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37th Annual Convention
June 12-14, 2026
Holiday Inn-3803 13 Ave S.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Every new year brings with it fresh opportunities—a time to reflect on where we have been and to look ahead with purpose and hope. It is also a time for resolutions and recommitment. As members of the North Dakota Pottery Collectors Society, each of us can support and strengthen a nonprofit organization that preserves, celebrates, and shares our shared passion for North Dakota pottery.

While our support may not always take the form of financial contributions, one of the most meaningful ways to make a difference within NDPCS is through volunteer service and leadership. Our organization relies on members who are willing to share their time, talents, and experience to ensure its continued success.

Over the past few years, NDPCS has faced two ongoing challenges: growing our membership and encouraging members to step forward into leadership roles. Like many volunteer organizations, we have also found it increasingly difficult to identify individuals willing to succeed current leaders as terms conclude.

At the 2025 NDPCS Convention, we had several key positions that remained unfilled, including convention chairs, auction chairs, a board position, and the commemorative chair. I am sincerely grateful to Sue Stubson, who agreed to continue serving on the board for another term, George Myhre, who stepped forward to serve as the commemorative chair and to Linda Otterson who accepted the position of newsletter editor. Their willingness to serve is deeply appreciated.

Because we were unable to fill convention and auction chair positions, the Board and Executive Council were faced with making some difficult—but necessary—decisions. This past year, the board and council collectively assumed responsibility for convention planning. While this allowed the convention to move forward, it is not a sustainable model for the future. We will need at least one, and ideally two, members to step into leadership roles to guide convention planning moving forward.

As a result of these constraints, there will not be a public auction at the convention this year. However, we are expanding the number of pottery pieces accepted for the silent auction. Additional details about this change are included elsewhere in this newsletter.

We also recognize concerns regarding rising costs associated with convention registration and hotel accommodations. While these costs are largely outside of our control—meal expenses make up most registration fees, and hotel rates are set by the venue—I am pleased to share that the 2026 convention registration fee will remain at \$140, the same as in 2025. In addition, every member who registers and attends the 2026 convention will receive the commemorative piece as a token of our appreciation.

If you are interested in serving on the Board or Executive Council, helping bring back the Saturday afternoon auction, or serving as a convention chair, I encourage you to reach out to me at adietchman@gmail.com. Leadership does not require special titles—just a willingness to help and a commitment to our shared mission.

I firmly believe that every member of NDPCS has something valuable to offer. Together, we can ensure that our organization continues to grow, adapt, and provide meaningful experiences for current and future members. I look forward to working alongside you in the year ahead.

Respectfully, Ann Dietchman, President, North Dakota Pottery Collectors Society

WELCOME TO FARGO

The 37th Annual NDPCS Convention

Holiday Inn----3803 13th Ave S., Fargo ND

HAPPY NEW YEAR! It's that time of year again.. . . NDPCS convention planning time! We are making a few adjustments to our convention, trying some new things out. I hope you will consider joining us on June 12-13-14, 2026. We have some fun things planned as we celebrate **37 Years of NDPCS**. Once again our convention will be at the Holiday Inn, Fargo. HOTEL RESERVATIONS @ 701-282-2700. Be sure to mention NDPCS Convention as there will be a block of rooms available. When reserving your room, specify if you want a room close to our event rooms. Remember: your membership must be current in order to register and attend our annual convention. We are excited to be celebrating our 37 Years of NDPCS and look forward to seeing you all on June 12-13-14, 2026!!!!

Linda Fiedler, Co-Convention Chair

REMINDER: Registration will close May 18th! No registrations will be accepted the day of convention.

37th ANNUAL NDPCS CONVENTION AGENDA

Tentative Agenda

Friday, June 12th:

4:00 p.m.

Room Check-In - - Holiday Inn

3:30 - 5:00 pm

Registration Check-in & Commemorative pick up

East Entrance Atrium area

5:30 - 8:00 pm

Welcome & Social & Reception - - Dakota Hall

Presentation to be announced

8:00 p.m.

Room Visitations

Saturday, June 13th:

7:30 am

Board of Directors Meeting with breakfast

9:30 - 10:30 am

Guest Speaker

10:45 am - 12:00 pm

NDPCS Road Show - - Dakota Hall

12:00 - 1:00 pm

Box Lunch

1:15 pm

Board bus for Bonanzaville - - Front Entrance

1:30 - 3:00 pm

Bonanzaville and more . . .

4:00 pm

Back at the Holiday Inn

5:30 pm

Social & Silent Auction & Banquet - - Dakota Hall

8:00 pm

Program -- Collector's Chat & Panel with Q & A

9:00 pm

Room Visitations

Sunday, June 14th:

8:30 am

Coffee & Rolls

9:00 am

NDPCS Annual Member Meeting

11:00 am

Happy Collecting! Safe Travels!!

11:00 am

The Bakken Auction Sale (ad listed on page 11) - Holiday Inn

REGISTRATION FORM**37th NDPCS ANNUAL CONVENTION****HOLIDAY INN** - 3803 13 AVE S., FARGO, ND - 701-282-2700Please complete and mail to:**Linda Fiedler****4402 4th Street South****Moorhead, Minnesota 56560****(406-861-4419)**

Member _____

Spouse/Guest _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Number of people attending: _____ @ \$140.00 _____

TOTAL:\$ _____ Please make checks payable to NDPCS**Add a \$20.00 LATE FEE if registering after MAY 1, 2026****Registration includes:**

Friday night: Backyard BBQ Buffett - - Reception

Saturday: Box Lunch - - Bus Trip to Bonanzaville

Saturday evening: Social & Banquet

Sunday: morning rolls & coffee at the Annual Meeting

Choose one of the following entree's as your Saturday evening meal:

_____ Walleye, parmesan crusted

_____ Stuffed Chicken Breast-oven roasted, stuffed with prosciutto, spinach, provolone

_____ Mediterranean Stuffed Sweet Potato (gluten-free)

All entrees are served with starter salad, dinner rolls, twice baked potato and broccolini

Dessert choice: Lemon Drop Cheesecake or Gluten-free flour-less Chocolate Cake

FIRST TIMER AWARD PRIZE DRAWING

If you are attending this convention for the first time, please fill out the coupon below and return to address below. You will be eligible for a great first timers drawing.

YOUR NAME: _____**ADDRESS:** _____

Name of person who referred you & their phone#: _____

Referral Person's Address _____

Mail the First Timer application to: Linda Fiedler 4402 4th Str. South Moorhead, MN 56560

2026 NDPCS COMMEMORATIVE

SURPRISE #1! The Board has decided to make this year's commemorative a surprise!! Our commemorative chair, George Myhre, is in contact with potential potters and it will be another great addition to your commemorative collection but you will have to wait till convention to see what it is!!

SURPRISE #2!! As a "thank you" and an incentive for those who physically attend the convention, the 2026 commemorative will be a *gift* to you from the club! You can't beat that deal!

For those not attending, the 2026 Commemorative piece pricing will remain the same as last year, despite postal rate increases.

Order Form

Order no later than April 1st, 2026

Make checks payable to NDPCS

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

N.D. Sales Tax Permit # _____

Cost= \$40.00 + Tax/S&H (shipping & handling) each

I am registering for convention and will pick up _____ \$ FREE

I will pick up at convention without Sales Tax permit, ND tax included _____ **\$ 42.80**

Order will be picked up by _____ at the convention

Mail - in state without tax permit, N.D. tax and S/H included _____ **\$ 57.80**

I will pick up with ND Sales Tax permit _____ **\$ 40.00**

Mail, in state with ND sales tax permit, S&H included _____ **\$ 55.00**

Mail, out of state, S&H included _____ **\$ 55.00**

Note: all prices are for each item

Send check and this order form to:

Dave Woods
523 180th Ave
Somerset, WI 54025

If you are registering for convention and receiving a free commemorative, please complete this form to ensure an accurate ordering count. You can email your completed form to **davempls@aol.com**.

NOTE: All forms must be received no later than April 1, 2026.

One commemorative per paid current membership.

2026 NDPCS Silent Auction

A Silent Auction will be held during the social hour from 5:00-6:30 pm, before the banquet Saturday evening.

1. Any member who has paid convention registration and attends the convention in full may apply to enter an item (one item per member). Item to be registered with the Auction Catalog Chair on the form below.
2. Because there will not be a Saturday afternoon auction, there will be a limit of 25 items in the Silent Auction. The first 25 items submitted will be accepted. No duplicate items will be accepted.
3. The item submitted for auction must follow the following criteria:
 - ** Pottery Type: Ros, Rosemeade; Dik, Dikota; UND, University of North Dakota; MES, Messer; Etc.; 3TS, Three Tribes; TMP, Turtle Mountain; LH, Little Heart; WPA, WPA Ceramics ND
 - ** Condition Definitions: Mint - perfect
 - ** References: All references to ND Pottery are encouraged. Some common items are shown for convenience in completing the list.
 - (A) "Beautiful Rosemeade", Sampson & Harms, © 1986
 - (B) "Collector's Encyclopedia of Rosemeade Pottery", Dommel, © 2000
 - (C) "Dakota Potteries", Dommel, © 1996
 - (D) "UND Pottery—A Comparative Study", Forster, © 2004

Other references may be used, but be sure to include the reference used in the description of your auction lot along with page, row, and item number or position of item.
4. Photos may be submitted but are not mandatory.
5. The owner may set a reserve which will be kept secret until the end of the auction. Items must have a reserve of at least \$100 as bidding will begin at that amount. Bids must be in \$10 increments.
6. Silent Auction items must be delivered to the banquet room at 4:30 PM for check-in.
ALL auction items must be delivered in person. Mail-ins will NOT be accepted.
7. Bidding will begin at 5:00 pm and close at 6:30 pm.
8. ONLY NDPCS members who are registered for the convention may place bids.
9. If the reserve is met, the item is sold. If not, the high bidder will be told the reserve and offered the opportunity to meet it. If the item is not sold, the owner may reclaim it at no cost to the owner.
10. Winning bids will be announced during the program following dinner.
11. The winner will write the check to the NDPCS. 90% of the selling price will be paid to the owner and the NDPCS will keep 10%.

PLEASE NOTE: Times listed for auction activities are tentative; the program timings will be adjusted as needed.

Name: _____ Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____ E-mail: _____ Phone: _____ NDPCS Membership # _____	Please send this form to: Ann Dietchman 3209 Impala Ln Bismarck, ND 58503 Phone: 701-361-3722 E-mail: adietchman@gmail.com
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Pottery	Type	Item	Color	Size	Condition	Page#/Photo#/Item#

Reserve: _____

North Dakota Pottery Collectors Society Endowment Fund

The NDPCS is a tax-exempt society and donates up to \$1000 per year to qualified non-profit organizations to purchase, preserve, and display North Dakota Pottery. If your organization meets these requirements, please fill out the following form and mail it to the address below for consideration.

Name of Organization _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Tax-exempt Number _____ Amount Requested _____

Please summarize how the money would be used if your organization were approved:

Send information to Jeremy Dietchman, NDPCS Endowment Chair, PO Box 703 Guernsey, WY 82214. 701-361-3552. dietchman@gmail.com

We request organizations that receives funds to submit publicity materials (news articles, photos, etc.) to the Endowment Chair promptly after publication. Attach separate sheet if more space is needed.

North Dakota Pottery Collectors Society Membership Application Form

*****SPECIAL: FIRST-TIME EVER MEMBERSHIP FEE OF \$10 FOR 1 YEAR ONLY*****

(To qualify for the special membership fee, you must be joining as a **BRAND NEW** member — not a rejoining member. Following year the membership is \$30.)

You are invited to become a member of the North Dakota Pottery Collectors Society. Membership is **\$30** per person per calendar year and **must be renewed by February 1 to remain active**. Each paid member will receive the NDPCS newsletter, entitled to order a NDPCS commemorative, and consign/sell items in the annual NDPCS auction. To join, complete this form and mail with a \$30 check to **NDPCS Membership, Linda Fiedler 4402 4th Str. South Moorhead, MN 56560**. Email clfiedler@msn.com or call 406-861-4419 Linda with questions on membership dates. If more than one membership is desired, please put the information on a separate sheet of paper and enclose it with this application.

Name _____ E-mail _____ Phone _____

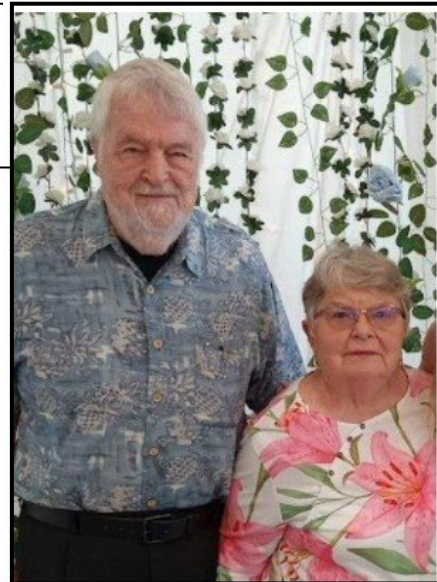
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please list the types of North Dakota pottery that interest you.

Amount enclosed payable to NDPCS = \$ _____

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Written by Tess Erickson Cain



Bill & Linda Bakken, who reside in Rochester, Minnesota, have been coming to the annual NDPCS convention since 1995.

Do you have connections to North Dakota?

Linda and Bill both grew up in North Dakota. They met at Red Willow Lake Bible Camp in 1955 and the Red Willow Lake North Dakota pin tray is a favorite and the most expensive pin tray in their collection since someone else also wanted it badly. They moved out of North Dakota when they married in 1964.

What first interested you in pottery and collecting?

Linda visited antique stores with a friend who collected Shawnee pottery. That didn't really interest her, but she noticed the Rosemeade. It appealed because it was a North Dakota product made from North Dakota clay. From the first few pieces of Rosemeade the collection grew to include UND, Messer, and other ND pottery.

What was the first piece of ND pottery you purchased or received?

Our first piece of Rosemeade was a pair of tail up pheasant salt and pepper shakers which we received as a wedding gift. At the time they were considered too tacky to display and stayed in a cupboard for the next 20 years.

What do you enjoy most about collecting North Dakota pottery?

Over the years we have enjoyed the search for new pieces and have often travelled a long way to attend an auction that had a piece we wanted. Also, we have met other collectors who have become friends.

What is a fun memory you have about a NDPCS convention?

One fun memory was from an early convention when Con Short was president. He was asked how he established a price of a pottery piece to people who asked. His reply was "If I don't have it, it is cheap. If I own it, it is expensive."

What is your favorite piece in your collection?

One of Bill's favorites is our UND Bentonite vase. He is also fond of the Frog Point "Frog Point" vase. Linda likes the orange kitten string holder and some of the pieces with unusual glazes.

What do you wish people knew about you, your collection, and/or NDPCS?

We have done a great deal of research on Rosemeade pottery and have given several presentations of our findings. Linda has written a book entitled "The ABCs of Rosemeade."

Do you have any words of advice or wisdom for new collectors?

If you have the funds to buy one special piece or several that are nice, buy the best one.

What type of pottery or specific piece are you currently seeking?

We plan to sell much of our collection in conjunction with the 2026 convention. We plan to move next summer and will be keeping what will fit in one cabinet. We need to downsize so we are not currently seeking new pieces. However, if we were, the State School of Science wildcat would be on our list.

SITTING BULL

By Linda Bakken

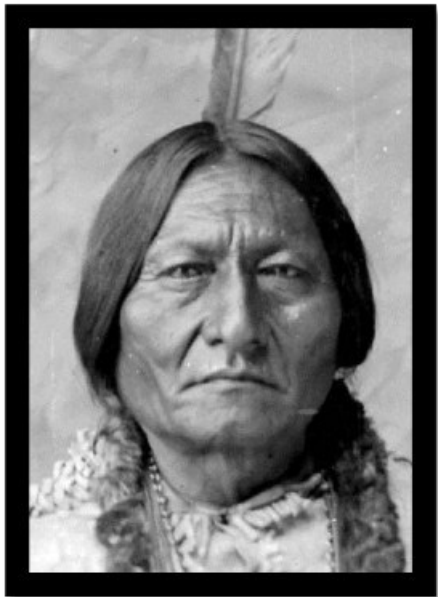
The Rosemeade Sitting Bull piece shows a striking resemblance to his portrait as shown below:



Sitting Bull was born in 1831 near Grand River, Dakota Territory in what today is South Dakota. He was the son of Returns-Again, a renowned Sioux warrior who named his son "Jumping Badger" at birth. The young boy killed his first buffalo at age 10 and by 14, joined his father and uncle on a raid of a Crow camp. After the raid, his father renamed him Tatanka Yotanka, or Sitting Bull, for his bravery.

His tribe was polygamous and he had four wives. Their names were Light Hair, Snow-on-Her, Seen-By-Her-Nation, and Four-Blanket-Woman. He had six children.

It was in a camp at Little Bighorn River that Sitting Bull, then a revered leader and holy man, or "Wichasa Wakan," participated in a Sun Dance ceremony where he famously danced for 36 hours straight, making 50 sacrificial cuts on each arm before falling into a trance. When he awoke, he revealed that he had a vision of U.S. soldiers falling like grasshoppers from the sky, which he interpreted as an omen that the army would soon be defeated.



On June 25, 1876, General George Custer entered the valley with about 300 men. Sitting Bull ensured the women and children of the tribe were safe while Crazy Horse led more than 3,000 Native Americans to victory in the Battle of the Little Bighorn, overwhelming Custer's smaller force. Custer and every single one of his men were killed in what came to be known as Custer's Last Stand.

After seeing Annie Oakley perform, he struck up a friendship and nicknamed her "Little Sure Shot." In 1885 Sitting Bull joined Annie performing in Buffalo Bill Cody's Wild West Show. He even met President Cleveland.

Sitting Bull was shot in an incident involving the Indian police on December 15, 1890. He died instantly. Sitting Bull was buried at Fort Yates Military Cemetery in North Dakota by the army. In 1953, family members exhumed what they thought was Sitting Bull's grave and reburied the bones they found near Mobridge, South Dakota, overlooking the Missouri River.

NDPCS Road Show

Russ Carlson

August 2-3, 2025, the NDPCS was represented at the Ward County Historical Society event in Burlington, ND. Russ Carlson organized a modified Road Show for a public event held from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm both



days. Attendance was recorded at 1,043 attendees (if the gate keeper remembered to push the counter button as each person passed).

The Ward County Historical Society was gifted a collection of Rosemeade pottery by the society president's aunt. The pottery is on display in the Samuelson House located at the Pioneer Village Museum.

Russ was stationed in the Samuelson house in the room where an entire wall displayed the Rosemeade pottery on shelving with 6 glass doors running floor to ceiling!

This location provided an opportunity to engage with visitors admiring the pottery display. The NDPCS table contained several items of interest, educating visitors regarding the history of pottery production in the state of North Dakota. Many of the visitors had no idea pottery was even produced in North Dakota, let alone from clay harvested in North Dakota!

Many inquisitive conversations ensued. Several pieces of educational materials were handed out to visitors. The NDPCS presence at the event was very well received!

Now, with all that information shared, having the opportunity to visit with several individuals, and in review of the existing material, I believe now is the time to update (modernize) the NDPCS Roadshow... an exciting challenge that will require inputs, comments, and reviews from members. Technology has advance from the days of lamination and CDs. One of the goals of modernizing the NDPCS Roadshow is to be able to 'digitize' the information and share with a broader audience thru the Internet.



To see the NDPCS Roadshow in real life, be sure to attend the 2026 NDPCS Annual Convention June 12-14, 2026 at the Holiday Inn, Fargo, ND.

P.S. If any NDPCS members have an inexpensive piece of one of the eight potteries acknowledged by NDPCS and will like to **loan** it to the NDPCS Roadshow for use during a roadshow, please reach out to Russ Carlson @ farmer_russ2003@ahoo.com to discuss. I would like to have tangible examples to share with roadshow attendees. Thank you!

Royalty Visits the Red River Valley

By Karen Midgarden

In the spring of 1939 the citizens of Norwegian descent in Grand Forks and Fargo, busied themselves to prepare for the visit of Norwegian royalty. As part of a lengthy tour of the United States, Crown Prince Olav and Crown Princess Martha visited the commencement ceremonies of UND and Concordia. The prince spoke at each graduation and received an honorary degree from both institutions.



To commemorate the visit, the Grand Forks Chapter of Daughters of Norway commissioned the UND School of Mines to create a medallion that would serve as a remembrance of the visit. Now a highly sought-after piece by North Dakota pottery collectors as well as collectors of Norwegian Royal Family historic pieces, the medallions rarely appear on the open market. The UND Pottery Collection holds one of the original pieces.



Membership Dues

NDPCS Membership dues are \$30.00 per year

and are due January 1st for the current year.

Note: if you have NOT paid your 2025 dues yet, please be sure to include a check for \$30.00 for 2025 membership.

Mail your payment to:

Linda Fiedler

4402 4th Str. South

Moorhead, MN 56560

Please send your payment right away.

If you have questions on your membership date, contact Linda Fiedler at
406-861-4419 or
email clfiedler@msn.com

SAVE THE DATE

Bill & Linda Bakken

ND Pottery Auction

June 14, 2026 @ 11:00 AM

Holiday Inn, Fargo, ND

The Bakkens will be selling approx. 650 pieces of North Dakota pottery (mostly Rosemeade pottery) at auction following the business meeting of the NDPCS. The catalog and photos will be available online by April 1 at www.northstarauction.com. This will be a live-only auction, no internet bidding; however, we gladly accept absentee bids.

Bill & Linda have been longtime pottery collectors & members of the NDPCS.

Don't miss this incredible sale!

North Star Auction & Appraisal Co.

Auctioneer: Dean Moos (701)527-5353

www.northstarauction.com

January 2026 - - First Edition of NDPCS' VIRTUAL NEWSLETTER !

As discussed at 2025 Annual Meeting, the North Dakota Pottery Collectors Society's newsletter is now electronic publication format. This positive change will ensure:



- everyone will be informed in the quickest possible way
- additional color options and photos, and
- cost reductions.

Contact Linda Otterson with updates or new email addresses.

Linda.K.Otterson@gmail.com

While email will be the main distribution method, mailing option will still be available to those without internet / computer access.

Reminder to "Connect" with North Dakota Pottery Collectors Society on our Facebook and Website pages. These social media formats share interesting facts, stories, announcements, events, and other important information.

North Dakota
Pottery Collectors Society
social media networking thru:

Facebook:
North Dakota Pottery
(not NDPCS)



Website:
NDPCS.org

www.



Newsletter Deadline Dates

Newsletters sent out three times a year

January, April, and July

For ADs, information and payment should be mailed mail to Linda Otterson, 5498 160 Ave SE, Kindred, ND 58051. Ad payment should be made out to **NDPCS**.

For Newsletter Articles: If you have an article that ties in with North Dakota Pottery, with or without photos, please send it to Linda. Please submit newsletter information and photos: by email to linda.k.otterson@gmail.com or mail to 5498 160 Ave SE, Kindred, ND 58051.

All ads and newsletter submissions need to be received by the **25th of December, March, and June**. Deadline for articles or announcements for the next newsletter: **March 25, 2026**.

The goal is for you to receive the quarterly newsletter by the 10th of the following month. If you have not received your copy by the 15th, please contact the editor.

No portion of any interview by the editor(s) may be reproduced without permission of the editor(s) and the potter(s).

If you have questions on your membership date, contact Membership Chair Linda Fiedler at 406-861-4419 or clfiedler@msn.com.

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1/4 booklet page	\$25.00
1/2 booklet page	\$50.00
Full Page	\$100.00 (Member) \$125.00 (Non-member)

All transactions are between buyer and seller.

Payments for the ads should be made payable to N.D.P.C.S.

INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP!



Membership Benefits:

- Bi-Monthly Newsletter
- Educational Resources
- Two Annual Events:
 - July Convention
 - Mid-Winter Get-Together
- Member Only Annual Commemorative Piece

RWCS organization is for everyone interested in
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