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**Saturday, May 16, 2026 at 11:30 AM,
Lunch at Noon followed by Lecture
Joint Meeting with the Rowfant Club
3028 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115
James Vendeland, MD**

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MANDALA PRODUCED BY A BREWSTER
KALEIDOSCOPE C1827



PROTOTYPE OF NEWTON
KALEIDOSCOPE C 1822



BREWSTER KALEIDOSCOPE
WITH OBJECT CHAMBERS C 1817

THE KALEIDOSCOPE AND FASHION IN 19TH CENTURY

AMERICA. The PowerPoint talk will take about 30 minutes. The first half will be devoted to the history of the invention of the kaleidoscope by Sir David Brewster in 1817. A description of the instrument and how it works will be given.

The second half of the presentation will discuss the relationship of the kaleidoscope to the fancy fashions in the first half of the 19th century in America. There will follow some entertaining as well as informative material on how designs created by the kaleidoscope were able to be transferred to fabrics, carpets, and quilts.

Following the formal portion of the program, there will be time for a question and answer session and also the opportunity for members of the audience to examine hands-on 2 replicas of early kaleidoscopes which I will make available. There will also be some handouts of two articles about my interest in kaleidoscope collecting. And copies of my book *An Atlas of Antique Kaleidoscopic Treasures* will also be available for sale.

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JIM VENDELAND, MD

Jim Vendeland was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. He attended Brush High School and obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from Adelbert College of Case Western Reserve University. He next received his MD degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. Following 2 years in the US Army and an ophthalmology residency at Down-State Medical Center in New York, Jim practiced ophthalmology in Cleveland Heights, Ohio for 35 years.

He is currently retired and is a classical piano music and opera fan, a collector of rare medical eye instruments and 19th century kaleidoscopes, past president of the Ocular Heritage Society and a racket-ball enthusiast. Jim is married and has 3 children, 5 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren.

Jim has acquired an extensive collection of antique kaleidoscopes over a 10 year period. He has presented several PowerPoint talks on kaleidoscopes to various groups such as the Rowfant Club, Cuyahoga County library system, the Cleveland library University Heights branch, Fireside and Loganberry Book Stores, the Rotary Club, and the Magic Lantern Society. He has also provided articles for the Magic Lantern Society newsletter and the Brewster Kaleidoscope Society.

His book, *An Atlas of Antique Kaleidoscopic Treasures* was released in April 2025 and is available from BookBaby.com and Amazon, Loganberry bookstore and Fireside bookstore. He has had an article published in the November 2025 Beachwood Buzz magazine and another article/interview published in the December 12, 2025 issue of The Antiques and the Arts Weekly magazine. Both describe his passion for antique kaleidoscopes.