





### JUST ASK ANY OF OUR MEMBERS!

The Wagner and Griswold Society is a group of people that is interested in all facets of old cookware – cast iron as well as cast aluminum. Some of the areas of interest include cleaning and restoring old cookware, foundry history, identifying and documenting variations, and using old cookware. In addition to skillets, other cookware items that were manufactured in iron and aluminum include Dutch Ovens, cake molds, waffle irons, muffin and gem pans, tea pots and kettles, food grinders, and griddles. There were many manufacturers in the business of "hollowware" and "stove furniture". Some of the trade names you might recognize include:

Favorite Piqua Wa	e R &E Manufacturing
G. F. Filley	Savery & Son
Griswold	Wagner Ware
Lodge	Wapak
Martin Stove & Rai	ge Waterman

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Or the NEW WAGS CAST IRON COOKING

We invite you to Test Drive our Forum as a Registered Guest: <u>WAGS FORUM</u>

## HERE'S HOW TO JOIN

A membership application can be obtained from the <u>Wagner and Griswold Society's Website</u> or by writing to:

Wagner and Griswold Society 750 19th Street Des Moines, Iowa 50314-1038 When writing, please include the following information:

- Name
- Address
- Telephone Number
- Email address
- A brief summary of your Cast Iron collecting interests.

You will receive an application, information on individual and family memberships, upcoming events, how to access the <u>WAGS Forum</u>, and the WAGS Ethics Guidelines.

# WHY SHOULD I JOIN WAGS? The WAGS Forum is Second to None

We have more information on cast iron and aluminum cookware than anyone. The WAGS Forum, has discussion boards dedicated to Cooking and Recipes, Foundry Information, Cleaning and Seasoning techniques, Ebay Items, and much more!

Have a question about your grandmother's skillet? Just log on and ask. Wondering what the old waffle iron you saw at the antique mall is worth? WAGS can help. Not sure how to get rust off an old skillet and season it properly? Visit our cleaning and restoration board. Looking for a rare item to complete a set? It might be for sale by one of our members. Are you thinking a cake mold you saw at an auction might be a worthless reproduction, but don't know who to ask? Our Forum has what you need to know how to distinguish the junk from the jewels.

When you join WAGS, you will have unlimited access to an extensive amount of information that is impossible to find anywhere else. Our members are constantly researching old records, catalogs, and other ephemera to document the history, products and manufacturing techniques that were used in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

## **Great Annual Conventions**

Annual conventions are attended by WAGS members from all over the country.



There is no better way to network with people who share an enthusiastic interest in old cookware. Conventions include a golf outing, workshops on various aspects of the hobby, displays of members' favorite pieces, a banquet, and a swap meet that includes more unique cookware than you could ever imagine!

## **Newsletters and Special Publications**

WAGS regularly publishes a newsletter, The Casting Call, which is always packed with useful information. Features include information on upcoming conventions, interesting items that have sold on eBay, hollowware foundry history, cleaning and seasoning techiniques, recipes, and classified ads. Many WAGS members submit articles for the newsletter on special topics of interest.

In addition to all of the new and cookware related information found in The Casting Call, WAGS also publishes special issues that are detailed articles of topics of interest. Past works have included "ERIE" skillets and plett pans.

