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The Thirty First Anniversary of
The Washington, D. C. Fountain Pen



2022 Theme Pen: DELTA 39 + 1

Our thanks to Sponsors: Yafa Brands, Pen World, and Xezo

Welcome Back Returning Pen Friends and Hello to Our New Pen Friends!

Here is your information packet for this year's show. Once again, we are expecting tremendous turnout and a fantastic show, and we thank you for joining us for this most exciting event.

Table Assignments – you will receive your table assignment when you check in at the DC Pen Show Registration table. Each exhibitor table has a number. Plus we can take you to your table. Do not sit at the wrong table – you will have to move. Table numbers and vendor names will be on an interactive table map posted on the dpcenshow.com website and will be printed on a large poster on the Information Wall as well as a copy on both levels.

COVID – We are not requiring masks for attendees but disposable masks are available. The hotel has many hand sanitizing locations spread throughout the exhibition area.

The Marriott is undergoing a construction project which unfortunately has created challenges - please accept our apologies for any inconveniences. Limited dining available in the Marriott's restaurant. Seating areas are available on the outside patio by the Foyer and the area by the walkway from the parking garage.

Show Hours:

Thursday, August 4

10AM – 11PM – Exhibitors and Weekend Traders

No assigned tables. Weekend Traders may sit at a table but wall table holders can bump you if they need to work on their table(s). The doors will be open earlier if you want to set up just don't expect Jeff or Barbara before 10!

Friday, August 5

7 AM – Exhibitors set-up

9 AM - Weekend Traders enter

12 PM – 5 PM – Public Admission

6 PM - Doors locked

Security Alert – program these numbers now!

If you spot something suspicious:

Doug's cell phone: [REDACTED]

Jeff's cell phone: [REDACTED]

Barbara's cell: [REDACTED]

Saturday, August 6

7 AM – Doors unlocked at 7AM
10 AM – 5 PM - **Public Admission**
6 PM - Doors locked

Sunday, August 7

7 AM – Doors unlocked at 7AM
10 AM – 5 PM **Public Admission**
5 PM - **Show closes**

Show News:

Security: Friday and Saturday nights, 1 security person will be staying overnight on each floor and 1 additional person will be in the foyer. It is still at your own risk to leave items on your table. Marriott will provide overnight table covers if you want one.

Lunch: Pre-ordered box lunches pick up 11 AM – 1 PM in Lobby. Additional limited number available for purchase each day. If you want your lunch delivered to your table, tell us at the Registration Desk.

Dinner: The Marriott is providing a 32 passenger van that will loop from the Marriott to the Mosaic District (2 miles/10 min drive) between 6 pm – 10 pm on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Links to Mosaic District restaurants can be found [here](#). A list is also at the end of this letter with a short description, address and phone number and links.

The Marriott will have breakfast and dinner available in the restaurant section but there is limited seating.

SUPERSHOW HISTORY: The 2021 DC Pen Show was dedicated to Bob Johnson, one of the founders of the Washington D.C. Fountain Pen SUPERSHOW, and the person who created it into the largest pen show in the world. Bob's background will be on posters at the show for all to learn about him. Prior to Bob's passing away in September 2020 he had decided to become a consultant and have his sister, Barbara Johnson, and her son, Jeff Hancock, be the owners and administrators of the DC Pen SUPERSHOW.

The success of the DC Pen SUPERSHOW is due to the exhibitors' attendance and support since 1992.

2022 Exhibitors include several of the original attendees and we are grateful for their continued support:

Dr. R. George Adams, Dr. Fred Gorstein, Myrna Lehrer, and Stephen Mandell.

Learning Line-up for this year's show:
dcpenshow.com

Workshop and Seminar information at

Workshops: Nib Tuning by JC Ament; Pilot Parallel, Inky Messes, & Calligraphy by Azizah; Pen and Ink Wash Art by Susan Gable; and Calligraphy by Nik Pang

Seminars:

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

12:00 PM – John Bedard - What is a "Snorkel" and How Does It Work?

1:00 PM – Osman Sumer and Fred Gorstein - The Evolution of the Fountain Pen Focusing on Basic Filling Systems

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

11:00 PM - Dale Beebe - Specialized & Common Tools Used in Pen Repair

12:00 PM - John Bedard - What is a "Snorkel" And How Does It Work?

1:00 PM - Geoffrey Parker - The Parker Archives: A True Industrial Heritage

2:00 PM - David Silber - Some Ideas About Vintage Pen Collecting

3:00 PM - Bert Anderson - Colors and Ink

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

10:00 AM – Rachel and Jim Crawford - The True Value of Indie Pens

12:00 PM – John Bedard - What is a "Snorkel" And How Does It Work?

1:00 PM – Geoffrey Parker - The Parker Archives: A True Industrial Heritage

TACCIA Chinkin Artist, Maeda san from Wajima, Japan will demonstrate the making of TACCIA Chinkin-Tiger LE Pen.

Friday and Saturday, August 5 & 6, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Nib Wars! Kenro Industries and Esterbrook

On August 5, in a galaxy far, far away (okay, it's at the Marriott Fairview Park), four nib grinders – CY, Anabelle Hiller, JJ Lax and Kirk Speer - will compete in the inaugural **Nib Wars!**

These masters of their craft will compete head-to-head in three events where they will be tasked with grinding a specific nib to perfection during each round of the competition.

They will be judged on how well they executed the task at hand. There can only be one winner. Join us to find out who we'll crown the galaxy's best nib grinder! [Learn More & Register](#)

The pens the nib grinders have adjusted will be raffled on Saturday and the proceeds will be donated to a Ukranian relief agency.

2022 DC Supershow Scavenger Hunt organized by Vanness Pens, Luxury Brands, & Newton Pens

Public attendees can take a picture of 10 tables and make a slideshow post on Instagram with these photos and #dc22penshowhunt to be entered to win one of 15 prizes awarded each day. **Thank you to the organizers and all of the exhibitors contributing the prizes!**

Yafa Brands, Pen World & XEZO are the sponsors of the SUPERSHOW. **Thank you Yafa** for providing the free 2022 DC Supershow Violet ink bottle and bags to the public attendees and the theme pen giveaway. **Thank you Pen World** for the

outstanding publicity given to the SUPERSHOW and the interesting articles and drool worthy pen pictures. **Thank you XEZO** for giving away 200 boxes of ink cartridges.

We also **thank Pilot** for giving away 3 Ishime pens and **thank Retro 51** for giving away a pen package. Other door prizes were converted into the Scavenger Hunt.

Ink Testing Tables location will be posted at the show:

- Ink Testing sample tubes with over 200 inks from many brands open for testing and evaluation – q-tips provided or bring you own pens and paper. We thank all who have donated ink including Anderillium, Monteverde, Pilot, Private Reserve, Taccia and Sailor.
- Ink Tables are a highlight of the show attracting ink doodlers.

Please support the local DC Metro Pen Crew's "Share the Wealth" table providing free pen and associated products to introduce newbies and others to this wonderful hobby.

Have a wonderful, successful DC Pen SUPERSHOW! Thank you for participating!

Barbara and Jeff