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# **New "Crystal Ball" Editor Named**

During the February 28, 1992 meeting of the N.C.C. Board of Directors, it was decided that Susan T. Rankin, Brookville, Ohio, be appointed as Editor for the Cambridge CRYSTAL BALL. Her duties will begin with the August 1992 issue. She will replace Phyllis D. Smith who is retiring, after having served as Editor, two different times, for a total of 15 years.



SUSAN T. RANKIN

Susan is eminently qualified for her job, not only by virtue of her education, but also by her knowledge of Cambridge glass. She is no stranger to the majority of our members, as she has attended most, if not all, activities held by this organization since it's beginning. She joined N.C.C. in early 1973 and has the distinction of being member #50.

She, along with her husband Dave, has been responsible for implementing many of the programs (mostly behind the scenes) that have added to the growth and well being of this organization. Our accounting system is the most outstanding example of this type of help; and she also, in the early years, did the club audits.

Sue is, in large part, responsible for a great deal of the research material that has been accumulated, and shared, over the years. She has served as membership chairman; and at one point as assistant to the secretary. Committees include: nominating; auction; convention; Color book, and others. She is presently working with the Miami Valley Study Group on the Etching book. She was a founding member of Study Group #1, the "Hokey-Pokeys."

Susan is a native of Philadelphia. She met David Rankin while a student at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, and they were married in December 1964. She graduated from Ohio University in 1965 and received her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. Sue is a CPA and is employed as secretary, treasurer and executive director of The Frank M. Tait Foundation, Dayton, Ohio; and also serves as a consultant for The Dayton Power & Light Co. Foundation.

The Rankins have an outstanding collection of Cambridge glass which they display, in an especially built room, in their home. Sue's many interests, other than glass, include: reading, working in their yard, golf, and playing with the newest member of their family, "Rudy," their Christmas cat.

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# Message

President's I found this article difficult to write, as this will appear in the July CRYSTAL BALL,

and the 1992 Convention will be history.

In the past month I have enjoyed receiving calls from several of our members. All of them looking forward to Convention as much as I was. The excitement of the new facility, the sadness of losing some treasured memories, and the anticipation of creating some new traditions, are all, anticipated feelings. As you read this, 1992 Convention is over.

While it is fresh in your mind, please let us know what you enjoyed and what changes you would like to see? The committee will use your input as they plan for 1993.

The Museum has new siding and the committee was busy in June cleaning and rearranging displays prior to Convention. We could never maintain our beautiful Museum without their unending efforts. (Note: J.D., my thanks to you and all your busy helpers.)

Meeting dates will be posted in a future CRYSTAL BALL. Try to attend a Quarterly meeting when you can, and keep collecting Cambridge glass.

JOY

# NAME PLEASE

by Paul E. White

When you meet a fellow traveler You remember meeting before, Not where, not when, and never why And the name? No memory in store. Just smile and admit you've forgotten They've probably forgotten, too, If not, they're one in a million With a memory too good to be true. But it's better to start over -Find the place, the circumstance, Or the next time you meet will likely Be a repeat of this second chance. The pleasure of the second meeting Need not be speak and go, Cause you couldn't put the name together All you need is that smile, you know!

> With all Best Wishes for a Safe and Happy 4th of July!

# Study Club News

STUDY GROUP #13 - SOUTH WEST OHIO "MIAMI VALLEY, OHIO"

The Miami Valley (Ohio) Study Group held their meeting May 12th at the Huber Heights There were 11 members Public Library. present.

Various items of business were discussed including: an update on the Etching book project; and an update on the proposed combined study clubs show with the Heisey and Fostoria study groups.

The program consisted of the showing of a video of Mark Nye's presentation of the Candlestick slide program.

Show and Tell produced the following pieces: forest green 10½" swan; two Summit 6" swans, pink and light blue; crystal frosted 6" swan, probably Imperial; topaz Mosser 3½" swan; tahoe blue Bridge hound; light emerald frosted 8" Draped Lady; crystal Feather sundae; crystal Feather cruet; amethyst bowl Stradivari/ Regency cocktail; willow blue #1066 champagne, all one color; royal blue Ball tumbler; and a lt. emerald #627 4" candlestick E/#733.

Additional Show and Tell items included: a crown tuscan bud vase with Charleton decoration; crystal Daisy Archfoot tankard and handled nappy; crystal Lexington candy or honey dish; crystal blown pepper shaker etched Rose Point; crown tuscan #1337 cigarette cup with ashtray foot; crystal Feather basket; blue #1 honeycomb covered candy; dark emerald #1066 blown covered candy; carmen sweet potato vase; light emerald with crystal stem & foot, 10" ring stem vase, optic; crystal decanter E/Apple Blossom; crystal Blue Jay on peq; light emerald ice bucket etched Chrysanthemum; heatherbloom 3-part relish, cream, sugar & goblet; crystal gadroon comport E/Diane; and a blue bell ftd. tumbler, narrow optic.

# QUESTION OF THE MONTH

For the year 1953, how much did the Cambridge Glass Company spend on postage?

See page 16 for answer.

# "Test Your Knowledge"

# (Taken from the pages of "China, Glass and Decorative Accessories")

by Mark A. Nye

In late 1950 and early 1951, the "China, Glass and Decorative Accessories" trade paper ran a feature column, in several issues, entitled "Test Your Knowledge," in which was presented basic information about glass and pottery. Those portions of the feature's text, pertaining to glass, are reprinted here.

"GLASS
Do You Know That . . . . . . . . . . "

October 1950 - "Cutting is a most ancient form of decorating glassware?

Most cutting of fine hand-made glassware is done freehand, the glass worker memorizing the pattern and using no sketched design?

The delicacy required by the cutting operation makes this especially suitable work for the many women engaged in glass making?



Highly skilled women practice the art of cutting design into glassware.

The cutting is accomplished by holding the piece with varying pressures against rapidly revolving abrasive wheels of different sizes?

The skilled men and women cutters cut designs on the glass with their wheels, as an artist draws a picture with a pencil?

The cut design is gray and lacks luster when the cutter finishes a piece?

These gray cuttings sometimes are left as they are, to give a lovely frosted effect on the glass?

For those who prefer fiery brilliance in cut glass, even the most minute lines in a cut design are polished either by buffing or with acid?

The term 'Crystal' has been accepted to distinguish fine hand-made glassware from machine-made glass regardless of color?

When a cutting is polished it is called a rock crystal cutting?"

November 1950 - "Not all fine hand-made glassware is blown?



Making hand-made pressed ware.

Pressed glassware was invented in America, and for more than a century domestic craftsmen have led the way in making it both beautiful and useful?

Each piece of hand-made pressed glass-ware represents a blending of highly-developed skills, including those of the designer who draws the pattern on paper, the mold-maker who reproduces it in metal, and the craftsmen who mold, shape and finish the glass by hand?

Pressed glass was created in order to utilize the inherent beauty of glass in heavy pieces such as bowls, plates, compotes, cups and many other items which were impractical or impossible to create by the art of blowing?

Many examples of hand-made American pressed glassware are prized by museums as well as by everyday users?

Like hand-blown ware, pressed glass is available in open stock, the molds being kept by the glass house so that orders for replacements or additions to sets can be filled at any time?

In making pressed ware, the 'gatherer' collects a quantity of molten glass from a pot on the end of an iron rod called a pontil, or punty, and lets the glass flow off it into the mold?

The mold operator judges the exact amount of glass required to fill the mold, then snips off the flow with shears?

After the mold is filled, a carefully handoperated plunger forces the molten glass into

every part of the mold?

After being allowed to cool a few seconds, the jointed sections of the mold are opened, and the beautifully formed piece is removed with a pair of tongs for finishing?"

December 1950 - "After each piece of handmade American glassware comes from the skilled hands of the blower or from a hand pressing mold, it is further perfected and shaped under heat in the craftsman's hands?

In the initial process of forming a piece of glassware it is always white-hot and frequently is reheated to just below the melting point for easy workability during the additional hand operations?

Reheating of a piece of glass in a small auxiliary furnace or 'glory hole,' not only softens the glass for easy workability, but the intensely hot clear flame gives extra sparkle and luster to the clarity of the glass?

The handles of handmade pitchers, the stems and feet of all stemware, handles on glass trays, knobs on glass dish covers and many other items must be added in separate operations?

To affix these handles, stems and feet, both pieces must be near the melting point to fuse together?

Failure to judge temperature accurately in this process causes handles, stems and feet to crack off at the juncture?

So consistent is the skill of glass workers that when handmade American glass does break it is rarely at the juncture where they are joined?"

January 1951 - "In summing up the making of different types of American glass, it should be pointed out that pressed glass obtains unusual effects from dozens of hand operations?

For example, a piece of wood must be held against soft glass to make it flow into the desired shape?

The craftsmen who do this work are called finishers?

The finisher used paddles of apple or cherry wood to smooth the bases of glassware and remove tool marks, by skillfully manipulating the piece while holding the wooden tool against the soft glass?

'Shear marks' left on the bottoms of some hand-made pieces, such as punch bowls and pressed plates, are a sign of quality crafts-manship, in somewhat the same relationship to the glassware as an artist signing a picture?

The spout on a hand- made pitcher is formed by pressing a round piece of wood against the upper edge of the pitcher bowl while it is white hot?



A piece of wood is used to shape the glass

Accurate symmetry of round shaped items, such as plates, the feet on stemware, and the bases of bowls, is obtained by a finisher working deftly with his wooden tools as he twirls a rod holding the piece back and forth while the rod lies horizontally across the arms of a chair?

This constant, rhythmic motion of his hands must never cease until the piece is finished, or the soft glass would sag out of shape?

All finishing operations are done by eye and skill alone, with fewer than half a dozen tools which are of the same type used for centuries?"

The emphasis on American glass in this feature is due to the then increasing European imports that were threatening the domestic industry. Contrary to the impression given, not all knobs and tray handles were applied during a separate operation. Some pieces had their knobs and handles included in the mold for the piece itself.

# NATIONAL CAMBRIDGE COLLECTORS, INC.

# Balance Sheets

# December 31, 1991 and 1990

# <u>Assets</u>

		1991	1990			
Current assets: Cash Inventories Prepaid expenses	\$	60,988 5,260 1,510	44,319 7,303 1,138 52,760			
Property and equipment: Land Buildings Building improvements Furniture and equipment Display fixtures Museum contents  Less accumulated depreciation		24,500 51,214 41,549 12,951 15,348 45,988 191,550 69,363	24,500 51,214 41,549 12,951			
•		122,187	128,826			
Other assets: Deposits	\$	594 190,539	44 181,630			
Liabilities and Fund Balances						
Current liabilities:		<u>1991</u>	<u>1990</u>			
Accounts payable Deferred revenue Accrued - other	\$	1,070 9,578 148 10,796	115 8,900 280 9,295			
Fund balances: Operating fund Museum fund		28,377 151,366	25,444 146,891			
	\$	179,743 190,539	172,335 181,630			

# NATIONAL CAMBRIDGE COLLECTORS, INC.

# Statements of Activity and Changes in Fund Balances

# Years Ended December 31, 1991 and 1990

	Operating	Museum Fund	Tot	<u>1990</u>
	<u> </u>	rund	1331	1330
Support and revenue: Admissions	<b>\$</b> -	859	859	847
Memberships	16,179	-	16,179	14,659
Donations	-		6,335	
Auxiliary activities and sales	8,237	21,663		
Interest	618		3,094	
Other	70	78	148	2,962
	25,104	31,411	<u>56,515</u>	64,951
Expenses:				
Supporting services Cost of auxiliary activities and	15,852	18,889	34,741	34,821
sales	6,319	8,047	14,366	14,665
	22,171	26,936	49,107	49,486
Excess of support and revenue				
over expenses	2,933	4,475	7,408	15,465
Fund balances - beginning	25,444	146,891	172,335	156,870
Fund balances - ending	\$ 28,377	151,366	179,743	172,335

(Treasurer's note: The complete financial report including accountants' letter, footnotes and supporting schedules will be available for review at the N.C.C. Museum after July 1, 1992.)

# In Memoriam

EVELYN PRATHER Beech Grove, Indiana

We have received the sad news that Evelyn Prather passed away on March 19, 1992. She is survived by her husband Kenneth and other family members.

# NETTIE BOHANNON Cambridge, Ohio

Word has been received that Nettie Bohannon died unexpectedly June 9, 1992.

Nettie is a former Cambridge Glass Company employee and was featured in our newsletter as "Worker of the Month" for May, 1992.

National Cambridge Collectors extend their heartfelt sympathy to the families and friends of each of these dear women.

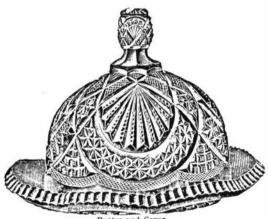
They will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved them.

# 1906 CATALOG

The following eight pages are being printed from the 1906 Cambridge Glass Company catalog.

We have been reprinting this catalog, a few pages at a time, as space permits, beginning in January 1989.

SCALE, HALF SIZE.



Butter and Cover. Packed 3 dozen in a barrel.

Sets packed 11/4 dozen to barrel.



Cream.
Packed 7 dozen in a barrel.

Custard Cup. Packed 12 dozen in a barrel.



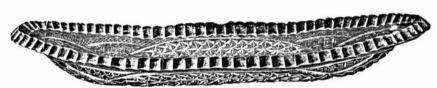
Sugar and Cover. Packed 6 dozen in a barrel.



Packed 81/4 dozen in a barrel.



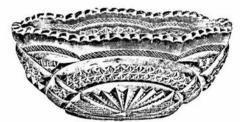
Custard Cup and Plate. Packed 16 dozen in a barrel.



12 inch Bread Tray. Packed 5½ dozen in a barrel.



4¼ inch Berry, A Shape. Packed 24 dozen in a barrel.



6 inch Berry, A Shape. Packed 6 dozen in a barrel.



7 Inch Berry, A Shape. Packed 4 dozen in a barrel.



8 inch Berry, A Shape. Packed 3 dozen in a barrel.



9 inch Berry, A Shape. Packed 1% dozen in a barrel.



7 inch Bowl and Cover, High Foot. Packed 1 dozen in a barrel.



6 inch Bowl and Cover, High Foot. Packed 1% dozen in a barrel.



8 inch Bowl and Cover, High Foot. Packed 5-6 dozen in a barrel.



6 inch Bowl and Cover, Low Foot. Packed 2¼ dozen in a barrel.



4¼ inch Berry, B Shape. Packed 16 dozen in a barrel.



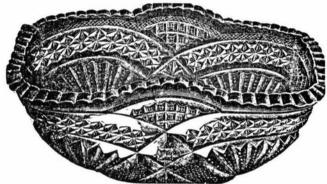
6 inch Berry, B Shape. Packed 7 dozen in a barrel.



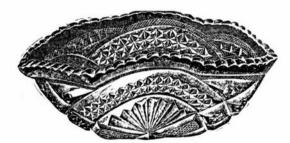
7 inch Berry, B Shape. Packed 3½ dozen in a barrel.



8 inch Berry, B Shape. Packed 3 dozen in a barrel.



9 inch Berry, B Shape. Packed 1% dozen in a barrel.



6 inch Berry, C Shape. Packed 4% dozen in a barrel.



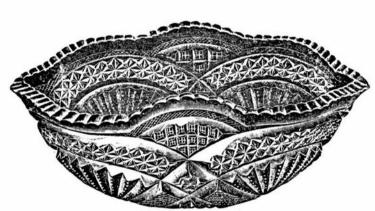
7 inch Berry, C Shape. Packed 3 dozen in a barrel.



8 inch Bowl and Cover, Low Foot. Packed 1 dozen in a barrel.



8 inch Berry, C Shape. Packed 21/2, dozen in a barrel.

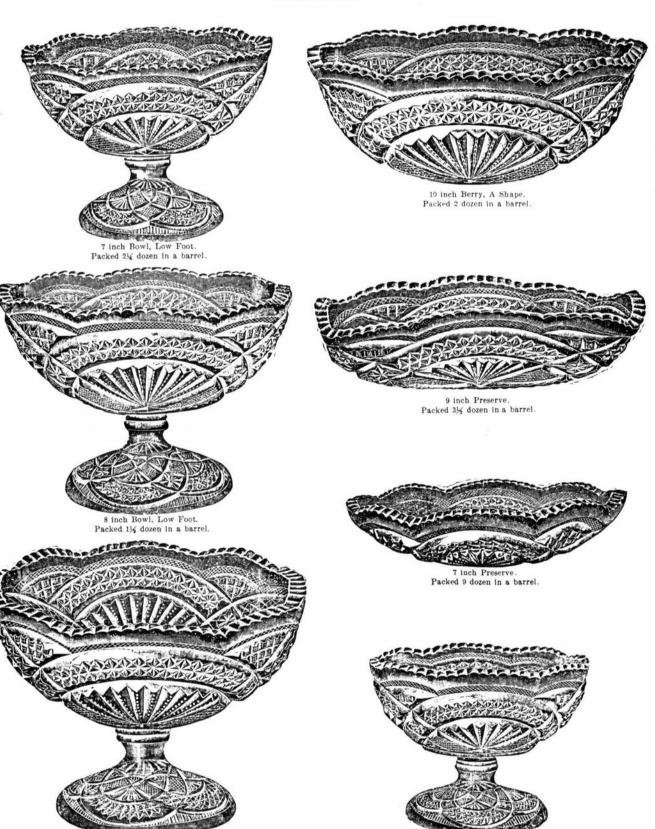


9 inch Berry, C Shape. Packed 1% dozen in a barrel.



7 inch Bowl and Cover, Low Foot. Packed 1½ dozen in a barrel.

SCALE, HALF SIZE.



9 inch Bowl, Low Foot. Packed 1% dozen in a barrel. 6 inch Bowl, Low Foot. Packed 3 dozen in a barrel.



8 inch Fruit Bowl, Low Foot. Packed 2 dozen in a barrel.



7 inch Fruit Bowl, Low Foot. Packed 3 dozen in a barrel.



9 inch Fruit Bowl, Low Foot. Packed 1½ dozen in a barrel.



6 inch Bowl, High Foot. Packed 2¼ dozen in a barrel.



10 inch Fruit Bowl, Low Foot. Packed 1½ dozen in a barrel.



5 inch Jelly, Footed. Packed 6 dozen in a barrel.



7 inch Bowl, High Foot. Packed 1)<sub>2</sub> dozen in a barrel.



8 inch Bowl, High Foot. Packed 1 dozen in a barrel.



9 inch Bowl, High Foot. Packed ¼ dozen in a barrel.



5 inch Preserve.
Also made in 4 inch.
4 inch packed 24 dozen in a barrel.
5 inch packed 12 dozen in a barrel.



4 inch Individual Olive. Packed 18 dozen in a barrel.



8 inch Pickle. Packed 5¼ dozen in a barrel.



4 inch Berry, C Shape. Packed 24 dozen in a barrel.



10 inch Fruit Bowl, High Foot. Packed % dozen in a barrel.



8 inch Fruit Bowl, High Foot. Packed I1/2 dozen in a barrel.



9 inch Fruit Bowl, High Foot. Packed 1% dozen in a barrel



7 inch Fruit Bowl, High Foot. Packed 1% dozen in a barrel.

# Classified

NEEDED: Large punch bowl to fit on base of Slewed Horse Shoe (Radiant Daisy; U.S. Pea-Made by U.S. Glass Co. Ref: Kamm cock). Must turn yellow under black light. 8-15. 3212 Cabot Berniece Lemaster, Anaheim, CA 92804. 714/827-2125.

# ANSWER TO QUESTION OF THE MONTH

The Cambridge Glass Company spent \$12,128.35 on postage in the year 1953.

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