



OBJECT ID	2012.23.23
OBJECT NAME	Tray, Flatware
OBJECT COLLECTION	Ramova Grill Collection (is part of)
MATERIAL	Wood
OBJECT ENTITIES	Grill, Ramova (owned by) Dinos, Tony (is related to) Miller, Ward (is related to) Gertos, Bob (is related to) Gertos, Bill (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	Ramova Grill Silverware Container

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

It is a silverware container made of wood with a plastic sheet on the bottom of the inside for cleaning and protective purposes, which is white, soft pink, soft green, and gray. There is four sections and in the far right section the back part has an indent from being worn down and silverware hitting it. The wood is a light color with some dark spots on the corners and in the front of the two outside pieces. The wood is mostly worn down on the inside areas and the front. The pieces of wood the create the sections can come out and there are three grooves on back and front pieces. There are three screws on the top of the two sides and two small ones on each side of the front.

ORIGIN

The Ramova Grill opened in Chicago in 1929 and after 82 years it shut down in 2012. Tony Dinos was from Greece and moved to the United States in 1960 where he started working at the Ramova Grill, his first and only job he has ever had in the United States. He started out as a dishwasher but once he learned English better his uncle, Pete Gertos, promoted him to cook and four years after that he bought in and owned part of the place. In 1965, while working at the grill, Dinos met Liberty Sfondels, whom he would marry just two month later and are still married to this day. The Ramova Grill was known for their pancakes and chili. Dinos got the chili recipe from the original owners and will not give the recipe to anyone, not even his son-in-law who owns a diner in Indiana. Dinos and his partner Bob Gertos have decided to close the grill after working there for 52 years to spend more time with family and travel.

CITATION

Tray, Flatware, Ramova Grill Collection, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://hellenic.whirlhost.com/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 06/28/26.