

2025 NSCC Conference in Philadelphia

35th Anniversary of NSCC

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Great news – our 2025 conference will take place in Philadelphia, known as the City of Brotherly Love, on September 26-28, 2025. This nickname is a translation from the Greek words “philos” and “adelphos” which mean “beloved brother”. Philadelphia is a vibrant city on the Eastern Seaboard, easily accessible by plane from anywhere in the USA, or by train along the East Coast from Maine to Florida. Our conference hotel is the Hilton Garden Inn Camden Waterfront, which is just across the Delaware River from Philadelphia, and is minutes away from downtown Philly. The hotel room rate is \$199 per night, which rate applies for 3 days before and after the conference as well. Parking will be free to NSCC members. The hotel will provide a separate website for club members to reserve their rooms directly. This conference website address and the conference registration form will be available soon and will be sent to club members via email, snail mail if the member does not have email, and also available on our club website.

Founded in 1682 by William Penn, Philadelphia is one of America's oldest cities and played a key role in the American Revolution. It was the site of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 and the Constitutional Convention in 1787. This bustling, diverse city is known for its rich history, thriving arts scene, and strong educational and healthcare sectors. It is home to iconic landmarks like the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, the Betsy Ross house, City Tavern (informal gathering place of Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, George Washington, Benjamin Franklin and other founding fathers), Elfreth's Alley Museum (several blocks of colonial

era homes preserved in their original state), and the Philadelphia Museum of Art. The city has a growing economy, driven by industries such as education, healthcare, and technology, and boasts a dynamic food scene, including its famous Philly cheesesteaks. Philadelphia is also recognized for its sports culture, with passionate fans supporting teams like the Eagles (2025 Super Bowl champs), Phillies, and 76ers.



Independence Hall



Liberty Bell



Elfreth's Alley

Come to Philadelphia



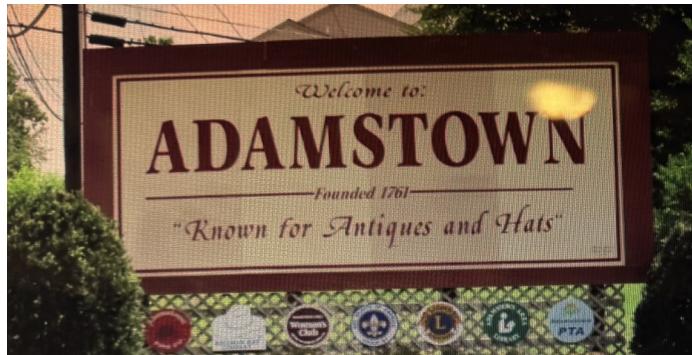
Betsy Ross House



City Tavern

Philadelphia Museum of Art
and the Rocky Steps

Nearby attractions include Adamstown, known as America's best antiquing town. According to one of our NSCC members, Adamstown has more Shelley than she has ever seen in one place. Conference organizers are hoping to arrange a day trip to Adamstown, perhaps on Thursday before the conference begins.



Within an hour's drive of Philadelphia are numerous attractions including Valley Forge, Gettysburg, Trenton, New Jersey (where Washington crossed the Delaware to a surprise victory on Christmas night), and Wilmington, Delaware (home to DuPont Company and numerous historic sites including Winterthur Museum, Hagley Museum, and Nemours Estate).

Just over an hour away is Lancaster, Pennsylvania, home to the Amish, and numerous bus tours offer day trips there.

Why not consider making Philadelphia and our conference hotel your home base and spend a couple extra days in the area visiting some of these interesting and historic sites?

Our club began in 1990, so this year is our 35th anniversary! Come to celebrate 35 years of Shelley collecting and all that we have learned about Shelley china in that time.

Our conference will include a welcome night with hors d'oeuvres and games, talks on Shelley china, a gala banquet, Shelley sale, silent auction and lots of time to gather with other Shelley collectors to share your collections and get acquainted. We are also planning to have the Pot Show again, and this time there will be prizes for the winners. Start your creative juices flowing now and dream up your entry. If you've never been to a conference before, take this opportunity to come and get to know other Shelley club members. Philadelphia is a fun city, and the starting place of a true adventure into our nation's history. We hope to see you there!

