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FLOW BLUE INTERNATIONAL COLLECTORS' CLUB

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Mulberry & Blue: Flowin' Down the River

July 25-27, 2024

Belterra Casino Resort

Florence, Indiana



Photo credit: Dessert is served! Courtesy of Mark Armstrong – CHUSAN by Josiah Wedgwood, circa 1860

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Belterra Casino Resort & Adjacent Area: The Belterra Casino Resort is located in the southeastern corner of Indiana and within the rural town of Florence, Indiana. The nearby town of Vevay was settled by Swiss immigrants who created the first commercial wineries in the United States. The local town of Madison has been ranked #4 of the top 100 places to visit in the Midwest. It is situated along the Ohio River, and is known for its abundant history, ornate architecture, and quaint shops and restaurants.

Resort Reservations: To book your reservation by phone, contact the Belterra Resort at 812-427-7777. Be sure to mention that you are with the FBICC (The Flow Blue Club) to receive the discounted room rate.

To book your reservation online, please use the following link:
<https://book.passkey.com/event/50763308/owner/13600221/home>
The discounted rate will be automatically applied to your reservation.

The convention room rate is \$134.00 per night (not including taxes). This rate will be available for reservations made three days prior to and three days after the convention. At the time of check-in, two \$10.00 vouchers will be provided for use at any of the Belterra restaurants (excluding the "19 Steak & Seafood Restaurant"). **The DEADLINE to ensure room availability and to receive the discounted rate is July 3, 2024.**

Travel & Parking Info: The FBICC Convention will be held at:

**Belterra Casino Resort
777 Belterra Drive
Florence, Indiana
Phone: 812-427-7777**

Parking at Belterra is free. Use the (non-casino) parking garage that is located adjacent to the front entrance. **The parking garage has a direct entrance into the lobby.**

The **airport** located nearest to Florence, Indiana is the **Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG)**. Car rental is available at the airport. Because Florence is located in a rural setting, **ride share options such as Uber/Lyft are not available from Belterra to CVG Airport**. The following companies provide private transportation between CVG and Belterra with a pre-arranged reservation:

Executive Transportation
www.executivetransportation.org
Phone: 859-261-8841

Airport Parking Reservations
www.airportparkingreservations.com
Phone: 800-727-5464

Convention Registration and Fees:

- For FBICC Members: The early registration fee is \$170. **(Save \$10 by returning registration and payment by June 21, 2024.)** Regular registration (June 22 through July 12) is \$180.
- For Non-FBICC Members: Early registration is \$180. Regular registration (June 22 through July 12) is \$190.
- For children 12 years and under: Early registration is \$90. Regular registration fee (June 22 through July 12) is \$100.

Completed registration forms and payment must be postmarked by these dates to qualify for either early or regular registration fees. Registration for the convention closes on July 12, 2024.

A special price of \$110 is available to first-time convention attendees who register by June 21, 2024 (\$120 after June 21). As an additional incentive, a \$30 coupon will be included which can be used towards purchases at the Sales Extravaganza or Bluetique events. If you are an FBICC member who has never attended an annual convention, don't miss this opportunity to get a discounted rate!

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The convention will include the following:

- Four meals: Thursday dinner, Friday lunch, & Saturday lunch and dinner.
- Participation in all seminars, activities, and sales events on Friday and Saturday.
- Friday night dinner is on your own.

Complete both sides of the enclosed registration form. Submit the signed form and payment **no later than July 12, 2024, to: FBICC, PO Box 5427, Naperville, IL 60567-5427.**

Convention Registration Check-in:

Hosted by Ray and Jan Schomas

Location: Boardroom B

Please collect your convention packet upon arrival at the hotel. Registration will be held during the following hours:

Wednesday	July 24	2:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Thursday	July 25	7:00 am to 5:00 pm; then 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Friday	July 26	8:00 am to 5:00 pm

General Information:

- **Name Tags and Lanyards:** Name tags must be worn and clearly visible to attend all convention activities.
- **Sales Storage Room: The Cedar Room** will be used to store items for the Sales Extravaganza on Friday. The storage room is always locked for security purposes. For access to the room, see Jennifer Williams, Janet Guthridge, or Christine Waller. Otherwise, the room will be open at 7:00 pm on Thursday evening and 6:00 am on Friday morning.
- **Shipping:** *Total Pack 'N Ship* will provide packing and shipping services on Saturday, July 27, from 4:00 to 10:00 pm during the Auction in the hallway outside of the Ballroom.
- **Scooter Rental:** Electric scooters are available for rent for \$30.00 per day. Contact Belterra front desk staff to arrange a rental.

Thursday Tour Day

Thursday, July 25

This year, we will be offering two tour options in historic Madison, Indiana. Both tours will include a visit to the stately Lanier Mansion, which is described as Madison's "crown jewel" attraction. **Tour #1** will include a visit to the Schroeder Saddle Tree Factory Museum, while **Tour #2** will include a visit to the Madison Railroad Station Museum.

Tour #1 Schroeder Saddle Tree Factory Museum/The Lanier Mansion

Hosted by Janet Guthridge

The Schroeder Saddle Tree Factory Museum began operation in 1878. A guide from Historic Madison, Inc. will show you how Ben Schroeder and his family fabricated saddle frames, clothes pins, and other items over the course of 94 years. This attraction includes tours of two small factory buildings and a portion of the Schroeder home and is handicap accessible.

The Lanier Mansion was built in 1844 for the family of James Lanier. It features Greek Revival architecture and sits on the bank of the Ohio River. A guide from Indiana State Historic Sites will lead you through the mansion and provide information about its architect, and James Lanier and his family. The mansion includes a handicap accessible entrance. Stairs are required to get to the third floor, and the return to the first floor requires use of a wide spiral staircase.

Transportation will be provided to The Falls Restaurant in the Clifty Inn State Park and a buffet lunch will be served (on your own).

The fee for Tour #1 is \$72.00 which includes transportation and admission fees.

Seating is limited so be sure to sign up early.

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Tour #2 The Lanier Mansion/The Madison Railroad Station Museum Hosted by Jennifer Williams

The Lanier Mansion was built in 1844 for the family of James Lanier. It features Greek Revival architecture and sits on the bank of the Ohio River. A guide from Indiana State Historic Sites will lead you through the mansion and provide information about its architect, and James Lanier and his family. The mansion includes a handicap accessible entrance. Stairs are required to get to the third floor, and the return to the first floor requires use of a wide spiral staircase.

The Madison Railroad Station was built in 1895. A local history center is connected to the station. A guide from the Jefferson County Historical Society will provide information about Madison's rich steamboat history, the construction of a steep railroad incline, and more. A walk through a 1918 caboose is included in the tour. This attraction includes entry into two small, connected buildings and a short walk to the adjacent caboose. Please note that the Railroad Station Museum is located about a half block away from the Lanier Mansion. Transportation via car or coach bus will be provided for anyone who does not wish to make the walk.

Transportation will be provided to The Falls Restaurant in the Clifty Inn State Park and a buffet lunch will be served (on your own).

The fee for Tour #2 is \$66.00 which includes transportation, admission fees, and the cost of the tour guide.

Seating is limited so be sure to sign up early.

Belterra Departure Info for Both Tours: A coach bus will leave Belterra at 9:15 am. Be prepared to meet the tour group by 9:10 am just inside the front entrance of Belterra.

Thursday Night Welcome Back Dinner Thursday, July 25 (5:00-6:30 pm)

Hosted by Convention Co-Chairs Jennifer Williams and Janet Guthridge

This is a great way to end a busy tour day and have an enjoyable evening visiting with good friends and new club members! Dinner will be served. A cash bar will also be available during this event.

First Timers Meeting Thursday, July 25 (7:00 - 8:00 pm)

Presented by Judy Boyer

First Timer Sponsor Coordinator: Suzanne Nystedt

If this is your first FBICC convention, be sure to attend this informative orientation seminar following the Welcome Dinner. This is a great opportunity to get acquainted with other first-time attendees and to learn the basics of flow blue and mulberry collecting. Each first-time attendee will have a sponsor for the duration of the convention who will introduce you to other members, answer any questions you may have, and make you feel welcome. **(Reserved for First Timers and their sponsors only.)**

Seminar One: "Cake Plates & Compotes: Getting Your Just Desserts & More"

Presenters: Warren Macy & Jackie Casey

Friday, July 26 (9:00-10:30 am)

How sweet it is going to be! Jackie Casey and Warren Macy are teaming up to bring you a scrumptious seminar on dessert and the serving of your meal's grand finale. Jackie has collected the tasty recipes of our members and combined them into a must-have cookbook (to be mailed to club members with the third issue of the BBN). Warren has gathered pictures of your flow blue and mulberry dessert sets and serving pieces (including some Rare & Unusual) and will be presenting them in an appetite-whetting Power Point Presentation. Warning: Drooling might occur.

For inclusion in the seminar presentation, please submit photos of your flow blue and mulberry cake plates and compotes to Warren Macy at macy@cinergymetro.net.

Seminar Two: "The Legacy of White Ironstone China"

Presented by William Lancaster

Saturday, July 27 (10:00-11:00 am)

White Ironstone China is the base that was decorated in wonderful flow blue and other colors in the earliest wares. It was a great advance in the development of British china as it was durable, could be molded and

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decorated in a variety of designs, and was affordable to the emerging middle class of the mid-1800's. White Ironstone was mass produced and exported primarily to the American market for many decades. From the original Gothic style, its form evolved over time as the fashions changed. Some shapes were plain and without embossing and relied upon their classic simplicity to appeal to the public. Other shapes had elaborate motifs of leaves, grains, fruits and flowers. Most wares that were produced were for table or bath use, but many utilitarian items were also available. Eventually American potters produced their own wares to compete with the British imports. These topics will be explored, and illustrations and examples of this beautiful and historic china will be provided.

About your presenter: Bill Lancaster has collected White Ironstone China for over 50 years and is a founding member of the White Ironstone Collectors' Association, which celebrates its 30th anniversary this year. Bill has held offices in the White Ironstone club, has chaired and contributed to many exhibits, has spoken on a variety of topics, and has been an active participant and advocate of White Ironstone for all this time. Because he is a retired Social Studies teacher, he always values sharing the history of White Ironstone and promoting its natural appeal as a beautiful and useful antique to collect. Bill attended his first FBICC Convention last summer because it was held near his hometown of Madison, Wisconsin. He was overwhelmed by the welcome that he and his wife Carol received from the FBICC members, and the wonderful displays he observed. The Education Committee asked Bill to present this seminar, and he looks forward to meeting more of you, learning about Flow Blue and Mulberry, and sharing his knowledge and experience.

Sales Extravaganza, Tops & Bottoms, Bluetique, and Table Displays:
One location with four can't-miss events! Friday, July 26 (2:00-4:30 pm)

**(Vendor Set-up Times: Thursday, July 25 from 7:00-11:00 pm.
Optional Set-up on Friday, July 26th from 8:00-9:00 am)**

Tops & Bottoms: Hosted by David and Mari Crumb, Heather Hearn, & Bruce and Katie Woodfin
Attention Buyers: Are you looking for the under tray to your Normandy gravy boat? Need a teapot for that lid or a lid for that teapot? At Tops & Bottoms, you may just find the elusive object of your search! Attention Sellers: Bring those lonely flow blue and mulberry "tops" and "bottoms" to this event for consignment sale to other members. For more information, contact David Crumb at (585) 392-5848 or marcrumb@yahoo.com.

Bluetique: Hosted by Orna Halevy and Clara Bowen
Bluetique offers the opportunity to sell and buy beautiful flow blue and mulberry-related wares such as lamps, table linens, and finely crafted jewelry fashioned from flow blue shards and more. For more information, contact Orna Halevy at orna.halevy@mail.huji.ac.il or Clara Bowen at cmbowen@bellsouth.net.

Sales Extravaganza: Hosted and Coordinated by Jennifer Williams
Plan to attend and buy at the Sales Extravaganza where convention attendees will find a full-scale selling venue of flow blue and mulberry china for sale. For more information, contact Jennifer Williams at (317)840-8021 or jennqwill74@gmail.com.

Table Displays Collection: Hosted and Coordinated by John and Laurel Provine
We will celebrate our love of collecting by presenting table displays of treasures collected by our members. The table displays provide a unique opportunity for our attendees to share from their collections. Our theme for 2024 is "A Very Berry Celebration," which will highlight the often-neglected Mulberry half of the Flow Blue and Mulberry Collectors' Club. Here is your chance to bring to the Convention your special pieces of Mulberry to share with all the collectors attending. You can display one special piece all the way up to a full table to offer multiple pieces for viewing. If you are not able to transport all the Mulberry you wish to share, please bring photographs of your special pieces. It would be especially interesting for you to share how you display Mulberry in your home, as well as how you use your Mulberry pieces seasonally. Remember that polychrome and colorful background enhance Mulberry. Also, a display that compares the same patterns in

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Flow Blue and Mulberry would make interesting displays. Search your collection with an eye to exhibiting your Mulberry treasures and let your imagination soar to make this year's Table Displays an event to remember. John and Laurel would be happy to answer any questions you may have about participating in this special event. You may contact them at 580-551-9792 or at ishannons@gmail.com.

Regional Meetings: Hosted by Regional Directors **Saturday, July 27 (9:00-9:45 am)**

The FBICC is divided into four regions based on geographical location. The regional meetings at the convention provide the opportunity to meet other members in your region in a small group setting, plan "get together" activities specific to your region, and discuss suggestions for improving the FBICC, its activities, and its future.

Silent Auction: **Coordinated by Angela Montpas**

A Silent Auction will be held to benefit the Flow Blue International Collectors' Educational Fund (FBICEF). Members are cordially requested to donate items. The items should be flow blue and mulberry china or related items, such as books, jewelry, or accessories featuring flow blue and mulberry. Donated items should be of good quality, with FBICEF reserving the right to reject any donation. All items donated become the property of the FBICEF. Donations to the FBICEF are tax deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. Items should be brought to Ballroom B on Friday evening between 5:00-6:30 pm. Bids for the Silent Auction items will be placed during the Auction Preview on Friday night and Saturday morning. If you have questions, contact Angie Montpas at (608) 963-1027 or at amontpas@charter.net.

FBICEF Raffle: **Coordinated by the FBICEF**

A raffle will be held during the luncheon on Saturday to benefit the FBICEF. Raffle proceeds are used to fund educational programs, materials, and events for the FBICC. The raffle includes three flow blue or mulberry items, which will be on display in the registration room. Members need not attend the convention to win. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 tickets for \$12. The enclosed raffle flyer provides specific instructions for payment and submission of the tickets and includes 18 tickets. Raffle tickets will also be available for sale in the Convention Registration Room.

Gift Basket/Choice Seat Auction: **Coordinated by Angela Montpas**

The warmup to the "main event" auction is the auctioning of gift baskets and choice seats. Each basket will be stocked with goodies from the local area surrounding our convention site (southeastern Indiana) and may have some pieces of flow blue or mulberry tucked inside. Winning bidders not only score fabulous items but also get to choose their preferred seating at the auction. The Gift Basket/Choice Seat Auction will be held during the luncheon on Saturday to benefit the FBICEF.

The Auction: Coordinated by Christine Waller **Saturday, July 27 (2:00 pm - 10:00 pm)**

The Convention Auction offers members an avenue to buy and sell flow blue and mulberry china to an audience of dedicated collectors. The FBICC is pleased to welcome back Bryan Jackson of Jackson's Auction Company, which is one of the Midwest's leading fine art and antique auction houses.

For convention attendees who are consigning items to the auction, carefully read the auction guidelines and complete the auction forms enclosed in this packet. You must sign the Terms and Conditions form.

Return the Terms and Conditions form and Auction Consignment Inventory Sheet to Christine Waller no later than June 3, 2024. To assist the sponsors in organizing the auction items, you are strongly encouraged to **electronically complete and submit the Auction Consignment Inventory Sheet.** To do so, download the Excel spreadsheet from the FBICC's website at www.flowblue.org and submit it by email to wallerchristine@msn.com. If you have questions, contact Christine Waller at 773-343-8458 or at wallerchristine@msn.com.

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Auction check-in for consignors is Friday, July 26, from 5:00-6:30 pm. Preview of the auction items will be held on Friday, July 26, from 9:00-11:00 pm and on Saturday, July 27, from 7:30-8:30 am.

Belterra Resort Convention Schedule

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24		
2:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Early Registration	Boardroom B
3:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Dealer Storage Area Open	Cedar Room
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	FBICC Board of Directors Meeting	Maple Room
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	FBICEF Board of Directors Committee Meeting	Maple Room
THURSDAY, JULY 25		
6:00 am - 11:00 pm	Dealer Storage Area Available	Cedar Room
7:00 am - 8:00 pm	Registration	Boardroom B
9:00 am - 2:30 pm	Tour #1 Schroeder Saddletree Factory Museum & Lanier Mansion	Meet inside Belterra main entrance
9:00 am - 2:30 pm	Tour #2 Lanier Mansion & Railroad Station Museum/History Center	Meet inside Belterra main entrance
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Welcome Back Dinner	Oak Room
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Dinner on Your Own (Optional)	
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	First Timers Meeting (First timers and sponsors only)	Maple Room
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Set-Up for Sales Extravaganza, Tops & Bottoms, Bluetique, & Table Settings Display	Ballroom A
FRIDAY, JULY 26		
7:00 am - 10:00 pm	Dealer Storage Area Available	Cedar Room
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Registration	Boardroom B
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Optional Set-Up for Sales Extravaganza, Tops & Bottoms, Bluetique, & Table Settings Display	Ballroom A
9:00 am - 10:30 am	Seminar #1 - "Cake Plates & Compotes: Getting Your Just Desserts & More" presented by Warren Macy & Jackie Casey	Ballroom C
10:30 am - 11:00 am	View Seminar Display	Ballroom C
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Business Meeting Lunch	Oak Room
2:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Sales Extravaganza, Tops & Bottoms, Bluetique, & Table Settings Display	Ballroom A
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Auction & Silent Auction Turn In	Ballroom B
	Dinner on Your Own	
9:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Auction & Silent Auction Viewing	Ballroom B
SATURDAY, JULY 27		
7:30 am - 8:30 am	Auction & Silent Auction Viewing	Ballroom B
9:00 am - 9:45 am	Regional Meetings	Region #1: Ballroom A Region #2: Ballroom C Region #3: Maple Room Region #4 Oak Room
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Seminar #2 - "The Legacy of White Ironstone China" presented by William Lancaster	Ballroom C
11:00 am - 11:30 am	Seminar #2 Q & A and View Seminar Display	Ballroom C
12:00 pm - 1:45 pm	Banquet Luncheon Awards, Gift Basket/Choice Seat Auction, Raffle Drawing, & Announcement of Silent Auction Winners	Oak Room
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	AUCTION - Part 1	Ballrooms A & B
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Buffet Dinner	Oak Room
6:30 pm - 10:00 pm	AUCTION - Part 2	Ballrooms A & B
6:00 pm - 10:30 pm	SHIPPING	Hallway outside of Ballrooms A & B
4:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Dealer Storage Area Available	Cedar Room
SUNDAY, JULY 28		
6:00 am - 10:00 am	Dealer Storage Area Available	Cedar Room