

**TCC Annual Meeting No. 22
October 15/16, 2021**

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Includes input from Scott Hanson

The continued COVID pandemic necessitated holding our Annual Meeting as a virtual event for the second consecutive time. TCC President Scott Hanson organized the two-day meeting and was responsible for much of its content. The meeting consisted of three video presentations and the Annual TCC member business meeting. All told, 82 members participated in the meeting on Friday and 63 on Saturday.

Business Meeting



The annual business meeting is required by our by-laws. The meeting included reports by various board members, including the president, treasurer, Internet activities chair, and lecture series chair. Reports for the membership chair, Richards Research Grant program chair, and Pattern and Source Database chair were given by the president. New board members Len Kling and Benny Jesseman were elected and continuing members Jo Anne Jones and Brenda Hornsby Heindl were reelected (board members serve three year terms). The members voted unanimously to elect board members nominated for the first time and to re-elect board members whose terms had expired. Benny Jesseman was subsequently elected as our new treasurer by the board and Len Kling has stepped into Connie Roger's shoes as Database General Editor.

Video Presentations

Following are summaries of and links to the 2021 video presentations. Copy and paste the URL into your Internet search tab if the link does not work. Each of the presentations was narrated and prepared by Scott Hanson.

Transferware in Two Historic Maine Houses

Transferware in Two Historic Maine Houses offers a look at transferware collections in two historic Maine Houses, the Dow Farm in Standish and the Whitten House in Topsham.

The Donald Essman/Dow Farm Collection resides in a 1760s farmhouse with 19th century additions which has received a museum-quality restoration over the past 45+ years. Don Essman and his husband Mike Bendzela have partnered with Dow family descendants to restore the farm and along the way a collection of British transferware pieces in a variety of patterns has been assembled for display and use in the house. Some of the patterns are documented to have been in the house historically and others chosen because they are appropriate to the restored period rooms. This is a wonderful opportunity to see British transferware displayed in restored rooms as it was seen and used in the United States in the mid-19th century.

Whitten House was home to the family of a woolen mill owner for two generations, from 1830 to 1941. It then spent 60 years as the local public library before being purchased by TCC president Scott Hanson in 2003. While restoring the house, Scott unearthed numerous transferware shards under and around the house. He shows us what was found and then tells us of his efforts to identify the patterns and collect pieces in those patterns, returning the Whitten's China to their house – while adding a few new themes of his own.

<https://www.transferwarecollectorsclub.org/news-information/lecture-series/videos/transferware-two-historic-maine-houses>



A Visit to Dennis & Dad Antiques

The TCC Annual Meeting has always included a transferware sale, with a number of dealer members offering a wide range of items for attendees to purchase. It was not practical to hold a sale with the online virtual Annual Meeting, but we did have a video taped conversation with Dennis about his 50+ years as an antique dealer specializing in transferware. We got a look at the astounding variety of transferware pieces in their stock and also saw the Berard's personal collection of 500 transferware children's mugs.

<https://www.transferwarecollectorsclub.org/news-information/lecture-series/videos/visit-dennis-dad-antiques>



A Visit to the Gestler Collection

A Visit to the Gestler Collection offers an opportunity to see and hear about the wonderful and extensive Eleanor and David Gestler Collection, located in the Pittsburg, PA vicinity. Dave and his late wife Eleanor built the collection over decades with annual trips to the UK to seek out additional pieces. The collection is notable for its breadth of themes, colors, shapes, and patterns. There is something for everyone to love in this collection! Scott talks with Dave and daughters Kim and Carol about Eleanor and the collection. We also get a glimpse of Dave's extensive Early American Pressed Glass collection. A live Q&A session with the Gestlers follows the video presentation.

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We look forward to an in-person meeting in 2022!