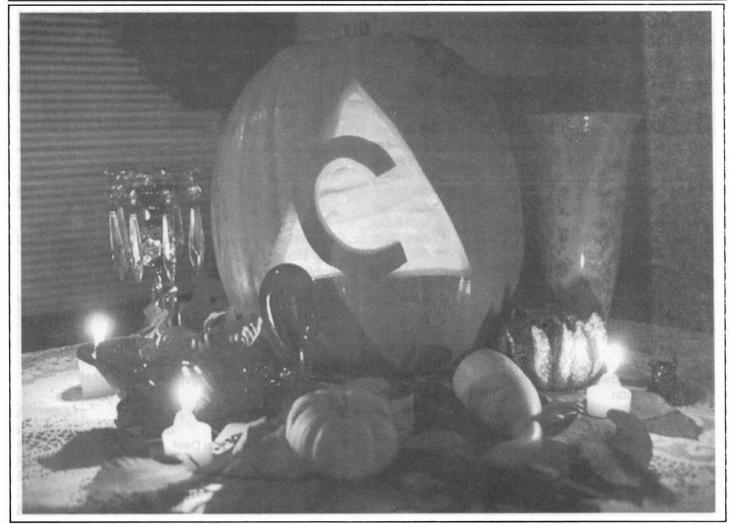


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President's Message



Where We Go From Here

For something like 12 hours over two days (8/21 and 8/22), the NCC Board of Directors discussed critical issues at length about the future of our club museum. Then a very productive meeting of the membership was held at the Coney Island Restaurant in Cambridge. Many excellent ideas surfaced from members who drove a long distance to participate in a very open dialogue about this unique and important asset of our club.

Our board is comprised of a diverse group of dedicated members who have the interest of the whole club at heart. They attempt to act responsibly to develop plans within our means and to build smart solutions, not necessarily just quick ones.

It is very evident that the future course of our new museum is an important decision and not one to be reached hastily. What I'd like to summarize in this article is some of the dialogue that occurred and decisions that were made.

Penny Court

In early August, a temporary museum set up was created in the Penny Court Antique Mall in downtown Cambridge. This action has many purposes. It demonstrates that we are still very much functioning as a club and that the catastrophe that befell our museum did not grind club operations to a halt.

The display continues to promote Cambridge Glass and does so in a central venue that attracts active collectors and buyers. It also keeps and even enhances our visibility in the community - an action that cannot be underplayed.

It also gives us an opportunity to sell Cambridge books and resale inventory, a critical part of our operating income and pivotal to our education mission. Sales in the first two weeks were excellent.

The Board decided that the Penny Court program should continue through the winter and that we should seek ways to develop promotions that are of mutual benefit. The Pavlovs, longtime NCC members, are enthusiastically trying to help our club and promote our mission to members, prospective members, and the community.

Disposition of Current Building

It was decided by the Board, and echoed by many at the Coney Island Town Meeting, that the current structure never be used as our museum again. It poses too great a risk even though we are not likely to see flooding of this magnitude again.

The initial judgment was to pursue ways to sell off this building and our front property. The proceeds would then be used toward our new facility. The back building, or Storage Building, would be retained for the time being as primarily a warehouse facility for the old molds and factory tools that the club owns.

I had the opportunity to visit the building and I can tell you that the devastation was complete. It was very sad to see and built even further my respect for our members who spent so many hours cleaning and stripping the facility. They did a Herculean job in clearly emotionally trying circumstances.

By the time I saw it, all the glass shelves had been disassembled, painstakingly cleaned and relocated to an adjacent storage facility. The building was down to the bare drywall. Very stark. Very upsetting. Virtually all that remained were badly damaged file cabinets which should be replaced.

Setting a Budget

In order to build realistic plans for a new museum we had to talk at length about what we could possibly afford. At times, members have shared beautiful visions of what our museum could look like but seemed out of our reach financially.

After significant conversation about our current finances, the prospect for future fundraising, a strategy for pursuing grant money, and possible income from our current site, the consensus was that we should be thinking in the \$250-300,000 range for new museum planning.

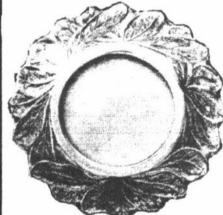
For the type of structure we would like, that budget is not a lot of money and we'll need to carefully plan to insure we can live within our means. Also, we need to be adaptable to consider logical, future expansion if funds



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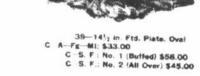






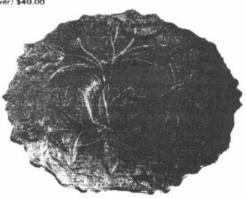
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Reproductions Part II

by Mark Nye

In the April 1998 issue I began a discussion of reproductions using molds that were purchased during the liquidation of the Imperial Glass Co. by buyers other than NCC. Many of the molds that were purchased have seen little or no use since their purchase. However, they could be used at any time and collectors should be aware of this potential.

Molds from the Everglade and its successor line, Arcadia, were among those purchased. Those believed in private hands are listed with their original Cambridge numbers and descriptions.

Arcadia Line

- 3 cocktail
- 6 wine
- 9 12 oz. ftd. ice tea (aka ftd. tumbler)
- 11 5 oz. ftd. tumbler or claret
- 64 10 inch 3 part celery and relish
- 73 6 in. 2 light candlestick
- 105 6 in. footed mayonnaise bowl
- 124 8-1/2 inch 3 part relish
- 201 ice pail with handle

Everglade Line

- 01 bowl, 10 inch
- 02 candlestick (aka Leafline 1209)
- 03 candelabrum, 2 light (aka Leafline 1211)
- 08 bowl, 12 inch (aka Springtime 1150)
- 11 bowl, 10-1/2 inch
- 12 bowl, 12 inch (same mold as No. 11)
- 13 bowl, 13 inch (same mold as No. 11)
- 14 bowl, 14 inch (console) (same mold as No.11)
- 15 bowl, 12 inch, Heron and Swan
- 16 bowl, 12 inch (same mold as No. 15)
- 17 bowl, 13 inch (same mold as No. 15)
- 18 bowl, 14 inch (same mold as No. 15)
- 23 5 inch vase
- 24 sherbet
- 25 8 inch plate
- 28 16 inch Buffalo bowl
- 30 16 inch plate, Heron and Swan (same mold as No. 15)
- 31 16 inch plate (same mold as No 11)
- 36 12 inch oval bowl with vase holder
- 37 11 inch vase with out foot
- 38 11 inch footed vase
- 46 10 oz. tumbler
- 61 bowl, 11 inch (aka Leafline 1207)
- 62 3-1/2 inch candlestick

Springtime Line

1255 bowl, 15 inch (similar to Ever. 11-14 w/ smooth edge)

(REPRODUCTIONS - Continued from page 5)

Misc.

bowl, 14 inch (similar to Ever. 15-18 w/ smooth edge) bowl, 15-1/2 inch (Buffalo Hunt scene - from Ever. 28) bowl, 16 inch (Buffalo Hunt scene - from Ever. 28)

"How do I tell 'repros' from the original Cambridge production?" is an often heard question. Study available books, catalogs, and other reference materials to learn what colors Cambridge used to make its major lines and final shapes of pieces. A good many items sold by Cambridge were hand finished and shaped after the piece left the mold. Most, if not all, plates come from a mold that resembles one for a bowl and required hand flaring of the piece removed from the mold to turn it into a plate. Oftentimes reproductions or pieces made from original molds do not undergo this final shaping step in the manufacturing process. The final shape of the resulting item is different than that of the authentic Cambridge piece and "unlisted" bowls may be seen. Such bowls were never made or sold by Cambridge as the mold was intended only to make plates or be hand shaped. A good example of this is the Everglades Buffalo bowl produced in a carnival finish soon after the Imperial sale. Not only was it in a color not used by Cambridge for the piece, the shape was that as it came from the mold, a shape never sold by Cambridge.

Another example of an unfinished piece that has been reproduced is the No. 24 sherbet. Seen in a color resembling Moonlight and a white glass, this piece was not flared out like the original. While somewhat subtle, there is a definite difference between the old and new.

The Everglade and Springtime lines began to appear in 1929 and remained in the Cambridge line through the mid-to late-1930s. Colors used were the pastels of this time period, primarily Willow Blue, Light Emerald, Peach-blo, as well as Amber, Forest Green and Crystal. After its introduction in 1936, Moonlight replaced Willow Blue. A very few pieces were also made in Carmen.

The Everglades and Springtime lines are illustrated in the 1930-34 catalog reprint as are the 1125, 1126 and 1139 bowls. The latter are shown under the heading Table Centers. The Arcadia line was introduced in the early 1940s and it is shown in the 1940 catalog reprint. A few pieces also appeared under the name Leaf Line and it too is shown in the 1930-34 catalog reprint.

With this article are reprinted two pages from a circa 1936-37 Cambridge catalog that not only illustrated the piece but also gave color availability and price. These pages were first reprinted by the Welkers in their catalog reprint books published in the 1970s.

BY-LAWS CHANGE

In the By-Laws, Article VI, Section 4: Change of the word "review" to "Compilation."

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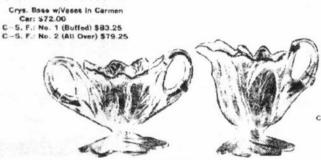
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55-14¹; In. 2 pc. Ftd. Epergne. Oval C-A-Fg-Mt: \$42.10 C-S. F.: No. 1 (Buffed: \$85.00 C-S. F.: No. 2 (All Over) \$63.00



38-11 In. Ftd. Vase C-A-FE-MI: \$16.50 C-5. F.: No. 1 (Buffed) \$33.00 C-5. F.: No. 2 (All Over) \$24.00



26-Sugar & Cream (Doz. Prs.) C-A-Fs-Mi: \$15.15 C-S. F.: No. 1 (Buffed) \$24.75 C-S. F.: No. 2 (All Over) \$20.00



28 - 5 in. Vase Fg Mt: \$12.40 C S. F.: No. 1 (buffed) \$22.50 C S. F.: No. 2 (All Over) \$17.50



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21-7' In. Vase C-A-FE-MI: \$15.15 C-S. F.: No. 1 (Buffed) \$26.25 C-S. F.: No. 2 (All Over) \$20.00



22-6 In. Vase C-A-Fg-Mi: \$12.40 C-S. F.: No. 1 (Buffed) \$22.50 C-S. F.: No. 2 (All Over) \$17.50



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NCC Temporary Museum Penny Court Antique Mall

by Cindy Arent

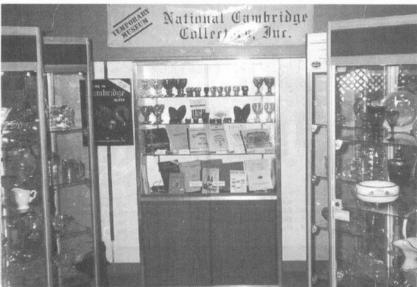
The National Cambridge Collectors, Inc. has established a temporary museum in a booth at the Penny Court Antique Mall, 637 Wheeling Avenue, Cambridge, Ohio. Penny Court is owned and operated by Dick and Fran Pavlov and their daughter, Anna. Fran and Dick are founding members of the NCC and responsible for initiating and editing the first several issues of the Crystal Ball.

The temporary museum has four free-standing cases which display museum-owned glassware. Most Cambridge colors are displayed, as well as pieces from different production periods.

Another larger case contains items for sale, such as books, pamphlets, convention souvenirs, and other items produced by the club for resale. Sales thus far have been very good and several new memberships have been acquired. The display will continue through the winter months. The NCC Board feels that the temporary museum is an excellent way to communicate with the public during this transitional period.

Both answering and fax machines were lost in the flood. The club can still be contacted by calling the previous number, (740)432-4245. An answering machine has been donated and Charles Upton checks for messages each day. If you need to fax an order or other information, the new fax number is (740) 439-9223. Thanks to all for your patience and cooperation.





ABOVE: These cases were submerged in flood waters for three days. They had to be completely washed 10 times. However, they still light and look great. Currently four of these are being used to display glass in the temporary museum in Penny Court Antique Mall. (Arent)

TO THE LEFT: The Temporary Museum of National Cambridge Collectors, Inc. as recently seen in Penny Court Antique Mall in Cambridge. Ohio. The Cambridge Cordials study group donated the banner. The poster on the wall came from the Elegant Glass Collectors study group's display at the Eastern National Antiques Show and Sale. Besides changing the glass displays, other additions are planned. (Arent)

August Quarterly Meeting - 1998

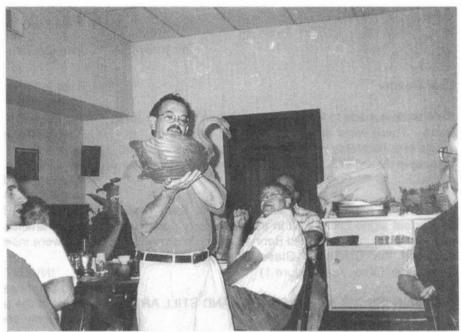
by Cindy Arent

The National Cambridge Collectors met August 22 at the Coney Island Restaurant in Cambridge, Ohio. Thirty-two members were present.

Following lunch, president Rick Jones called the meeting to order and committee reports were given.

Acquisitions chairman, Kelvin Moore, reported that unless a wonderful piece of glassware becomes available for the museum, acquisitions would be curtailed. This is due to the fact that club money needs to be conserved because it could possibly be needed for a new museum.

Program chairman, Bill Hagerty, announced that the topic for the November 7 Quarterly Meeting will be "Swans." He asked that each member bring one or two swans to the meeting. Lynn Welker volunteered to identify each swan present and give a brief description



Lynn Welker holds a Crystal frosted swan punch bowl donated to the museum Sharon Nelson of Maryland. What a beautiful piece — Thank you!!!!

of the different styles of Cambridge swans. Non-Cambridge swans will also be welcome at the program.

Publicity chairperson, Cindy Arent, stated that the club is in the process of developing a press kit. This packet will be sent to over 50 glass clubs and will explain the recent flood disaster at the museum and possible plans for the future. Museum donations will be encouraged.

President Rick Jones then opened the meeting for questions or comments from members.

Frank and Vicki Wollenhaupt suggested the idea of doing another book similar to the "Cambridge Colors" book since it has always been one of our best sellers. Club members present thought it was a good possibility for a project and it will be discussed further at the November meeting.

Another possible project that will be explored is the reproduction of the #1228 "Scotty Dog" bookends. There has been interest expressed by another collectors club that would be willing to help advertise the project. This will also need to be researched and a progress report will be given at the November meeting.

Budget and finance chairman, Dennis Snyder, discussed the present financial state of the National Cambridge Collectors, Inc. He will be reviewing accounts and reports to determine the amount of money that could feasibly be available for museum relocation.

The NCC Board of Directors met Friday evening from 5:00 p.m. to 12:15 a.m. and again Saturday morning for three hours. The Board is committed to pursuing the right course of direction for the club. No decisions will be made without extensive study and discussion.

The next quarterly meeting will be Saturday evening, November 7, at the Cambridge Country Club, Cambridge, Ohio. We hope to see many of you there.

Triangle-C/Near Cut Finds

The Controversial Near Cut Water Set

Part II

by Joseph A.A. Bourque Sr.

Dear Reader,

Reference is made to Part I of this article in the 1998 June issue. There were seven articles that dealt with these points of controversy within a two-and-a-half-year period, starting in June 1973. These articles are copied verbatim in Part I.

The subject matter deals with the "Pink Slag" water pitcher set signed Near Cut in the strawberry pattern. It was manufactured by Harold Bennett when he owned and operated the Guernsey Glass Company at or near Cambridge, Ohio. (see Figure 1)

THE MAIN ISSUES AT HAND WERE AND STILL ARE:

- a Is this set Cambridge?
- b. Is it a reproduction?
- c. Is it a reissue?
- d. Is it Near Cut?

This enigma has remained dormant and unsolved for 25 years.

The following excerpts taken from articles previously appearing in the Crystal Ball are not intended to be used as a critique. They are copied herewith in an effort to save the reader time. (Should the reader elect to read the original articles, the source is listed at the end of each excerpt. "CB" = Crystal Ball) The salient points within these articles are listed as follows: (Contents of brackets, [], were inserted by the undersigned.)

A. "INVERTED STRAWBERRY has been reproduced and yet it has not been reproduced.......a new mold was made of the pattern.....very few pieces have been made....the only ones are the tumbler and toothpick holder. A water pitcher in a size that was never made by Cambridge...in this particular pattern [see Figure 2 for the pitcher the writer has in mind] ...new pieces do bear the

NEAR CUT mark. In the new Inverted Strawberry, the strawberry and flower are coarser and there are no mold marks on the pieces. Remember!!! The Cambridge INVERTED STRAWBERRY had definite mold marks." [CB3]

- B. [First party] "...Inverted Strawberry pink slag tumblers...were not very old, but were made from an old mold of the now defunct Cambridge Glass Company. [Second party] ...mold was not original...a new mold had been made....he [the first party] showed me a recent issue of a very well-known price guide from which he had obtained the information." [CB4]
- C. [First party] "...asks about glass companies in the Cambridge area reproducing glass from the original Cambridge moulds. [Second party] The Imperial Glass Company of Bellaire, Ohio, purchased the existing

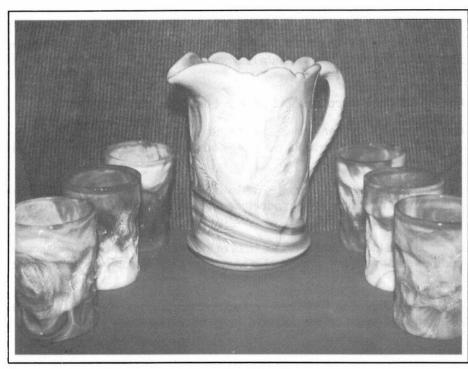


FIGURE 1 (Continued on page 11)

(NEAR CUT WATER SET - Continued from page 10)



FIGURE 2

moulds from the Cambridge factory when they closed, ...they are the only company that have used the original moulds. ...some Inverted Strawberry pieces being reproduced with the Near Cut mark, ...made from new moulds...the detail is obviously not as fine as the original..." [CB5]

- D. "I do know that one woman from Florida was really upset about reproductions, especially the Inverted Strawberry." [CB16]
- E. "IS IT CAMBRIDGE? ...wife and I are interested in...reproductions and re-issues [sic]. (A reproduction is an article resembling Cambridge...made from a new mold. A re-re-issue [sic] is an article made by another company using an original Cambridge mold.)" [CB17]
- F. "IS IT CAMBRIDGE? The Inverted Strawberry pitcher and tumblers have caused much concern. ...pitcher by Guernsey Glass is made on the Inverted Thistle pattern pitcher [see Figure 3] with the Inverted Strawberry design, therefore it is not the same as the original...The Guernsey Glass pitcher is marked with a honey bee [Higbee Glass logo?] ...tumblers are harder to identify. Some...marked "Nearcut"...most are marked with ... "B"... Set...made in several colors and have been decorated with gold and red flashed as well as having been carnivalized [sic]." [CB22]
- G. "IS IT CAMBRIDGE? ... The Guernsey Glass Co. has removed the Near Cut mark from their Strawberry tumbler mold and has increased the size of the "B"...on the side of the tumbler, near the base." [CB33]

I think it is fair to say that 25 years ago, members of National Cambridge Collectors Inc., other collectors of Cambridge glass, and buyers and sellers of Depression Glass became confused over this issue. The questions that are posed above should be resolved.

I have done some research on the "Pink Slag" set and wish to share the data I have obtained with you.

In June 1954, The Cambridge Glass Company closed down. It was purchased outright by L. Albert & Sons

Company of Akron, Ohio. At the end of March 1955, fires were resumed in the furnaces of the old Cambridge Glass Company and production began in May 1955 under the new ownership. In 1959, The Cambridge Glass Company closed down.

After The Cambridge Glass Company went out of business, certain glass companies obtained some of the defunct company's molds. One of these companies was the Imperial Glass Company of Bellaire, Ohio, and there were other such glass companies. Certain companies who had Cambridge molds used them to make respective glass items. These items could not readily be distinguished, it at all, from the former nor latter Cambridge Glass Companies, especially if made in clear glass.

The Guernsey Glass Company of Ohio made various items utilizing original Cambridge molds. One of these items was the "Pink Slag" water pitcher in the Strawberry pattern signed NEAR CUT.

I had a personal interview with Harold Bennett, an oldtime acquaintance, while attending our 1998 NCC Silver Anniversary. We go back a few years. (I first met Harold Bennett in 1971 at his place of business, The Guernsey Glass Company.)

We met at his Cambridge Museum and had a very cordial two-hour discussion about Cambridge glass in general and especially the "Pink Slag" pitcher. He informed me that he had acquired an original Cambridge Thistle [Line No. 2766] water pitcher mold. (see Figure 3) He had it modified to a Strawberry pattern by an expert mold maker. It bore the NEAR CUT trademark. The only discussion about the tumblers was that six pink slag tumblers went with the pitcher and that they also bore the NEAR CUT mark.

Now here is a bit of information that I did not know until my (Continued on page 13)



FIGURE 3

DONATED GLASS

The following is a list of items that we feel have been donated to the NCC Museum. We cannot find paperwork on them. Please read through this and if you feel that you have donated any of these, let us know which piece, approximately when you donated it, and if you received a donation letter on these items. Address your letter to the **Museum Interior Committee** via **NCC**, **Inc.**, **PO Box 416**, **Cambridge**, **Ohio 43725**. Thank you!

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#62 Azurite 7 1/4" tall comport, worn gold trim
#6 Azurite 6 1/4" bowl, signed
#3035 Gold Krystol 2 1/2 oz. ftd. tumbler
#3125 Gold Krystol 5 oz. ftd. tumbler, Etch Deauville, chip
#3900/126 Diane etch 12" 3 part celery & relish, iridized flashing
#933 Amber Round cup & saucer, chip on saucer, signed
#3051 Amber Narrow Optic 6 oz. low sherbet
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#525 Amber Wide Optic 3 oz. ftd. cocktail
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#745 Peachblo 4 1/4" candlestick (matches above)
Near Cut ruffled horn or cornucopia vase
#4000 Cascade low sherbet
#3700 Manor cut 3 oz. cocktail, Cambridge label
#2 Mt. Vernon 6 1/2 oz. tall sherbet
#7606 Cleo etch 12 oz. tumbler, large chip
#3400/68 Candlelight etch sugar, base chip
#3500/71 Rose Point etch 7 1/2" 3 compt. relish
#34300/10 Rose Point etch 11" center handled sandwich tray
#3400/90 Wildflower etch 6" 2 part relish, chip on divider
Chantilly etch fingerbowl liner plate
#555 Diane etch 7 1/2" plate with Laurel Wreath border
#555 Tempo, Lucia, & Rings cut 7 1/2" plate, Cambridge labels
#556 8" plates with assorted late cuttings (7)
#7927 1/2 Light Emerald 5 oz. hollow stem champagne
#3400/10 Light Emerald 11" hdld, sandwich tray, etch Appleblossom, gold and enamel trim
Primrose rectangular dresser tray, inner chip
#617/618 Amber cigarette jar & underliner, etch #731
#494 Amber ftd. cup & saucer, Etch #703
#556 Amber 8" plate, Etch #703
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#3500/109 Forest Green 11" Ram's Head oval bowl, 4 toed
#3900/575 Emerald 10" cornucopia vase
#801 Light Emerald 10 oz. ftd. glass, optic
#856 Light Emerald 11 1/4" flip bowl, cut, signed
#627 Light Emerald 4" candlesticks (match above) (pair)
#881 Light Emerald 8 oz. tumbler, gray cut floral
#993 Martha etch 12 1/2" bowl, 4 ftd., signed
#15 Caprice 12 oz. tumbler
#178 Caprice Doulton jug, crack in handle
#119 Caprice 5 1/2" 2 compt. relish, Sterling clover decoration
#81 Caprice 11 1/2" 4 ftd. bowl, shallow, gold poppy decor
Caprice 11 1/2" square 4 ftd. bowl (probably not Cambridge)
#28 Mt. Vernon salt shaker, no top
#4 Footed creamer, Plate Etch #1
Large 10 prism bobeche for hurricane lamp
#2653 Ribbon Nearcut ftd. jelly compote, signed, bruise at top
#2577 12" celery tray, early pattern, large edge chips
#38 Caprice Alpine creamer
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#157 Martha deviled egg plate

(NEAR CUT WATER SET - Continued from page 11) interview with Harold Bennett. He, Harold Bennett, bought out the NEAR CUT trademark and that he still owns it.

At this point, let us go back to the four questions posed at the beginning of this article. I'm going to answer each question as I see fit to do so, since no one (including myself) has done it in 25 years. Mind you, Dear Readers, this is strictly one person's opinion, namely mine.

- a. Is this set Cambridge? My answer: No. Reasoning: First of all, this glass set was made at the Guernsey Glass Company. The Strawberry pattern is not a Cambridge one, having been designed for The Guernsey Glass Company. It was made as a set and sold as a set, but it is not a true set, as the pitcher is light pressed and the tumblers are heavy pressed. I have little information regarding the mold that the tumblers came from except that it was used by Guernsey Glass to make the "Pink Slag" tumblers. The Cambridge Strawberry Line No. 2780 tumblers are the bell shape type as opposed to the straight type tumblers in this set. They could have been made from an original Cambridge mold. One other point, Cambridge never used "Pink Slag."
- b. Is this a reproduction? My answer: No. Reasoning: The Guernsey Glass Company owned the mold. Glass companies bought molds from other companies, created their own molds inside their own shops and used the services of independent mold makers outside of their own shops. They then used these cited molds to make glass products. Regardless of who made

the mold the end product was the glass items they produced. These glass products were then sold under their corporate or company name. This Pink Slag set is a Guernsey Glass water set in the Strawberry pattern.

- c. Is this a re-issue? My answer: No. Reasoning: In the business world a re-issue is a second batch of an item or items that had been previously made or manufactured by the same firm. A third re-issue would be the third batch, and so on. It should not be a Cambridge re-issue, as it was made by Guernsey Glass.
- d. Is the water set Near Cut? My answer: Yes. Reasoning: If The Guernsey Glass Company was in custody of the NEAR CUT trademark at the time the Pink Slag water set was made by them, and they put their NEAR CUT mark on all seven pieces which is positively marked on them, then it is NEAR CUT. Even if Guernsey did not have the NEAR CUT trademark at that time, and may now own it, this could very well be that it is still NEAR CUT.

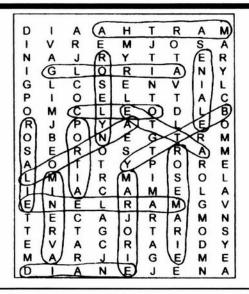
If ever you get an opportunity to purchase a "Pink Slag" signed NEAR CUT, don't pass it by. Harold Bennett has an exact duplicate of this pitcher on display in his museum. He asked me if I wanted to sell the set I own as he has a buyer for it. I respectfully declined.

Until next time.

Joe

Ladies in Distress Solution

(from p. 4, the September issue of the *Crystal Ball*)



(DONATED GLASS - Continued from page 12)

#3400/1217 4 oz. bitters bottle, no tube
#391 Crystal Round 8" ashtray
#3112 Ye Olde Ivy etch 7 oz. tall sherbet
#3130 Appleblossom etch 9 oz. goblet, gold encrusted trim, chip
#3675 Blossomtime etch 7 oz. tall sherbet, chip
#3051 9 oz. goblet, Etch #701, gold trim
#3060 5 1/4 oz. tall sherbet, Etch #704, rim chips

#3122 3 oz. cocktail, unknown floral cut, rim chips #3126 2 1/2 oz. wine, optic bowl Doorknob (1) with fittings



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(PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Continued from page 3) later permit us to be that fortunate.

Sources of Funding

The budgeting mentioned before is highly speculative and contingent on achieving certain objectives. Among these are securing grant money, not an easy task. Those pursuits must be well thought out, smartly organized, and describe a vision of what we would like to accomplish.

Last year, we established an endowment committee. They asked the Board to clarify their objectives in light of the museum flooding. We are asking them to curtail any fundraising efforts and retarget those efforts into pursuing grant money for the building. They will remain highly available to talk to any members about estate planning who would like to remember the club through an endowment program. That is a vital mission that must continue but the only pure fundraising drives we do will be focused on museum relocation.

We would like to set goals of \$50-75,000 for both the grant money and fundraising efforts. Those are ambitious targets and greatly influence what we will be able to do in building a new museum. Clearly if we can receive more grant money, it will let us realize an even finer museum but that is tough to plan on.

Our current operating budget, as we've reported on many times in the last several months, has done very well over the last two to three years. Our somewhat more aggressive move into mutual funds has had a profound impact on our assets. As such, it is not inconceivable that we could direct as much as \$100,000 to Building Fund efforts. That fund already exceeds \$40,000 and can be enhanced by monies in our operating and museum funds without crippling our abilities to meet our day to day needs.

At this time it is difficult to estimate how much we could realize from the sale of our current property but that is being seriously examined.

Fundraising Initiatives

There are several fronts we are pursuing in our fundraising planning. Already, we have received many generous donations from regional depression glass clubs. We are incredibly grateful to all of them. To further spread the word, we authorized funding at the Board Meeting to create a type of "press kit" that will be distributed nationally to show promoters and local DG clubs.

Pivotal to these, and all our efforts, will be articulating a vision for what type of museum we want. People could be much more likely to give if they have a good sense of where the money will go. We owe them these types of answers whether they are NCC members or our

concerned friends in the general glass community.

We are also seriously pursuing significant fundraising projects. Notable among these is the possible production of Scottie Dog bookends as an NCC branded promotion. We've received the welcome support of the Scottie Dog collectors club, The Wee Scots, in helping to conceptualize and promote this idea. Should production be possible, we are not likely to commit to this project until we have a guarantee that at least 200 sets will be sold at a targeted price of \$100 per pair. We are looking for significant programs that can generate meaningful income.

Another significant idea proposed by Frank and Vicki Wollenhaupt at the Town Meeting was a new NCC book on the Very Rare in Cambridge Glass. To develop this book will take many hours from many members to produce the quality product people have come to expect from our club. This is an idea that merits pursuit and could raise strong initial income and continue producing for the club for many years.

Search Process

All of this planning leads to our ultimate goal of a new, larger, and prouder museum. More display is required. We had outgrown our old facility. A research area is highly desired as is a comfortable logical place to greet visitors and sell our resale inventory.

We have many directions we could pursue. We could expand on our current site, or seek an established building that could be converted for our purposes, or look at totally new construction. Opinions are many on what is the best course of action but there was virtual unanimity that we want to move from our present location.

A location with greater visibility is strongly preferred. This could be a downtown location, but parking has been seen as a problem. Other logical choices are visible properties along Route 40 or 22 near Mosser. In either case we must closely scrutinize the flood plain records and recent history. Ideally, we'd like a place that has ample parking and can accommodate many visitors at Convention time, perhaps with the ability to host more events at the site.

Timing/Organization

To coordinate the many possible plans, we established a steering committee, co-chaired by Cindy Arent and Lorraine Weinman. I'm sure they would welcome hearing your thoughts and ideas.

Almost immediately, we are examining a building just off Route 40 at I-77 that has served as a retail facility. It is a prime location, but the building would require a lot of work to meet our specific needs and structural requirements. The good part is it appears to have room for phased-in

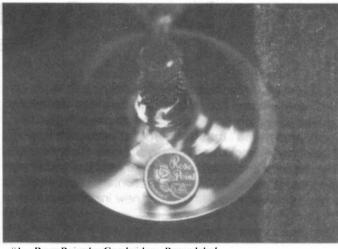
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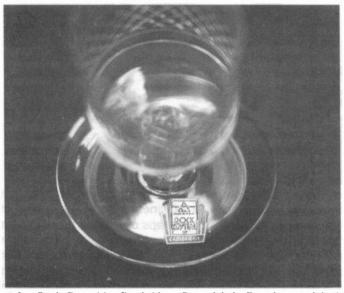
by Bill Hagerty

Here we are past convention time, and what an excellent convention through the big effort by Mark Nye.

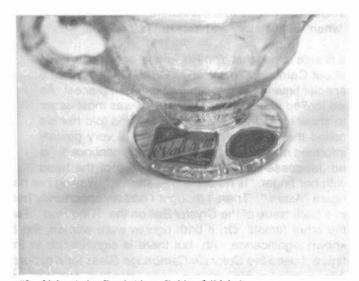
As I promised, we will show you a logo you have not seen before. But, if you had been to the NCC Museum, you could have seen these before.



#1 Rose Point by Cambridge Paper label.



2 Rock Crystal by Cambridge. Paper label. Found on an Adonis tall sherbert. White paper w/brown.



#3 Valencia by Cambridge Golden foil label.

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(PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Continued from page 14) expansion, growing as our financial situation permits.

Other members are looking at property that could potentially be bought in our target areas. Still others are looking at costs for construction including some use of prefab that could be modified for our needs. We have a member who is an architect who has volunteered his expertise when the time is right.

Speaking of timing, it would be fabulous to say that we will be open for business in a new location by next spring. Based on what we know now, that is not a realistic situation. Not impossible, but not likely. As we began this article, it is important to act smartly, not just quickly. This is a decision of long-lasting and vital consequences.

The team is being formed to move forward with these many initiatives quickly. If you'd like to help and feel you have time or a special expertise that is relevant, please get in touch. There has been no more important time to coordinate our volunteer network. The time is now.

Riek

From Asia, With Love

by Georgia G. Otten

Just where do we find information about Cambridge glass? There are books which address many glass companies and their patterns. There are the "Cambridge" books and the *Crystal Ball*. There are conventions and study clubs where much is shared. And then there is the chance encounter. One never knows when or who will bring us new insight.

Mac and I have a new member in our family. Her name is Yan Hui and she is from Beijing, China. In June 1997, she became the bride of Mac's son, Scott. They currently reside in Maryland but were in Dayton with us last Christmas. Christmas is the "when" of this story and Yan Hui is the "who."

It is safe to say that Yan Hui knows only the obvious about Cambridge glass...it is BEAUTIFUL. What a special time we had looking at different pieces! As we looked at the flower arrangers, I was most eager to show her our crystal "One Bun" and told her we called the figure "Geisha." Yan Hui very politely informed me, "Is no geisha." And she continued, "Is no Japanese hair," encircling the top of the head



with her finger. "Is no Japanese sleeve," waving her hand over the figure's garment. I opted for correction to call the figure "Asian." Then, I thought I had an opportunity here. If not a Japanese style, is it Chinese? I had read an article in a back issue of the *Crystal Ball* on the "One Bun" "Two Bun" names. An idea was perhaps one figure was male and the other female. Or, if both figures were women, the hair style was an individual choice. Apparently there was no known significance. Ah, but there is significance to the hairstyles; Chinese significance! Not owning a "Two Bun" figure, I used the *Colors in Cambridge Glass* for a picture to show Yan Hui and asked about the hair. Now, new insight. After a little trouble with our terms "one bun, two bun" which Yan Hui found funny, she explained. In Chinese history, a woman wearing hair gathered in a "one bun" style, would indicate a lady of means or higher social standing. The "two bun" style would designate a woman from the working class, perhaps a domestic or personal servant.

After Christmas I went to the library and looked up books on world costume, Chinese art, and the Japanese kimono. The pictures I found support the hair and the costume contrast between Japanese and Chinese styles. I also saw pictures that supported the two classes. In one Chinese art book, a Chinese lady was being served, perhaps tea, and she had the "one bun" gathered up hair style and the young lady serving had the "two bun" style. A second girl in attendance, standing nearby, was holding what appeared to be a fan. That second girl also donned the "two bun" style. For additional support, I called two Chinese restaurants in our area. Both ladies I talked with confirmed these hairstyle traditions from Chinese history.

According to the dictionary, geisha is: "a <u>Japanese</u> girl trained as a professional singer, dancer, and companion for men." Our Cambridge figure appears significantly more a Chinese style than Japanese style. It is not documented, as far as I know, that the term "geisha" was a Cambridge designation. I would be inclined to believe it was an advertising term, not to be taken literally, but rather to garner interest, as the Asian influence in decorating was quite popular at the time the figures were first introduced in the 1920s.

Talking "Cambridge" is consistently a delight to us glass collectors, and new information is always very exciting. So make sure you are listening, because information flows freely and it may come to you,

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