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## HAPPY SPRING FROM YOUR NCA RETAIL COMMITTEE

We've been busy this winter planning and getting great ideas from the membership. Here is an update on everything that is going on.

**2010 Convention:** As everyone knows the 2010 NCA convention will be in Murphys, California. The location at Ironstone Winery is beautiful and everyone should be excited and preparing to have a fantastic convention! The retail committee and the 2010 convention committee has worked very hard over the winter trying to work out a vendor show for the convention. Due to the venue this year we just don't have enough inside room to



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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NATIONAL CAVES ASSOCIATION

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## SPRING 2010

### NCA CONVENTION 2010

[www.ncaconvention.com](http://www.ncaconvention.com) is up and running. If you haven't visited the site yet this year, now is a good time to do so. The "Lotsa Caves" folks have posted dates and hotel information so you can make reservations any time now. The agenda is being finalized and we should have registration info to you by early summer. Stay tuned!



### WNS INFO

New White Nose Syndrome info has been posted to the members side of the website. Be sure and check for the latest updates.



### PENNY BOOKS

Pressed penny books are still available thru the NCA office. They are \$1.80 each plus shipping and are available in any quantity. About 50 fit into a priority mailing box for about \$13.



### MIDWINTER MEETING

The midwinter Insurance Committee and Board of Directors meeting was held in Bowling Green, KY March 2-3. The Insurance Committee is working on a loss-control manual for our members, while the board discussed WNS and radon certification, among other issues.



### WEBSITE REVIEW

As Diane continues to work with the webmaster to update info on our website, they would like some input from us. What do you like/dislike about the site? What do you wish were there that isn't? What are the problems you have encountered, navigating the site? Please send any

have a full fledged vendor show. We know how everyone liked finding new merchandise for their gift shops so the two committees put their heads together. The 2010 show will be a Catalog Show. Vendors are sending catalogs and display merchandise for everyone to see. The catalogs will be available for you to take home also. The catalogs will be displayed and available throughout the convention. A few of the vendors are sponsoring snacks, lunch or even a dinner!!

**Sevierville (IGES) and Gatlinburg Gift Shows:** The Sevierville (IGES) gift show is Nov. 3 - 7 and Gatlinburg has changed their dates to Nov. 5 - 9. So there is a three day overlap between the two shows this year. Once again this year the great vendors at the IGES show are sponsoring a dinner for NCA buyers. They have also decided to sponsor a drinks and snacks evening after the show. The dinner will only be for the buyers but the drinks/snacks will have the vendors present so everyone can talk to the vendors personally. The dinner will be on Thursday evening and the drinks/snacks will be on Saturday evening. More details to come.

**WNS:** The NCA board asked the retail committee to come up with some products/ideas that the members could sell but at the same time raise money for WNS Education. The WNS committee has come up with some great ideas and are developing materials that the member caves can use to educate their guests. As you know this takes money to produce posters, brochures etc.. The retail committee is working with a couple different companies to develop a postcard and a rubber bracelet that we can sell in our shops. A part of the proceeds will go to the WNS education fund. Much more information will be coming your way. If you have a specific buyer for your gift shop please have them contact me at [claudia@squireboone.com](mailto:claudia@squireboone.com). I will contact them directly with the information on the new products.

That's all from the Retail Committee. We hope you had a good winter and here's to a fantastic 2010!!

Your Retail Committee  
Claudia Yundt



## HOWE CAVERNS FEATURED ON HISTORY CHANNEL *THE REAL FACE OF JESUS?*

HOWES CAVE, N.Y. -- When the production crew for an upcoming Easter special was looking for a cave to replicate the burial place for a new documentary on Jesus Christ, they came to Howe Caverns.

On March 30, the premiere of the documentary in which Howe Caverns plays a role, ***The Real Face of Jesus?***, will air from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. on The History Channel



Entrance to 'Winding Way' passage - Howe Caverns, NY - Photo by: Gary C. Berdeaux

“They chose the entrance to the Winding Way to serve as Jesus’ tomb,” said General Manager Robert Holt. The crew also filmed a scene on an early November morning which depicts Jesus walking on the frosty fields on the Howe Caverns Estate, with the mist and the sun rising.

The production uses modern technology and an ancient cloth to reveal ***The Real Face of Jesus?***, according to information from The History Channel (HISTORY™).

The two-hour premiere, the channel notes, “is a quest no one has ever before attempted.” The journey features a team of graphic experts who seek to bring to life the image contained on the holy relic that many

believe to be Jesus' shroud. According to Jewish tradition, Jesus would have been placed in a burial cave and wrapped in linen. He would have remained there for a year. However, Christian belief is that after three days, he resurrected from the dead.

In the program, science and religion join together, "bringing cutting-edge computer technology to an ancient stretch of fabric, and creating a living, moving 3D image of the man many believe to be Jesus Christ," The History Channel notes.

Will the team's work reveal ***The Real Face of Jesus?*** "This documentary feature may bring us the closest we have ever come to seeing what Jesus actually looked like, states The History Channel, adding: "You have to really seek the face of Jesus if you're going to find it. Something extraordinary had happened here. Something beyond human reason."



## Natural Stone Bridge & Caves Park

On Thursday January 14, 2010, for the first time in its 55 year history, the Stone Bridge and surrounding property is open to the public during the winter. Over 4 miles of trails (6.4 miles with roundtrips) highlighting views of the Stone Bridge Cave Entrance, Trout Brook, Sinkholes, Huge Glacial Erratic Boulders, & Vertical Ledges.

**EVENING MOONLIGHT TOURS** are offered on Saturdays, 5pm-9pm. Also included with either the Day or Evening Pass purchase is FREE use of our 9 "hole" Disc (Frisbee) Golf Course. Bring your own disc or we will provide you with a free rental disc. Playing in the snow is a blast!

