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Hello Fellow Ceramics

Enthusiasts:

The entire world has been under stress due to an unprecedented year in many ways, most prominently the Covid-19 Virus. It was incredibly disappointing when the WIS Board of Directors decided to cancel our annual seminar in April 2020. This was the first time in our history, since we began hosting the seminar in 1956, that we were not able to hold our meeting. It was due to the realization that we likely would not be able to hold the seminar for quite some time that we spoke first with our WIS President, Earl Buckman, and then with the rest of the Board members, for their opinion and then approval, for us to create The WIS Zoom Lecture Series. We are happy to report that our fellow Board members unanimously agreed that WIS sponsor the series.

Listed below is the schedule of Zoom lectures which will constitute the first phase of our program. An email will be sent to you before each meeting with a link. Please use the dedicated email address, [WedgwoodInternationals@gmail.com](mailto:WedgwoodInternationals@gmail.com), for any questions about The WIS Zoom Lecture Series.

An announcement will be posted on the WIS Website and the WIS Facebook page listing the entire series, as well as information about each upcoming lecture. Each lecture will be recorded and will be posted on the WIS Website and the WIS Facebook Page. The following is the schedule for The WIS Zoom Lecture Series:

PLEASE NOTE: Each of these meetings is free of charge and is open to the public. We would greatly appreciate it if you would forward this information to all of your members.

**February 19, 2021** Anne Forschler-Tarrasch, The Marguerite Jones Harbert & John M. Harbert III Curator of Decorative Arts, Birmingham Museum of Art.

**"An Epic, of Earth and Water: Clare Leighton and the "New England Industries" Series.**

**March 19, 2021** Lucy Lead, Archivist, The Wedgwood Museum.

**"A Wedgwood Missionary Trip"**

**April 16, 2021** Gaye Blake Roberts, Senior Research Fellow, The Research Department of the V&A in London.

**"My much-esteemed friend" - Some Aspects of Thomas Bentley's Life and Achievements"**

**May 14, 2021** Rebecca Klarner, Collections and Curatorial Services Officer at V&A Collections at World of Wedgwood.

**"Thérèse Lessore at Wedgwood"**

**June 18, 2021** Catrin Jones, Chief Curator at World of Wedgwood.

**"Wedgwood's Networks: a British Story, a Global Trade"**

Please note that each meeting will be on **Fridays at 2:30pm U.S.A Eastern Standard Time.**

The format for each meeting will allow members to socialize (if they sign in early) while the host is letting members into each session. After the conclusion of each 45-60-minute talk, participants will be able to ask questions.

Disseminating cutting edge information about Wedgwood has always been one of the main purposes of The Wedgwood International Seminar. In the future, after the seminar can resume, we hope to have several Zoom lectures each year to augment the educational function of the WIS. We hope that many of you across the world will decide to become a member of The Wedgwood International Seminar

so that you will join us when we are again able to hold our in-person meetings.

We may not be able to gather in person for a while, but we are able to carry on the tradition in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century way. We think that Josiah would not only approve but would appreciate the innovative way we will be carrying on.

Looking forward to hearing for each of you.

Sincerely,  
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