

Trenton Teapot Festival
April 25 - May 1, 2010



**“Let’s put Trenton and our
Teapot Collection on the Map”
John Melton, Teapot Chairman 1981**

Teapot Festival Committee

**Chairman - Pat Riley, Vice Chairman - Kari Alexander,
Sammy & Janice Dickey, Glenda Lane, Betty Poteet,
Donna Warmath, Joy Wallsmith, Joetta White,
Sarah Wren, Michael Wallsmith, Sid Phelan,
Vickie Sorrells, and Bubba Abbott**



About the Collector

For 55 years the City of Trenton has been the proud beneficiary of the world's largest collection of antique night light teapots, which date from 1750 to 1860. Dr. Frederick C. Freed, a native Trentonian, donated his incredible collection of porcelain veilleuse-theieres (night light teapots) to the City of Trenton in 1955. Dr. Freed practiced medicine for 40 years in New York City. A patient gave Dr. Freed his first night light teapot. He developed a love for the beautiful antique teapots and started collecting them. He

was naturally attracted to the teapots by their medical connection. So during his travels abroad he collected over 650 of the antique porcelain treasures. Out of the entire collection only two of the teapots are identical.

He originally planned to donate this collection to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, but was given the "idea" by his brother, Sylvanne Freed to donate his collection to his hometown of Trenton. The teapots were first displayed in the lobby of the old Peabody High School Auditorium. In 1962, the collection of 525 teapots was moved to their present location, the city council chambers, at Trenton City Hall.

About the Collection

Dr. Freed amassed his rare collection over a period of 35 years. Porcelain veilleuse-theieres or night light teapots were used to warm porridge, soup, or medicine in sick rooms or hospitals during the 1700 and 1800's. They were also used to brew and serve herb tea to babies during the night. They provided light in the room hence the name, night light teapots. They were useful as well as an ornamental means to warm medical dosages and provide a security light during the days before electricity. These teapots were used throughout Europe, Africa the Middle East, and China.

History of the Trenton Teapot Festival

In 1981, then Administrator of Gibson General Hospital, John C. Melton introduced the idea of a "teapot festival" to feature the rare collection of night light teapots donated by former Trentonian, Dr. Frederick C. Freed. This year, 2010, marks the 30th anniversary of the Trenton Teapot Festival.

The festival is organized each year by the Teapot Committee with an array of traditional events. These events include the Lighting of the Teapots, which includes the announcement of the Teapot Parade Marshal, the Teapot Café, and of course, the Grand Parade with fireworks that follow after dark.

The first teapot Parade Marshall was Mrs. Evelyn Wade Harwood, former City Recorder and the first permanent curator of the teapot collection. She was named curator of the Trenton Teapot Collection when the collection moved to its present home at the Trenton City Hall. The current curators are Mrs. Dent Partee and Mrs. Marilyn Holder. They are available to provide group tours.

Sunday, April 25, 2010

Tea Party - First United Methodist Church

4 yrs - 10 yrs old

3:00 pm Tickets: \$12.00

Contact: The Sweet Spirits, 731-855-3378



Opening Ceremonies

4:30 pm Trenton City Hall

Special Music by "Renaissance" and the Peabody Stage Band

Emcees are Mayor Tony Burris, John Melton,

Pat Riley, & Betty Poteet

Introduction of Royalty and Dignitaries

Announcement of 2010 Parade Marshal

Lighting of the Teapots

RV Parking available at Gibson County Lake

Contact: Grover Poteet, 731-855-2037, 731-414-0606

Monday, April 26, 2010

Prayer Breakfast - First Baptist Church

7:00 am - 8:00 am Tickets: \$5.00

Speaker: Bobby Goode

Sponsor: Trenton Ministerial Alliance and Food Rite

Contact: Bubba Abbott, 731-855-1916

Block Party

5:30 pm - 8:00 pm High Street and Armory Street

Food, Games, Dandy Jumpers, Climbing Wall, Entertainment, Elks

Drug Awareness Trailer, Music

Sponsors: FoodRite, Citizens City and County Bank, Westwin,

Peoples State Bank of Commerce,

Trenton Light & Water Department

Contact: Virginia Hickerson, 731-855-9600



Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Teapot Cafe - First United Methodist Church

11:00 am - 1:00 pm Tickets: \$7.00 per plate

Sponsor: Trenton Women's Auxiliary

Contact: Donna Warmath, 731-487-2658

Teapot Game Party - Teapot Room

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Tickets: \$2.00

Bring your games and plan on having fun!

Sponsor: Eastern Star Refreshments provided.

Contact: Dent Partee, 731-855-1594 or

Betty Arnold, 731-855-0535

Teapot Music Feast - Trenton Middle School

6:00 pm Music by: TRMS 6th Grade Band,

TRMS 7th & 8th Grade Band, PHS Jazz Band,

GCHS Jazz Band, & Gibson County Community Band

Sponsor: Gibson General Hospital

Contact: Carol Weems, 731-855-7929

Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the music and the feast of

Grilled Burgers & Hot Dogs, Drinks & Desserts

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1980*	N/A	1996	Reverend Walter Lockhart
1981	Mrs. Evelyn Harwood	1997	Coach Walter Kilzer
1982	Freed Family	1998	Mr. R.L.Radford
1983	John & Carol Melton	1999	Mr. & Mrs. Grover Poteet
1984	Mr. & Mrs. Foster Bridges	2000	Mr. & Mrs. Milton Dick
1985	General W.R. and Billie Kinton	2001	Mrs. Dottie Jones
1986	Fred Culp & Cecil Yates	2002	Mrs. Josephine Jackson
1987	W.D. (Bill) Manning	2003	Dr. Larry Williams
1988	Mr. & Mrs. Hardy N. Brasfield	2004	Mr. Charles Hill
1989	Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Roberts	2005	Mrs. Dent Partee
1990	Dr. & Mrs. James Hall	2006	Mr. & Mrs. Mike Wallsmith
1991	Mrs. Carolyn Satterfield	2007	Dr. A.L. Schrader
1992	Mrs. Ann Hayes	2008	Mrs. Berlynne Holman
1993	Mrs. Leila Wade	2009	Mr. Danny Jones
1994	Mrs. Evelyn Lowery	2010	To be announced at the
1995	Mrs. Evelyn Bingham & Judge Marion Holmes		Lighting of the Teapots

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Walk to School

7:30 am Parent/Guardians & Children
City Hall to Trenton Elementary

Contact: Danny Crossnoe, 731-855-0971



Salad Luncheon - 1st United Methodist Church

Time: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Tickets: \$7.00

Contact: Glenda Lane, 731-855-4723

Parade Marshal Reception - Teapot Room

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Sponsor: Regions Bank

Contact: Chris Baldwin, 731-855-4244

Community Church Service - First Assembly of God

7:00 pm Contact: Pat Riley, 731-855-1441 or 731-855-4767



Quebecor Parking Lot on Manufacturers Row
April 25th - May 1st

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Health Fair - YMCA

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Various Health Agencies will be participating
Sponsor: NW Gibson County YMCA, AgrAbility,
UT Extension and Tennessee Department of Health

Contact: Hank Warren, 731-855-7516 or
Joetta White, 731-855-7637

Healthy Luncheon - YMCA

11:00 am - 1:00 pm Tickets: \$6.00

Carry Out Only

Benefits YMCA Scholarship Fund

Contact: Hank Warren, 731-855-7516



Thursday, April 29, 2010

Pet Show - Behind Harlan Morris

5:30 pm Entry Fee: \$5.00

ALL Pets Welcome

Awards given for various categories including costumes

Sponsor: Trenton Animal Clinic

Contact: Jessica Williams, 731-855-0702

Most Beautiful & Most Unusual Teapot Contest

Entries Due by April 23rd Entry Fee: \$5.00

Winner announced on April 30, 2010

Sponsor: Peoples State Bank of Commerce

Contact: Pam Hopkins, 731-855-0772

Teapot Trot 5K Run/Walk

6:00 pm Start/Finish at Trenton City Hall

\$15.00 Pre-registration before event @ the YMCA

\$20.00 registration - day of event @ City Hall

Sponsor: NW Gibson County YMCA

Contact: Hank Warren, 731-855-7516

Pie in the Eye - Court Square

6:30 pm \$5.00 Pie purchase

See local celebrities and dignitaries get a pie in the eye!

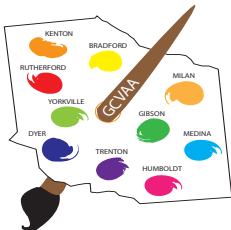
Contact: Betty Poteet, 731-855-2037

Trenton Teapot Festival presents TIWF Wrestling

8:00 pm Tickets: \$5.00

West Tennessee Wrestling Arena, 405 W. 1st Street

Contact: Randy Bird, 731-780-9068



Gibson County Visual Art Association

Gibson County Visual Arts Association

Annual Spring Awards Reception

\$2000 awarded

Admission - FREE

Trenton City Hall, Teapot room

Saturday, April 24, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Meet the artists and vote for "peoples choice".

Juror: Nationally known Jean Grastord, AWS, NWS, and TWSA

Friday, April 30, 2010

Trenton Elementary School Field Day

Contact: Danny Crosenoe, 731-855-0971

Art Gallery - Court Square Arts & Antiques

History of Teapots & Tea Tastings

Noted antique dealer, Ken Kowan, will lecture on teapots around the world. He will have antique teapots, cups & saucers, and Imported English tea available for purchase.



Traditional English Cream tea, served in Antique teapots with elegant table setting. Three kinds of English Tea, Scones, Teacakes, and Clotted Cream.

3 sittings - maximum 15 per sitting

10:00 am

2:00 pm

4:00 pm

Tickets: \$15.00 - Must be purchased in advance at Court Square Arts & Antiques or call Berlyne Holman at 731-855-0976

Teapot Gala - Trenton Armory

A celebration of 30 years of 'Tea'rrific Fun dinner, live auction, & entertainment. 6:00 pm

Contact: Vickie Sorrells, 731-855-0255, 731-420-7450

Saturday, May 1, 2010

Grand Parade

10:00 am

Trenton Elementary to Post Office

Contact: Kari Alexander, 731-414-0576

Get registration form at City Hall for more information.

Truck & Tractor Pull

Shady Acres Park

Gates Open at 5:30 pm

Pull Begins at 7:30 pm

Tickets - \$10.00, children under 5 Free, Available in Advance

Contact: Joe Wamble, 731-855-1521

FIREWORKS AT THE PARK! !

Shady Acres Park

Approximately 9:00 pm



ONE OF A KIND QUILT

You have an opportunity to own this one of a kind quilt with a \$2.00 donation to the Teapot Festival.

Contact Glenda Lane, 731-855-4723 or
Trenton City Hall, 731-855-2013.

Drawing will be held at the Teapot Gala, Fri. April 30, 2010.

