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