on a first come basis, i.e., duplicates will not be accepted. Prizes for the adult theme contest are as follows: 1st place = \$25 plus a 1-year membership dues in the Club, 2nd place = a 1-year membership dues in the Club, 3rd place = \$10
- **SETS ENTERED IN THE THEME CONTEST MUST NOT HAVE ANY ALTERATIONS, ADORNMENTS, OR ADDITIONS. THEY MUST BE AS THEY WERE IN THEIR ORIGINAL FORM. The sets must be sets that are available for any member to buy, NO CUSTOM-MADE SETS. If there are any alterations to a set entered, it will not be eligible for a prize**

Costume Contests

Your costume must represent an entire set, even in the one-person categories. Note: A one-piece shaker is a set. Be sure to bring the actual set that you represent, or a good photo of it, when you sign up for the costume contest (see “Schedule of Events” for when and where to sign up). You may sign up for only one type of costume contest. **All participants, regardless of age, must be club members (primary, associate, or junior).** The costume contest types are described in the table below.

TYPE	CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
Adult Costume Contest (must be 18 yrs. or older)	One Person	A club member dresses as his/her favorite shaker set
Adult Costume Contest (must be 18 yrs. or older)	Double Person	Two club members dress as their favorite shaker set
Adult Costume Contest (must be 18 yrs. or older).	Multi-Person	More than two club members dress as their favorite shaker set(s)
Junior Member Costume Contest	One Person	A junior club member dresses as his/her favorite shaker set
Junior Member Costume Contest	Multi-Person	Two or more junior club members dress as their favorite shaker set(s).
Toddler Costume (must be under 5 yrs. old)	Toddler	One, two or more members under 5 years old dress as their favorite shaker set.
Mixed (adult & child) Costume Contest	Mixed	Two or more members dress as their favorite shaker set. May include ANY convention-registered club member.

There will again be musical accompaniment for each costume entry. You can either bring your own music on an USB drive or the emcee will choose and play the music.

CONVENTION AUCTIONS

This section explains everything you need to know about entering items into the auction and about bidding on items. Club auctions are held Friday night, Saturday afternoon, and a short auction on Saturday evening. Only registered club members may participate in the auctions. Check the convention schedule for the 2 times on Thursday to enter sets into the auction. There will be no auction registration on Friday. Members may not bid on sets they place in the auction. Members and chapters may choose to establish a reserve price on two (2) of the entries they place in the auction.

Shaker and Shaker Related Items Entry Allowance

Each chapter can enter up to a maximum of four sets and two trays which may contain shaker related items into the auction. Individual members can enter four sets and one tray lot which may contain shaker related items. Members may donate as many shakers as they want to the club tray lots. Auction sets are entered at the members’ risk. The volunteers working the auction are very careful; however, shakers entered into the auction have risk of damage.

Auction Tray Lots

All auction trays will be in uniform-sized cardboard box flats, measuring a maximum of 12" x 18" (30.5 cm x 45.7 cm). The auction tray lot must consist of two or more sets of shakers or shaker related items and be only one layer deep. Shakers and shaker related items put into tray lots are **NOT** checked, are sold "as is," and cannot be returned. Members and chapters are responsible for advising the auction staff of any imperfections or damage on sets or items submitted in tray lots.

Auction Material

The auction material is comprised of six types:

Type	Definition	Division of Selling Price
Club Tray Lot	Consists of shakers that are donated to the club and assembled into trays and auctioned. Whenever possible, each tray has at least one set valued at \$10 or more. No singles, wooden, chipped, damaged, or repaired shaker sets will be accepted.	100% to Club
Club Set	Shaker sets which belong to the Club or are donated to the Club.	100% to Club
Chapter or Club Member Shakers	Consists of individual sets registered by Club members or sets that belong to Club chapters. Each set must have minimum value of \$15. Each Club member or chapter in good standing can register a maximum of four sets.	If set sells for under \$1,000, the seller gets 80% of the selling price, and the Club 20%. If set sells for \$1,000 or more, the seller gets 90% of the selling price, and the Club gets 10%.
Chapter Tray Lot	A chapter in good standing may submit a maximum of two tray lots for the auction.	100% to chapter
Club Member Tray Lot	A Club member in good standing may submit a maximum of one tray lot for the auction.	If tray lot sells for under \$1,000, the seller gets 80% of the selling price, and the Club 20%. If tray lot sells for \$1,000 or more, the seller gets 90% of the selling price, and the Club gets 10%.

Auction Reserve

A Club member or chapter may put a reserve on two auction entries. **A shaker set must have a minimum reserve of \$50, and a tray lot must have a minimum reserve of \$100.** All other sets or tray lots will be entered in the auction without a reserve price.

It will be up the seller to determine the reserve price. If the Auction Committee feels the reserve to be too high, the committee may discuss the reserve with the seller and make alternate suggestions, which the seller may accept or reject. Only the Auction Committee will know the reserve price.

During the auction, if the high bidder on a reserve auction set/tray does **NOT** bid up to the reserve, the high bidder will be told the reserve price and will be offered the option to pay the reserve price or decline. If the high bidder declines the reserve price, the seller will be asked to sell the set or tray to the high bidder for the bid price. No response from the seller means 'no sale' and the auction is closed for the item.

If the set or tray lot with the reserve price is **NOT** sold, the seller will be charged a fee of 5% of the established reserve price. If the set or tray lot sells for the reserve amount or above, the reserve fee will be waived. The fund distribution will be in accordance with the established procedures.

Letter/Number Assignment

Club tray lots are lettered and chapter tray lots are assigned the name of the chapter/letter combination. The tray lots will be auctioned off in the order that they are displayed on the auction table at the beginning of each session. The order is determined by the Auction Committee to provide a balance at each session of all types of shakers registered. Tray lots are interspersed between sales of individual sets. Tray lots are NOT auctioned off sequentially.

Individual sets are assigned a number/letter combination. Individual sets are **NOT** auctioned off sequentially.

Bidding Numbers

A bidding number is assigned to all registered club members and is included in the convention registration packet. Members will need this number when registering sets to sell in the auction or when bidding on auction sets.

Note: Registered guests and non-club members are NOT permitted to participate in the auction.

Previews

Sets and tray lots to be auctioned will be available for preview prior to each auction. During the preview periods members should make note of trays and sets they are interested in. When previewing, members are **NOT** to handle the sets, point over the table, touch, or lean over the table. Members must be aware of items hanging from their arms or neck so that those items do **NOT** touch the table or come over the top of the table.

Helpers will be able to answer questions or provide a closer inspection. Tags will indicate any known damage, problems, or special details about the sets. Possible or known reproductions will be marked as such. To avoid confusion and disturbances, members should **NOT** approach the display table while the auction is in progress.

Auction Etiquette

All members bidding in the auction **MUST** have their assigned bid number with them. The best way to place a bid is to raise the bid number for the auctioneer or one of their assistants to acknowledge. But some people place more subtle bids, such as raising an arm or nodding their head. Members must be conscious of arm movements during the auctions—a wave to a friend across the room might be interpreted as a bid on an expensive set.

The Auction Committee tries as much as possible to acknowledge all bids, but ultimately it is the bidder's responsibility to make sure their bid is **NOT** overlooked. They must do whatever is necessary to make it known that they are in the bidding. It is better to interrupt for a moment than to lose out on a set they really want. Remember, once the auctioneer announces "SOLD," the sale is final.

There is no buyer's premium or sales tax on auction items. There is a minimum bid required of \$15 for individual sets, but no minimum bid for tray lots. Sets that fail to achieve the minimum bid will be set back and it will be the seller's responsibility to reclaim the set following the auction. High bidder always takes the entire tray lot or set.

It is members' responsibility to keep track of their expenditures. They should **NOT** ask the clerks to check their total while the auctions are in progress.

The first bidding cycle will go slowly, to give members a feel for the process. Then the auctioneer will move to a more rapid pace that will continue through the Saturday evening auction. This pace is necessary to sell all the sets by the end of the convention. Members must make their bids quickly or lose out on desired sets. Sellers are **NOT** allowed to bid on shakers they are selling.

Duplicate Sets

Members will be told when submitting a set for auction if there is a duplicate set already in the auction. They will be given the choice to withdraw the set or continue to place the duplicate set in the auction. All the sets will be displayed prior to the auctions. If a seller wishes to withdraw a set because there is a duplicate of that set already in the auction, such action **MUST** take place prior to the start of the first auction. An announcement of the withdrawal will be made so that all members bidding will know the correct quantity of that set remaining in the auction.

Returns

Any known damage or irregularities concerning a set will be announced by the auctioneer before the bidding begins on a set. It is the buyer's responsibility to inspect the set immediately upon receipt.

Buyers have two cycles to return a shaker set which has damage **NOT** announced prior to the sale of that item by notifying the auctioneer. Sets can only be returned if the buyer discovers any damage **NOT** previously announced. Tray lots are **NOT** checked, are sold "as is," and **CANNOT** be returned for any reason.

Any disputes or questions concerning the sets or bids will be settled by the Auction Committee, comprised of experienced volunteer club members.

Payment

Buyers should wait to settle their account until they are sure they are finished bidding. The club accepts personal checks, travelers' checks, and U.S. dollars. The club also accepts credit card payments with a 3% fee. **Accounts MUST be settled no later than Saturday evening.**

Summary of Auction Rules

The following information summarizes the auction rules:

1. Maximum of four sets and two tray lot entries per chapter, and four sets and one tray lot per member.
2. Auction sets are entered at the members' risk. The volunteers working the auction are very careful; however, shakers entered into the auction have risk of damage.
3. Have auction entries already unwrapped prior to arrival to the auction table for submission
4. No bidding on sets or trays you registered for the auction.
5. Members have two cycles to return a shaker set which has damage **NOT** announced prior to the sale of that item. Tray lots **CANNOT** be returned.
6. Maximum tray lot size is 12" x 18" with shakers one layer deep. Members and chapters are responsible for advising the auction staff of any imperfections or damage on sets submitted in tray lots. Tray lots are **NOT** checked and are sold "as is."
7. All disputes on bids or questions will be settled by the Auction Committee.

Raffle Prizes

General raffle and Chapter baskets: Raffle tickets will be sold throughout the convention for \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00, 13 for \$10.00, or 30 for \$20.00. There is no limit on the number of raffle tickets that may be purchased, and all registered attendees (excluding visitors) may participate. These tickets are good for the chapter baskets AND the general raffle. All registered club members and guests will receive one free raffle ticket in their registration packet. Raffle drawings will be held throughout convention.

50/50 drawing We will be having a 50/50 drawing, tickets will be sold by 1 person, beginning Wednesday, and ending Saturday evening when the winner will be drawn. Tickets are \$1.00 each and the amount of tickets sold will determine the amount the winner will receive. The winner will get half the total and the club will get the other half.

Chapter Presidents' Meeting

On Thursday, July 20, 2023, chapter presidents (or a chapter representative) are invited to attend a meeting with the Club President and the Board of Directors. This is a great opportunity to share ideas with your fellow chapter presidents and to make suggestions to your officers.

Volunteering Please fill out volunteer section (III.E.) in registration form.

First Time Attendees Welcome! We hope you have a great first convention, find lots of shakers and make lots of new shaker friends. Be sure to plan on attending the "First Timers' Reception" on Thursday, July 11, 2024 where you'll have a chance to meet Club officers and other first-time attendees. Please note that this is the first year that we've had a first timers discounted registration fee of only \$90, which is a 35% discount off the normal registration fee. The promotion was attempted to help promote convention and increase the number of first time attendees.

MERCHANDISE

Convention Shaker Set

Each year a commemorative shaker set is created to celebrate the annual convention. Only 100 sets will be made this year, not including the additional special sets (i.e number 1 and 2 sets). Each member is limited to purchasing a maximum of 2 convention sets. The first sets ordered will be filled until all the first sets ordered are filled. Then the second sets ordered will be filled until sold out or there are no remaining orders to be filled. The price is \$75.00 before unveiling and \$80.00 after unveiling (if still available). Shipping (with insurance) is available for additional fees.

A special gold-trimmed "number one" set is being made and will be raffled off. Only Club members may purchase tickets for this exceptional, one-of-a-kind set at time of registration or, if still available, at convention. Club members not able to attend convention can purchase tickets ahead of time using the enclosed registration form. If an absentee member wins the number one set it will be shipped to them at the expense of the club. Tickets will be sold at \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. Only 700 tickets will be printed. There is no limit on how many tickets a registered Club member can buy. As with the convention sets, the raffle tickets will be filled with similar sequencing. The winner of the number one set will have the option of keeping it or, if in attendance, placing the set in the auction on Saturday night.

A special silver-trimmed "number two" set is also being made. It will be placed in the Club auction on Friday night. Get your auction paddles ready! The winner of the #1 set may decide to keep it, so winning the #2 set at the Friday night auction may be your only chance to get one of the two special sets.

Convention T-Shirts

T-shirts must be ordered ahead of time. Please see the registration form for sizes and costs. T-shirts are white. The convention logo will be in the center front of the shirt. Please order your t-shirts in advance because we will not be ordering extra t-shirts to sell at the convention.

DONATIONS

We hope that you will donate to the raffles and the goody bags. If you wish to donate to the raffles, please text Bonny Schwitzgable at 330-203-3064 or e-mail her at stampindaze3@gmail.com with any questions. If you wish to donate to the goody bags, please contact Larry and Peigi Schmidt at 330-618-1231 or e-mail them at peiglar@hotmail.com.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Canton Visitor's Bureau - www.visitcanton.com

Pro Football Hall of Fame - www.profootballhof.com

The Pro Football Hall of Fame is the hall of fame for professional American football, located in Canton, Ohio.

McKinley Presidential Library and Museum - WWW.mckinleymuseum.org

This one-of-a-kind presidential library incorporates a history museum, interactive science center, planetarium, and research library into a single adventure through our past, present, and future.

McKinley National Memorial- The Memorial is open April 1-November 1 during Museum hours.

The McKinley Monument, a landmark in the City of Canton, is the final resting place for the 25th President of the United States, William McKinley. Residents of Canton pass by the Monument and its 108 steps every day.

First Ladies National Historic Site - <https://home.nps.gov/fila/index.htm>

First Ladies National Historic Site consists of two properties in downtown Canton, Ohio - the home of First Lady Ida Saxton-McKinley and our Education Center.

Nearby in Alliance, Ohio

The Troll Hole Museum - <https://www.thetrollhole.com>

Claiming the world's largest troll collection, this museum explores trolls, from mythology to today.

The Feline Historical Museum - <https://www.felinehistoricalfoundation.org/>

The Cat Fanciers' Association Foundation, Inc. (CFA Foundation) was created in 1990 by the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. (CFA) as a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization to collect and record the history of the cat and the cat fancy.

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