



The Windy City Chapter  
Invites you to the  
2011  
Belleek Collectors International Society  
Convention  
In  
Chicago  
Thursday, September 15, 2011  
To  
Sunday, September 18, 2011

**Thursday through Sunday: September 15 – 18, 2011**  
**Doubletree Hotel Chicago; O'Hare Airport**  
**5460 North River Road; Rosemont, IL 60018**  
**(1.847.292.9100)**

[www.doubletreeohareairport.com](http://www.doubletreeohareairport.com)

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS:** A block of rooms has been reserved for the Convention Attendees at the daily rate \$105 + tax USD for a single/double (room price includes full breakfast for 2). This rate will also apply for 2 days pre/post Convention. There is a complimentary Airport Shuttle to/from hotel and free parking is available at the hotel. Hotel rooms must be booked by August 16<sup>th</sup> to receive Convention rate.

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$399 per person and this covers all other Convention meals and the following events:

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>:** Hosted Wine and Cheese Welcome Reception (light appetizers) with live Harp music; Special Holiday Belleek Raffle Announced; Sales room open!

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>:** Convention opening by Master of Ceremonies Don Campbell; Morning and Afternoon speakers; Lunch Buffet; Chinese Auction; Sales room open: Chicago themed Buffet Dinner (beer only included); entertainment by Emerald Society Pipe Band and Live Auction with Dean Bagnall!

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>:** Morning seminars; Buffet lunch, Guided Bus tour of Chicago; Champagne reception w/live piano music; Sales room open; Gala dinner (includes wine only); entertainment by Weber Irish Dance Group and live music by an Irish band.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>:** Morning Convention Closure and breaking of the plate mold!

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**OPTIONAL TOURS:** Book your tour at the time of registration; all tours based upon 50 people; tours may be cancelled due to insufficient participation, if cancelled, refunds will be provided.

Irish Pub Tour of Chicago's North Side; Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>; 7:00 PM - ?  
(Tour includes bus transportation and lively company, beverages on your own)

\$25 USD per person; \_\_\_ # of people; list names: \_\_\_\_\_

Chicago Architecture River Cruise; Thursday afternoon, September 15<sup>th</sup>  
(Tour includes 90 minute narrated boat cruise including bus transportation to/from)

\$50 USD per person; \_\_\_ # of people; list names: \_\_\_\_\_

Irish American Heritage Belleek Collection and Pub lunch; Sunday afternoon, September 18<sup>th</sup>  
(Tour includes Belleek collection viewing, Heritage Center donation, bus transportation to/from, and pub brunch, beverages on your own)

\$50 USD per person \_\_\_ # of people; list names: \_\_\_\_\_

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## REGISTRATION FORM

Register by March 17, 2011 for a special Belleek drawing!  
Convention Registration Deadline: June 15, 2011

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Name(s)

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

BCIS Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Special needs for Saturday Chicago bus tour (included in Convention price):

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\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if you do not wish your contact information listed in the convention roster.

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$399 USD Make check/money order payable to Windy City Chapter BCIS Convention (For non-US residents please contact us for an alternate payment method)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$USD Total (please include optional tour fees)

Mail to: Melissa Barry Finch  
2131 W. Summerdale  
Chicago, IL 60625

For additional information please contact Melissa at 1.773.728.9771 [GriffLissa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:GriffLissa@sbcglobal.net)

We hope that individuals – and certainly each chapter – will continue the tradition of donating to the Live Auction that will provide seed money for the next convention, and funding for the Richard Degenhardt Scholarship. We are also accepting donations for the Chinese Auction that was so popular at the New Jersey Convention! Send all donations to Melissa Barry Finch.

Please indicate your donation here: \_\_\_\_\_

Send along a picture of your favorite piece or your whole collection to share with your fellow Belleekers!

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## **What to do while you are in Chicago**

*Here is a list of interesting websites to help plan your trip to Chicago, if you cannot find what you are looking for please contact us for assistance*

### **Getting Around Chicago:**

City of Chicago Tourism [www.choosechicago.com](http://www.choosechicago.com)  
City Pass (pass for museums/observatories) [www.citypass.com](http://www.citypass.com)  
CTA (Trains/Buses) [www.transitchicago.com](http://www.transitchicago.com)  
Chicago Trolley (hop on/off) [www.chicagotrolley.com](http://www.chicagotrolley.com)  
Chicago Restaurant Guide

### **Museums/Attractions:**

Art Institute of Chicago [www.artic.edu](http://www.artic.edu)  
Museum of Contemporary Art [www.mcachicago.org](http://www.mcachicago.org)  
Museum of Science and Industry [www.msichicago.org](http://www.msichicago.org)  
Field Museum of Natural History [www.fieldmuseum.org](http://www.fieldmuseum.org)  
Shedd Aquarium [www.sheddaquarium.org](http://www.sheddaquarium.org)  
Adler Planetarium [www.adlerplanetarium.org](http://www.adlerplanetarium.org)  
Chicago History Museum [www.chicagohistory.org](http://www.chicagohistory.org)  
Millennium Park [www.millenniumpark.org](http://www.millenniumpark.org)  
Navy Pier [www.navypier.com](http://www.navypier.com)  
Willis Tower (Sears Tower) Observation Deck [www.willistower.com](http://www.willistower.com)  
John Hancock Observatory [www.hancockobservatory.com](http://www.hancockobservatory.com)

### **Sports:**

Chicago Cubs Baseball [www.chicago.cubs.mlb.com](http://www.chicago.cubs.mlb.com)  
Chicago White Sox Baseball [www.chicago.whitesox.mlb.com](http://www.chicago.whitesox.mlb.com)

### **Shopping:**

Michigan Avenue Shopping [www.themagnificentmile.com](http://www.themagnificentmile.com)  
Water Tower Place [www.shopwatertower.com](http://www.shopwatertower.com)  
900 North Michigan [www.shop900.com](http://www.shop900.com)  
Woodfield Mall (Schaumburg) [www.shopwoodfield.com](http://www.shopwoodfield.com)

## HOTEL SHUTTLE & PARKING INFO

### Shuttle Service to and from Chicago O'Hare Airport:

- Complimentary shuttle service is available around the clock. Scheduled runs begin at 4:00 A.M. and run every 20 minutes until 2:00 A.M.
- Guests arriving after 2:00 A.M. should call the Hotel (847-292-9100) for pick-up.
- THE HOTEL SHUTTLE CENTER is located directly across the street from the Hilton O'Hare Lobby
- Follow the overhead signs for THE HOTEL SHUTTLE in the baggage claim area (lower level) of each domestic terminal to the nearest underground pedestrian walkway.
- Proceed to Elevator Center #3 or #4 and press the button marked SHUTTLE
- Take the elevator to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor and exit the Hilton Lobby
- The Doubletree Hotel Shuttle will pick-up at DOOR #3. (The Hotel Shuttle will have both Doubletree O'Hare and the Embassy Suites O'Hare logos.)
- For International arrivals, the shuttle will stop at Terminal 5, upon request - by calling 847-292-9100 upon arrival.

Parking is complimentary to guests staying at the Doubletree Hotel ---

Park at the Embassy Suites garage which is adjacent to the Doubletree Hotel.

If you park with the valet in front of the Hotel you will be charged \$20.00 USD a day.