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Doorknobs Visit the Scenic Hudson River Valley for the 2021 ADCA Convention

While our 2020 convention occurred virtually, complete with displays and an auction, the most often heard comment heard the first week of September 2021 was that it was exciting to see old friends again and to actually see lots of great hardware and be able to handle and admire them. Being able to break bread with fellow collectors, share lots of laughs, show off new finds and ones you may have found in a box that you had forgotten about, and just HAVE A LITTLE FUN made this convention extra special. While we maintained a little more space between us than usual, that did not cut into the excitement of seeing what others brought and adding some great pieces to our collections.

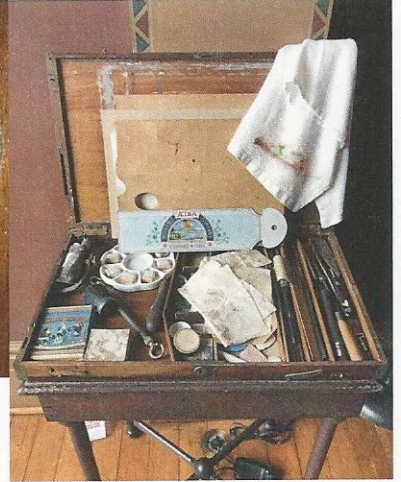
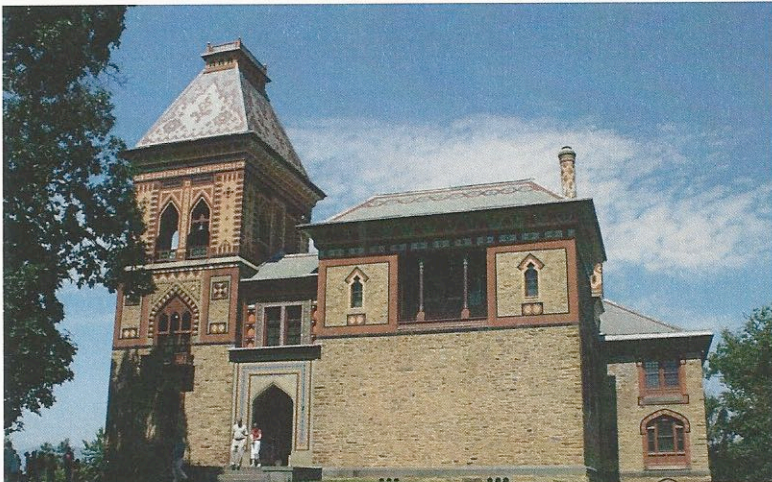
Thursday was tour day, and we started the day carpooling to Olana, artist Frederic Church's Moorish home. We all had to wear masks for the tours, but we have all gotten used to this so that was not a problem. We were divided into 3 tour groups and each 1 hour tour lasted closer to an hour and a half. Evidently the folks at Olana had identified the different pieces of hardware in the house in planning our visit, and so our tour guide actually pointed out many of the pieces and let us see some in areas that are not normally open to the public.

Following a buffet lunch back at the hotel, we enjoyed another 1 hour guided tour (that lasted more than an hour and a half) of the New York State Capitol, a historic landmark designed by 4 architects over 32 years, including Henry Hobson Richardson, Cyrus Eidlitz, and Isaac Perry. The building features just about every type of ornate material and finish available in the late 19th century, creating an aesthetic experience which is second to none. Our tour guide made sure to route our tour so that we could see much of the original Russell & Erwin hardware, along with later Corbin and Lockwood replacements. Our tour day wrapped up with a tour of the

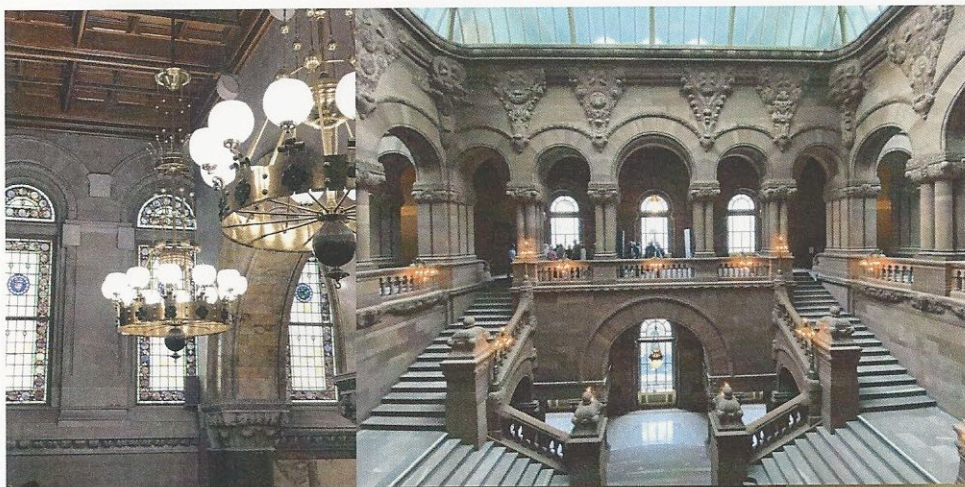


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New York State Museum at the south end of the capitol mall. Allen Joslyn, our host, had planned an excellent tour day for those who opted to participate, and those that did not missed some of the best sights of antique hardware in situ on their original doors.



Photos from Olana



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Friday began our buy/sell/trade time, with several first-time attendees: Doug & Janett Moore (daughter of early members Ed & Flicka Thrall), Nils Jaegersen (inset), Brad Schwarting, Pam Howard (at right, from the Historic Albany Foundation) and Marilyn Colucci.



We had several members who were able to again attend the 2021 convention after missing the past several years: Suzanne Kittel, Byron Gaskill & Ken Fenske, plus Dale Sponaugle, who brought 3 tables of great hardware!



Nick & Jean Doto brought his hardware lamp, and Rhett Butler brought his collection of Smith & Butler hardware.

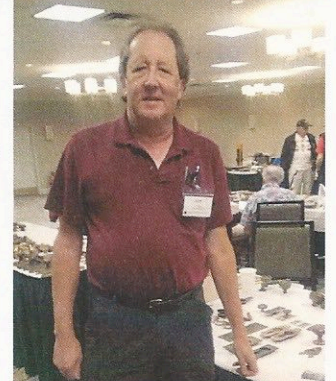


Jeffrey & Nancy Orman, Bernard Edelmann, James Tomasello, Tom & Andree' Dulac, Steve & Diane Hannum, and Steve & Sheila Menchhofer

Thanks to Mike Smith for member photos



Bo Sullivan & Jim Morneau, Mike & Carolyn Smith, Marshall & Vicky Berol (plus Nick, the latest iPhone addict), and Jeff Beutner.



Saturday morning included being open for the masked public to visit and buy, followed by the auction. Rich & Faye Kennedy had planned to attend this convention and sell part of Rich's collection but for health reasons could not. Paul, Marshall & Vicky helped sell part of their collection, and the leftovers were included in the 3 hour auction!

At the banquet and business meeting we heard a great presentation by Maeve McEneny about Albany's colorful past. At the business meeting, it was noted that John Roberts, a Board member since 2010, had passed away back in February and we had just learned about this. Rhett Butler, Steven Hannum, Allen Joslyn, James Tomasello, Vicky Berol & Nick Doto were re-elected as Board members, and 3 officers were also re-elected (Paul Woodfin- President, Stephen Rowe-Vice President & Jeffrey Orman-Treasurer). The Secretary duties were split between Mike Smith and Vicky Berol, with Steven Hannum serving as Recording Secretary.

And finally to the awards, as tabulated by the Berols and presented by Steve Rowe! Allen Joslyn was awarded both Best in Show and Most Creative display, while Paul Woodfin won for Best of Theme (New York Hardware). And Jessie Brooks won both the Ugly award plus our new award for the most Outstanding knob. High-resolution images of all shown in the newsletter plus other photos (so you can actually see the displays and what people had on their tables) will be posted to the website's Previous Conventions page before Christmas 2021. Click the 2021 Convention graphic near the top of the page.



The 2022 ADCA Convention...and Beyond!

By Paul Woodfin

At the Albany convention we let everyone know that next year's convention would be in central Illinois in July 2022. We now have a contract with the hotel and can now announce to everyone that the dates will be July 20-23, 2022 at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel in Bloomington, Illinois. Room rates are \$119 per night plus taxes, and includes free parking and a breakfast buffet each morning (like we had at Princeton). The room rates are good for two days before and after the convention dates. You can make reservations by calling (800) 222-8733 and using the reservation code ADC07, or using the web by clicking the link on our Convention 2022 webpage. <https://www.antiquedoorknobs.org/convention>

Bloomington has its own airport with service by American, Delta and Allegiant. Peoria is about 40 minutes west and has service by United, while both Chicago airports are about 2 hours north if you want to use other airlines and rent a car.

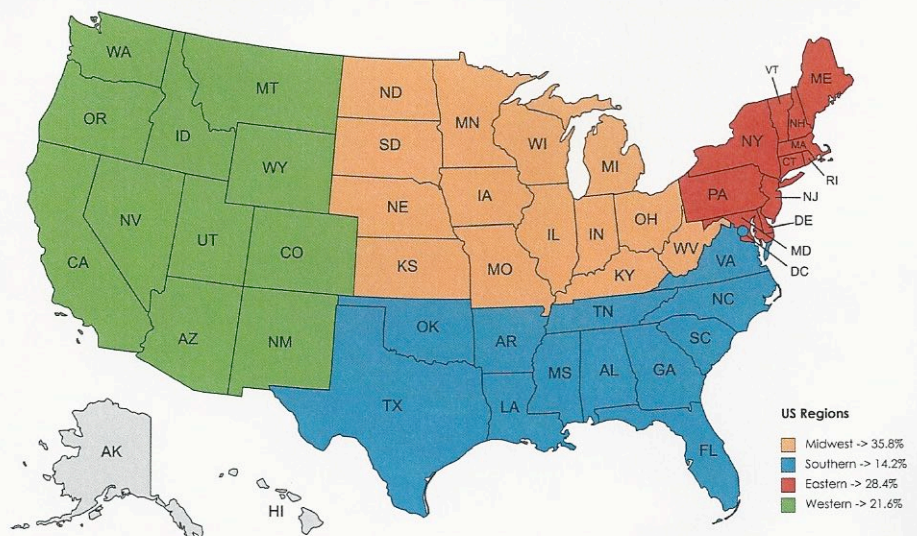
For the Albany convention, our host (Allen Joslyn) does not live there but had visited many times over the years. With travel restrictions, we were able to plan the convention at a distance without a local host using video clips of the rooms, etc. So for the Bloomington convention we will not have local hosts that have to do all of the planning and negotiating activities. Thankfully, in Central Illinois we do have three members who will help with the tours and local interest activities (i.e. where to eat, etc). They are Laura Walden (attended the Indianapolis convention with Norm), Andy Strenz (who created our Facebook page, runs Bills Lock & Key Shop, and lives with his wife and kids in a historic home which was featured in a past newsletter), and Jeanine Wester (owns Peoria Architectural Salvage, salvages as many historic houses being demolished as she cans, and also lives in a vintage house with her husband and small kids). I expect they may let you ship items to them for the convention, and probably would be willing to advise regarding sites to see that are not on the tour.

THERE WILL BE MUCH MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE 2022 CONVENTION IN THE JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2022 edition of *The Doorknob Collector*.

Looking forward to the 2023 convention and beyond, we are asking for ideas of where might be good convention locations, and so we have created a quick Survey to collect your ideas. Go to www.antiquedoorknobs.org/survey and click the link. The survey asks for your member name, and then to select up to 5 cities from those listed on one that you can add at the bottom. The list includes some typical convention cities with historic buildings, plus historic cities which we have not yet visited or have not recently. This will help us choose where to hold future conventions. Of course if someone wants to volunteer to host a convention, please contact Paul, Steve Rowe or Allen.

Part of what we need to consider is where we have conventions. The Midwest (orange) has 36% of our members, including many of the newer ones, but only 1 of the last 10 conventions have been in the Midwest. The Northeast has 28% of our members and has been host to 5 of the last 10 conventions, due mainly because great historic venues and members who have volunteered to host. The West has 22% of members and has hosted and has hosted 2 conventions, while the South (blue) has 14% and hosted 2 conventions.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE SURVEY BEFORE CHRISTMAS!



NEW MAILING ADDRESS FOR MEMBER DUES

Vicky Berol (and Marshall) will now be receiving your payments for Membership Dues, and so all payments will now be mailed to them rather than to Mike Smith. Mike will continue to track all membership records in our membership system and assign new member numbers, including the on-line payments.

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