

# Wisconsin Pottery Association – Business Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 8 February 2011  
Community Center

The Goodman

## **Business Attendees:**

Dorothy Russ	Michael Waidelich
Christine Boone	Jamie Boone
Heidi Hahlen	Jim Riordan
Betty Knutzen	Barb Reed
Tim Zinkgraf	David Knutzen
Steve Dana	

## **Program Attendees:**

Leann Fox	Sue Jones Tagliapietra
Terence Giles	Jeff Tagliapietra
Tim Brennan	Lila Stahnke
Barbara Huhn	Bob Stahnke
Ann Waidelich	Carolyn Mattern, visiter
Pat Wolowic	Ellen Wolowic

**Treasurer's Report:** David reports that the current checking account balance is \$8612.66. This compares to \$6740.06 from this date in 2009.

**Secretary's Report:** Heidi announced that there continues to be 45 members, with 10 members needing to renew their 2011 dues (2 couples, 6 singles) by the end of February. She has also submitted the WPA bylaws that were revised and voted on by the membership to the Wisconsin Historical Society and is awaiting their revisions and approval. She is also in the process of completing the Wisconsin Historical Society Annual Report that is due 2/18/11. The question was raised if WPA had a state tax number as non-profit organization. Neither Dave nor Heidi has any paperwork that indicates a state tax number but Heidi will call and inquire.

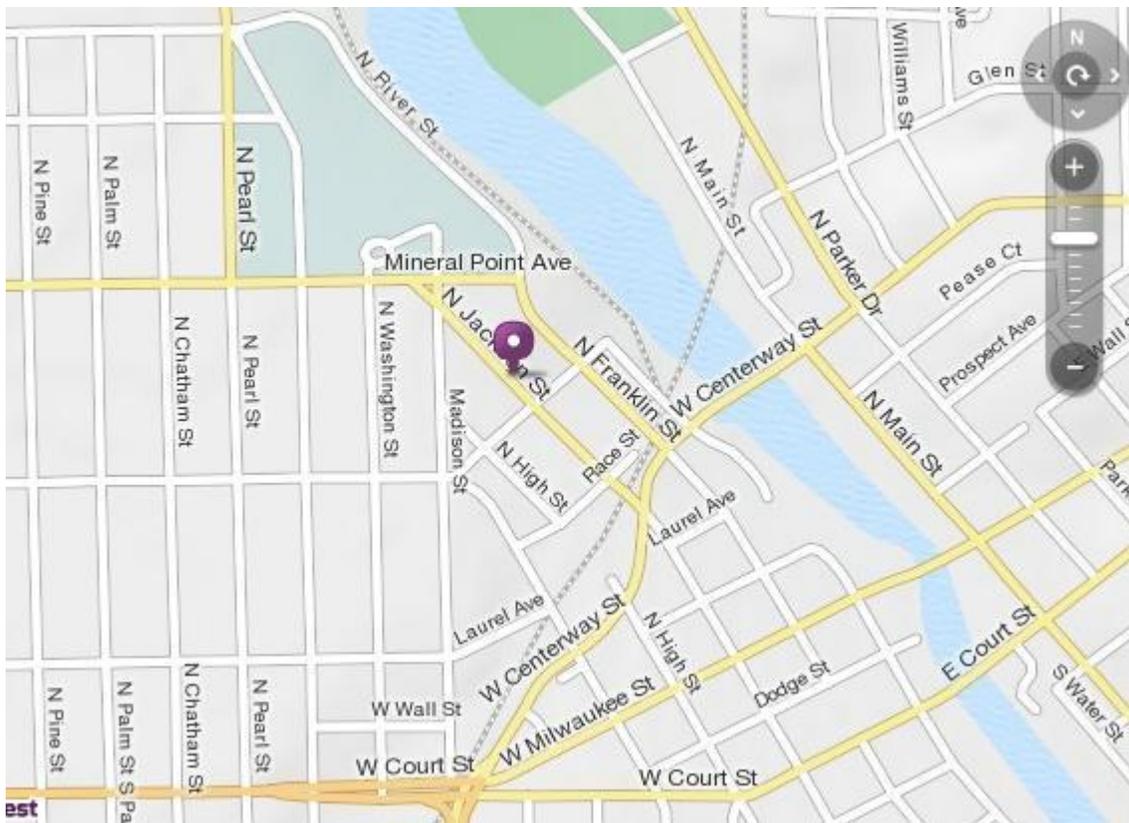
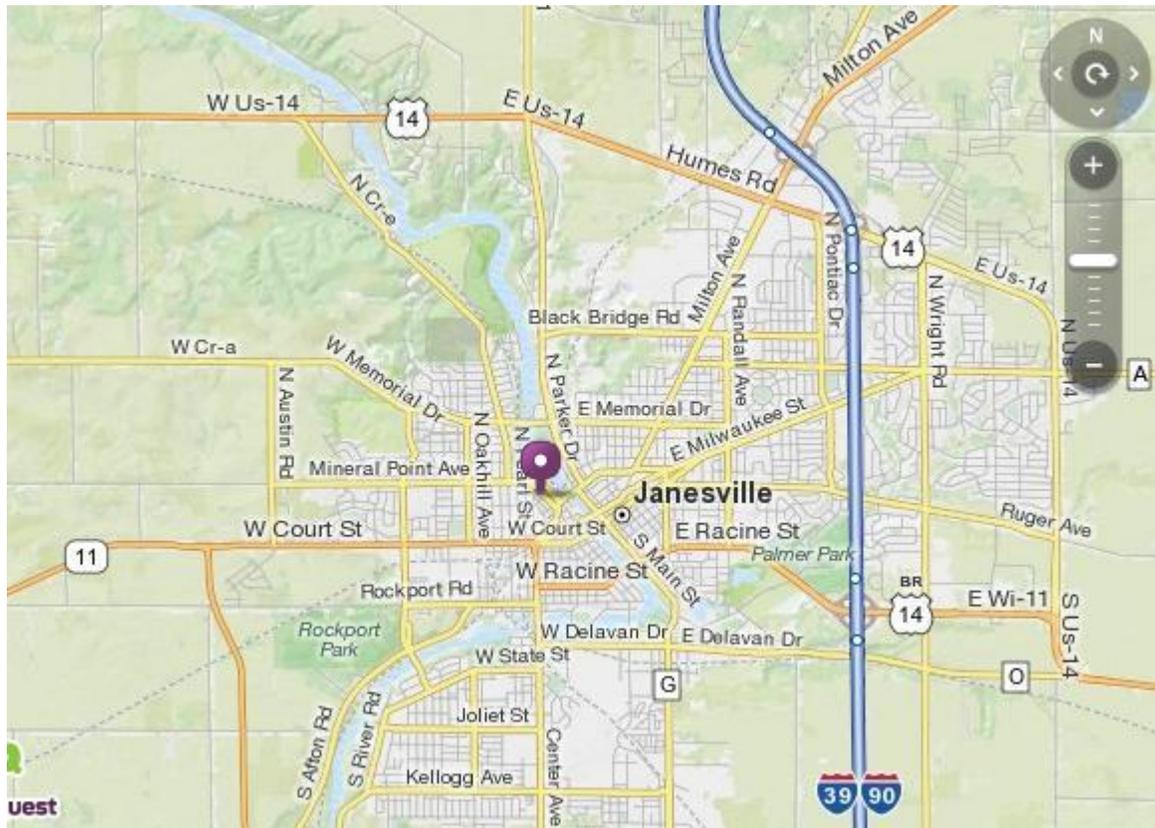
**March Road Trip, Sunday, March 13, 11:30 AM:** The Wisconsin Pottery Association is joining together with the Iowa Pottery Association on a road trip to the Rock County Historical Society on Sunday, March 13, 2011 to view the Pickard exhibit "Pickard China: An American Company with Local Roots" at the Helen Jeffris Wood Museum Center, 426 N. Jackson Street in Janesville (see map below). A wide variety of porcelain china produced by the Pickard Company will be on display. Founded by Wilder Austin Pickard, a sales representative for the Pauline Pottery company of Edgerton, Wisconsin, Pickard China was initially incorporated in Edgerton in 1893, and in 1897 moved to Chicago. Pickard China porcelain features elaborate ornamentation, decorative gilding, and realistic flora and fauna scenes. Pickard, Inc. is the only remaining company still producing fine china in the United States. Pickard China is manufactured in Antioch, Illinois and used in U.S. embassies and governmental offices around the world. The Society will feature the largest collection of Pickard China displayed by any museum in the U.S. and will also showcase china made for Camp David, the House of Representatives, Air Force One, and the Vice President's Blair House as well as china presented to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the U.S. Marine Corps, the Air Force, and the tea set given by Michelle Obama to dignitaries of the G20 Summit. This exhibit is partially funded by the Pickard China Collectors club. For more information on Pickard China please visit [www.pickardcollectorsclub.org](http://www.pickardcollectorsclub.org). (excerpted from the RCHS website)

Please plan on arriving at 11:30 am as the tour will begin on time at noon. Tim Ingram of the IPA will be our speaker. The tour is free but the WPA voted during today's meeting to donate \$100 to the RCHS on behalf of all members, though everyone who attends is encouraged to further donate.

Right next door is the Lincoln Tallman House. This self-guided tour of Janesville's award-winning historic house museum includes all five levels from the basement where food is stored to the cupola where the the servants hang the laundry to dry. Each level is restored to its 1857 splendor and is completed with furnishings belonging to the Tallman family. This 26 room Italianate villa style mansion is the only private home still in existence that can boast Abraham Lincoln as an overnight guest. Learn the story of Lincoln's extra night's stay during his 1859 visit. The cost per person is \$7.50 and Ori-Anne says it is well worth the cost. (excerpted from the Lincoln Tallman House website)

Everyone in attendance at tonight's meeting was queried about whether they would be attending or not so a fairly accurate head count could be given to the Historical Society. Of those 24 who attended, 16 plan on attending the 3/13 road trip. If you did not attend tonight's meeting but are interested in joining your colleagues on this road trip, please email or call me by March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Two maps are included in this document for your use. If you need more specific directions, please get "From here to there" directions from Mapquest on-line, buy a GPS or use your old trusty paper map.



**2011 Art Pottery Show:** Steve Dana, Exhibit Manager, reported that he's been having difficulty figuring out how to design an exhibit with pottery featuring "The Human Form in Art Pottery". Much discussion ensued and

after everyone's input, the subject and title of the 2011 Exhibit will be "Art in American Pottery" with the first year featuring Artist Decorated Pottery, the second year featuring Crystalline Glazes and the third year featuring Sculpture and Studio Pottery. This plan will allow us to build on one theme with three different decorating techniques.

**WPA Website:** Tim Zinkgraf suggested that WPA consider placing Google Ads on the WPA website. Google will analyze the interests of those who visit our site and will place ads of companies that are suited to our audience's interests, and WPA in return, earn a small fee from their valid clicks or impressions on those ads. More to follow.

**PO Box:** Chris Swart informed us that he retired from his state job on December 31<sup>st</sup>, so he asked that someone consider taking over the responsibility of checking the PO Box as of August 2011. Michael Waidelich works in the same building as the Post Office and volunteered to assume this responsibility. Michael will contact Chris and make the necessary arrangements to pass the lock box key and change paperwork if necessary.

**Newsletter: The deadline for the next newsletter is April 15, 2011.** Please send any articles or member bios to Ori-Anne.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heidi Hahlen  
WPA Secretary