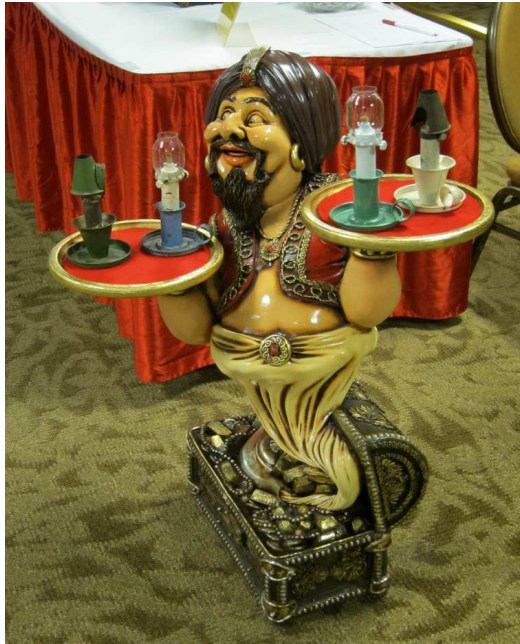


Report of the Rushlight Club 2016 Summer Meeting & NAALC Gathering, July 28th - 30th , Louisville, KY

The Rushlight Club summer meeting was held in conjunction with the Aladdin Gathering and Lamp Show organized by the National Association of Aladdin Lamp Collectors. This year the meeting was held in Louisville, KY.

The meeting officially started with the Aladdin Auction on the Thursday morning, this was followed in the evening with the Dinner Reception where this years Quilts were unveiled. The Quilts are made by members of the NAALC and are raffled off as a fundraiser.



Genie greeting visitors to the exhibit

Friday morning the exhibit hall opened with a very interesting collection of Aladdin Lamps and associated items for viewing.

The seminars started early on Friday morning and went on all day. Bob Culver of the Night Light Club gave an interesting talk on new ways to identify miniature



Miniature lamps for sale at the show

lamps.

The patterns of salt shakers and miniature lamps are often similar, so books on Salt Shakers are a good source to finding out which glass company made a particular pattern.

Later in the day Leigh Spargur spoke on Tips on Lamp Photography for the SLR and point and shoot camera. Background and light being the main subjects also shutter speed. Leigh was one of the official photographers at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Other seminars on Friday covered Aladdin New Products, Tips on Lighting and Using Aladdin Lamps, and the Aladdin Museum Project.

The main event of the day on Friday was the Lamp Show which opened at noon. This years show was as large as ever, with several new dealers to the show. A good percentage of non Aladdin items were for sale, this was good for Rushlight Club members. The Lamp Show offered something for everybody.

The Rushlight Club dinner was held on Friday evening. After opening remarks President Gerald Mercer asked Bill Courter, Aladdin President to light the rush. Don Schoenly, Program Chair, gave the members an update on two upcoming meetings, Deerfield MA and Winterthur DE.

Saturday the Lamp Show continued also the seminars. The Rushlight Club had a seminar entitled "Show and Tell any lighting other than Aladdin" with five members showing items, Keith Letsche, Dan Mattausch, Gerald Mercer, Larson Mick, Don Schoenly. Later in the day club member M.J. Howell gave a very informative talk on Light and Lighting Fuels, including the technical development of the candle.



Aladdin Raffle Quilt for 2016

Other seminars on Saturday covered Repro Aladdin Lamps, Coleman Company, Crownplace Brands and Aladdin.

The Aladdin Banquet, program and raffle was held on Saturday evening to finish off the Gathering for 2016.

The 45th Gathering in 2017 will be in Columbia MO, August 6th - 13th.



Eager buyers at the opening of the Lamp Show