



IT'S CONVENTION TIME AGAIN!!

NESOSC is excited to be hosting the 13th National Open Salt Convention from May 2 - 5, 2013 in beautiful Newport, RI. The Newport Harbor Hotel and Marina will be our convention headquarters. Newport is accessible from Boston's Logan Airport (approximately 90 minutes) and Providence's T.F. Green Airport (approximately 30 minutes).

This initial mailing packet from the 13th NOSC Committee contains the following:

- **It's Convention Time Again!!**—Important information about the 13th NOSC
- **Registration Form**—The form you **MUST** fill out and return no later than March 15, 2013 with your deposit to be registered
- **Hotel Information**—Instructions for making your hotel reservations at the Newport Harbor Hotel
- **Travel Information**—Directions to Newport by car and air as well as airport transport services
- **Suggestions for Optional Tours**—Must sees and dos in Newport and surrounding area
- **Convention Salt**—Information about the David McDermott Convention Salt and how to order
- **Newport Raffle Salts** —Information about the **THREE** extraordinary salts being offered for raffle and how to purchase your tickets for a chance to win
- **Reverse Auction**—Explanation of the Reverse Auction rules and how you can enter items for auction
- **Reverse Auction Submittal Forms**—Sheet of forms for submitting salts for the Reverse Auction
- **Display Information**—Explanation of Displays and the categories for judging
- **Throw Down Baskets**—Information and pictures
- **Everything Else**—Buy & Sell, Tenderfoot Orientation, Door Prizes, *OSC Achievement Award*
- **Speakers**—Listing of speakers and topics

Please read all information carefully and make note of the following deadlines:

- **January 15, 2013**—Return your **registration form** and deposit by this date to be registered.
- **February 1, 2013**—Return your **convention salt order form** by this date; no late orders will be accepted. This convention salt will be made in a limited number based on the number pre-ordered!
- **March 15, 2013**—**Final Deadline Payment due** for **balance of NOSC registration** if only deposit paid by January 15th
- **March 30, 2013**—Return your **reverse auction forms** along with photos of the salts you want listed in the reverse auction catalogue.
- **April 15, 2013**—Contact Sue Sawyer with your nomination for the **OSC Achievement Award** (see instructions on the *Everything Else* page).
- **ASAP**—Return your order form for your **Newport Raffle tickets**. Don't miss your chance to own a **Nantucket Basket Salt with sterling spoon** or **one of two beautiful Lacy Salts** for as little as one \$10 raffle ticket OR increase your chances with five tickets for \$40. **There is no limit to the number of tickets you can buy!**
- For convention updates, other information and an electronic version of this packet go to:
<http://www.opensalts.info/Conventions/2013newport/2013newport.html>