

# Cowan Pottery Museum

The Cowan Pottery Museum opened on February 26, 1978, as part of Rocky River Public Library's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, and it has been a part of the Library ever since. It is the only museum in the world devoted solely to the collection, preservation, and promotion of Cowan Pottery, a distinctive form of American art pottery produced in Lakewood, Ohio from 1913-1917, and in Rocky River, Ohio from 1920-1931. Cowan Pottery was the Cleveland area's only major art pottery, and today it is internationally known and collected. The museum is an expression of the Library's mission to be "an informational, educational, recreational, and cultural resource."

## MUSEUM COLLECTION NEWS

### NEW ACQUISITIONS —TWO BOWLS



Among the Museum's 2010 acquisitions were two small vessels. The enamel bowl on the lower left features a turquoise glaze dotted with white and is signed by Cowan Potter, Thelma Frazier Winter. She created this piece several years after the closure of the Cowan Pottery Studio in December



1931. Rocky River resident Lesley Hahn donated this piece, which belonged to her mother. The comport on the upper right is Special Ivory lined with teal and has a seahorse design on the stem, a theme which is seen in numerous other Cowan pieces. It was donated by Fairview Park resident Kathryn M. Hiendlmayr. Both donations are on display near the first floor Grand Reading Room.

## 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL COWAN POTTERY SYMPOSIUM

**Saturday, May 7, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

The Symposium is an ideal opportunity for those who are interested in Cowan Pottery, local history, antiques, collecting, and the arts in general to network with like-minded people. The day includes continental breakfast, a show & share session, distinguished speakers, a catered lunch, the Cowan Pottery Museum Associates' scholarship presentation to a Cleveland Institute of Art ceramics student, a raffle, and a dinner offsite. Cost for the Symposium is only \$20. Dinner at the Market in Rocky River is \$35. For more details check [www.rrpl.org/cowan](http://www.rrpl.org/cowan), or contact Curator Carol Jacobs at (440) 895-3763 or [c.jacobs@rrpl.org](mailto:c.jacobs@rrpl.org) before the registration deadline on May 1.

## ANTIQUES APPRAISAL FAIR

**Sunday, July 10, 1:00-3:00 p.m.**

**Don Umerley Civic Center, 21016 Hilliard, Rocky River**

**Free informal appraisals (limit two)  
by an expert panel of appraisers.**

**Save  
the  
Date!**

