

Antique Doorknob Collectors of America

29th Annual Convention

Hartford, Connecticut



July 14 – 17, 2009

Theme: American Aesthetic Hardware
1875 - 1895



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Hartford, Connecticut

Hartford Hilton Hotel

Tuesday, July 14 through Friday, July 17, 2009

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Tuesday, July 14

Registration. Board of Directors meeting - 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Dinner on your own. Hospitality Room will open at 8:00 PM.

Wednesday, July 15

Tour Day: 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Board a bus for a tour to the Mark Twain House and the Lock Museum of America. Lunch is provided. Dinner on your own.

Hospitality Suite will open at 8 PM.

Thursday, July 16

Exhibit hall opens at 8:30 AM for hardware display, buying, selling, trading, and - of course - extreme displays of hardware envy and greed. Exhibits will be open to the public from 6 - 8:30 PM. Hospitality Room opens at 8:00 PM.

Friday, July 17

Exhibit hall open till noon. Auction will be in the afternoon.

Banquet and Annual Meeting in the evening. Hospitality Room open following the meeting.

Saturday, July 18

Convention is over, but Brimfield is open. Off to the races!!

Antique Doorknob Collectors of America **WELCOME TO HARTFORD**

Greetings to all ADCA members,

We invite you to the 2009 annual ADCA convention from July 14th – 17th in Hartford, in the State where almost all of it happened (at least as far as doorknobs go), Connecticut. This annual opportunity for ADCA members to gather together is always entertaining and educational, both for “old timers” and “first timers”.

This year, the attendees will get an extra goodie - Brimfield week continues on the weekend following our convention. If you have never attended this extravaganza you must plan the extra time to see one of the largest antique flea markets in our country. There are 23 fields with 6,000 dealers and 130,000 visitors that week. You can go to the web site www.brimfieldshow.com for all information regarding lodging, dealers and everything you need to know about the show. Many times because of the volume of visitors the hotels are full, so if you have transportation you may consider staying at the Hartford Hilton (about 50 miles from Brimfield) and book accordingly. If you want to stay nearer the show grounds then we suggest you book now. Their web site has all the information you would need to be able to book a room.

The Tour day will include a visit to the Mark Twain house and also the Lock Museum of America, which has an unparalleled collection of antique hardware gathered from the famous hardware manufacturers of Connecticut.

This year, the exhibit area will be open to the public on Thursday evening, 6:00-8:30 PM, and hopefully will draw a large attendance. The always anticipated auction will take place Friday afternoon, followed by cocktails, dinner and the Annual Meeting.

The theme for this year's displays is “American Aesthetic Hardware, 1870-1895”. In addition to the usual awards, this year there will be a special award for the ugliest piece of hardware made before WWII; the prize (from a secret donor) will be the ugliest piece of hardware made afterwards.

Many thanks –

Norm and Cheryl Blam and Allen S. Joslyn, Chairpersons

Hotel Reservations

Call Hilton Hotel, Hartford
315 Trumbull Street
(860) 728-5151
Web: www.hilton.hartford.com

Reservations for the hotel must be made by **June 14th, 2009 directly** with the Hotel. **Remember:** when you call to make reservations, mention the ADCA Convention to get the group rate.

After the cutoff date, the hotel will honor reservations on only on a space available basis and the group rate is not guaranteed. Cancellations must be made directly with the Hotel. Reservations cancelled less than 72 hours prior to arrival will be charged one night's room and tax.

Special rate for ADCA Convention attendees is \$100 per night, plus 12% occupancy tax. Your choices are a King sized bed, or Double Beds. The Hotel has granted us a reduced parking rate of \$10 per day.

**For More Information about the Hotel,
See Attached Profile and Driving Directions**

If You Are Flying:

You can fly to New York or Boston, and then rent a car. You can also fly to Bradley International Airport, and take a bus to downtown Hartford. For schedules, Go to www.BradleyAirport.com and check Transport, Local Buses

If You Are Shipping Items to the Hotel, Label Each Box To:

Hilton Hartford
315 Trumbull Street
Hartford, CN 06103

Attention: Antique Doorknob Collectors of America

Use your name as "From"

There will be a charge of \$3 for each box received.

2009 Convention Schedule

July 14 (Tuesday)	Afternoon	Registration
	6-8 PM	Directors meeting
	8 PM on	Hospitality Suite
July 15 (Wednesday)		Tour Day
	9:30 AM	Tour bus departs
	10:00 AM	Tour bus arrives at Mark Twain House
	10-Noon	Tour of Mark Twain House
	12-1 PM	Lunch at Mark Twain House
	1 PM	Tour Bus departs for Lock Museum of America
	1:30-3:30 PM	At Lock Museum
4:00	Arrive back at Hilton Hotel	
8:00 PM on	Hospitality Suite	
July 16 (Thursday)	8:30 AM-4:30 PM	Buy, sell and trade
	6:00 – 8:30 PM	Open to the Public
	8:00 PM on	Hospitality Suite
July 17 (Friday)	8:30 AM-Noon	Buy, sell and trade
	1 PM-5 PM	Auction
	6PM-7 PM	Open Bar
	7 PM	Banquet
	8 PM	General Meeting of Members
	9 PM on	Hospitality Suite

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Save the date

Start planning your trip to the Nutmeg State