



The Golden Glow of Christmas Past \* 41st ANNUAL CONVENTION



## What's New at the Norfolk 2021 Convention?

- \*\* THE 2021 CONVENTION will be hosted in the waterside City of Norfolk – rich in history and just waiting to be experienced. The City of Norfolk is a new location for GGCP to explore and enjoy.
- \*\* THIS YEAR'S convention begins one day earlier to allow you to fully experience all of the aspects of the convention and the City of Norfolk has to offer.
- THE NEWLY REMODELED host hotel and the convention center are conveniently located near the Elizabeth River, which will allow you to experience the beautiful waterfront while on your Christmas journey.
- \*\* THE SHERATON, our overflow hotel, located directly on the waterfront across from the host hotel, offers a serene location where your pets are welcome. You can get away from the hustle and bustle of the convention schedule to relax in your comfortable highly-appointed guest room.
- \*\* THE HOST HOTEL will provide satellite check-in/check-out near the convention registration area during the expected busiest periods to assist in the expeditious check-in and check-out of convention attendees. (Sunday, July 11, Noon -6 pm; Monday, July 12, 9 am Noon) The Registration Desk for the convention will be located in the Marriott Hotel on the First Floor of the Convention Center.
- \* ATTENDEES WILL BE treated to a Gala Museum Opening on Wednesday evening to celebrate the contributions of the exhibitors in our Museum Room.
- \*\* THE MUSEUM ROOM will have extended hours, so that attendees can have more opportunity to fully experience the beautiful collections of our members without having to compromise on other convention experiences.
- SPECIAL TOPICS PRESENTATIONS—These are in addition to our educational talks and roundtable discussions.
- \*\* CONVENTION ATTENDEES will be provided a Convention Passport upon picking up their registration package. Attendees who gather stickers from all of the noted activities and locations during the convention will be eligible to submit their completed passport for a drawing for one of three paid Chicago 2022 Convention registrations.

- \*\* AS A PART OF the convention registration, attendees will be treated to a very special offsite dinner excursion on Thursday evening that hearkens back to the Atomic era and the country's rich military history a dinner buffet and entertainment onboard the USS Wisconsin.
- \*\* A SPECIAL TOUR has been added to allow GGCP members the opportunity to experience the rich African-American history of the City of Norfolk and a star of the Norfolk cultural stage. Attucks Theatre known as the "Apollo Theatre of the South" is the oldest remaining legitimate theatre that was completely financed, designed, and constructed by African Americans in 1919. The Theatre played host to entertainers like Cab Calloway, Duke Ellington, Mamie Smith, Nat King Cole, and Redd Foxx.
- \*\* **GGCP MEMBERS** visiting the Chrysler Museum and Glass Studio on one our planned tours will have the opportunity to blow their own glass Christmas ornament to take home and enjoy.
- \* ALSO, FIRST TIMERS will be treated to an opportunity to participate in a raffle designed just for them.
- IN ADDITION TO our traditional Holly Luncheon (Wednesday, July 14), our members may also participate in these new add-on luncheons with Lighting ("A Light Lunch," Tuesday, July 13) and Blow Mold (Monday, July 12) themes.
- IN RECOGNITION of their contribution, volunteers who serve for more than 15 volunteer hours during the convention will be treated by the Hosts to a one-year registration to the Golden Glow of Christmas Past.
- \*\* **BEST OF ALL**, your Norfolk Hosts, Richard and Mark, have many more special experiences planned. But you won't find out unless you attend!

