



The Belleek Pottery, Limited  
Belleek County Fermanagh, Ireland

## Out of The Pages of History Into The Hearts of Collectors

### BELLEEK IS UNIQUE

Beauty and rarity — two elements that make collectibles worth collecting. Obviously, it is the beauty that draws us to Belleek; but there is something more, that something which turns an admirer into a collector. Could it be its charm, and its warmth?

The rarity is important, and Belleek has a true rarity in its design. Not like any porcelain in the world. Many have tried to copy it, but to no real success. The handcraftsmanship is beyond compare, resulting in individuality in each and every piece.

From its earliest years, Belleek has attracted collectors, that are outstanding in enthusiasm. Because of need, the Belleek Collectors' International Society was formed in 1987, It was not until August, 1993 that the local Columbia Chapter was established. The chapter consisted of 26 charter members, and has grown to be one of the largest Belleek Chapters in the world. The Chapter encourages both the established and the new collectors to join.

## RECOGNITION OF THE CHAPTER'S CHARTER MEMBERS

JOAN BURKETT	*HARRY HUNSAKER
**MARY ELLEN BURNS	MARIE HUNSAKER
LEESA BYE	CAROL MASTERS
VIRGINIA DORAN	TUTTI MILLER
***FRAN FRANE	CHARLES O'CONNOR
KATHY GATTO	*MARGUERITE PETTY
DONNA HAMMERSLY	SUE RAMSEY
LAUREEN HARRIS	TIM RAMSEY, DR.
****MARY HEIDER	PATRICIA RING
GERALD HERNLEY	*RON RING
*****BILL HOLM	HELEN STRONG
PAT HOLM	ELAINE SUTHERLAND
KATHLEEN RUST	JOANNE WELLS

\*Deceased

\*\*Deceased — Chapter's First Treasurer

\*\*\*Deceased — Owner of Tickled Pink Gift Shop

\*\*\*\*Deceased — Chair — Nomination Committee

\*\*\*\*\*Deceased — Co-founder, former President, Vice President and Treasurer

The success of this chapter can be traced back directly to the hard work, encouragement, dedication, meeting participation, and the planning done by all of the above Charter Members. The Board welcomes this opportunity to be able to express its thanks to each of the above, and it is thankful to be able to give them this well earned recognition for a job well done!

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## COLUMBIA CHAPTER of the BELLEEK COLLECTORS' INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY

### Membership Application



Belleek International Centerpiece



Bill and Pat Holm, co-founders of the Columbia Chapter. Pat was the Chapter's first president and Bill was the second. Pat was also the 1998 Belleek Hall of Fame Honoree.

The Columbia Chapter of The Belleek Collectors' International Society is one of the largest chapters in the world! Founded In 1993, the chapter is proud to consist of both the experienced and the beginning collectors. It is deeply committed not only to encouraging the collecting of, but also the appreciation of, the most sought after china — Belleek Fine Parian China of Ireland.

It was in August of 1993 that the chapter was born. Attending the meeting were George Moore, owner and CEO of the Belleek Pottery with his wife, Angela, President of the BCIS. Also in attendance were, representatives from the Dogwood Chapter, Evergreen Chapter, the San Diego Chapter and twenty-six Columbia Chapter charter members.

The first officers of the Columbia Chapter were:

President, Pat Holm  
Vice President, Bill Holm  
Secretary, Leesa Bye  
Treasurer, Mary Ellen Burns

Under the direction of these officers the chapter took off on a fast pace, and has not stopped learning and growing) We are extremely proud of our overall activities, growth and never, never hesitate to say we are one of the largest Belleek Chapters in the world!

## BENEFITS of MEMBERSHIP

### \*WORLDWIDE CHAPTER NETWORK

Networking with chapters worldwide allows members to exchange information, address issues sensitive to the collector and keep abreast of new Belleek and special events.

### \*QUARTERLY CHAPTER MEETINGS

The chapter meetings often have a guest speaker, always share information, members special pieces plus entertainment.

### \*BUY, SALE or TRADE OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for a special piece of Belleek, or have some to sell? Join the chapter for great opportunities in this area.

### \*BELLEEK DISCOUNTS

Members are entitled to a Belleek discount at participating retailers.

### \*EDUCATION AND INFORMATION

Many of the chapter members are very knowledgeable, and eager to help the new collector. Membership allows you to participate in this valuable pool of Belleek knowledge.

### \*TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY

The International Society heads a Belleek tour of Ireland every other year, and an International Convention on the off years. These two events are very special opportunities, something every Belleek collector looks forward to doing at least once. The Columbia Chapter was the official host for the year 2003 Convention held in the Portland area.

### \*MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK

An annual handbook is made available at the November meeting for all chapter members. This "Green Book", as it is referred to, has the membership listing by name, address, telephone, e-mail, and in addition, some very valuable Belleek Information. Any member not attending the meeting will receive theirs by mail.

## COLUMBIA CHAPTER BCIS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please Print Mrs. \_\_\_ Mr. \_\_\_ Ms. \_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # home: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # work: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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### MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL DUES (Membership year is 9/1 through 8/31)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$12.50 Full Membership

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$12.50 Name Badge Optional  
One time charge

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL DUE

Please make checks payable to:

**Columbia Chapter, BCIS**

Please mail signed and dated application with check to:

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_