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and we're off... at the museum in 2004

by Cindy Arent

The museum has been open for eight weeks now, and we're hoping that this year will be even better than 2003. There have been many visitors already including one from Berlin, Germany who thought that Cambridge Glass was "Beautiful". There are several changes this year in addition to the feature display rooms.

The Edna McManus Education Center is still a work in progress. The displays are in place, but many details still need to be added. Sid Garrett, who worked in the Engraving Department at the Cambridge Glass Company for several years, came to the museum to check the authenticity of the engraving display and we passed the test. Sid was eager to cut some glass but we didn't have the dripping water necessary for the cutting process!

The museum gift shop is a bit larger this year. Charles Upton has labeled each item with a descriptive tag which will make the tracking of gift shop sales easier to record. A new book shelf has been added on top of

the cases to allow for better display of the books for sale.

Several different types of recognizable molds have been moved to the center from the storage building. Carl Beynon will be contacting Mosser Glass about the proper procedure for cleaning and preserving the molds for display. These molds will be featured on a specially designed unit and will have descriptions detailing the procedure used for each type.

The reproduction pieces have been placed in the new showcases. There is still a need for Imperial reproduction items. If you have any of these pieces and would be willing to donate or loan them to the museum, please send a list and we will contact you.

The Education Center will be in partial operation by convention. On Thursday afternoon (see convention schedule for time), we will be showing a video of Bill Smith describing the Cambridge Glass Company factory. Mike Arent and Bill Smith went to the plant on July

9, 1990, shortly before it was demolished and filmed Bill telling about the factory operations from just outside the worker's entrance, through the Hot Metal Department, and ending in what was the Selecting Department. Bill worked at the company for a short time as a young man and was able to give very good descriptions of each department. This video will be a wonderful addition to the body of knowledge that NCC has about the factory and the way it worked. Another aerial video of the plant, taken by Mike, shows just how massive the building actually was. For those of you who never saw the factory, these tapes are a "must see".

In order to promote the museum, several activities were scheduled. On April 24, Sharon Miller and I attended the Ohio Association of Historical Societies and Museums regional meeting. We joined sessions on "Creating Living History Programs" and "Presenting Your Stories that Engage the Public; Computers, Videos, and Distance Learning".

Convention is just around the corner and we look forward to meeting you at the museum!

Inside... Convention 2004

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President's Message:

Electronic Progress

It doesn't seem so long ago (maybe 1996?) that I was polling members at Quarterly Meetings about who was on the Internet. It started out at less than 25% of the members and seemed to grow by a 10-15% clip at each subsequent meeting.

This trend blossomed when eBay emerged as a huge transactional factor in how glass was bought and sold. Just three years ago, I wrote "Bloom Off The Rose?" ... about the internet usurping much of the perceived fun of going to glass shows.

Now, Internet coverage nationally tops cable TV (around 80% of the U.S). It is a huge transformation in how information gets communicated.

A few years ago, we predicted a time when getting the Crystal Ball electronically might not only be a realistic option, it might be the norm. Well, that time is rapidly approaching.

Two months ago, our Editor Alex Citron did an "alpha test" of the first e-newsletter and sent it to a small sample of the Board, committee chairs and some of our electronically-savvy members. While this was never intended to be final production quality, it was geared to get reaction as to whether this form of intra-club communication was feasible for the future.

The response from this first core group was overwhelmingly positive. Many saw it as the clear cut future of the club. The benefits were enormous: More content, more pictures, color, better reproduction, potential interactivity via direct links to other information or advertising sites, immediacy of delivery, and on and on. As we assessed the reaction and tried to dovetail that with the current membership's position, we began to

see that two choices might be possible: for those who wanted an electronic newsletter we could be looking at a switch over in a non-too-distant future, and for those without internet access, or those simply preferred "hard copy," the printed and mailed version of the Crystal Ball would absolutely remain an option.

Should we move to this dual system, it would be a very big, and complicated, step. It would involve taking our member database to a much more sophisticated data collection and maintenance position. While many "publishing companies" have taken steps like this in recent years, they all have either internal or outsourced fulfillment departments that handle these responsibilities. Last I checked, we were still staffed with volunteers with very little money for "outsourcing."

That said, this is an inevitable move. We have begun to create a strategic plan for the future of membership database administration that will allow us to capture more email addresses and specific member preferences. The timetable for this initiative is still uncertain, but it holds great promise.

At the same time, our Treasurer Dennis Snyder has been looking at ways for us to handle many other transactions electronically, from book sales to membership renewals. This exploratory began with a simple concept – "can the club take credit cards?" (the initial answer of which was "no, not efficiently") and has morphed into something much smarter and more sophisticated.

Dennis is demo-ing an eBay store ... kind of a virtual storefront where all or most of our resale or transactional items would be available and then via a PayPal-like system (or perhaps

PayPal itself) the customer could close the loop – buying the item and charging it in one fell swoop.

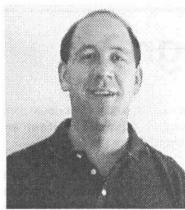
As said, neither of these initiatives "are ready for primetime," but they are enticingly close. They are great steps forward for the club. They will speed communications, streamline the ordering and processing procedures, reduce printing and postage costs (in the face of ever increasing prices) and offer members more services and content. There's a lot to like about this.

If you would like to see a copy of the e-newsletter, drop me an email at CapriceO@aol.com. I'll do my best to get a copy forwarded to you, but frankly, if response is overwhelming, I may not be able to get to everyone. Thanks for your understanding.

Riele

P.S. Some people were confused by our communications on the Scottie Dog promotion. No, these dark blue ones do not look like the picture on the cover of the May CB, that's a creative rendering. They look just like the red and light blue ones we have marketed before. And, we are not really calling them a "limited edition" because if this promotion is as exceedingly successful as we hope it is (the museum needs it!) there remains a remote possibility that we might do another turn. But please, buy them because the museum would love the support, or you would just love a great pair of Scotties. Don't buy them just for a "limited edition" appeal - that's not the real story!

2004 Convention Programs



David Ray (Candleabra and their Parts) graduated from The Ohio State University in 1996 with a Master of Arts in Mathematics and B.S. Math Education. Currently he is employed with Westerville City Schools in Westerville, OH where he teaches Algebra 2 and Integrated Math. He is a member of the Miami Valley Study Group and the Cambridge Wildflowers.

While attending The Ohio State University in the fall of 1988, David received a telephone call from his mother stating they had purchased the most beautiful piece of glass at the Meadow's Flea Market in Washington, PA. The piece was a Moonlight Caprice #62 bowl. Well, as they say, the rest is history. Being a college student on a very tight budget, he could not afford to collect blue Caprice, so he started collecting crystal Caprice. After nearly sixteen years of collecting, the project is nearly finished. There still remain a few illusive pieces of crystal Caprice he has

never had the opportunity to purchase. And after two conventions had passed and nothing new was added to the collection, he decided to begin a new collection(s). The two new collections were Cambridge swans (the style 1 pattern) and crystal nude stems. Now, after five years, these collections are nearly complete. What will be next?

Hello Cambridge Convention First-Timers

by Judy & Ken Rhoads, Chairs of the Mentoring Program

Welcome! Welcome! We are so glad you have decided to become a part of the Cambridge family. It is always exciting to learn and talk about beautiful glass with those who share your collecting passion. You will find Cambridge glass collectors to be some of the friendliest people in the world.

When you arrive in Cambridge, we will be ready for you. There will be many different activities: seminars, meetings, a glass show, a flea market, a silent auction, a glass identification session, a "bring and brag" session of exciting Cambridge finds, a wonderful new museum, and, of course, food. It is a wonderful feast of Cambridge.

As a First-Timer, you may have questions or just may be wondering how you can do it all. We can help! We encourage you to attend the First-Timers' Orientation on Friday, June 25, at 9:30 AM at Pritchard Laughlin Convention Center in the Conference Room. At that time, we hope we can

get acquainted, answer your questions, and introduce you to Mentors. Mentors are volunteer "experienced-timers" who are making themselves especially available to you to help you have a great convention experience. They can give you good information and hot tips about what sessions are "musts" or what to wear to certain events. They can commiserate with you about "the piece of glass that got away", let you know how early you need to get up to find the best treasures at the Glass Dash, celebrate with you about a great find, or tell you the best place in town to get ice cream.

We want you to be comfortable at convention and to get the most you can out of it. We look forward to meeting you. See you in June!

Don't delay
another minute
REGISTER TODAY
See page 13

THE LINE

The New System of Lining Up for the Glass Show

This year, a new system has been instituted to ease our entry into the Glass Show & Sale on opening day, Friday, June 26th.

No longer will hopeful buyers have to line up at six in the morning and spend hours and hours waiting in line for the opening of the doors at 2:00.

Two years ago, the fire department in Cambridge told the management of the convention center that they'd prefer it if we didn't line up a bunch of chairs all day in the galleria. Last year, with the chairs largely absent, people milled around, mostly annoyed that there was nowhere to sit.

This year, problem solved - we hope. We will be using a system of numbered tickets insstead of a line. Here's how it will work:

On Friday morning at exactly 8:00 a.m., convention volunteers will begin handing out numbered tickets at The Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center. The first ticket will be #1, the next

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Howard Seufer, Convention Speaker, has 29 years experience at the Fenton Art Glass Company as an Engineer and Quality Control Manager. He currently lives near Williamstown, West Virginia. As Convention Speaker, he will present a program on glass quality and manufacturing techniques. His presentation will require the audience's assistance, so come prepared to have fun, learn a lot and work a little. Mr. Seufer came to our attention through members of the National Imperial Glass Collectors Society when he presented a program at their convention in 2003. Here is an excerpt by Laura Murphy, from their newsletter regarding Mr. Seufer's presentation, "I'm sure we have all been to dinners where the speaker was not all we had hoped he would be. Well, that was definitely NOT the case Saturday night. Mr. Seufer was more than entertaining, and he presented the program so well, and with so much fun, that no one could have been bored...Those of us who attended the Banquet now have a new appreciation of hand made glassware. Mr. Seufer showed us how to look at the glassware from the eyes of the craftsman who makes it. We no longer think of flaws or defects, NOW we know they are FEATURES!" Please join us Saturday evening for Mr. Seufer's presentation to the National Cambridge Collectors. It will be well worth your time.



The Miami Valley (OH) Study Group will present "Cambridge Glass and All That Jazz" on Saturday afternoon at 3:00. Keeping in mind that 'all glass was once new' the program will be about newly introduced items from Cambridge glass during the jazz era. The program will begin with the year 1925....

Fun loving, enthusiastic and dedicated. This fairly well describes members of the Miami Valley Study Group.

The Miami Valley Study Group, No.13, (MVSG) is an extension of the National Cambridge Collectors Club, Inc. We currently have thirty-nine members. Several members of the MVSG were members of the original Hokey-Pokey Study Group that formed prior to the founding of NCC. After that group disbanded in the early '70's, the MVSG was formed.

Over the years the MVSG has had members serve on the NCC Board of Directors. Currently two from our group are serving on the Board. Other club participation on the national level came from members who have contributed many articles for the Crystal Ball, given presentations at convention and quarterly meetings, chaired committees, chaired the national convention, and set up special displays of Cambridge glass. We have good representation at the meetings, and have generally been available for working in the museum and the museum grounds. Some of us got our tetanus shots and helped clean up after the flood!

Besides our monthly programs, the group has put on special programs. We were guests at the St. Paris (Ohio) Antique Collectors Club and presented an overview of Near Cut, the Cambridge Colors, Flower Frogs and Other Figurals, Cuttings and Etchings. We had a month-long display in the Springfield Art Museum and we were involved in a six-month display at the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery; *Earth, Sand, and Fire,* a display which showed the history of Ohio pottery and glass. Cambridge glass was our anchor display. During that six-month period, the group also gave several educational seminars on Cambridge glass as well as on Heisey candlesticks. Recently several members were involved in presentations given at the Carillon Historical Park in Dayton.

See the Crystal Ball photos in color, on-line at: www.crystalballphotos.org password: rainbow

That Touch of Elegance

by Georgia G. Otten

This article is being reprinted because of an editorial error in its previous publication. My apologies to Ms. Otten and her readers. -- The Editor

I would ask that each of you sit down now and regress...one of my favorite pastimes! I would like you to consider times in your life when you wanted to do something really elegant and how the idea of "something elegant" can change over a period of time. I suppose this will be mostly directed at the lady readers but I certainly do not mean to infer that men cannot or do not think of things elegant! Some do, some don't. Generally speaking, most people understand elegance. Glass collectors surely do! Now go back in time a bit......

You are somewhere in your twenties. You have your first apartment. Your first job is working out well and you have set aside some money for Of course your entertaining. apartment is small, your good table is the old one that you found in your aunt's basement, but it is clean and a nice tablecloth elevates its status to a "dining" table. Your guest will be the person in your life you would like most to impress. You have the dishes and the no-fail family recipe. You need that one touch of elegance to set the mood. The candlesticks! A nice pair of Cambridge No. 3, 10" Victorian Modest. candlesticks. elegant.....they were Mother's and she was always so proud to use them and so are you. All is ready! No one will escape this evening without a feeling of elegance and importance!

Life has been good. You are now in your thirties. That first apartment and the aunt's table are only memories. You have a house with a real dining area! This calls for an invitation to your favorite couple to share the evening meal with you and that very special person who is still in your life! It even means you will be "dressing for dinner." A definite time to show off the good life you are experiencing. You

now have a drop leaf dining room table and of course you have four matching chairs. Perhaps you will use that wonderful damask tablecloth. You don't even mind ironing it. Your china is out and the table is set. The menu is planned in several courses but something is missing. Yes, that touch of elegance...the candlesticks! The dining area is still small but you have saved some hard-earned money and acquired a most elegant item to dress up your table. You have acquired a Cambridge No. 1358 3 Holder with bobeches and prisms! Oh those prisms.....absolutely dripping with elegance! The evening will simply be too gorgeous!

The twenties and thirties surely went by quickly. You are now in your forties and you still find entertaining in your home a special time for friends. Life has brought you more than expected and your new home boasts not only a large dining room but also you have a great room! So many opportunities. Your new dining room furniture is polished to perfection, four boards have been added to the table and there are eight upholstered chairs in place. The menu has been chosen, the food catered, and it will be served to your guests. All is ready....oh yes....don't forget that touch of elegance! Your good fortune has allowed you to acquire many new pieces of Cambridge, for you are now a collector! What will grace your table this evening? How lovely for you and for your guests to enjoy the meal in the twinkling candlelight provided by a pair of No. 17 Cambridge Arms arrangements... complete with all bobeches and an added peg vases for your choice of flowers! Wouldn't you consider that elegant?

The years go on, life styles become a bit more relaxed. Collecting Cambridge continues. Entertaining becomes a bit more casual. Friends carry in food to be shared by the group or pizza is ordered. You now find yourself in the great room. There is no place to eat at the dining room table for it is covered with recent purchases of Cambridge glass. You have rediscovered the table that belonged to your aunt and now have it in the great room. Your friends have arrived and just before opening that pizza, you remember you would like to continue having that touch of elegance. So you run from the room and bring in your latest acquisition, a pair Cambridge Mount Vernon No. 38 13 1/2" candelabrum in Heatherbloom! It makes no difference that there is no tablecloth or that the sticks are too big for your aunt's table. It's your Cambridge!...... Can't you just picture it? No matter the time, no matter the room, there is always acceptance for that touch of elegance! And the name "Cambridge" is synonymous with elegance!

Reminder...

Please donate glass to the Silent Auction Support the NCC and the National Museum of Cambridge Glass

Cambridge Glass in excellent condition only Valued at \$25 or more

Bring donations to the Convention registration table on Friday, June 25th, between 8:00 am and 1:00 pm

The President's Challenge:

The 2004 NCC Convention Silent Auction

President Rick Jones has donated a piece of Cambridge Glass worth at least \$100 to the Silent Auction, and has raised a challenge to all NCC members to follow suit to make this year's Silent Auction the best on record.

Will YOU take the President's Challenge?

E-mail us and let us know what item you'd like to donate to the Silent Auction.

Donated items must be Cambridge Glass,
Cambridge Glass factory, or
Cambridge-associated ephemera,
and be of at least \$25 value.

Only those items of \$100 or higher value
will qualify the donor as a
President's Challenge Contributor.

Auction proceeds will benefit National
Cambridge Collectors, Inc.

Please send an email listing your donation(s) [indicate item/s and value/s] to: slcunicorn@aol.com

- Bring your donated item to the Registration Desk at the 2004 NCC Convention on Friday, June 25th between 8:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
- •Open bidding on auctioned items Friday afternoon at the Show & Sale (bidding will close at 5:45 pm)
- •Winning bidders will be announced Friday evening, June 25th (winners will pick up items after Annual Meeting)

President's Challenge Donations to date include:

Lt Emerald Draped Lady Flower Frog (Rick & Cindy Jones); Nude Stem Cocktail, Amber (Alex Citron & Shelley Cole); Nude Stem Claret, Carmen (Ken & Jane Filippini); "Shmoo" Salt & Pepper, etched Rosepoint (Doug Ingraham); Forest Green Rumpot Decanter (Bill & Yvonne Dufft); Nude Stem Cocktail, Mandarin Gold/CT stem and Nude Stem Cocktail, Mandarin Gold/Crystal (Van & Ruth Smith); #1238 CT Vase, Charleton decoration (Cindy & Mike Arent); Gadroon Urn Vase, Silver overlay (Columbus Wildflowers); CT Nude Comport, Charleton decoration (Barbara Wyrick); CT 8.5" Swan, Charleton decoration (Jim & Nancy Finley); #3112 Cordial, Royal Blue bowl & foot, crystal stem (Frank & Vickie Wollenhaupt); Rosepoint 10.5" bowl, beaded foot (Squeek & Dorothy Rieker); 4-piece Mayo set, underplate, 2 spoons, etched Rosepoint (Bob & Karen Gallagher); #628 Candlestick with arm, dishes and Blue Jay peg (Dwayne & Bonnie Lippy)

Study Group Reports:

Study Group #15 North Texas Cambridge Study Group

The North Texas Cambridge Collectors decided to combine the February and March meetings into one meeting. This was held as luncheon on the Saturday that the Metroplex Glass Show was in Grapevine. Eight members and visitors were present for a low-carb lunch. Other members were tied up at the show with their own booths. Another couple missed the meeting because they were on vacation in Florida.

We discussed assorted items seen at the show. As usual, we managed to have a few Show and Tell items including: a crystal gadroon 6" (3500/91) square tray; an amethyst Farber Bros juice jug

(#630), an amethyst (3400/144) cigarette holder/ashtray/place-card holder, and an unusual moonlight blue caprice 7" footed basket (a blend of #132 and #134)

The April meeting will be at Gerri Cook's on the topic of "Trick and Treat" – bring your good bargains and what you got (mis)took on. The May meeting will be at the Pierce's and focus on cream and sugar sets.

Submitted by Gwenell Pierce

Joint
Study Group Meeting
at NCC Convention...
see page 12,
for details

Study Group #13 Miami Valley Study Group

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Vice-President Ron Hufford. Those present were Frank and Vicki Wollenhaupt, John and Helen Wilt, Judy Rhoads, Ron and Norma Hufford. It was moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes since they were sent to all members. The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$383.54.

OLD BUSINESS

The program for the convention was discussed. Frank gave a report on the 20-30 year period in the absence of Larry Everett, who had done the research. Georgia and Vicki reported on their parts.

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Events:

If you know about any upcoming glass shows or other glass events, please pass the word on to us at least six to eight weeks before the show dates. These listings are free of charge.

Mark Your Calendar



- > NCC Convention Thursday, June 24 thru Saturday, June 26
 - > Quarterly Meeting Saturday, August 16 Luncheon
- > Quarterly Meeting Saturday, November 6 Dinner & Educational Program



Upcoming Glass Shows, Etc.

June 3-6:

Imperial Glass Collectors Society 28th Annual Convention & Sale St. Clairsville, OH E-mail:info@nigcs.org

June 11-13:

Fostoria Glass Society Convention & Sale Moundsville, WV Call: (304) 845-9188

E-mail: cj glass@comcast.net

June 16-19:

Heisey Show & Display OSUN/COTC Campus Newark, OH

Call: (740) 345-2932

August 7-8:

The Great Northeast Show White Plains, NY Call: (330) 270-3348 www.glassshow.com

September 17-19:

Sanlando DG Show Sanford, FL

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if you're not ... and, by the way, why aren't you?

Lodging: All the major motels are located at Exit 178 off I-70.

Food: There are several restaurants (buffet, sit-down and fast-food) in the Exit 178 area. There are also a few restaurants in downtown Cambridge. The major grocery stores are Riesbeck's on Rte 40 east of downtown, and Kroger, Wal-Mart and K-Mart in the Exit 178 area. There are a number of 24-hour convenience stores around Cambridge; K-Mart and Wal-Mart are also open 24 hours a day.

Antiques: There are several good antique shops in downtown Cambridge. In addition, much Cambridge Glass is usually found at Margaret Lane Antiques in nearby New Concord, at Riverfront in New Philadelphia and at the Dexter City Mall in Dexter City.

Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center: To reach the Civic Center from the motels, take I-70 eastbound to exit 176. At the end of the long exit ramp, turn right at the light. The Civic Center is 1/2 mile ahead on your left.

Miami Valley (from page 7)

NEW BUSINESS

We welcomed new members, father and daughter, Lester and Mary Jo Dupree. Frank moved we adjourn. It was seconded by Will.

SHOW AND TELL

3500/69 amber 61/2" 3-part relish with Farber chrome base,

3900/126 crystal relish Rosepoint etch, 3400/95 41/2" puff box, emerald green, P500 candlestick Chantilly etch,

3500/67 10" 5 piece relish; silver tray, 1309 5" globe vase with Chantilly etch, 430 cigarette box etch 704, Peachblo, Stradivari/Regency cocktail, odd green, 67 candleholder, Ebon.

Norma Hufford presented the program on Nearcut Inverted Feather.

Respectfully Submitted, Norma Hufford, Secretary NCC Museum: The National Museum of Cambridge Glass is located at 136 South 9th Street, in downtown Cambridge. From the motels, go north on route 209 until it ends at the courthouse. Turn right onto Wheeling Avenue, then right on 9th Street. The museum is 1 block up on the right; parking is just beyond the museum building.

Bennett Museum: This privately owned museum of Cambridge Glass is located at 812 Jefferson Avenue. From the motels, go north on Route 209. Turn left onto Jefferson Avenue just after you pass the police station (at the foot of the viaduct). The museum is 1 block ahead on your right. Call ahead for hours.

Boyd Glass Company: From the motels, take Route 209 north to the courthouse. Turn right onto Wheeling Avenue, then right on 11th Street (at the Elks Building). Stay on 11th Street as it turns and becomes Morton Avenue. The Boyd factory is ahead on your left at 1203 Morton Avenue. The parking lot is just beyond the building.

Study Group #17 The Columbus Wildflowers

On Thursday, April 2, 2004, the Wildflowers met at the home of David Ray at 7:00 pm. Refreshments of relish and fruit trays with cheese and salami, and homemade brownies with ice cream and whipped cream were served.

Linda Roberts called a quick meeting to order but we had very little Old or New Business other than to dicuss whether to try and put together a glass exhibit at the Ohio State Fair, but time and security issues influenced our decision not to.

David Ray presented a program on "Little Things." He had a large table set up with a variety of small items made by Cambridge, and by the time study group members added items they had brought for the program, the table was full. It

Glass Dash: The Beech Grove Family Center is the location of the NCC's Glass Dash. From the motels, go south on Route 209 across I-70 and past Wal-Mart. The Center is just a short distance ahead on your right. Signs are posted.

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Baker Family Museum: From the motels, take I-70 east to I-77 south to Exit 25, Caldwell. Turn left onto Route 78, go to the second traffic light and turn left onto Route 821. Follow Route 821 through town, past the Post Office and Gateway Market. The road dead-ends at Frazier Road; turn right and look for a grey and white, 3-story building. The museum is in that building.

There are lots of interesting sights in the Cambridge area, including Salt Fork State Park, The Wilds, the Glenn House, the Kennedy Stone House Museum, the Zanesville Y-bridge and many others. Most area motels have an assortment of informational brochures.

was surprising just how many "small items" Cambridge actually produced. David began by saying that many of the small items are the ones that are not marked, and so harder to identify, and in looking at them, only a few were actually functional. We discussed whether in the later days, the last 25 years of the company, it was possible they moved more toward producing decorator glass, show pieces to sit on a buffet on display, whereas in the early years, it was all functional tableware and cut glass. The small items were in the same lines and all the variety of colors 33rd Annual

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Wildflowers (from page 9)

of larger items, and even included some elaborate decorations in enamel and silver overlay.

We had a large number of small Carmen items, and talked about that color originally being priced about 1½ times the price of the other colors.

Some of the items we studied included: the small Crown Tuscan Shell Ashtray with Charleton Blue Mist decoration and a small Moonlight Blue Star Candlestick from the 30's (other colors in that item are hard to find). We had Bridge Hounds; a Crystal Satin Squirrel; a Black Amethyst Prism sign with gold "Cambridge Glass" lettering; a large variety of Salt Dips, Nut Cups, Shot Glasses and Cordials (pinched, mushroom, Tally Ho, barrel, Mt Vernon and Georgian, many of which were Carmen and one Cordial with elaborate silver overlay on Carmen; and in many etchings such as RosePoint, Chantilly, and Diane); two Blue Caprice small Mustards with completely different lids; a small ebony Candlecup to fit inside another piece; a Caprice Alpine Powder Jar with cameo rose on the lid; small Caprice blown and pressed Tumblers; and several small Swans in various colors in Style 1, 2 and 3 (Style 1 and 2 are generally marked, Style 3 is not); small Caprice Cigarette and Toothpick holders; Caprice #249 Favor Vase in green; Amber Pin Tray with Gold Encrusted Rose; Nautilus Salt and Peppers; Royal Blue Top Hat Ashtray; Caprice tiny divided Almond; Muddlers; Wildrose Punch Cup; and a Bronze Scottie dog holder with Amber Ashtray. It was definitely interesting to see the wide and extensive variety of Cambridge's "little things!"

Our meeting ended with Show and Tell, which included a Mayo and Underplate with Gold Encrusted Valencia (remember Valencia = Vertical lines), a Crystal Hollow Stem Champagne with Hunt Scene etching; a small Bashful Charlotte reproduction by Mirror Images embossed with a Triangle C on the top of the base called "September Morn" (the base has very narrow ribs with no holes and is hollow and of poor quality); a Light Emerald Syrup Pitcher with Rosalie etch; a very early Comport with Marjorie etch; a Gadroon Individual Creamer etched Wildflower; and a large

footed bowl brought in for ID with an unusual enamel and gold rim decoration that we determined was made by US Glass and may have been decorated by Wheeling Decorating.

Our meeting adjourned at 10:45 PM.

Our next meeting will be May 7th at the home of Linda Speakman. New members in the Columbus, Ohio area are always welcome and can contact either:

Linda Roberts at Irobert2@columbus.rr.com or Barbara Wyrick at bwyr@ee.net

 respectfully submitted by Barbara Wyrick, Secretary

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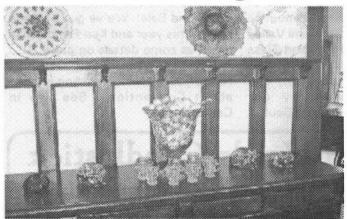
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Cambridge Glass at Easter Time







Nancy Finley sent us these pictures of her beautiful Easter displays and table setting.

Enjoy a punch bowl filled with eggs and surrounded by bunnies. An array of Charleton enameled green at left. The dark emerald Swan above makes a perfect springtime centerpiece. Our thanks to Jim & Nancy for these photos.

Events:

Belong to a Study Group? Wish You Did?

This meeting is planned for all of you: the Joint Study Group meeting at Convention on Friday, June 25, at 11:00 AM at Pritchard Laughlin Convention Center in the Conference Room.

We'll have a great time sharing ideas for ongoing groups as well as groups trying to get started. How do you get a group going? What happens at a Study Group meeting? Got any new ideas for programs? What about having fund-raising projects for NCC?

Come with questions or ideas to share! Hope we have a great turnout!

The Line

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#2, then #3 and so on all morning. Anybody waiting at the door when the volunteers arrive at 8:00 will be given their numbered tickets in the order of their arrival. Be advised, however, the doors will not open until 8:00 sharp, so early birds will be waiting outdoors, rain or shine.

Once you have your ticket, you're free to come and go as you please. Just be back in the Galleria by 1:30 pm to take your numbered place in line, and enter the show at 2:00. If you are not in line when the doors open at 2:00, you go to the back of the pack, so don't be late.

Anyone coming to pick up a numbered ticket may take no more than two tickets. So spouses can pick up tickets for each other, but one person can't get tickets for a whole group.

We think this change will make Friday a more enjoyable day for all. See you at Convention!

Convention Corner

by Shelley Cole, Convention Chair

It can't be June already! This is my last chance to tell you everything you need to know before you come to Convention on June 23. Here goes.

First of all, if you haven't registered, it's not too late. Registration Form is on page 13 of this issue. Be sure to get it into the mail SOON, so we can get your dinner order to the caterer in time!

There is a schedule of events on page 15 of this issue of the Crystal Ball. Please take a look at it to get a sense of what's happening and when you need to be where. We've added some really interesting items to our schedule this year – some of the most interesting being the screening of the Factory Video at our museum on Thursday afternoon, the return of the Picnic and the Field Trip to Bellaire, OH to visit the National Imperial Glass Museum on Thursday morning.

Programs will include the topic of Candelabra by David Ray, Cambridge and All That Jazz by the Miami Valley Study Group, Bring & Brag and Glass ID led by Lynn Welker and a wonderful presentation on the making of glassware by our Convention Speaker, Howard Seufer.

Check out pages 4 & 5 in this issue for more information on our presenters.

For those of you attending your first convention, don't miss the Orientation Meeting on Friday at 9:30 a.m. We'll have lots of folks for you to meet and tips on how to plan your weekend. Look for Judy & Ken Rhoads article on page 4 of this issue for more information.

One of the questions that always comes up is, "What should I wear to the banquet?" I considered going with Dorothy, Scarecrow and Wicked Witch costumes, but have decided that the better route would be to ride the Rainbow. Lets all pick the colors of the Rainbow and light up the Galleria on Friday evening! Just remember ROYGBIV – Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, Violet. Pick a color and have fun!

Of course, one of the biggest attractions at this convention is the Show and Sale! We've got a terrific line-up this year and Ken Filippini has given us some details on page 20.

I hope you're already getting excited about Convention. See you in Cambridge!

Museum Needs Candlestick

The National Museum of Cambridge Glass is in need of a donation of a #50, 8.5" Dolphin Candlestick (in any color) for the hands-on display area in the Education Center.

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Please complete this form and return it as soon as possible. Registration deadline was June 1; registrations sent in now will incur a late charge. Make your check payable to National Cambridge Collectors, Inc. and mail it with your completed registration form to:

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"Somewhere Over the Rainbow" Schedule of Events

Wednesday, June 23

Pool Side Picnic at the... 6:00 p.m.

Day's Inn, 2328 Southgate Parkway

Thursday, June 24

10:00 a.m. Jield Trip to... 2:00 p.m. Registration at the... 3:00 p.m. Cambridge Jactory Video

Program: Candelabra (David Ray) 4:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m. **Dutch Treat Dinner** National Imperial Glass Museum National Museum of Cambridge Glass National Museum of Cambridge Glass Theo's Restaurant, 632 Wheeling Avenue

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Pritchard Laughlin, Conference Room

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Theo's Restaurant

Friday, June 25

8:00 a.m. Registration 9:30 a.m. **Orientation Meeting** 11:00 a.m. Joint Study Group Meeting 2:00 p.m. Opening of Show & Sale 2:00 p.m. Silent Auction Bidding 6:00 p.m. Closing of Show & Sale 6:00 p.m. President's Reception 6:30 p.m. Banquet

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Saturday, June 26

7:00 a.m. Glass Dash, Early Bird 8:30 a.m. Glass Dash, General Admission

Annual Meeting

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11:00 a.m. Closing of Glass Dash 11:00 a.m. Opening of Show & Sale Glass 9D & Bring & Brag 1:00 p.m.

8:00 p.m.

Pritchard Laughlin, Exhibit Hall Pritchard Laughlin, Conference Room

3:00 p.m. Program: Cambridge Glass Pritchard Laughlin, Conference Room

and All That Jazz (Miami Valley Study Group)

5:00 p.m. Closing of Show & Sale

Pritchard Laughlin, Galleria 6:30 p.m. Cocktails 7:00 p.m. Pritchard Laughlin, Galleria Supper

Convention Speaker, Howard Seufer Pritchard Laughlin, Conference Room 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 27

1:00 p.m. Jormer Cambridge Glass Company National Museum of Cambridge Glass

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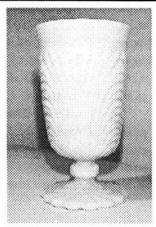
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The 29th Annual NCC Glass Show & Sale

by Ken Filippini

The temperature is rising, the grass is growing, the barbecues are lit and the 29th Annual Cambridge Glass Show is almost here. The dealers are packing their glass, the Show Chairs are making final arrangements and the Cambridge Glass enthusiasts are making reservations. All are getting ready to descend on Cambridge for the Glass Show on June 25 & 26, at the Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center.

Show Chairs Joy McFadden and Mary Beth Hacket are excited about this year's show, expecting it to be one to remember. With a combined 30 years of service to the show, they should know. This year's cadre of dealers includes many of the top Cambridge Glass dealers we have all grown to appreciate. Included are such notables as Lynn Welker, Les Hansen, Rick & Cindy Jones, Charlie & Loretta Weeks, Jim & Leora Leisure, to mention a few. However, this year we are in for a treat, as many new, wonderful dealers will be joining the show. These include Odie Fincham, Bob & Karen Arnold (both from Pennsylvania); Kenneth & Char Fahs from Wisconsin; Linda & David Adams of Las Vegas and Deen Warren of Palm Spings, California. As you can see, dealers are coming from all parts of the US to make this year's show something special.

If you have been to the show in the past you already know what a fabulous event it is. If this will be your first, I assure you it will exceed your expectations. The sea of Cambridge glass you will encounter at the show is something that makes a sunny June day even more brilliant. I for one, am anxiously awaiting this event. Hope to see you there.

Road Trip to the NDGA Show

by Alex Citron

Living in Virginia, Shelley and I have to plan our visits to Cambridge a little more carefully than our friends in Dayton. It's a six hour drive we almost know by heart now. We know the nicest antique shops, the best restaurants, the cleanest restrooms and the shadiest spot to take a roadside nap. Our quarterly trips to Cambridge have become the linchpins of our year; it is around those trips that we schedule nearly everything else.

This year, however, we are facing a special challenge. We have decided to drive to the National Depression Glass Association Convention & Show in Council Bluffs, lowa. That's a good deal farther than we're accustomed to driving, but we're doing a book table and Shelley's been nominated to the NDGA Board, so a road trip seemed in order. The problem is that the NDGA Convention is only two weeks after the NCC's, and we don't relish all that back and forth driving.

Since we're a little bit crazy (by definition as glass collectors), we have decided to drive from Virginia to Cambridge, then on to visit Shelley's family in Denver, then northeast to Council Bluffs and finally back to Virginia. Along the way, we'll be doing some sightseeing in Tennessee and Arkansas, plus paying a visit to the Finleys in Sedalia, MO. These two glass shows have become a 22-day, 6,000-mile road trip. Yikes!

That's what we do for glass. We're hardly the first, and we surely won't be the last to load up the van and head for the shops and shows. We hope to see some of you along the way. Have a great summer!

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