



Announcing Pottery Lovers Reunion 2009

July 11-18, 2009

We are especially pleased to announce some changes in the Reunion Week schedule in 2009. There were lots of discussions among Pottery Lovers, in July, with many expressing concerns about the declining attendance, by collectors and dealers, over the past several years. The decline has been gradual and it has certainly not escaped our attention. We have shared your concerns about the lack of attendance and the general lack of interest in art pottery, by new collectors. This is not the 1990s anymore! We can all agree that we share a common bond; our passion and our love of art pottery. While we thought things would never change, they have. We must do something to revitalize the reunion! The concerns, this year, may have escalated because of the changes at the Holiday Inn. As you all know, the Holiday is now a Ramada. We recognize that the hotel is not what it was 10 years ago, but nothing is. We have maintained a good working relationship with the hotel management and we are committed to continue to work with them in efforts to improve conditions at the hotel. We cannot control the hotel's budget, but we can certainly make our concerns known. We have shared your concerns with them and we will continue to reinforce them throughout the year. Pottery Lovers has been around for more than 30 years. It is our express desire that the Reunion continue, *not just to exist*, but to ***thrive*** into the future. We can do this, but it will require all our efforts, working as a team, to make the changes successful. We are really excited about the changes and we recognize that some things will go more smoothly than others, but we are committed to make this work. We want to be a part of the solution, not a part of the problem. We hope you choose to join us in 2009 for a Stellar Reunion! Joe Tunnell, said it well, ***"We're better together!"*** The schedule below introduces the ***Saturday to Saturday*** format that we will have in place for 2009. Future newsletters will provide more detailed information over the winter. Stay tuned!

2009 Schedule

Friday, July 10 th :	Room Set-up. No dealer sales until Saturday
Saturday, July 11 th :	Room Sales begin, the Hospitality Desk opens, the Welcome Reception is in the evening
Sunday, July 12 th :	Room Sales
Monday, July 13 th :	Room Sales, PL Banquet: Susan Talbot from the Zanesville Art Center is the Banquet Speaker
Tuesday, July 14 th :	Room sales, PL Mixer Party Show & Tell: Theme is "Portraits"
Wednesday, July 15 th :	Room Sales, PL Auction by Greg Belhorn
Thursday, July 16 th :	Room Sales, PL Show and Sale Set-up in the public space at the Ramada (that is, the room for the Mixer and the Auction room, as well, both levels)
Friday, July 17 th :	Room Sales (\$50 Advertising fee, unless displaying at the show), PL Show & Sale Opens to the public at the Ramada
Saturday, July 18 th :	Room Sales, PL Show & Sale at the Ramada

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