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# 1996 Convention Highlights and Memories

Hundreds of glass collectors from 27 states gathered in Cambridge for the 23rd annual National Cambridge Collectors' convention. It was an opportunity to share their interests and to add new pieces to their collections.

This year's event began on Thursday with a tour of the Fenton factory. Added to the program was an orientation session at the Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center which introduced the 22 convention first-timers to Cambridge and the convention. Later that evening there was a picnic where members could renew old friendships, share stories about their collecting and meet new fellow collectors.

Friday morning saw many members enjoying coffee and conversation at the National Cambridge Collectors' Museum. That afternoon, Mark Nye, a noted author and expert on glass, presented a program about Cambridge glass in the 1940s. Mark discussed the lines and pieces of glass that were introduced in the 1940s, as well as the glass which continued to be made during that time. Among the items introduced in the '40s were: top hats, the eagle handle relish, the Dresden Lady, the Arcadia line,

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CAUTION! - You have to be quick to beat out some people to be first in line for the Antique Show and Sale. Ed Dudley. Jim Finley, Alberta Dudley and Nancy Finley had the favored spots in line this year. (Photo by Cindy Arent)

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#### Cambridge Crystal Ball

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#### President's Message

## Some Things to Think About

It has been suggested that I keep this column short and sweet this month. Not my normal "novel."

We have much to report on this month. Notably, our very successful 1996 Convention. We want to share highlights with our members who could not join us, and relive pleasant memories for the couple hundred of you who were our guests this June.

First, for those of you who have not yet scanned to the bottom of this column to the signature, my name is Rick Jones and I have been reelected as your president. It was touch and go for a while. I started a new business this year and my time was getting very pressed. My inclination was to not seek reelection, but several club friends persuaded me otherwise. To those culprits, I will always harbor anger, and great thanks, because my passion for things Cambridge remains very strong.

Our convention, in short, was terrific. Mark Nye is to be commended for his outstanding job in coordinating this immense task. There were dozens of supporting troops ... those who knew their roles months in advance and those who chipped in during the spur of the moment. You are all important and we owe you big thanks!!!

Also, I sensed the best comradery and inclusion in years. First-time attendees were recognized, involved and saluted. No more stepchildren here. Members from all regions attended and were involved. My thanks to our friends from Nevada, Texas and Dayton for their constructive contributions and affinity for our club.

Since I've already exceeded most people's definition of brief, let me leave you with some things to think about.

- For those of you who traveled a great distance to the convention, please share your stories. (Are you listening Ra Nae?)
- For those who have been disappointed in the club, please share your feelings. (My thanks to those of

you who called in early July about your "lost" book orders. We'll try to get things to you ASAP.)

- Next month, we'll be publishing in the *Crystal Ball* a survey called Cambridge 2000. It was designed by our Long Range Planning Committee led by Tarzan Deel. Its limited release to a handful of members generated significant response, some of it quite controversial. Great dialogue, important to hear. Now, I'd like it exposed to the whole membership. Let's hear from you. Where do you think this club should be come the new millennium?
- There is a groundswell to increase the club's visibility regionally. How can you help promote NCC at a regional glass show? Would **you** like to host a quarterly meeting outside the confines of Cambridge, Ohio? Give it some thought.
- What should be our priorities as we face the new club fiscal year? I WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.

All my best and let's keep talking.

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#### EDITOR'S NOTE:

Due to the excitement of the 1996 Convention, Murphy's Law and some other unforeseen events, this month's *Crystal Ball* is later than usual.

Hopefully this has not caused you any inconvenience, and it will be back to its usual delivery next month.



6 inch Comport, J Shape. Packed 4 dozen in a barrel.

## Fernland.

No. 2635.

SCALE HALF SIZE.



6 inch Comport, K Shape. Packed 4 dozen in a barrel.



6 inch Comport, M Shape Packed 4½ dozen in a barrel.



6 inch Comport, G Shape. Packed 4 dozen in a barrel.



6 inch Comport, C Shape. Packed 4½ dozen in a barrel.



6 inch Comport, E Shape. Packed 414 dozen in a barrel.



6 inch Comport, H Shape, Packed 4% dozen in a barrel.



6 inch Comport, F Shape. Packed 4 dozen in a barrel.

## How It All Began

by Mark Nye

At the NCC Convention this past June, I received a request for an article on Near Cut or the Near Cut era. It's been awhile since there has been such an article, so this month we travel back in time to 1902. Before we begin, perhaps a word or two about the term "Near Cut" is in order for novice readers.

Written as one or two words, Nearcut or Near Cut, the term is a trademark used both on glass and in print by Cambridge starting around 1903-1904. It was designed to describe the ware Cambridge was making that imitated, and often quite well, actual cut glass. The Near Cut era lasted until the early 1920s when the Cambridge lines changed and a new trademark, the familiar C in a triangle was developed.

In the beginning, Cambridge was owned by National Glass Company and it was they who built the factory and hired Arthur J. Bennett to operate the facility for them. Construction began in 1901 and production commenced at the completed Cambridge Glass Co. factory in May 1902. Construction of the factory was chronicled in the trade journals, including *China*, *Glass and Lamps* (CGL). The following quotes, all taken from CGL, take us through the final months of construction and the start of Cambridge Glass Co. production.

"The National Glass Co.'s two important plants under construction were expected to be in operation this month. The Rochester works have the foundation and steel girders for the first floor in place with a small portion of the frame for the first story erected. Their Cambridge plant has the building erected and the majority of the machinery installed...."

CGL Feb. 2, 1902

"Arthur J. Bennett, who left New York to take the presidency of the Cambridge Glass Co., Cambridge, Ohio, says that there is every prospect that the factory will be making glass early next month. Severe weather and the difficulty in obtaining building material retarded progress, but now everything seems to be going ahead. He says the factory is about as near perfect as can be, and with natural gas and good shipping facilities they will be able to hold their own with any of the other factories."

CGL March 20, 1902

"The Cambridge plant of the National Glass Co., it is now announced by its managers, will be completed and making glass on May 1. It will make general lines of glassware, tumblers, tableware, etc. It is a three furnace plant and one of the most complete extant."

CGL April 10, 1902

"Thos. G. Edge, who will handle in this market <New York City - Ed. note> the product of the Cambridge Glass Co., has just received their catalogue. It contains 140 pages of cuts, which include about everything that is made in table glass. It is expected that in another week the factory will be turning out ware."

CGL April 27, 1902

"The Cambridge Glass Works, a model three furnace plant with every modern improvement, commenced making glass this week."

CGL May 8, 1902

By September 1902 Cambridge advertisements were appearing in the trade journals. The first known advertisement appeared in the September 25, 1902 issue of CGL. Without illustrations, its text read: "A.J. Bennett, President. The Cambridge Glass Co. Cambridge, Ohio, Manufacturers of Pressed and Blown Tableware and Specialties. We also operate the Canton Glass Works and make the full line of Druggists' glassware, Fish Globes, Cake Covers, etc. Catalogs and Price Lists mailed on application. Special attention to the making and working of Private Moulds. Pressed Vault, Sidewalk and Skylight Glass. New York Agency - Thos. G. Edge, 66 West Broadway. Resident agents in all the large cities. Traveling salesman in every State. Write us and we will have our salesman call upon you." <Capitalization in this and other ad copy is that used by Cambridge. > This same advertisement then appeared in the next five issues of CGL.

A new advertisement appeared in the November 6, 1902 issue of CGL and it ran for four more weeks, ending with the December 4 issue. It stated the Cambridge Glass Co. was a manufacturer of high-grade tableware and specialties, druggist glassware, etc. It also listed the names and addresses of nine agents where samples could be seen. New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Chicago, Indianapolis,

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## Radium.

No 2626.

SCALE, HALF SIZE



Berry Sugar. Packed 14 dozen in a barrel.



Berry Cream. Packed 17 dozen in a barrel,



Sugar and Cover.
Packed 614 dozen in a barrel.

Sets pack 1% dozen in a barrel.



Cream, Stuck Handle. Packed 8 dozen in a barrel.



Spoon. Packed 9 dozen in a barrel.



Butter and Cover.
Packed 4½ dozen in a barrel.

St. Louis, Kansas City (MO), Denver, and San Francisco all had resident Cambridge agents as 1902 came to a close.

The December 11, 1902 Cambridge advertisement in CGL read: "The Cambridge Glass Co. Cambridge, O., manufacturers of Pressed and Blown Glassware of every description. Special reasons why you should be interested in us: This factory produces the highest class of glassware. We make prompt shipment and give out trade very consideration and attention. The variety is immense and the capacity equal to the demand. Our new catalog of regular table glassware and druggist specialties will be ready in January. Make your application and we will put your name on the mailing

No additional advertisements appeared in CGL until January 1904 when Line No. 2626 or Radium as well as the "Near-Cut" trade mark first appeared in the January 21, 1904 issue. The list of cities having show rooms now numbered 12. Denver and Indianapolis had been dropped but added were Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Portland, and Seattle.

list, and we will also keep you posted on new

additions to our line from time to time."

"Something Entirely New for 1905 In Near Cut Glass. Its the Acme of Glassmaking. Jobbers and first-class retailers must have it. Samples will be ready January 1st, 1905. Made Exclusively by The Cambridge Glass Co. Cambridge, Ohio." Thus read a full-page advertisement in the December 15, 1904 issue of CGL.

At the 1905 Pittsburgh Exhibit, the Cambridge Glass Co. had two rooms at the Monongahela House hotel. "In 41 and 42, three lines of new table patterns are displayed by Arthur Bennett of the Cambridge Glass Co. Two are heavy imitation cut, and one a kind of basketwork pattern. The figures are new and in harmonious proportions."

One of the lines described in the preceding paragraphs in No. 2631 or Marjorie as it appeared in a full page advertisement in the February 9, 1905 issue of CGL with the caption "We invite you to inspect our New Line of "Near-Cut" Glass out for 1905. It is a fine line of heavy pressed glass, the nearest to cut glass ever made. The metal is of clear crystal and of very brilliant finish. Don't fail to see it." Without line numbers or names it is impossible to say with certainty what the other two line numbers may have been. Fernland with a line number of No. 2630 is a good candidate as is No. 2700 for the "basketwork pattern."

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#### "NEARCUT" DESIGN 2631.



Cream.



Covered Sugar.



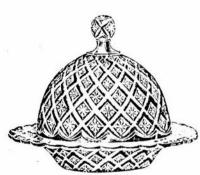
Spram Holder.



## No. 2700 Ware.

SCALE, THIRD SIZE





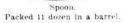
Butter and Cover. Packed 41<sub>2</sub> dozen in a barrel.

Set packed 1% dozen in a barrel.



Cream.
Packed 10½ dozen in a barrel







Tail Celery.
Fr. sed 5 dozen in a barrel.



6 ounce Oil, D. S. Packed 10 doz. in a barrel.



Molasses Can, N. T. 13 of Packed 6b<sub>2</sub> dozen in a barrel

### ~ NATIONAL STUDY GROUP REPORTS ~

## Study Group #11 The Cambridge Nudes

The Cambridge Nudes met June 9, 1996 at the home of Bob Cole. Members in attendance were: Jim and Rose Curnutt, Bob Cole, B.J. Kersey, Larry Powers, Toby Mack, Marti DeGraff, Mary and Walter Kreitling, Mary Sue Lyon. Guests were: Diane and Don Enz, Barb and Norm Balliet, Lory and Bob Wellbelloved, Etta Neries.

The members gathered at Bob's home in Gurnee, IL following the morning's activity of searching The Grays Lake Flea Market for that elusive glass treasure. Joining the 10 Nudes were their guests.

The program consisted of limited explanations of how some of the show and tell items were made and/or decorated. Also a special thank you was extended to Mrs. Georgann Dusek of Beacon Hill Antiques, Orland Park, IL for her gracious donation to the NCC Museum of a custom-made piece of Rose Point for Wallace Sterling Company and its sterling silver holder in March of this year. The donation was channeled through a member of the Nudes as Mrs. Dusek is not a member of NCC, but is interested in the preservation of glass history and artifacts.

With the completion of the short program we engaged in a session of show and tell with the following items being in evidence:

274 Ivory 12 in. vase, Iris enameled decoration; 3400/29 Heatherbloom/crystal 7 in. tall comport; 206 Helio ftd. perfume, gold decoration, DeVilbiss atomizer; 197 Peach Blo 6 oz. tal oil G.S., etched 760;7966 Crown Tuscan 2 oz. sherry, gold encrusted etch Portia, black CT stamp; 1402/64 Crystal 10 1/2 in. low ftd. Tally Ho bowl, etched 718 (Royal Hunt); 1070 Amber 36 oz. pinch decanter and stopper with two 3000 3 oz. tumblers (gold band on foot), etched Cleo; 674 Lgt. Emerald console bowl (5mm mark) and two 728 candlesticks, gold encrusted "Lotus Glass Company" etching Xenia (895); Ebony boudoir lamp, gold encrusted etching Dancing Girl; 3450 Nautilus Forest Green 28 oz. decanter in Farber holder and six 1 oz. tumblers: Bohemian lgt. green 3 oz. whiskey tumbler enameled "Hotel Crsa Johann"; Crystal decanter, press cut decoration, circa 1955, probably French mfg.; Crystal two-light candlabrum, press cut decoration, 30% lead crystal, 1960s West German mfg.; Crystal 1893 World's Fair 3 oz. whiskey tumbler, mfg. unknown; two Crystal 3 oz. whiskey

tumblers with silver deposit decoration, mfg. unknown; Hawkes Crystal 5 in. magnum decanter stopper, umbrella type, tear drop, copper wheel engraving Oregon, Hawkes trefoil acid stamp; Hawkes 7 in. ftd. comport, rolled edge (A.H. Heisey blank No. 1511-Tourjours-Diamond H mark-circa 1940), medium blue stain over crystal, sterling rim and foot decoration, gray copper wheel engraving through stain, Hawkes trefoil acid stamp; Northwood (Indiana, PA plant) Canary Yellow Opalescent 8 in. jelly compote in Inverted Fan and Feather pattern; Fostoria 2484 Crystal Baroque 9 in. three-light candlabrum; Fostoria Crystal 6 oz. tumbler, white silk screened "Merry Christmas, Fostoria Glass Company, Moundsville, West Virginia"; Fostoria 824 Amethyst (Silver Mist finish) Jenny Lind Pitcher; Fostoria 2349 Green cigarette; Fostoria 500 (Atlanta) aka Atlanta Lion or Lion Head 9 1/4 in. ftd. sq. cake salver (this piece is being donated to the Fostoria Glass Museum by Mary Sue Lyon); Fostoria 2309 Orchid 3 3/4 in. flower block, 1-5-10 holes through; Fostoria Wild Rose syrup can, spun nickel top, cold applied enamel and gold decoration; Fostoria 575 (Carmen) Crystal cologne and stippled drip stopper; Fostoria 2322 Crystal cologne, drip stopper and 2338 Crystal puff and cover, both decorated gold and orange; Crystal sea horse stem 6 oz. saucer champagne, mfg. unknown; Fostoria Green flower block, 1-6-12-12 holes through except outer holes blind; Iridized Lat. Green 3 in. ruffled pea vase with machine trailed threading of Swedish origin; two hexagonal decanters, possibly Paden City contract pieces, one in green in a handled holder with an unidentified etching, the other in a vaseline yellow used as the center standard for the matal ferris wheel type of holder for six matching color 1 oz. whiskey tumblers, the latter set etched in a grape leaf cluster and leaf pattern by an unknown decorator.

The meeting was completed by a delightful repast served by Mr. Cole.

- Submitted by B.J. Kersey

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#### 1996 Calendar Planning

The following are tentative dates for major club activities during 1996:

August 24 Quarterly Meeting/Picnic November 2 Quarterly Meeting/Program

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### Study Group #13 The Miami Valley (Ohio) Study Club

The monthly meeting of the Miami Valley Study Club was called to order at 6:58 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 1996 at the Huber Heights Library by President Georgia Otten. Fourteen members were present: John and Helen Wilt, Frank and Vicki Wollenhaupt, Judy Rhoads, Dave and Sue Rankin, George and Beverly Stamper, Mac and Georgia Otten, Fred Schaeffer, Norma and Ron Hufford.

Congratulations were extended to the new officers:

President - George Stamper Vice President - Ron Hufford Secretary - Dave Rankin Treasurer - Mac Otten

Summer activities include a picnic at Phyllis Smith's in Columbus on July 13 and a pig roast on Sept. 14 at the Stamper's. That will be our annual "Summer Finds" meeting. At least 15 of our members will be attending Convention this year.

Program: The program on Caprice in Colors was led by the Stampers and the Rhoads. Members brought over 60 pieces of Caprice for illustration. Sixteen of the eighteen colors that Caprice was made in were represented. An informational handout accompanied the discussion that was led by George Stamper. His discussion of unanswered questions and anomalies reflected his research and knowledge of Caprice. The program was videotaped for future reference.

Show and Tell: #1596 6 1/2" candlestick; #3400/4 12" Amethyst 4 toe bowl, etched gold-encrusted Gloria; #3126 Gold Krystol 1 oz. cordial; #1070 Peach-blo 32 oz. pinch decanter, etched modified Adam, border #725, acorns; 7 1/2" epergne vases, etched RosePoint; Rubina 3 pc. night set; #493 Virginian 2 1/2" candlestick; #1338 Caprice Mandarin Gold 3 lite candlestick; #501 Virginian 6" double candlestick; Everglade (Springtime) vase, black satin.

#### -Submitted by Judy Rhoads, Secretary

#### Study Group #16 Elegant Glass Collectors

The Elegant Glass Collectors met Thursday, June 20, 1996 in the Walkers' motel room, Deer Creek Inn, Cambridge, OH. Members attending were: Bud

and Anna Walker, Don and Bonnie Stevens, John Corl. Guests were: George Fogg, Frank Maloney.

Recent finds were displayed. Unusual finds were: a Cobalt tall bitters bottle, and smaller bottle, 3400 line, some Cobalt coasters, and unusual Nearcut early pieces from the 1903 catalog: a 2660 footed Wheat Sheaf Nearcut goblet, an early 1903 patterned wine, a #130 square candy plate, a #2729 10 oz. berry cream pitcher, a #2658 4 oz. mug, a #2636 creamer and wine, a #2651 Inverted Feather whiskey, a #668 3/4 oz. cordial, a #2508 D-shaped nappy, a pitcher and champagne in Guernsey #2692, and a "watch cover" which has a knob, and is circular, which is designed to cover a pocket watch. Plans were made to sit together at the banquet and also to meet at the Great Northeast Depression Era Glass and Pottery Show at the Westchester County Center, White Plains, NY on Sunday, August 11, at 10:00 a.m. or thereafter. Show your Cambridge membership card for the discounted rate. A packed lunch will help save money for glass. Supper will be at a nearby restaurant.

#### -Submitted by Pamela Earussi

Cambridge For Sale			
line #	description	price	
#39	11 1/2" flat rim console bowl and pair of 9 1/2" candlesticks, Avocado, set	\$165.00	
#92	11" stick vase, Helio	\$50.00	
#95	Caprice individual shakers, glass lids	\$45.00	
#243	Caprice 8 1/2" vase, Amber	\$65.00	
#3121	blown lid for stemmed covered candy, Wildflower etch	\$30.00	
#3600	cordials, Chantilly etch (4) each	\$52.50	
swan	10 1/2", Ebony, Type I, marked	\$395.00	

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Former Cambridge Glass Co. Workers Reunion



Antique Show and Sale Dealers

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cornucopia candleholde ... booke ..... An interesting historical glass film titled "The Crystal Lady" was then shown.

The Antique Show and Sale opened its doors Friday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. and continued with hours until Sunday afternoon. This annual event sees anxious buyers camping out early in the day to hold the prestigious places in line for the opening. For the second year in a row, Ed and Alberta Dudley of Columbus were first in line. Their arrival at 8:45 a.m. beat out Jim and Nancy Finley by a mere seven minutes. Following them in line were: Nyla and Brute Stanton, Joe Adorian, Rich Bennett, Mike and Lisa Neilson and many other glass collectors hoping to be the first to find and purchase rare and unique pieces of Cambridge glass. There were 24 dealers present this year coming from New York, Florida, California and many states in between. The showroom literally sparkled with all the crystal and colored glass on display. RosePoint, Carmen and Cobalt Blue pieces were among the favorite items to be purchased this year.

Those dealers present were: T.P. Antiques, Hank Pugliese, Erie, PA; Falira's Antiques, Falira Lisak, Monroeville, PA; Crows Nest, Constance Crow, Austin, TX; Priscilla's Glass Gallery, Priscilla Southworth, Titusville, FL; Roy and Cynthia Ash, Marietta, OH; Hardtimes Glassware, Sam and Rebecca Collings, Brookfield, OH; The Glass Cupboard, Marcia and Bob Ellis, West End, NC; Tom and Noreen Kullman, Zanesville, OH; The Glass Seekers, Pamela Earussi, Lansdale, PA; Berkeley Antiques, George Fogg and Frank Maloney, Boston, MA; Margaret Lane Antiques, Lynn Welker, New Concord, OH; Sentimental Journey, Cliff and Lydia McNeil, East Palatka, FL; Antique Menagerie, Kelvin Moore, Tecumseh, MI; John and Philip Parr, San Francisco, CA; To Each His Own Memories, Neil Ross, Montvale, VA; Unger Junction, Neil and Eddie Unger, Rolling Meadows, IL; Leasures Treasures, Leora Leasure, Eighty Four. PA: Florence and Joe Solito, Tolland, CT; Bowmans Cambridge Corner, Margaret F. Bowman, Asheville, NC; Rick and Cindy Jones, North Tarrytown, NY; Everett's Collectibles, Glen Everett, Marysville, WA; Cecile Taylor, Marysville, WA; Thomas K. Smith, Indianapolis, IN; and Kevin Coughlin, Ansonia, CT. (Photograph of dealers is on Page 11.)

Following the Friday evening dinner, the notorious mini-auction was held. Once again Willard Kolb from

St. Clairsville persuaded buyers to go even further in their bidding to purchase glass and items donated to be auctioned. This highly entertaining event raised \$6,666 to benefit the National Cambridge Collectors' Musuem. A Cambridge baby bottle went for \$1,200 and was then donated to the museum. Among the non-glass items auctioned were: Cleo etched napkins, a Caprice Ball Jug quilted wall-hanging, a watercolor by Paul White.

Early Saturday morning, interested collectors found their way to the flea market at Beech Grove Family Development Center. Many exciting purchases were made before breakfast from the 20 dealers set up there. The flea market was a success with a profit of around \$2,100. Saturday afternoon, Mark Nye presented a session discussing the Rock Crystal engravings in the 1940s. Convention attendees saw examples of the many engravings and were able to have their questions answered. This program was followed by the ever popular Glass Identification and Bring and Brag sessions presented by Lynn Welker, local glass authority. The room was filled with anxious collectors as Lynn identified glass and verified Cambridge pieces. Later observers were in awe of the many rare Cambridge pieces that collectors brought to impress and share with fellow interested collectors.

Following the Saturday night banquet, Willard Kolb spoke about the Rodefer Glass Company. The Rodefer Glass Company was the oldest company owned by one family in one location and was in operation for 105 years in Bellaire, Ohio. It was a private mold company that was used by a large number of the glass companies such as: Cambridge, Fostoria, Paden City, New Martinsville, C.F. Monroe, Smith Brothers Glass Co., H.J. Hall, and many others.

Sunday morning, the annual meeting followed a buffet breakfast. The newly elected board of directors members had been previously announced. They were: Cindy Arent, Tarzan Deel Jr., MaryBelle Moorehead. The board positions are: President, Rick Jones; Vice President, Mark Nye; Secretary, Bud Walker and Treasurer, Charles Upton.

The annual Cambridge Glass Company workers' reunion Sunday afternoon saw 46 former workers in attendance. This chance to visit and reminisce was added to by the opportunity for the former workers to visit the show and sale and see many of the pieces

### **Convention 1996 Photo View**

Photographs by Mike Neilson and Cindy Arent



Friday evening auction: Rick Jones, Auctioneer Willard Kolb, George Fogg. Sitting-Suzanne Smith and Jack Smith. (Arent)



Early birds at the Flea Market found that getting up early paid off. (Neilson)



Coffee with Cambridge - L-R, Fleur de Lis Healy, Leonard Healy, Ben Swindler, Emil Kleemann, Margaret Swindler enjoying the NCC museum. (Arent)



Lynn Welker's booth at Antique Show and Sale: L-R, Janice Hughes, Mary Welker, Lynn Welker, Kay Mears. (Neilson)



Margaret and Tom Bowman were new dealers at the show this year. Being held are: Ebony gold encrusted urn and Amber gold encrusted Portia ball jug. (Neilson)



Enjoying the Saturday evening banquet: L-R, Gwen Cortese, Sarah Carpenter, Sharon Miller, Mary Martha Mitchell. (Arent)

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of glass that they once helped make.

Those former workers in attendance were: Kenneth Giesey, Mary Martha Mitchell, Gwen Cortese, Margaret Sowinski, Dorothy Golden, Helen Hosko, Edna Powell, Paul O'Malley, Mabel Burris, Mary Wiggington, Wilma Headley Watson, Elva Voltz, Maxine Shaffer Weisenstine, Minnie Johns, Mary Holliday, Mary Benedick, Clara Valentine, Betty Frontz, Harriett Cantor, Faye Bonnell Culbertson, Effie Tucker Tom, Beatrice Saltz Horton, Fern Lengen, Jeannie Selock, Shirley Barnett, Dorothy Black Church, Mabel P. Williams, Daisey Moffatt Hagan, George Buttress, Ralph Whitis, Jim Boyd, Bill Boyd, Raymond Slifko, Bob Selock, John Krak, Herman Jones, Vada Wilson, Alice Howell, Don Frontz, Ed Lehotay, Harold Conrath, Bill Frost, Leroy Conrath, Richard Long, Vernon Mercer, Jake McCall, Pauline Tickhill, Clyde Shaffer, and Ralph Cramblett. (See photograph on Page 11.)

As the convention wound down late Sunday afternoon, many of those in attendance felt that it had been a very good convention, one to be remembered. New acquisitions to collections were on their way home. New and old friends also were taking home many shared stories and memories of this successful convention.



Helping assemble reprint pages for the 1940 Catalog are: L-R, Marge Kleemann, Emil Kleemann, Janice Applegate. (Arent)



Antique Show Chairpersons: Joy McFadden and Mary Beth Hackett. (Neilson)



Eager collectors move into the preview Friday night. L-R, Bonnie Stevens, Don Stevens, Doris Shepherd, Albert Shepherd. (Arent)



Dale Snode, our security guard, looks over a wonderful display of Cambridge glass. (Neilson)

## ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

by Bud Walker, Secretary

Sunday, June 23, 1996

Upon completion of a delicious buffet breakfast, which was well attended by members who attended the 23rd annual convention of the National Cambridge Collectors Inc., President Rick Jones called the meeting to order. President Jones introduced Dennis Snyder who in conjunction with Charles Upton have revamped our method of accounting which will allow more of this work to be done in house which will offer better inventory control and lower our accounting costs. Gross income was reported to be fourteen hundred dollars. Of this, thirteen hundred and six dollars were payment of dues.

#### Report of Committees-

- Acquisitions: Reported the purchase of a Primrose ivy ball, a Carnival Buzz Saw Near Cut piece and a Marjorie tall vase made to hold a candle. These unusual pieces were purchased during the auction and show.
- By Laws: Reported no changes.
- Long-Range Planning: No report at this time other than a plan is being formulated that will carry us beyond the year 2000.
- Membership: Reported there are 955 members, 378 associate members, 5 honorary and three lifetime members, for a total of 1341. The book table reported that they had signed up 10 new members during the convention.
- Relocation/New Museum: No report at this time
- Facilities: Reported that the water and sewer line at the museum will require repairs and upgrading.
- Mini Auction: It was reported that this year's auction raised \$6,666.66. This money is used in the operation of our museum, and we all owe our auctioneer a big "thank you" for the job he does.
- Non Glass: The last of the turn cards are ready to send to Corning to be put on microfilm.
- Nominating: No report.
- Program: Reported that our November meeting will be at the Cambridge Country Club, and an interesting program on different glass companies will be presented.
- Projects: Reported that we still have a few

- prism signs left. If anyone wants one they are on a first-come basis. The group is currently working on salt shaker caps. The 40s catalog has been corrected and is now on sale.
- Study Groups: Several groups reported and Georgia Otten reported they hope to have the first book of a three book series on Cambridge etchings ready for the 1997 Convention, if all goes as planned.
- Publicity: Reported on the excellent coverage we have received in the local newspapers. We also were covered by the local radio station. The city of Cambridge is beginning to realize the impact the convention has on the local economy.
- Flea Market: It was reported that the 1996 flea market profit was \$2140. This was the best year ever for this worthwhile fundraising event.
- Antique Show: Thanked all the dealers.
- Convention: The best ever, thanks to everyone who helped.

President Jones thanked the dealers and all those who helped in any way to make this convention one of the finest we have ever had. He also thanked all those who attended the convention and supported the organization through their generous donations and purchases from our dealers. Without this support there would be no convention and Cambridge Glass would not have the recognition it so richly deserves. President Jones closed the meeting wishing all those in attendance a safe journey home.

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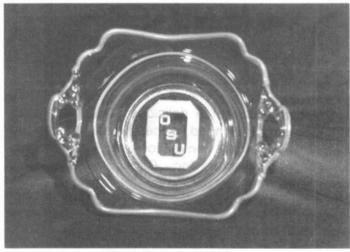
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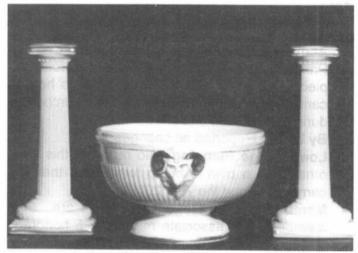


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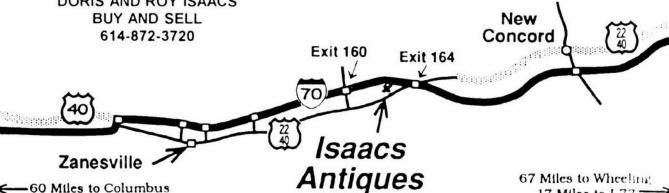
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