

THE POTTERIES OF TRENTON SOCIETY

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Dear Friend of POTS,

We realize that the POTS board has been quiet for some months, but in that time we have been working on a new initiative. While the symposia and newsletters have established our credibility as an historical society and educational organization, we had not been able to pursue the project that was the original motivation to create the group, The Trenton Potteries Database. We hope that will now change.

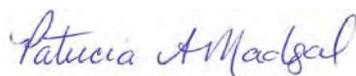
The Potteries of Trenton Society was organized by a small group of archaeologists, collectors, curators and scholars who recognized the value of the Trenton Potteries Database. This database, which gathered information on the industrial potteries in Trenton, was created by Hunter Research, Inc. under the auspices of the New Jersey Department of Transportation as mitigation for the adverse effects of Trenton-area highway projects on historic pottery sites. It was initially envisioned as a research tool for historic archaeologists, especially those working on sites in New Jersey. POTS came into existence to take stewardship of the Database and develop it further as a tool for collectors, curators and scholars who want Trenton to assume its place of importance in American ceramic history. Our goal has long been to create an interactive web site that demonstrates the history of the nearly 170 potteries that were active in the city and its environs by combining historical documentation on manufacturing sites, companies and workers, a compendium of marks of the potteries, and a gallery of the wares produced. We also want to make the site useful for teachers and professors who want to address Trenton's ceramic history in their classrooms.

We are now on the brink of embracing our original purpose and hope you will want to join us in this exciting endeavor. We need members who will support this work with their dues and energy and their knowledge of the history and production of particular potteries that they have researched and/or Trenton wares that they have collected.

Our first goals are to bolster our board and encourage our friends to renew their memberships. With renewed energy and new money we will be able to seek a suitable web designer and begin the process of turning data into an interactive web-based database. Please join us by embracing our exciting initiative.

A membership and commitment application is enclosed herewith. Basic dues will continue at \$25/year. This will keep you in the loop with regular updates about our progress and will give you a voice at our annual meetings. In addition, newsletters will continue, but reduced to twice yearly so we have enough time/energy/money to work on the website. Past newsletters with their wealth of information on pottery history will be available on the current POTS website until we are ready to launch the new one.

Sincerely,



Patricia A. Madrigal
President

Potteries of Trenton Society Database Initiative

I'm excited about the new project.
Here's what I can contribute:

Money

_____ I want to pay membership dues of \$25 for May 2017 to April 2018

_____ I want to make an additional donation for the project (note that POTS is recognized by the IRS as a tax exempt non-profit educational organization; your gift is tax deductible)

Information

_____ I have collected information about _____ pottery and I'm willing to share it with other researchers and collectors

_____ I have collected objects made by the _____ pottery and I'm willing to photograph my collection for use on the website (or to have my collection photographed by POTS); number and type of items available: _____

Time/Talent

_____ I want to serve on the board; I'm good at _____

_____ I am an interactive-web designer and will donate my time to the project

_____ I live in the Trenton area and want to help with correspondence and data entry

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email address: _____

Phone: _____

Amount enclosed: _____ (please make checks payable to Potteries of Trenton Society. We currently do not take credit card payments.)

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