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I-70 Closure Could Reek Havoc

By J. D. Hanes

This month, I have lots of good news, some bad news, and some news you can take which ever way you want. I'll put bad news in between good news so that you won't be too depressed. Hopefully this will give you something else to do other than watch the O.J. Simpson trial on television!

The museum reopened the weekend of the Annual Auction. Hours of operation for the museum can be found elsewhere in this issue. We had quite a few people in on Friday before the Auction. It is nice to get the time to visit with all of you who make the trip to the auction.

Speaking of the auction, all I can say is WOW! The selection of items available was outstanding. Bidding was fast paced and furious. You can find out more about the auction in the article by Cindy Arent elsewhere in this issue. One thing I will say is that many of you were very determined in what you were going to buy.

I do want to thank all of you who donated items to the auction. On those items, the Museum Fund receives 100% of the selling price. The auctioneer does not even charge us a commission on these items. Those who donated items to the auction were: Tom Cotter; Katherine Box; Evelyn Daniel; Mary Jane Humes; Clarke West; John Newman; Richard Kinsell; Tarzan Deel; Bryce Crumb; Everett Patterson; Mark Nye. Again, many thanks for your

kindness to donating items to the auction.

On the evening after the auction, we had a major problem occur in the Cambridge area. Interstate 70 which is the main east/west route through Ohio, had a collapse of the roadway just east of the intersection with Interstate 77. The area where this occurred is honeycombed with old abandoned coal mines. The Ohio Department of Transportation had known that some of these old mine tunnels were collapsing since last fall, and were monitoring the situation, to quote them. What appeared was a 12 foot long by 20 foot wide by 20 foot deep crater in the interstate, in the eastbound lanes. Needless to say, interstate 70 between the interchange with interstate 77 at Cambridge and the interchange at Old Washington was closed and all traffic detoured to U.S. Route 40, which is the road in front of the museum.

How this will affect our museum visitors, I cannot say. It is difficult to make a left turn from route 40 into the museum parking lot with all of the traffic. Also, exiting the museum onto route 40 is not an easy task at times either. This may put a damper on visitors, or it may increase them, with tourists seeing the museum and wanting to stop. I hope that it is the latter. The Department of Transportation is estimating that it will be at least

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President's Message

Spring Fever, Catch It!

Greetings:

I have Spring fever. Today, while writing this article, the sun was shining and the temperature hit over 70 degrees. I know we will still have some winter weather, but I do believe Spring is here.

The 1995 NCC Auction is history, and it went well. I did not get to purchase a thing. All the items I favored went above my price range. Am I cheap or did someone have a greater desire to own those items? Prices are published elsewhere in this issue.

The Museum is open weekends this month and in April we begin the regular hours. Do visit your museum and enjoy the beautiful displays put

together by your dedicated Interior Museum Committee.

The next scheduled event is the Convention. Information about the Convention will be appearing in each of upcoming issue of the Crystal Ball. Mark the dates on your calendar and request your vacation.

You really should be there.

Jay

Editor's Notes

Auction Results, Club News Abounds

Unlike our President, I can't make the claim that I left our Benefit Auction empty-handed. I filled two holes in my Caprice vase collection and snatched that Milk Glass Springtime vase for what I thought was a bargain. On pages 14 and 15 of this issue you'll find the prices paid per lot. Carefully note the corrections and additions that were made to the catalog. Also, the prices noted are per lot, not per the piece.

Cindy Arent, our Publicity Chairperson, provides her review of the Auction on page 4. Special thanks go to our new Club Photographer, Mike Neilsen, for capturing the event for posterity. Mike is photographer for the Cambridge Jeffersonian and is unaware that I've given him a Crystal Ball official designation!

Believe it or not, we had more material than we could include in this issue due to space restrictions. Our contributions from members has been terrific. This month we introduce a new feature ... Collectors Corner. This month's submission comes from roving reporter Fred Lovejoy. He had hoped to provide a review of the Kansas City Glass Show.

Having found the show lacking, he waxes on nevertheless about the spirit of "the hunt", a topic we can ALL relate to.

More details are available on this June's Convention. The program is really starting to take shape thanks to the yeoman efforts of Mark Nye. New tours are scheduled and we need volunteers to drive. How about you? Mark's education piece focuses again on the retail marketplace. I found it very interesting.

Next month, we will begin a series on "paper". There are numerous records of the process of making Cambridge Glass. Tarzan Deel and his Non-Glass Committee have focused at length in the last few years on the preservation and restoration of these historical documents. We'll debut with Turn Tickets, the daily production records. You'll be astounded by how much waste there was. Making elegant glass was a real craft and handmade glass had almost as many failures as successes. Apologies to Tarzan for not having the space this

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1995 AUCTION: Outstanding Fund Raiser

By Cindy Arent, Photos by Mike Neilson

If you are from Ohio or surrounding states, the first sign of Spring isn't the sighting of the first Robin in your yard - it is the Annual N.C.C. Auction! The weather certainly did cooperate for those Cambridge collectors that drove in from other states. The only problem reported was that one member (my husband) drove half way to the Shenandoah Inn before he realized that he was headed in the wrong direction. I guess old habits are difficult to break!

As all of you know, whenever a large selection of Cambridge glass is auctioned, you can expect competitive bidding throughout the day. This year's auction, organized by Lynn Welker, was no exception. Auctioneer Craig Connelly of Granville, Ohio, did an outstanding job of motivating each bidder to succeed.

As usual, the 1995 auction contained an excellent representation of the expansive line of glassware produced by the Cambridge Glass Company. All of the favorites were present, including: Nearcut; Nudes; Caprice; Crown Tuscan; Etchings; Engravings, Swans and much more.

The highest priced item of the day was the glassworker's door portiere chain, which sold for \$500.00. Another interesting item was a Crystal 42" glassworker's twisted cane which brought \$260.00. These were not sold by the Cambridge Glass Company, but were made at the plant by workers during their lunch break or after hours. Such items have become highly sought after by Cambridge collectors.

Cambridge swans are always popular at the auction and this year was no exception. A #1044 10" Mocha Style I swan went home with a happy bidder for \$320.00. An Ebony 4 1/2" Style I swan sold for \$102.00 and an Ebony 3" Style I swan for \$80.00.

This year's auction list contained a good variety of Nearcut pieces. A Marjorie punch bowl, stand, 7 cups and advertising "Ripkin Co. New York" sold for \$225.00 and an Emerald Inverted Thistle 9 1/4" bowl, gold decorated for \$130.00.

Another very popular line is the #3011 Statuesque

Line or Nudes. This year, Nude stem items ranged from \$165.00 for a Mocha 1 oz. #3011 Brandy, to #205.00 for a #3011 Ebony stem 3 oz. cocktail.

Rubina is a Cambridge color very desirable among collectors. This year an 8 1/2" Honeycomb comport sold for \$140.00 and \$170.00 for a 9 1/2" Honeycomb bowl. A complete listing of auction prices can be found elsewhere in this issue.

The 1995 auction was a great success. Many "Thanks" to chairman Lynn Welker and his committee for their hard work. The auction was very well organized and attended by collectors from many states. Thank you to all of you that made the trip to Cambridge and those who bid absentee. It is dedication by our members that makes N.C.C. a great organization!

The countdown has already begun for the 1995 Convention and Antique Show. We hope to see you all there!



AUCTION PHOTO RETROSPECTIVE

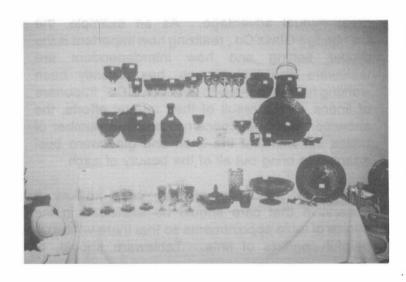
Editor's Note: Our thanks to Mike Neilsen. His pictures speak for themselves. What glass!

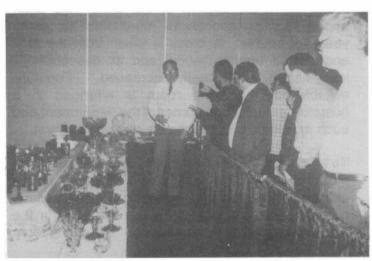












Co-Operative Displaying

Reprinted from China, Glass, and Lamps, January 1931

Editor's Note: As a follow-up to Mark Nye's two-part series on What Retails, this month we focus on how the better stores began to learn that how they displayed elegant glassware had a marked effect on how well they sold. In this reprint from China, Glass and Lamps, The Cambridge Glass Company takes center stage.

There is a wise old Chinese proverb which informs us that "A picture is worth ten thousand words." And that is just a more stately way of saying that we all want to be shown. Any teacher, or, for that matter, just about anyone who has ever tried to explain something, has suddenly recognized the futility of words and has said "Wait! I'll show you." Perhaps it's a throwback to our cavemen ancestors who carved pictures on the walls of their dwellings to represent their ideas.

If this were not universally true, no salesman would need to bother about carrying samples. Nor would it be necessary for a store to keep a large stock of varied merchandise always on hand. The china salesman could say to the department store buyer: "We have some nice new patterns that I am sure you would like. One of them is sort of a rose design with gold scrolls and another is a scenic showing a country landscape with a house and a lot of trees and sky." Certainly he would say it. But how much china would he be able to sell unless he could bring forth a piece of the ware to illustrate his point materially.

The value of illustration, or what might almost be called the showmanship of the store, has been appreciated by successful merchants for many years, of course. A dress is taken from the rack and placed upon a model and its desirability is immediately and greatly increased. Furniture suitable for the living room is arranged in a homelike group in one corner of the department and each individual piece takes on an added charm.

To be correct in every detail and consequently to be most effective, the majority of these displays demand cooperation among the various departments of a store. This is the case in the china and glassware departments. The dining room table is brought from the furniture department and "the linens" contributes the cloth and napery most appropriate to the china and glassware which is to be displayed. The jewelry department is called upon for the silver to be used on the table and occasionally the gift section is asked to lend a vase or other decorative piece to add a finishing touch.

In the same way, tables are set up in the linen department so that the customer may see how the various types of cloths look in actual use, and sometimes the dining tables in the furniture department are "set" with the proper china, glass, silver and linen. There is no doubt that such displays are highly effective as sales promoters, not only in the sections in which they are placed but in the other departments represented as well.

A similar policy in co-operative display is being adopted in some of the china and glassware showrooms in New York. Many of these showrooms have, of course, for a long time, displayed their new wares on formally arranged dining tables and found like the stores, that is a most advantageous method. In the majority of these cases, however, a tablecloth or two has been bought and used for all of the settings, and rarely have such other table appointments as the silver and napkins been present.

The showrooms which have, of late, been cooperating with the allied trades in the matter of display have found it to be an arrangement to their great mutual advantage. As an example, the Cambridge Glass Co., realizing how important is the proper setting and how interdependent are tableware and table linens, has recently been working hand in hand with Leacock & Co., importers of linens. As a result of their mutual efforts, the showrooms of both concerns contain a number of tables set with just the linen and glassware best adapted to bring out all of the beauty of each.

The great popularity of gay color makes it imperative that care should be exercised in the choice of table appointments so that there will be no painful conflicts of tints. Tableware should, of

course, either match exactly the cloth on which it rests or, even better, form a felicitous contrast to it. And in both the Cambridge and the Leacock showrooms, the buyer is shown exactly how the different colors and patterns of linen appear combined with the various tints and designs of glassware.

Both the tables illustrated are among those set up in the Leacock showrooms, and they indicate in what great detail those co-operative displays are being worked out. Cambridge's lovely gold krystol was the color selected for the formal dinner table, which it will be seen, is complete even to the mints in the candy dishes. The cloth is of natural linen with a wide strip of lace through the center, and it will be noticed that the embroidered diamond-shaped motifs at the plate line have been placed a intervals just great enough to give a comfortable amount of space to each place. The pale gold of the glassware and the color of the linen supplement each other perfectly, and the result is a particularly beautiful table setting.

As further evidence of the widespread possibilities of this co-operative displaying, all of the table details were lent by concerns who realize its value. The silver, for example, is from the Gorham Co., while the center floral decoration was loaned by the Decorative Plant Co., with the candles from the Will & Baumer Co.

The other table illustrated is a less formal one, with a most distinctive luncheon cloth of a deep gold color, the triangle decoration in the corner being done in black and white. On this cloth, Cambridge's amber glass shows even richer tones against a white background, and it reciprocates the favor by setting off the linens to a highly saleable degree.

A happy contrast in colors is afforded by another setting, in which willow blue glass is shown on a peach linen cloth, while an absolute match in shades is offered on another table, which displays peach glass tableware on a line luncheon cloth of identical hue. Then, the vogue for black and white is illustrated by the use of white linen decorated with fanciful black figures on which ebony and crystal tableware is set to form a smart unit. Allebony glassware is used with a black and white linen cloth which as a slight touch of green in its decoration, offsetting any tendency toward the oversomber. Some different combinations of colors

have been worked out in the Cambridge showrooms, although they, too have been displaying a table set for dinner with gold krystol glassware on a natural-colored line cloth. This particular cloth is made up of a great many small squares, hemstitched together, and edged with a wide band of the linen. Three-light gold krystol candelabra holding yellow candles, a bowl of flowers and tall-stemmed compotes decorate the table, and here, also is shown the new shape in Cambridge's swan individual nut containers. The wings of this familiar piece have been lifted and spread slightly so that they can hold a place-card, and the dish can thus do double duty.

A luncheon table is set with willow blue glassware on a natural color embroidered linen cloth. The decagon plate was selected for use here, and as a center decoration is a brand-new Cambridge piece, a large, well-modeled figure of a turkey with tail outspread. This turkey can be used purely as an ornament for the center of the table or as a container for candies or cookies, and it is made in amber, peach, crystal, emerald and gold krystol as well as the blue.

Another luncheon table displayed is covered with a green line cloth decorated in the corners with right-angled strips of black, pink and lavender linen. And as a contrast, this table has been set with peach glassware.

This perfection of detail in wholesale displays has proved, already, to be a mute but convincing promoter of sales. The buyer is charmed, consciously or unconsciously, by the attractively arranged tables, and he also acquires ideas for table settings in his own department, using perhaps, color contrasts which he had thought impossible until their smartness was revealed in the showrooms.

The preceding first appeared in the January 1931 issue of CHINA, GLASS AND LAMPS. Unfortunately, the illustrations did not photocopy well enough for reproduction here. The Gold Krystol dinnerware was from the 3400 line and with it was 3120 stemware.

Mark Nye

March By-Laws Revisions Approved, Additional Ones Proposed For June Meeting

By Rick Jones

At the March NCC Quarterly Meeting, two revisions to the Club's By-Laws were approved by the Membership. Both changes had been published in the February Crystal Ball.

The first change, to shift the Winter Quarterly Meeting from February to March (which has been the practice for the last few years), was approved unanimously.

The second change, to change the wording of our current annual "audit" to a "financial review by a certified public accountant" was approved, after discussion, by acclamation. There were two dissenters.

At that evening's Board of Directors meeting, Charles Upton proposed a further change to the By-Laws. The text follows:

Proposed change to the By-Laws of the National Cambridge Collectors, Inc. to be voted upon at the June Annual meeting of 1995. Submitted by Charles Upton, Chairperson, By-Laws Committee. Approved by the Board of Directors on March 3, 1995

Under BY-LAWS ARTICLE XII - APPROVED STUDY GROUPS, Section 4 Meetings.

The present Section 4 Meetings reads:

Section 4 Meetings. A minimum of eight study group meetings shall be held each year for the purpose of studying Cambridge Glass or closely related subjects.

The proposed change to this article is to add the words "Approved Study Groups are *encouraged* to hold a" at the beginning of the section and drop the capital letter "A" and delete the words "shall be held" at the end of line one (1) and the beginning of line two (2).

The new Section 4 would read:

Section 4 Meetings. Approved Study Groups are encouraged to hold a minimum of eight study group meetings each year for the purpose of studying Cambridge Glass or closely related subjects.

The By-Laws Committee recommends this change because it is not the intent of this organization to discourage any group from being an approved study group, just because they are not physically able to hold eight study group meetings each year. Some groups may not be able to hold eight meetings each year, because of where the members live, or because of weather, or for whatever reason. It is the intent of this organization to encourage anyone to study Cambridge Glass and the company that made the glassware, when and where they are able to do so.

These changes, if approved by the membership, will take effect at the close of the June Annual Meeting of 1995.

Crystal Ball Back Issue Sale

For a limited time only, NCC has announced a special promotion designed to generate funds for the Museum and clean out an oversupply that is suffocating the Museum's Paper Room.

From April through June, the Club will package EVERY ISSUE of Crystal Ball for the remarkable price of \$49 (plus shipping - TBD). Nearly all of the copies are original issue. Some very old issues will be photocopies due to supply or damage through the years. These are complete sets only.

The Crystal Ball has an important heritage. It has served as this Club's primary communication link to its membership and is a reservoir of information comprising much of the body of knowledge about Cambridge Glass.

Presently, back issues of the Crystal Ball sell for \$1 each (we've published over 260 issues). Thus, this promotion represents a tremendous value for new members and long-time members alike. Supplies are limited. Act now. Delivery is available at the 1995 Convention. Proceeds benefit the NCC Museum (for things like new computer equipment).

NATIONAL STUDY GROUP REPORTS

The Cambridge Cordials Study Group #14

Twelve members of the The Cambridge Cordials and one guest met February 11 at the home of Kathy Chester. Lorraine Weinman was appointed Secretary with Sarah Carpenter as Assistant Secretary. A discussion of the Workers' Reunion at the museum during the N.C.C. Convention followed. The club decided to again host a raffle at the Auction to benefit N.C.C in an on-going Cordials project.

Identification of Bridge Hounds (Pencil Dogs) was a topic of interest at the meeting. The members shared their theories on identification as several dogs were passed around for examination. The range of colors and shades within a color was discussed which led to some thought concerning the variations in Crown Tuscan and opaque colors. This was said to be a possible idea for future investigation or study.

Updates were given on group projects. Mike Arent reported on the status of the former Cambridge workers' interviews that have been videotaped. Ideas regarding this project were suggested. The tapes and the continuation of this work will be the topic of next month's meeting. The group will be evaluating the process for the use in future interviews.

Kathy then served a wonderful ham buffet with several desserts.

The evening was completed with an entertaining "Show and Tell". Among the shared items were: a Royal Blue 2 oz. pinched tumbler with Portia; a Willow Blue Decagon ice bucket with Gold Scene; a 5 1/2" Crown Tuscan vase with blue Charleton flowers; a hand-cut Gadroon two-handled oval fruit bowl; a Rose Point compote with a 1" Wallace Rose Point Sterling band (foot and bowl were etched); a Crown Tuscan nude cocktail with Amber bowl; a Buzz Saw Carnival tankard with Amethyst base

color; a Ritz Blue pencil dog; two Cambridge Glass Co. cafeteria tokens (1 cent and 10 cents); and a 5 3/4" Cambridge Square Ebon vase with gold stars.

- Lorraine Weinman

CAMBRIDGE NUDES - Chicago Area Study Group #11

It's dark as we approach the front door of our hosts, Walt and Mary Kreitling, Aurora, Illinois home. Looming before us are what appear to be two denizens of the north. Are we here for dinner or as dinner? However, creeping closer reveals two polar bears attired in orange and black Cambridge tee shirts. Breathing a sigh of relief we proceed on to the front door realizing we are indeed welcome. This is how the soiree of February 18, 1995 began for eleven Nudes and one guest.

The program was dedicated to red, I mean RED, Examples of various manufacturers renderings of this color as examples: Fenton #1620 Plymouth ruby decanter with crystal stopper and two jiggers. Part of "Repeal Set". Fostoria #2494 ruby decanter with crystal stopper. New Martinsville #4500 line, ruby two handled plate decorated with a sterling overlay. Three Fostoria ruby/crystal cordials - #6012 (Westchester), #6125 (Distinction) and #4020. Cambridge pressed Rose Point sherbet, Carmen/Crystal. Cambridge #3400/118 Carmen decanter, Rockwell sterling overlay decoration - geese flying over evergreen forest with stopper completely overlaid.

The program was followed by a session of "Show and Tell". Examples are Cambridge unless otherwise noted: #1402/5 Tally Ho Crystal 7 1/2 oz. tall sherbet etched Imperial Hunt Scene (#718); #3011 (Statuesque) crystal ashtray; #2906 Amber 13" #1 base Draped Lady flower figural; New Martinsville #42 Amber tray, two 1 oz. roly poly tumblers and two individual decanters (one with

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CONVENTION UPDATE: Plans Crystallizing

By Mark Nye, Convention Chairperson

It is with pleasure we announce that this year's banquet speaker is Mr. Tom O'Connor, editor of "Glass Collector's Digest." Watch for additional information in the May issue.

A trip to the Dazell-Viking factory in New Martinsville, West Virginia is planned for Thursday, June 22. This is the old New Martinsville Glass Co. factory, erected in 1901. Current plans are to conduct the trip like we did the Fenton tour last year; that is, a car caravan to the site. It is approximately a two hour drive to New Martinsville and since we are scheduled to tour the factory at 12:30 p.m., the tour will leave Cambridge around 9:30 a.m. This will give the participants time for lunch or visiting the Dazell-Viking outlet store located next to the factory prior to the factory tour. When you send in your registration form please indicate if you are willing to drive to New Martinsville and how many other members you can The tour will depart from the take with you. Pritchard-Laughlin Civic Center and there will be a designated tour leader.

Also planned for Thursday is the Annual NCC Golf Outing. Please contact Mike Arent at (614) 432-4245 or (614) 432-6383 by early May if you want to participate. Whether or not there will be a tournament depends upon the number of players. Tee-off time will be later than last year but specific times will not be established until the number of participants is known. The early notification will enable Mike to reserve the desired tee times.

Thursday evening will feature a picnic followed by a band concert at the City Park. Music will be provided by the Cambridge Community Band as a part of their regularly scheduled Summer Concert Series. The picnic, exclusive of beverages, will be provided by the Convention Committee. As in the past, there is no charge for the Thursday night activity but you must register in advance. Please note that alcoholic beverages are not allowed in the City Park. There will be a concession stand at the concert site which is the large pavilion, the same site used for the flea market.

Friday morning activities will commence with Coffee

with Cambridge at the NCC Inc. Museum of Cambridge Glass. Following this, convention registrants are invited to tour the Cambridge Glass museum owned and operated by Harold and Judy Bennett. Between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and Noon, members wearing their convention registration name tags will be admitted free of charge, courtesy of the Bennetts. The glass on display is the Bennett's personal collection, representing many years of collecting, and is quite spectacular. All convention attendees are urged to participate in this tour.

Scheduled for Friday afternoon is a program titled "Cambridge in the 1930s." This will be presented by Mark Nye. Another education program is scheduled for Saturday afternoon but details have not been finalized at this writing. Look for information regarding this program in the May issue.

The Souvenir Booklet, introduced last year, will again be a part of the Convention Registration Packet. It will also be available for purchase by members unable to attend the convention. In addition to information about the convention, it will contain articles dealing with Cambridge in the 1930s that will not appear elsewhere.

The Convention Registration Desk will open at 9:00 a.m. Thursday Morning, June 22, at the Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center. Printed elsewhere in this issue is a preliminary schedule of events. It is a tentative schedule and subject to change. The final schedule will be included in your registration packet. Any major changes will be noted in the May or June issues of the Crystal Ball.

HELP NEEDED ON PRICE GUIDES

The Publications Committee is beginning to update the values in the value guides sold with the 1930-34 and 1949-53 catalog reprints. Anyone interested in helping with this project by providing values for any of the items in these books is urged to contact Mark Nye either by calling him in the evenings at (517) 592-6200 or by mail c/o the NCC, Inc. mailing address.



NATIONAL CAMBRIDGE COLLECTORS, INC. 22nd ANNUAL CONVENTION June 1995





THURSDAY, JUNE 22

9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Registration Desk Opens Dazell-Viking Tour Departs

TBA

Golf Outing

7:00 p.m.

Picnic & Band Concert

Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center Salt Fork State Park City Park Pavillion

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

8:30 a.m.	Coffee With Cambridge	National Cambridge Collectors, Inc. Museum
10:00 a.m.	Guernsey Glass Museum Tour	Guernsey Glass Museum
1:00 p.m.	Cambridge & The 1930s - Mark Nye	Conference Room - Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
2:30 p.m.	Slide Program - Cambridge Colors	Conference Room - Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
3:30 p.m.	Slide Program - Cambridge Figurals	Conference Room - Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
4:30 p.m.	Antique Show Opens	Exhibit Hall - Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
7:30 p.m.	Convention Chairman's Reception - Cash	Bar Galleria - Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
8:00 p.m.	Friday Night Supper	Galleria - Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
9:00 p.m.	Mini-Auction	Galleria -Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

5:30 a.m.	Flea Market Opens to Early Buyers	City Park Pavillion
7:00 a.m.	Flea Market Opens	City Park Pavillion
11:00 a.m.	Antique Show Opens	Exhibit Hall - Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
1:00 p.m.	TBA	
3:00 p.m.	Glass Identification - Lynn Welker	Conference Room - Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
4:00 p.m.	Bring & Brag - Lynn Welker	Conference Room - Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
6:30 p.m.	President's Reception - Cash Bar	Galleria - Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
7:00 p.m.	Annual Banquet	Galleria - Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

8:30 a.m.	Buffet Breakfast	Galleria - Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
9:30 a.m.	Annual Meeting	Galleria - Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
11:00 a.m.	Antique Show Opens	Exhibit Hall - Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
1:30 p.m.	Cambridge Glass Co. Workers Reunion	National Cambridge Collectors, Inc. Museum

Collector's Corner

KANSAS CITY DEPRESSION GLASS CLUB SHOW AND SALE

By Fred Lovejoy

Saturday, February 26th at 8:45 AM a co-worker and I stood outside the National Guard Armory in Independence, Missouri anxiously awaiting the unlocking of the doors. This was my co-worker's first time, but for me the butterflies invading my stomach were a familiar feeling.

She barely understood the excitement, but I perfectly understood that today might be the day that my quest for the "holy grail" might be rewarded. I quickly reviewed, in my head, an exact description of that sacred item, and just what I would be willing to sacrifice to obtain it. If I stumbled upon it, did I have enough cash with me? Could it be purchased with plastic? Could it be held until I returned from an ATM machine?

Knowing that my wife had no real interest in the grail residing in our home in Chicago, I wondered how I would introduce it to my family without causing too much consternation. Its purchase might require a certain amount of sacrifice on my part, and my wife would never justify such sacrifice for a mere object of beauty. She's so practical!

These crusades to find the grail had become one of my greatest challenges. I had stood in other lines in Chicago, Atlanta, Philadelphia, and Houston and made yearly pilgrimages to the birthplace of my illusive prey.

Noise on the other side of the doors caught my attention and nervous anticipation turned into mob violence as other knights began pushing and shoving in their attempts to quicken our entry into the Armory.

As we began our search, my co-worker was overcome with the beauty...the dazzle of the hunt...she had contracted the incurable virus that the rest of us were madly attempting to temporarily appease. And she became instantly endowed with the ability to spot potential grail possibilities hiding in the midst of all the jewels laid before us.

Alas, I purchased a #214 3 inch Caprice Ash Tray in Mandarin Gold for \$6.30. The grail had not alluded me this time, it wasn't there.

As I drove home that day, I was immensely pleased that all that anticipation and excitement...all those hopes and butterflies had only cost me \$6.30. A chocolate fix would have been much more costly. I spent several hours that evening thumbing through my Caprice book, going over my own collection and thinking about the fabulous Caprice La Rosa Pink Decanter Set that will be delivered to me at Convention. I was very content.

It was an extremely enjoyable morning, a convert had been enlisted in the never ending search, and I had returned home with the spoils...a 3" ashtray.

STUDY GROUPS (from page 9)

sterling hunt scene overlay); two Green whiskey tumblers, one marked "Pullman Company", manufacturers unknown; #1917/147 crystal cheese dish cover with original paper label, this items was used for many years as a dust cover for pocket watches and parts on our hostess' fathers' watch makers bench; #3500/161 Crystal 8" two handled low footed plate, Rock Crystal engraving Maryland #1314 3" footed astray (#995); two Heatherbloom/Crystal; #170 Light Emerald 9 oz. syrup, cut metal top, applied handle, etched #732; #3051 Crystal wide optic 2 1/2 oz. cocktail etched Rosalie (#731); Regency 3 1/2 oz. cocktail, Mocha/Crystal; #66 Crystal 12 oz. tumbler, gold decorated, etched Dresden; and finally a piece made as a companion to a Cambridge pattern, Line No. 42, Ivory 7" gravy boat with attached liner, semi-porcelain, burnished coin gold decoration, pink roses decalcomania, signed "Pope-Gosser, Made in USA, 42, Rose Point, Warranted. Coin Gold".

Now that we've been sated, is it possible for us to elude the two sentinels by the door? If so, we will reconvene at the Moore's, Lansing, Illinois, March 18, 1995 for a "Green Glass Bash". "Erin go bragh".

- B. J. Kersey

ASK NCC: LETTERS FROM MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Dear Rick or Mark:

There is something I want to ask you with reference to the Caprice book. I bought three copies at last year's Convention; one for home, one for my car, and one for my office. I then purchased two more and sent them to people who "pick" for me.

My copies are missing pages 95/96, 97/98, 99/100. Were all the books missing these pages?

- Fred Lovejoy

Dear Fred:

No wonder we're on our second printing of this book!

There seems to be some confusion regarding the page numbering system used in "Caprice". We deliberately used 101 as the beginning page number in the illustration section, knowing that the text section would currently consist of fewer than 100 pages. Thus, additional narrative could be added to the book at a later date without the necessity of renumbering the illustration pages. This in turn would prevent having to redo all the pages that state on which page each item is illustrated. In the current edition pages 1-94 are devoted to narrative and lists while pages 101 to 200 consist of illustrations. Pages 95 -100 are not missing, they simply never existed.

- Mark Nye

To all members:

Three NCC member families have recently discovered that they have something else in common besides their interest in Cambridge Glass: access to electronic mail (e-mail) via a subscription to CompuServe. Several questions quickly arose. How many other members have access to e-mail

and can we use this growing medium to enhance our study and collecting of Cambridge Glass?

The first step in exploring the possibilities is to determine who has access to e-mail. If you have access, please send me a message. I have listed my electronic address in bold type for many of the services with e-mail connections to CompuServe. I will respond quickly to your message.

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Hope to hear from a lot of you.

- Dave Rankin

Dear Dave:

Thanks for this message from the Information Superhighway. We're sure that more members will be on the Internet, or if not, will be signing on soon.

For me, I can't wait until the DAZE is on-line and released at one time so that everyone in the country has a fair shot at the great merchandise. Relying on the postal system just isn't fair.

Thanks again for your letter and let us know the responses you get.

- Rick Jones

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333. 30	354. 90	375. 40	# 50 chip on one ashtray
334. 25	355. 12.50		# 83 line #3130 not #3030, also all amber
335. 12.50	356. 150		#106 small fracture on chipped one
336. 27.50	357. 65		#120 only 7 cups with one having a chip
337. 60	358. 30		#187 color Mocha instead of Amber
338. 75	359. 40		#241 small nick on top
339. 25	360. 45		#259 uneven base
340. 30	361. 56		#291 one chipped
341. 30	362. 35		#294 void, never received from consignor
342. 45	363. 50		#305 only 4 sets received, not 10
343. 20	364. 60		#312 only 9 received, not 12
344. 20	365. 80		#329 never received, replaced with #3077 Cleo etch
345. 20	366. 30		cocktails (4)
346. 27.50	367. 100		#331 one was #3600 line not #3625
347. 20	368. 90		#337 there were three, not one
348. 40	369. 45		#371 tiny flake
349. 27.50	370. 110		

Museum Moments (from page 1)

three months before they have interstate 70 opened to traffic. We will keep you informed of any changes in this for your summer travel plans as well as activities during Convention that are normally held at the museum.

Now on to donations received since last month:

From Norma and Donald Oliver a monetary donation for the Museum Fund.

From *Craig Connelly*, our auctioneer, a monetary donation for the Museum Fund.

From *Tarzan Deel*, a #326 12", 5 piece center handled relish service in Amber with gold trim parts and the main tray gold encrusted etch #703.

From Lynne Verbsky in memory of Doyle Hanes, a #3400/62 8 1/2" plate in Willow Blue, etched Gloria that is signed with the triangle C and has an original paper label.

From Kelvin Moore in memory of Doyle Hanes, a set of two #1369 decanters that are melon shaped and fluted in Amber with Crystal stoppers and six #1369 2 oz. tumblers in Amber on a Farberware tray/holder. (This is a really neat set and it is very hard to do it justice in a description.) And a Crystal comport etched Chantilly in a Sterling Base.

From Sharon & Joe Miller and Jeff Ross in memory of Doyle Hanes, a #3900/114 32 oz. Martini Jug in Crystal, cut King Edward.

All of us on the Museum Interior Committee want to say thank you to all of the above donors. All of these items make a nice addition to the museum displays.

Until next month, Happy Cambridge Hunting!

Editor's Notes (from page 3)

month to begin the series.

This month shows a pick up in classified ads. Take a minute to look at page 17 and give our advertisers a call. The more ads we get, the more we can hold the line on production costs of the Crystal Ball. You might have read that paper costs are way up and we are not immune.

And finally, my personal thanks to J.D. Hanes for his tireless hours of cooperation in publishing the Crystal Ball. The Board in March recognized his efforts by naming him Managing Editor. Thanks, J.D. Just what you needed...another title!

Next month we'll have the minutes of the March Quarterly Meeting and the Year-end Financial Review for our club. Until then ...

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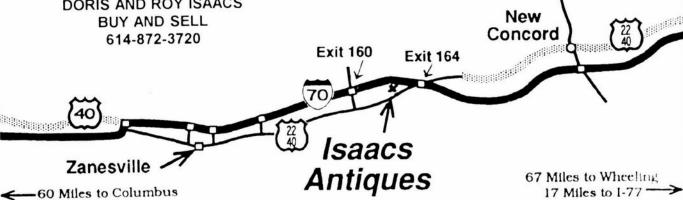
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