

Centennial celebration

It was a blast from the past on Aug. 4 as hundreds lined up to get a glimpse of Rocky River history during the Cowan Pottery Centennial Celebration. The original pottery showroom on Lake Road came to life for a day, with recreations of its 1920s sales displays, period music, a pottery sale and a visit from Bill Cowan, grandson of founder R. Guy Cowan.

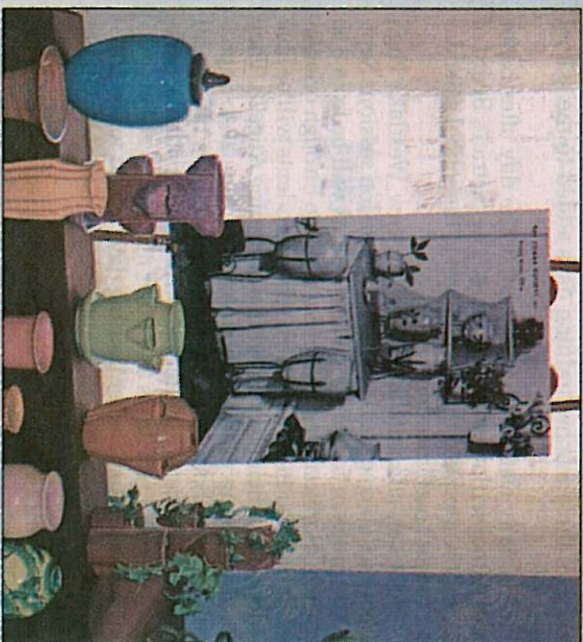
(West Life photos by Sue Botos)



Bill Cowan, grandson of Cowan Pottery founder R. Guy Cowan, poses next to a portrait of his grandfather. A lawyer from Chicago, Cowan said that he is glad that his grandfather's works are accessible to the public through the Cowan Pottery Museum at Rocky River Public Library.



Kate Grodek (left) and Carol Saurman do their best Vanna White impressions in front of a giant Jazz Bowl, which was recreated from a signature Cowan piece by the Cleveland Institute of Art for Parade the Circle.



Photos of the original Cowan showroom were displayed beside their modern-day recreations.