



COWAN POTTERY CENTENNIAL TIMELINE

SPRING 2012 – FALL 2013



March 23 – May 5: Cleveland Artist Foundation (CAF) exhibit at Beck Center on works of Cowan artists after the Cowan Pottery closed in 1931. Watch for other Cowan-related CAF exhibits during the coming two years. See <http://www.clevelandartists.org/index.php>, or find the CAF on Facebook.

April 19 – 22, 2012: American Art Pottery Association national convention in Cleveland (at the Holiday Inn, Independence)—will include a display of archival Cowan items. See <http://www.aapa.info/Home/tabid/120/Default.aspx>.

May 5, 2012: Official kickoff of the Cowan Centennial at the annual Cowan Symposium on May 5; art historian Mark Bassett will present “Cowan in Lakewood,” Lauren Hansgen of the CAF will present “WPA Art in Cleveland & the Cowan Artists,” & Michael Beyer of the Twentieth Century Society will present “Cowan Pottery and the World Congress on Art Deco.” See <http://www.rrpl.org/cowan/events.html>. The Symposium will mark the official rollout of a Cowan Pottery Tour on the *Cleveland Historical* app at <http://clevelandhistorical.org/items/show/229> (this is actually happening now and will be ongoing); and the introduction of a virtual Cowan tour via QR codes. See <http://www.rrpl.org/cowan/events.html>

May 14, 2012: Mark Bassett speaks on “The Art of Reading: Cleveland’s WPA-Era Ceramics,” at Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library (2345 Lee Rd.) at 7:00 p.m.

July 14 & 15, 2012: Rocky River Days

- Lolley the Trolley Cowan tours organized by Rocky River Historical Society with content & narration provided by Cowan Pottery Museum/Cowan Pottery Museum Associates (these will be part of the regular Rocky River history tours). See www.rrcity.com or www.cowanpottery.org.
- Antiques Appraisal Fair on Sunday, July 15 at Don Umerley Civic Center, Rocky River. See www.rrpl.org/cowan/events.
- Cowan Centennial Collectors Sale (Cowan Pottery and other Ohio pottery), July 15 at the Civic Center, Rocky River. See www.cowanpottery.org

August & September 2012: Art Study Group project in cooperation with the Ingalls Library at the Cleveland Museum of Art (to coincide with CMA’s special exhibit, “Youth & Beauty: The Art of the American 1920s”). It will involve 3 program dates:

- **August 22 at RRPL, 7:00 p.m.,** “Setting the Stage” (program by CMA on American art of the 1920s).
- **August 29 at CMA’s Ingalls Library, 6:30 p.m.,** “Exploring the Sources” (program on research sources for American art, examples of Cowan owned by CMA, & American art gallery tour)—*reservations necessary*.
- **September 12 at RRPL, 6:30 p.m.,** “Capturing the Era” (silent film of the 1920s, *IT* with Clara Bow, with keyboard accompaniment and discussion by silent film expert Joseph Rubin). See www.rrpl.org/cowan or <http://www.clevelandart.org/learn/Library.aspx>.

September 9, 2012: Lakewood House Tour (at Nicholson House), including Cowan display, Cowan Associates’ table, book signing with Mark Bassett and Victoria Naumann Peltz. See www.lakewoodhistory.org.

September 24-October 22-November 26, 2012: Cowan Classic Film Festival at RRPL. See www.rrpl.org/cowan.

October 24, 2012: Mark Bassett speaks on “Cowan In Lakewood,” as part of Lakewood Historical Society’s speaker series at Lakewood Public Library, 7:00 p.m. See www.lakewoodhistory.org.

December 2012: Cowan Holiday Tree at RRPL. See www.rrpl.org/cowan.

December 4, 2012 – March 11, 2013: Exhibit, “Watercolor and Clay: The Cleveland School” (includes Cowan artists) at the Canton Museum of Art. See <http://www.cantonart.org/>

May 2013: Cowan Symposium on May 4, including special speakers Mark Bassett on “Cowan in Rocky River” and Rebecca McFarland on Eliot Ness (whose 3rd wife was Cowan Potter, Elizabeth Andersen). See www.rrpl.org/cowan.

August 4, 2013 (Sunday): Celebration on grounds of Cowan Pottery Studio on Lake Rd.--open house format with displays and a re-creation of the old showroom, a tent with activities and/or a jazz band, simple refreshments or ice cream social. See www.cowanpottery.org or www.rrpl.org/cowan or find Rocky River Public Library/Cowan Pottery Museum and the Cowan Pottery Museum Associates on Facebook.

September 23-October 28-November 25, 2013: Cowan Classic Film Festival. See www.rrpl.org/cowan.

September or November 2013: A Cowan-related speaker at a Rocky River Historical Society program (Mark Bassett, “Cowan in Rocky River”). See <http://www.rrcity.com/rrhsoc.html>.

December 1, 2013: An open-house event at the Library concludes the Cowan Centennial celebration and also commemorates the 35th anniversary of the Cowan Pottery Museum and the 85th anniversary of RRPL. See www.rrpl.org/cowan or find the Library/Museum on Facebook.