



## Come Early For The 2022 ACGA Pre-Convention Tour

We are four months away from our 2022 ACGA National Convention in Rockwall, Texas, and things could not be going better! We have seven outstanding speakers and eight, possibly nine, dealers, a couple of which you haven't seen since Corning!

This article deals with our **Tuesday, July 12** pre-convention tour where we will be making two stops. The cost for the full day tour will be \$65 which includes \$31 for admissions. We will be traveling on a small charter bus that seats 34 people, so we are limited in number. Sign up soon for a spot!

The first stop after an 8:30 a.m. departure is a visit to the **George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum** on the campus of Southern Methodist University in Dallas. This museum features a compelling exhibition that uses artifacts, documents, audio visual, and interactive components to capture the key decisions and events of the Presidency of George W. Bush. The exhibition exams the September 11, 2001, attack on the World Trade Center and the response of the President and the Country in the aftermath. You will see a precise replica of the Oval Office, beams from the World Trade Center twisted from the events of 9/11, and the White House Rose Garden. The Presidential Library is technically not so much a library but a collection of artifacts and treasures given to the people of the United States during the Bush administration. This will be a two hour self-guided audio tour through the Museum. You can learn more at the website [georgewbushlibrary.smu.edu](http://georgewbushlibrary.smu.edu).

We will next break for lunch (not included in tour cost) at Café 43 located on the premises of the Museum.

Our second and final stop will be five miles down the road at **The Ross Perot Museum of Nature and Science**, [perotmuseum.org](http://perotmuseum.org). There are five floors that house eleven permanent exhibit halls where visitors can exercise their brains through hands-on activities, interactive kiosks, and educational games. Carol and I were specifically impressed with the "T. Boone Pickens Life Then and Now Hall" where you see life-size towering dinosaurs greeting you as you enter the hall! We were amazed at how many bones were discovered in the North Texas area! There's even an eight foot turtle suspended from the ceiling that was found in the City of Rockwall!

Your eyes will be amazed in the "Gems and Minerals Hall" where you will see a 5-foot giant geode and discover the beauty hidden inside an ordinary looking rock. You will see a dazzling array of gems and minerals found deep inside the earth with hands on displays. Many of these gems and minerals are on loan by a couple who live in Rockwall with one of the world's premier collections!

The "Being Human Hall" will transport you through your DNA and the human journey as you explore the traits and abilities that are essential to being human. The five other halls not mentioned above are Dynamic Earth, Expanding Universe, Engineering and Innovations, Discovering Life, and Hall of Birds which allow visitors to experience hands-on exhibits and interactive displays that better explain the world around us. We will plan on staying around approximately two hours at the Perot Museum and return to the Hilton by 4:00 p.m. Please feel free to learn more at the website at [perotmuseum.org](http://perotmuseum.org).

We feel these are two outstanding attractions in the DFW Metroplex and will be one of the best pre-convention tours ever offered by ACGA! We hope this gives you the necessary information to decide whether to join us on this pre-convention tour on Tuesday, July 14. You will be able to sign up for both the convention and the tour via the [cutglass.org](http://cutglass.org) link through Eventbee.com or via the mass mailing in April. Hotel reservations can be made now at

The Hilton Link is <http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/D/DALRWHF-ACGA-20220710/index.jhtml>

The telephone number to call is 1-800-445-8667 and ask  
for the group rate with the group code of **ACGA**.