



OBJECT ID	2012.23.5
OBJECT NAME	Whisk
OBJECT COLLECTION	Ramova Grill Collection (is part of)
MATERIAL	Metal
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 Whisk

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

A large whisk to make the pancake batter at the Ramova Grill. It is made of metal and the handle is a little less than 5 inches tall and on the bottom in red marker is says "Ramova," but the print is fading. There is rust and some discoloration on the bottom of the handle. On the top of the handle in the whisk there is some batter residue and the bars are a little discolored. There is one bar that goes up from one side, at the top it curves to make a circle, and then down to the opposite side. In that top circle the rest of the bars go through from one side to the other.

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

Whisk, Ramova Grill Collection, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 05/04/26.