



PCA, Inc. 2026 CONVENTION PROGRAM

Radisson Hotel Corning, Corning NY
May 13-16, 2026



Wednesday - May 13	All Events at Hotel unless otherwise noted
12:00 noon - 5:00 pm	Registration & ID Clinic Submissions in Convention Office
5:00 pm - 5:45 pm	First Timers Meeting
5:45 pm - 6:45 pm	Opening Reception (light refreshments provided)
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Glass Paperweight Fair
Thursday - May 14	All Events at Hotel
7:00 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast Buffet in "Grill 1-2-5"
8:00 am - 8:45 am	Registration & ID Clinic Submissions in Convention Office
9:00 am - 9:15 am	Welcome and Daily Announcements: Gordon Park, President PCA, Inc. and Ellen Rostker, Convention Director
9:15 am - 10:00 am	CMOG speaker <i>"Introduction to the Corning Museum of Glass"</i>
10:15 am - 11:00 am	William Manson Jr.: <i>"William Manson Sr. – 50 Years on His Life in the Glass Industry"</i>
11:15 am - 12:00 pm	Marek Kordasiewicz: <i>"European Influences in the 19th Century Russian Imperial Paperweights"</i>
12:00 pm - 1:45 pm	Box Lunch and Choice of two Lunch'n'Learn Sessions by PCA Artists and Collector Members
2:00 pm - 2:45 pm	Michael James Hunter: <i>"A Day in the Life of a Glassmaker: Today, How to Make a Paperweight!"</i>
3:00 pm - 3:45 pm	James Lefever: <i>"The Importance of the Pansy as a Motif with Classical and Modern Makers"</i>
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Panel Discussion: <i>"Evolution of a Collection"</i>
5:00 pm	Dinner on Your Own
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Glass Paperweight Fair

Friday - May 15	Day at the Museum and Hotel
7:00 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast Buffet in "Grill 1-2-5"
8:00 am - 8:45 am	Registration & ID Clinic Submissions in Convention Office
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	All day visit to Corning Museum of Glass – shuttle between Radisson Hotel and CMOG throughout the day
12:00 pm	Lunch on Your Own
12:30 pm – 4:30 pm	<i>Live PCA ARTIST DEMOS in the Amphitheater Hot Shop near the main entrance of the museum</i>
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Dinner on Your Own
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Glass Paperweight Fair

Saturday - May 16	All Events at Hotel
7:00 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast Buffet in "Grill 1-2-5"
8:00 am - 8:45 am	Registration in Convention Office
9:00 am - 9:05 am	Daily Announcements
9:10 am – 9:55 am	Stefan Bracht: <i>"Capturing the Beauty of Nature in Glass - a Fully Self-Educated Journey of an Outsider to Become a Paperweight Artist"</i>
10:10 am - 10:30 am	Biennial Membership Meeting
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Identification Clinic
12:00 pm	Lunch on Your Own
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Glass Paperweight Fair - Open to the Public
12:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Silent Auction of Artist Demonstration Pieces in Paperweight Fair
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar)
7:30 pm	Closing Banquet

NOTE: All activities are subject to change. Times are tentative.

Exhibit in Paperweight Fair: ID Clinic Weights and Selections from Jim Lefever's Paperweight Collection