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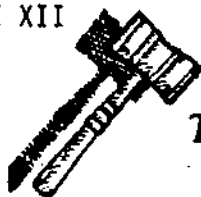
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The President's Message



Dear Members of the Stretch Glass Society:
Dear You-all:

The Convention is a thing of the past now. Had it gone according to plans set up by Berry Wiggins, it would have been a super-duper gathering. Unfortunately, the photographers had to set up in the display room rather than in the lobby - where it was planned; and that threw a wrench into the works for the activities planned for the Friday and early Saturday of the Convention. The photo booth was supposed to be in the lobby of the Lafayette Hotel, but since they were still in the last stages of refurbishing the lobby, it had to be moved. I am told, however, that the photos came out beautifully and the book will be in progress as soon as the copy is done for it and the editing has taken place. Hopefully, it will be correct the first time. There will not be a follow-up in order to correct past mistakes.

Mary and Virgil Henry are in the process of finding a place in Indiana, Pennsylvania for 1986. Paul Miller and your President will make a trip or so over to the city for further help to the Henrys in working up the Convention for 1986. Then, in 1987, the place of meeting will be in Kent State University where the Tarter-Miller gallery of the Kent State Museum will be in place and on display.

Several changes were necessary in the hotel during the Convention. It was not known that the hotel would be refurbished during the time of the Convention and this meant that some of the meetings had to be changed from groups to individuals. But the friendliness of the members and the fact that they all went out of their way to make others feel wanted and welcome made for a happy time anyway.

Helen and Ralph Cooper (from Portland, Oregon) came with a collection of glass for display. It had to be brought by plane and Helen brought her rare black amethyst stretch punch bowl. It is the only one ever reported.

The souvenirs were well received - every one being sold before the Convention. They were made by the Fenton Art Glass Co. in the form of a snail with the formula of the original iridizing liquid being used. The color on dark cobalt was most beautiful and were certainly appreciated.

Try to get at least one member this year. There will be a prize this year for the person turning in the most memberships; and, since the dues are only \$6.00 per family, it might be possible to build up the organization. Try it - it works. We got one by twisting an arm.

Sorry you did not get to the Convention. It was a good one and everyone, not there, was missed.

Blessings on you,
Jabe Tarter, President

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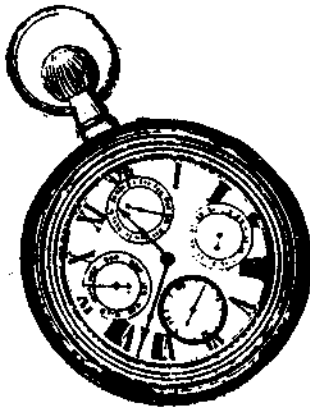
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MINUTES



The President, Jabe Tarter, called the business meeting of the Stretch Glass Society's Eleventh Annual Convention to order on Saturday, May 11, 1985 at 10:00 a.m. The Lafayette Hotel provided a continental breakfast of orange juice, coffee, and sweet rolls during the meeting time. The President welcomed all who were present and again noted our May "birthdayites" and added the name of Mary Henry to the list of Joanna Rodgers, Paul Miller and John Miller. We all sang "Happy Birthday" and agreed that, since our Convention always comes in May, this would have to suffice for the rest of the membership who have birthdays in other months. It was noted that the President is also included with those who have birthdays in May.

The Secretary read the minutes of the 1984 meeting and they were approved as read.

The Treasurer, John Miller, gave his report but stated that inasmuch as it is not complete since dues and other monies are still coming in, he would turn the books over to Ken Magenau and Mary Ellen Anderson, the Audit Committee, before they are to be turned over to the next Treasurer.

The President reported to the membership that Wesley Bicksler of Wadsworth and his wife, Mildred, were not present because Wes is in the hospital with phlebitis; that, as had been reported in the Newsletter, Evelyn Hipple had lost her husband Ray on the 5th of March; and they had usually attended the Conventions. Also, he reported that a number of the Bicksler Club members had planned to come but that apparently the rain had kept them away.

There was a general discussion of the accommodations and of the problems that had been encountered in connection with the photographing for the book. Motion was made by Dr. Ralph Cooper and seconded by John Miller that a letter of thanks be written to Ms. Jean Thomas of the Lafayette Hotel, expressing our thanks for all that she did for our group and working around the decorators, painters, etc. who were still at work at the hotel. Motion carried.

The President inquired if anyone knew of the whereabouts of the Society's Scrapbook as it seemed to have disappeared at the 1984 Convention, but, unfortunately, no one seemed to have any information about it.

It was reported that, in addition to new Directors to replace Ann Cummings (TX) and Virgil Henry (PA) whose terms were expiring, we would have to elect a new Treasurer as John Miller had stated that with the added responsibilities of a new arrival in his family, he would have to resign. The President conducted the election with the result that Joanne Dolby (MI) was elected Treasurer and Rose Schleede (NY) and Paul Miller (OH) were elected Directors.

There was general discussion concerning next year's Convention and Virgil Henry (PA) agreed that he and Mary would get the hotel or motel and the President stated he and Paul Miller would assist with arrangements. The suggestion by Rose Schleede was discussed and well-accepted that next year the displays be set up on one side of the room and that "for sale" glass be set up on the other side of the room. Other suggestions made to improve the set-up were: "for sale" glass should be marked with prices; packing boxes be put out of sight under the tables; and Mary Louise Ryan suggested that it would make the display much more interesting for visitors if each one would prepare five or more hand-lettered cards for various pieces, telling what the piece was, by whom made, etc.

John Miller suggested it would be helpful if we put a notice in the NEWSLETTER for members to include a self-addressed envelope when mailing in their dues. This would greatly facilitate the Treasurer's duties.

There was a general discussion of the souvenirs and all present expressed their complete satisfaction with the iridized snails (a "stretch carnival finish" over cobalt glass). After discussion, motion was made by Alma Magenau and seconded by Joanna Rodgers that Jabe procure the souvenirs for next year for an amount up to \$25.00 each.

John Miller asked if there was not something we could be doing to encourage the collecting of Stretch Glass and reported he has put up displays in the library and suggested others could also. Motion was made by Alma and seconded by Berry Wiggins that we place an ad in both the Antique Trader and Glass Review and, on suggestion that an article be written by Jabe to accompany these ads and the place for readers to write for membership information could be included at the bottom of the article, Alma amended her motion and Berry, the second, and the motion was passed. Jabe said he would prepare such an article.

The President also stated that the Degenhart Museum in Cambridge has stated they would put our membership applications out for the public; and Mr. Fenton, it was reported, will allow our membership applications to be put in the lobby of the Fenton Museum.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning various promotions to obtain new members. John Miller made a motion, seconded by Emma Tilton, that the treasury pay for a souvenir to be given to the person who brings in the most new members for the period March 31st, 1985 to April 1st, 1986 (Jabe Tarter, Berry Wiggins, and Ken Magenau to be excluded unless the new member is someone they have talked with personally). Motion carried.

The President stated that dates for next year's Convention will be May 1st, 2nd and 3rd. That we will get a display room; that we will reserve a block of rooms just as Berry Wiggins had reserved the block of 20 rooms here; and that we will try to get a reservation card for use by members and will advertise a cutoff date. It

was noted that the Lafayette had kept their rates at \$30 for single and \$40 for a double room for us and that they had not charged us for the meeting room nor for the display room. The President apologized for the changes in plans, but stated that Mr. Frank Fenton had asked for our cooperation in allowing Bill Heacock and his photographers to come in to photograph the glass on Friday and that when they were "shooting" the light had to be turned off. He stated he realized that many visitors left at such times, but there was no alternative for us and that we did want to cooperate. He also stated we had all appreciated the tour of the Fenton Glass Company plant as arranged for us by Mr. Fenton.

There was a general discussion about changing the time for paying of dues, but inasmuch as the Treasurer likes to get around to view the glass at the Convention, it was the consensus of opinion we let it remain as it is and that we urge members to pay their dues before April 1st rather than to wait until time for the Convention.

The President stated he was turning in approximately \$800 for the souvenirs; that he had turned in \$455.33 in 1983 for the Joe St. Clair red apples (ours being the only ones which would have the green leaves) and that he'd turned in \$340.00 in 1984 for the ring trees.

The President apologized to Berry Wiggins who was to have given his talk to the membership on Friday, but Berry stated he'd given his notes to the Editor and that she could run his speech in the NEWSLETTER. (Please see Editor's note.)

The President stated our 1987 Convention will be in Kent, Ohio. Kent State University is to open the Tarter-Miller Museum in August of this year. He stated we will get the halls without charge and our meals in the cafeteria if we want them. He stated 250,000 pieces of glass, china, porcelain, etc. is being given for the Museum.

Mary Louise Ryan made inquiries concerning the forthcoming book and the President reported we will have no monetary investment in it; someone from our group will have the opportunity to check it out before it goes to press; we just lend our name; we are not obligated to do anything other than that we are recommending the book. The President stated he will check out the question as to whether there will be other sponsors inasmuch as the book will cover other glass than just Stretch. He stated the book is being printed by Richardson Publishers and will be sold through Wallace Homestead Book Company.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the President declared the meeting adjourned.

/s/ Jabe Tarter, President

/s/ Alma Magenau, Secretary

DON'T FORGET - DUES ARE \$6.00 per year and are to be sent to:

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(Editor's note: We are sure you'll agree it would be better to wait for Berry's speech another time than for this Editor to attempt to tell you what he was going to say from his sparse notes.)

In Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Viva Anliker (OH), whose husband Frank died on March 26th. You will recall we reported in the last NEWSLETTER about his fall and that he was in the hospital.



THE VERY NEWEST

Congratulations are in order to John & Cheryl Miller on the arrival of Hayley Lynn Miller on March 18th. Mother, baby and big brother are all doing fine - we're not sure about Father yet! Incidentally, the family has moved to Parma, Ohio since this arrival.

And, speaking of changes of address, William Crowl was present at the Convention and reports the following change of address. He is now at 2302 N. Vermont St., Arlington, VA 22207. Will you please make this change in your Roster?

WELCOME new members

NOW - WHILE YOU HAVE YOUR ROSTER OUT (included with this NEWSLETTER for new members) - how about adding these new members to your Roster? We certainly welcome each and every one of them and trust we'll be receiving news from each before long.

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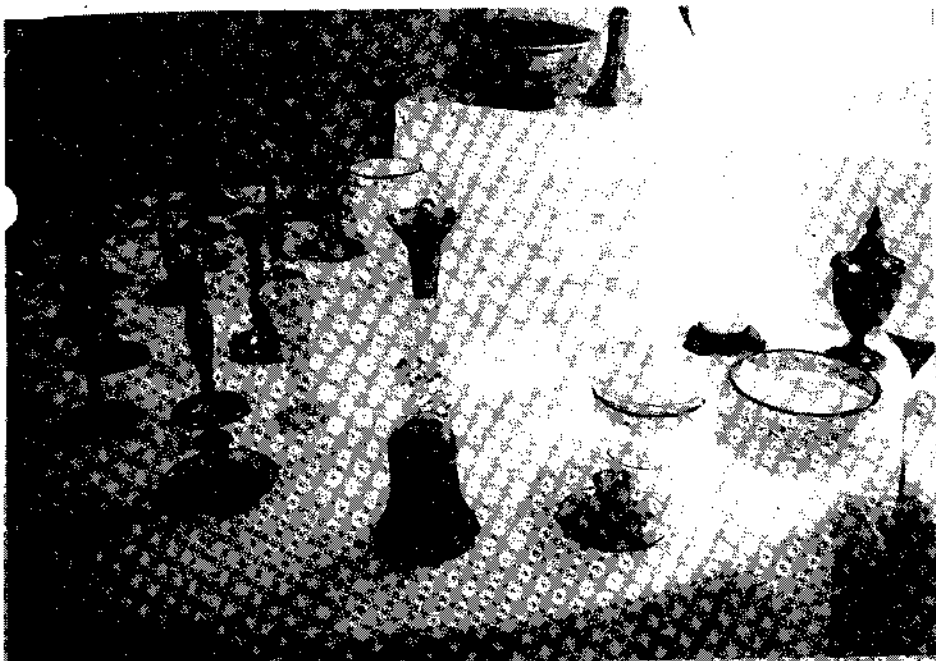
The Directors have asked that we notify the members that advertising will be charged at the rate of \$8.00 for a quarter-page for each issue - payable to the Treasurer.

Your Editor was not sure how our colored prints would screen for the NEWSLETTER, but we did want to share some of our enjoyment from the Convention.

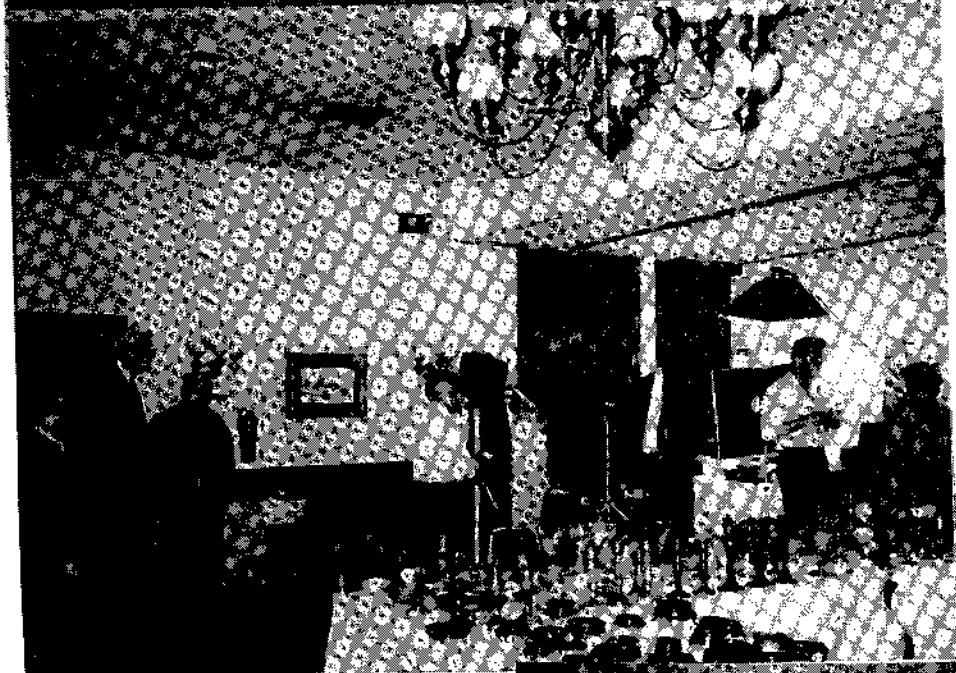
On Friday, we toured the Fenton Glass Company plant and in this picture watched as some of the artisans were working on lamp bases. It's always most interesting to us to watch each step in this fascinating art.



To the left, you'll see a familiar sight - our President explaining some of the details about our Stretch to one of the members. In this case, it's the Editor/Secretary. If you look closely, you'll note Helen Cooper (OR) as she was checking out another piece. Her biggest problem was figuring out how she could take all the glass back to Oregon that she wanted.

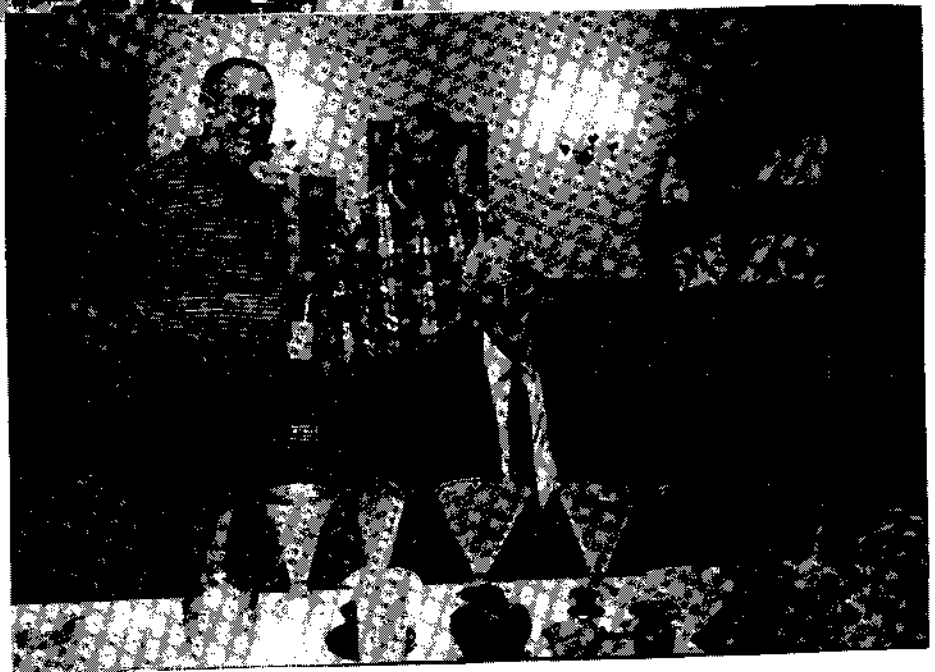


At the left is a small part of the glass brought in for viewing. Displays were set up by Carl & Rose Schleede, Mary & Virgil Henry, Helen & Martin Stozus, Jabe Tarter & Paul Miller, Joanna Rodgers, Berry Wiggins, Bill Crowl, Ken & Alma Magenau, Helen & Ralph Cooper, Mary Louise Ryan. (I hope I didn't leave anyone out.)



This gives you a small idea of the "shooting process." Bill Crowl is at the extreme right of this picture, talking with Bill Heacock who is standing in front of one of the set-ups the photographers were getting ready to snap. To the extreme left of the picture is your Editor, Mr. Frank Fenton, and Berry Wiggins.

At the right are some of the experts we had with us. At the left is our President, Jabe Tarter, Berry Wiggins, Frank Fenton (seated), and William Heacock. If you'll check the photo above you'll see why we had Mr. Fenton seated for this picture in front of some of the Fenton pieces these men were looking over and studying.



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