

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2019?

March 9-10 Always the biggest meeting of the year! The most tables, most guests, and most members. Be there!

April 26-28 The NRA Annual Meetings & Exhibits will be held in nearby Indianapolis, IN. Charter bus planned, page 6.

May 11-12 One of our most interesting shows of the entire year. Exhibitors from all over the country for the Annual Display Show. Great prizes and it is open to all members! Saturday evening banquet makes for a great weekend. Tickets on sale, page 4. Charter Bus from Cleveland is planned, see page 6.



July 13-14 Special guests ROCS (The Ruger Owners & Collectors Society), American Thompson Collectors Assoc., and new this year is The Remington Society of America. Spread the word to fellow collectors. Bring the kids and visit The Air Force Museum and other nearby attractions.

Sept. 14-15 Featuring The Winchester Arms Collectors Association (WACA) Annual Mideastern Show. Record's searches by Cody Firearm's Museum Specialist, Jessica Bennett! Charter Bus Service on Saturday for the convenience of Northeast members? We hope!

Nov. 23-24 Fall is in the air and this meeting promises new toys for the holidays! Also, Director Elections (come vote). Director candidates wanted. See page 4.

MAKE YOUR PLANS TO ATTEND!

ANNUAL DISPLAY SHOW

The Display Show Committee wants YOU to seriously consider setting up a Display of your favorite collectible gun or guns at the May 11-12 meeting.

While we all love to see priceless 19th century Winchester's or fascinating relics from the 1920's gangsters, let's face it, we love the 'blue collar' classics as well. Check out our brand-new awards categories listed in the center of this article. That and the appreciation of your fellow members can make this a really fun and rewarding experience. We have three very knowledgeable judges who are all longtime OGCA members. Phil Schreier, Senior Curator for the NRA's National Firearms Museums; David M. Rachwal, proprietor of Handgunsoftheworld.com; and Lee Sundermeier, past president and Editor of Ruger Owners & Collectors Society *ROCS Digest*. Look for their bios in the next interim newsletter.



Stephen Griffin won First Place (Military) with his display "US Military Rifle Grenades and Launchers, WWI to Vietnam" in 2018.

Displaying will provide numerous opportunities for you to discuss your collecting interest with others who share your hobby. It also provides you with hours of activity in reviewing the various aspects of your collection and which attributes to extenuate in the display. It can be akin to rediscovering your collection all over again.

This year the theme of the display show is "Competition Guns". It is not a requirement to follow the theme, but the Committee is hopeful that the "Competition Guns" theme will produce many fine examples of refined firearms. Awards will be given in the following categories:

- First Place Antique - \$1,000**
- First Place Pre-World War II - \$1,000**
- First Place Military - \$1,000**
- First Place Post World War II - \$1,000**
- Second Overall - \$400**
- Third Overall - \$200**
- The Robert Rubendunst Best Educational Award - \$500**
- Thomas L. Kyser Best Single Gun Award - \$250**
- Member's Choice Award - \$500**
- Best 1st Time Displayer - \$250**
- Judges Choice: Antique – Military – Pre-World War II – Post World War II \$100 Each**

Each First Place Winner will also receive a minuteman bronze statue. All other winners will receive a cash award in addition to a plaque.



"A Celebration of Diversity" By Ken and Diane Leonard, took home First Place (Antique) 2016.

New for this year are the categories Pre-World War II (firearms manufactured 1899 to 1945) and Post-World War II (firearms manufactured from 1946 to the present). The Committee made this change in recognition of the differences attributed to firearms of these two eras, and the significant collector

interest that can be divided into these two categories. We hope that this division encourages more members to display.



2015, "First Place (Military) went to John Eckert for his display "The Luger Pistol"

To obtain a Display Show packet, including the rules, please contact Member Services Coordinator Sandra Schwab at the Business Office (330) 467-5733 or at sschwab@ogca.com. If you have questions regarding displaying you can also contact Display Show Chairman Sean McCarter via phone (614) 395-2919 and in person at the meeting hall, table P-21; committee member Chris Rohal via phone (440) 223-2725 and in person in the OGCA Registration Room at the hall, as well as any other member of the Display Show Committee including Rod Kirian, row I, tables 1 & 2; Marty Capito, row W, table 14 and Chuck Benton, row G, 2 & 3.

Calling all Firearm Authors!

Want to promote your firearm book during the Display Show?

Reserve your spot in the Author's Corner.

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