Westchester Glass Club Show Offers Free Admission

The Westchester Glass Club’s 40th annual Collectors Show and Sale will be held on April 9 and 10 at the Greenwich Civic Center in Old Greenwich, Connecticut. To celebrate the 40th anniversary and to attract new dealers and new buyers to the show, the Westchester Glass Club will offer free admission to all buyers this year.

According to a press release, the Westchester chapter of the National American Glass Club “firmly believes that its primary purpose for the show is to educate people about the history and beauty of glass. And so, we want to encourage everyone to come to the show.

“This year we expect an increase in the number of nationally renowned dealers in glass and ceramics because of the earlier date of the show so as to avoid conflict with any other shows. The show will again offer glass and ceramics of all ages and types with emphasis on American-made glass.

“While emphasizing education, the show will continue to offer free glass identification, displays by glass museums, a lecture by a glass authority, and an abiding and sincere effort by all dealers to answer questions and instruct the buyers about glass. One of the wonderful traits of dealers at the Westchester Glass Collectors Show and Sale has always been their willingness to pass on their expert glass knowledge to those coming to the show to learn and buy. Additionally, glass repair will again be available, along with free parking and easy access, and sandwiches and light refreshment by a fabulous local deli.”

Winterthur Closed for Season but Much of the Collection Now Available Online

The Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library, Winterthur, Delaware, closed for the season on January 4 and will reopen to the public on March 1 with a new lineup of exhibitions and programs.

The institution has announced that it has reached a significant milestone: 60,000 objects in the collection have been cataloged or recataloged and made available to the public through Winterthur’s online collections (http://museumcollection.winterthur.org).

In late summer of 2005, Winterthur installed new collections management software, and more than 70 staff and volunteer catalogers began the process of cataloging the entire collection of nearly 90,000 objects. With the help of many grants, approximately 16,000 ceramic works, 14,500 metal objects, 11,000 textiles and needleworks, 3500 prints and maps, 3200 glass objects, 3000 pieces of furniture, and architectural elements, paintings, tools, toys and games, works on paper, and more have been cataloged. In addition, nearly 152,000 digital images have been added to Winterthur’s collections database.

On March 26 Winterthur will open its doors to the landmark exhibition Made in the Americas: The New World Discovers Asia (on view through February 15 at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston). The exhibition explores the global reach of Asian goods beginning in the 16th century and the profound influence of Asia on the arts of the colonial Americas. It features 85 masterpieces, including exquisite silverwork, textiles, furniture, ceramics, and paintings.

Two additional exhibitions will open at Winterthur in May and September. On May 7 Embroidery: The Language of Art will offer works that explore the connection between art and embroidery over four centuries. A needlework conference will be held October 14 and 15. In the fall the exhibition Lasting Impressions: The Artists of Currier & Ives will open on September 17 and be on view through January 8, 2017.

Winterthur members will have access to the grounds and garden during the seasonal closing, weather permitting. The Winterthur Library will continue to provide service to scholars and researchers. For additional information on the library, please contact the following Winterthur staff: Emily Guthrie (printed books), (302) 888-4630; Jeanne Solensky (Downs Collection), (302) 888-4853; and Heather Clewell (archives), (302) 888-4634.

The Visitor Center Garden Café and Cottage Café also will be closed during this time along with the museum store and bookstore. For information on member benefits, please contact <membership info@winterthur.org> or call (302) 888-4713.