

46th Annual Convention
Antique Doorknob Collectors of America

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

August 6-8, 2026

Theme: Patriotism - Knobs commemorating
Americans and American ideas

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If you **ARE ATTENDING**, register and pay on-line www.ADCA 2026 Convention
or fill and return pages 6 and 7 (plus your check) to:

ADCA, Steve Hannum, 2751 Ogleshorpe CT., Indianapolis, IN 46268

If you are **NOT ATTENDING**, please fill in the **PROXY** (page 9) and return to:

Stephen Rowe
3330 Salem Ave.
Clovis, CA 93619-8279

Welcome to Philadelphia

The United States is celebrating the 250th anniversary of our Declaration of Independence. What could be a better time to visit where it happened? The Province of Pennsylvania was established by a royal charter given to William Penn by Charles II. Penn, an English Quaker and advocate of religious freedom, established peace with the local Native Americans, bought the land, and made a treaty of friendship with Lenape chief Tammany. Philadelphia was founded in 1682. The name is derived from the Greek for 'brotherly love'. As the capital of the colonial era, it then played a vital role during the American Revolution and Revolutionary War. It served as the central meeting place for the nation's Founding Fathers, hosting the First Continental Congress (1774) and the Second Continental Congress, during which the Founders formed the Continental Army, elected George Washington as its commander, and adopted the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. On November 15, 1777, the Second Continental Congress adopted the Articles of Confederation, the first national government.

The location on the Delaware River, the good relationships with the native tribes, and the religious tolerance fostered Philadelphia's rapid growth into America's most important city. Much of our early history happened in Philadelphia, and many of those places are available. They are easy to get to using Philly PHLASH. The included map shows the route and all of the stops. An all-day pass is \$5.00, and seniors ride with an ID. There are park-and-ride locations that give a discount with a PHLASH pass. Here are some places to consider:

Independence Visitor Center has information, tickets, and the National Parks Desk and Exhibit.

Liberty Bell Center

Independence Hall

Betsy Ross House

Philadelphia City Hall

Reading Terminal Market and food hall

In 1891, the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad decided to build a train depot, passenger station, and company headquarters at the corner of 12th and Market Street. The location was occupied by an open-air market that has been in continuous operation since 1853. The railroad negotiated the purchase of the market and built it a new structure: Reading Terminal Market.

For more about the special 2026 happening and Philadelphia museums and attraction go to www.visitphilly.com



Hotel Information

Embassy Suites by Hilton, Philadelphia Airport
9000 Barton Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19153
(215) 365-4500

A block of King Suites has been reserved for the convention. Please contact the hotel if you need any special accommodations, and visit their website to see their features.

The direct link for the ADCA Convention website at www.ADCA 2026 Convention

- Reservations can be made by calling the Hotel Reservations at 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667). Individuals must identify themselves as being with the group, Antique Doorknob Collectors of America 2026 Convention, at the time the reservation is made to receive the special group rate of \$152.00 plus 16.25% tax per night, and includes a double or king room, free parking, and breakfast buffet and evening reception.
- Cutoff date for hotel reservations is July 17. Embassy Suites' cancellation policy is 24 hours before the scheduled arrival date without penalty.

Thursday Tour

At 8:30 am, we will leave on a bus for the trip to Hagley Museum and Library. The trip will give us some time to catch up with one another. Originally the home and gardens of the du Pont family, the Hagley is 235 acres along the banks of the Brandywine River in Wilmington, Delaware. There is a YouTube introduction to the Hagley at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ohpju5_vPbI. Our tour will include a special "Nation of Inventors" presentation and some specially selected models from the very large collection of original models submitted to the US Patent Office. The Hagley Library Tour will include selected hardware catalogs. A tour of the Eleutherian Mills Residence House will be followed by a box lunch at the picnic area.

At 1:00 pm, a bus will take us to the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. The Academy, founded in 1805, was the first school and museum of fine arts in the United States. In 1871, Frank Furness won the design competition for their building. Completed in 1876, the building is one of the few major Furness buildings surviving. Our tour will include an architectural tour of the building. After a quick ride, we will be back at the Embassy Suites by 4:30 pm.

2026 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

(If there is a chance of rain, remember to bring your umbrella)

Wednesday, August 5 (Arrival)

Check in and visit with members

6:00 pm Hospitality Room is open

Thursday August 6 (Tour Day)

8:15 am Meet in hotel lobby

8:30 am Bus departs for Hagley Museum, Wilmington, DE 19807

10:00 am Hagley Museum tour

12:30-1:00 pm Boxed Lunch at Hagley Picnic Area

1:00 pm Bus departs for Philadelphia Academy of Fine Arts

2:00 pm Tour of the Frank Furness Building

4:00 pm Depart for hotel

4:30 pm Arrive Embassy Suites

6:00 pm Dinner on your own

Friday August 7

8:00 am Setup tables/displays: Buy/Sell/Trade all day

12 noon Lunch Buffet

4:00 pm Return contest votes to Marshall or Vicky Berol

4:00 – 6:00 pm Open to the Public

6:00 Dinner on your own

6:00 pm Hospitality Room is open

Saturday August 8

8:00 am Buy/sell/trade and tag items for Auction

9:00 am-11:00 am Get auction tags

9:00 am-11:00 am Open to the Public

11:30 am Remove hardware and displays from Convention room

12 noon Lunch Buffet

1:00 pm Annual Hardware Auction

6:00 pm Banquet followed by Annual Business Meeting

After Banquet Hospitality Room is open

HOW TO GET TO Philadelphia

There are several possible ways to get to Philadelphia. Here are the alternatives:

1. **By Air:** The Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) is served by several airlines.
2. **By Car:** Philadelphia is at the intersection of I-76 (east-west) and I-95 (north-south). The Embassy Suites is on Bartram Avenue, State Route 291 off of I-95

Driving Directions to Embassy Suites by Hilton Philadelphia Airport

Please note that if you are using a GPS, for best results, enter this address:
9000 Bartram Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19153

Conference Materials Shipping Instructions

Please Label Each Box as Follows:

(Example)	<i>Your Name</i>
Send to:	<i>Antique Doorknob Collectors August 6, 2026 Embassy Suites by Hilton Philadelphia Airport 9000 Bartram Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19153</i>

Shipping materials home, the closest US Post Office is at 7300 Lindbergh Blvd. Frnt. Philadelphia, PA 19152 (215) 889-2457. It is only open until 2 pm on Saturday.

2026 Convention Registration Form

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Name _____ Membership No. _____ Exp. Date: _____

(see your newsletter mailing label for Membership No. and Date)

Address _____

City _____, State _____, Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Will this be your first ADCA Convention? Yes No

Please register by July 15, 2026

The registration fee includes one display table in the Exhibit Hall, use of the Hospitality Room, Saturday Night Banquet, and the Auction.

	Until July 15	After July 15	Amount
Member(s) registration fee	\$150	\$160	\$
Additional member(s) and/or guest(s)	\$125	\$135	\$
First time attendees discount rate	\$0	\$0	\$
Thursday Tour	\$45	N/A	\$
Saturday Lunch-Children	\$30	N/A	\$
Saturday Banquet-Children	\$43	N/A	\$
Souvenir Program Ad	See page 6		\$
Additional Display Tables	\$25	N/A	\$
TOTAL:			\$

Name(s) of
additional
members and / or
guest(s)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$_____. Please indicate “**Registration**” on the check. Please return this Form and the Banquet Registration completely filled out, along with your check or money order, **payable to ADCA**, and mail to:

ADCA, Steve Hannum 2751 Oglethorpe Ct., Indianapolis, IN 46268

You can also register and pay online at <https://www.memberplanet.com/s/adca/2024conv>

FOR YOUR CONVENTION PLANNERS' INFORMATION

I/We will be staying at the Embassy Suites on the following nights:

_____Monday, August 3	_____Friday, August 7
_____Tuesday, August 4	_____Saturday, August 8
_____Wednesday, August 5	_____Sunday, August 9
_____Thursday, August 6	_____Monday, August 10

- If attending but not staying at the Embassy Suites, please check here: ____
- If you are planning to ship a box at the end of the convention to your home by UPS check here: _____
- Friday Lunch Yes_____No_____Number of Attendees _____
- Saturday Lunch: Yes_____No_____Number of Attendees _____
- Saturday Evening Banquet: Yes_____No_____Number of Attendees _____
- (A buffet will be served with two entrees and side dishes)

Please Note:

Meal costs are based on attendance. If you say yes to a meal but do not attend, ADCA will be charged.

Call or Email questions:

Rhett Butler – rhettbuttler@erbutler.com

Dale Sponaugle - dsponaugle@gmail.com or (716) 830-7010

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## CONVENTION REGISTRATION CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

A full refund is available if cancellation is received by **June 15, 2026**.

A 50% refund if cancellation is received by **July 15, 2026.**

No refund will be made if cancellation is received **after July 15, 2026.** To cancel your convention registration, please call Dale Sponaugle (716) 830-7010 or e-mail [adca.members@gmail.com](mailto:adca.members@gmail.com)

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2026 Convention Souvenir Program Ad Order Form

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Please print or type legibly

Send or email **order** to Steve Hannum (see below)

Name: _____ ADCA# _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please select your ad size:

The sizes of our advertisements are below, as will the prices. Ad Rates are as follows:

() Full Page Ad (4-1/2" x 6-3/4") \$55

() Half Page Ad (4-1/2" x 3-3/8") \$30

(includes Business Card, Good Wishes, or Greeting)

Preferred format: Artwork should be saved in PDF-Xa format, Color
CMYK or grayscale, minimum resolution: 300dpi

If someone is not able to submit ads in the preferred format we will
process it for them.

Submit ads electronically to: rhettbultter@rebutler.com

Wording for Good Wishes or Greeting

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If not included with your registration, enclose a separate check or money order for your ad.
Indicate Program Book on memoline. **Make checks** (Do NOT Send Cash) **payable to:**

ADCA, Steven Hannum, 2751 Oglethorpe Ct., Indianapolis, IN 46268

Signature _____

Date: _____

Deadline June 15, 2026

Electronic ad copy should be emailed to **hannum1415@comcast.net**.

Call or Email questions to Steve Hannum (317) 429-9516	Steve Hannum 2751 Oglethorpe Court Indianapolis, IN 46268
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Antique Doorknob Collectors of America will be held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Philadelphia Airport, Philadelphia, PA on Saturday, August 8, 2026 at 7:00 pm for the election of Directors to serve two-year terms, and the election of officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer) to serve one-year terms, and for such other business as may come before the meeting.

If you **cannot attend**, you may give your proxy to another member of your choice to vote at the meeting on your behalf. A form of a proxy is printed below. Just fill in the name of the member you want to vote on your behalf and either return it to Stephen Rowe on or before July 15, 2026, or have the member you have named present it at the meeting. If you **do attend**, there is **no** need to send in a proxy.

Dated: May 1, 2026

Vicky Berol
Corresponding Secretary

Proxy

Mail to Stephen Rowe by July 15, 2026

I, the undersigned, a member of the Antique Doorknob Collectors of America (“ADCA”), hereby appoint Stephen Rowe or _____ as my proxy, with full power of substitution to each, to attend the annual meeting of the ADCA to be held in the Embassy Suites by Hilton Philadelphia at 7:00 pm on Saturday, August 8, 2026, and any adjournment(s) thereof, and to vote upon all matters that may properly come before said meeting, including the election of Directors and Officers, as fully and with the same effect as I could do if I were personally present at said meeting or any adjournment(s) thereof.

I hereby revoke any proxy or proxies previously given by, or on behalf of, me to vote at said meeting or any adjournment(s) thereof.

Dated: _____, 2026

(Signature)

(Please Print Name & Member #)

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Return Address:

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Stephen Rowe
3330 Salem Ave.
Cloris, CA

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