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Convention Update

By Vickie Rowe



The convention team has finalized all the details and we can't wait to see you at the 49th annual convention! **The dates are August 10-12th.** We will be meeting in Denver, PA, the location where the Stretch Glass Society was founded.

Members were notified at the beginning of May, either by USPS or email. You can download the forms or register through the website, www.stretchglassociety.org. We need to receive your completed registration form by July 15th. Remember to book your hotel room ASAP by calling the Comfort Inn in Denver, PA (717-336-7541). Please tell them you are with The Stretch Glass Society to get the reduced rate of \$99 for Thursday night and \$129 for Friday and Saturday nights plus tax. The deadline to be eligible for these rates is July 12th. The address is: 1 Denver Road, Denver, PA.

Since the March issue of the newsletter, we have selected a new caterer. Our banquet buffet meal will feature roast filet of beef, chicken piccata, green beans almondine, roasted red potatoes, bowtie pasta salad and a variety of pies.

After the banquet, John Weishar from Island Mould & Machine Company in Wheeling, WV will speak about the mold business that was started by his grandfather in 1939. The business has remained in the family. Over the past sixty years, they have expanded their facility to include over 50,000 sq. ft. of manufacturing space and are at the forefront of technology, offering everything needed to produce moulds for the glass industry: pattern making, mould making, and most importantly, talented craftsmen.

You will have fun and learn about stretch glass from each other and our presenters. Join us for many activities, great meals, lots of fantastic stretch glass and, most important, engaging conversation with others who share your interest in stretch glass. And there will be opportunities for some of the stretch glass to go home with you – imagine how excited you will be when you win or purchase one or a few or even many piece(s) of stretch glass. It will be Christmas in August for sure. As a bonus, Denver is very close to Adamstown where there are many antique malls. In addition, there are many places of interest to visit during your trip to the convention.

If you are unable to join us, you can zoom in on the seminars. Jeff Hodges has agreed to be the "zoom master" for the convention.

We hope to see you in Denver in August. It will be fun to see our friends, both old and new as we gather at the 49th Annual SGS Convention.



Co-Presidents' Message



We're happy to report that Spring has finally arrived in New England! It's so wonderful to see the various colors of flowers and plants which look like a palette of stretch glass colors.

Spring also means final preparations for the annual convention. This is the last newsletter you will receive before the convention. There is a detailed report elsewhere in the *Quarterly*. Registrations have been trickling in, which is encouraging. We look forward to seeing many new faces and renewing friendships with those who are able to come to the convention.

Once again, we need you! We have some vacancies on our Board of Directors. Please read Cal's article elsewhere in this newsletter. You don't have to be an expert on stretch glass, just willing to use your talents to help us continue our mission: sharing our enthusiasm and educating fellow collectors about one of America's heritages -- Iridescent Stretch Glass! Please contact Cal or us if you would like more information.

Our next board meeting is Sept 21st at 8 p.m. All members are welcome to attend this zoom meeting. Just contact us for the zoom link.



We hope to see you at the convention August 10-12th in Denver, PA! We're already thinking about the glass we plan to bring for our display table, as well as items for the seminar on rare, unusual, and/or favorite pieces of stretch glass. We can't wait to share it with all of you!

Happy collecting!

Vickie and John Rowe

Vickie and John Rowe
Co-Presidents 2021-2023

Highlights of Convention Schedule



Thursday, August 10th

- Registration packets will be available after lunch.
- Member Display and Combined Convention Display set up starting at 12 noon.
- **Welcome Reception**, hosted by Deb Brateng and Jeri Sue Lucas starts at 6 p.m.
- **First Timers' Stampede** follows the reception.
- Tom Burns Facebook Live preview of Auction items.

Friday, August 11th

- Seminar on **History of the Smaller Stretch Glass Companies** presented by John Rowe, focusing on Lancaster, Vineland, Jeanette, Central and Diamond glass companies.
- **Convention Display of Stretch Glass**, made possible by many of you bringing items from your personal collections, will feature beverage sets and drinking vessels. Please bring your tumblers, pitchers, goblets and any vessel that holds drinks. Dave and Renée Shetlar are coordinating the display which promises to be both astonishing and educational.
- After lunch, members with **display tables and/or a favorite piece of stretch glass** will share information about their glass.
- **Stretch Glass Auction** starts at 4 p.m. conducted by Burns Auction Service.

Saturday, August 12

- We begin with **Show and Share – Your Most Unusual, Interesting, Rare and/or Favorite Stretch Glass** moderated by Cal Hackeman. We anticipate having a table full of different shapes, colors, whimsies, etc.
- The **Annual Luncheon and Business Meeting** with the election of officers will take place on Saturday at noon, followed by free time for visiting antique malls, taking down glass displays or room hopping.
- The **Banquet** starts at 6 p.m. Bring your appetites!
- Our **Banquet speaker** is John Weishar from Island Mould & Machine Company.
- Our **White Elephant Auction**, which is a lot of fun and you never know what treasures will bring in funds for our organization.

Extra - Sunday, August 13th

- On Sunday morning, Renninger's Antique Market opens at 5 a.m. for the outdoor vendors and at 7:30 a.m. for the indoor vendors. Maybe you will find another piece of stretch glass to take home. The address is 2500 North Reading Road, Denver, PA.
- Cal Hackeman and Jeff Hodges are hosting a breakfast brunch at their home in [REDACTED], PA from 9 a.m. until noon. They don't live far from Denver and it is well worth the time to visit their home, enjoy brunch and view their beautiful glass and pottery collections.





New Finds

By John and Vickie Rowe

Back in March, we took a trip to the Poconos in Pennsylvania. There weren't a lot of antique malls in the area, but we found a couple. And, to our surprise, we found some stretch glass! Pictured is the Northwood mayonnaise and under-plate set in Topaz. We also found the U. S. Glass Topaz #179 Sweet Pea Vase, and a Northwood #658 Ivory candleholder.

Back home, we went to a meeting of the New England Carnival Glass Association and purchased two items from one of their members. Pictured are the Fenton Florentine Green #743 puff box and the Vineland 10" blue candleholders.

For the first time in many years, we went to Brimfield. We didn't see much stretch glass there, but we did come home with this U. S. Glass #179 Blue center-handled server. It came in handy to share with the folks who were on the Stretch Out Discussion later that week.

We recently were at an antique mall about 20 miles away from home and found a rare piece of stretch glass, but we're not going to reveal it here. We will bring it to the convention for the seminar on "'Unusual, Interesting, Rare, and/or Favorite Glass". We hope you enjoyed our recent finds!



Sharing Your Stretch Glass at Convention

There are two opportunities for you to show and share, see and learn about stretch glass as follows:

CONVENTION DISPLAY – Dave and Renee Shetlar are coordinating a presentation of beverage sets and drinking vessels. Please contact Dave and Renée at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] to let them know which pieces of glass you will be bringing for the convention display table. There are many examples of these items pictured in *American Iridescent Stretch Glass* – once you look at the photos you will realize that maybe you have some of this stretch glass to share!

5' ROUND DISPLAY TABLE – A member may display both stretch glass and non-stretch glass on a 5' round display table; however, the majority of the items displayed must be stretch glass. A white table cover will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own covering or place mats, ect. Please consider including informative text regarding the stretch glass items on your table to enhance the educational experience of all in attendance. Each member is limited to one 5' round table.

We eliminated the **MY FAVORITE GLASS** table this year because we are asking you to bring it for the seminar on Saturday morning on **Unusual, Interesting, Rare, and/or Favorite Glass**.

VP Message

On May 9th I had my gallbladder removed, filled with "sludge" and two 1/2" "jagged" gallstones! Someone said, "I had a lot of gall." THANKS for your prayers and support during this time. I am feeling MUCH better!

I am trying to downsize my Collection of glass -- sort of: Last year I sold over 300 pieces and this year I reinvested that money in just ONE piece. I plan to attend, sell glass, and have a "Stretch Display" at the Tiffin Glass Show in Ohio, June 17, 18; The National Depression Glass Show in Kansas City, July 8, 9; and our Stretch Glass Convention in August. I am so looking forward to seeing all of you -- my wonderful friends -- again! And I am finding lots of beautiful glass along the way to share.

Tim Cantrell

Tim Cantrell, Vice-President



Annual Meeting and Election Of Officers

By Vickie Rowe

The annual meeting and election of officers of The Stretch Glass Society will take place on Saturday, August 12, 2023 after lunch, which starts at 12 noon. If you are unable to attend in person, we are offering a virtual option, thanks to Jeff Hodges. Please let me know if you are interested in attending the meeting via Zoom. It will not be the same link as the virtual zoom meetings of the convention seminars.

2024 Calendar Update

The Calendar Committee of Becki Ann Selby, Jeff Hodges, Dave Shetlar with assistance from Bob Henkel and John Rowe has been busy working on the 2024 calendar.

The calendar will feature stretch glass that has been purchased with your generous donations to the Bill Crawl Memorial Education Fund. Calendars are free for SGS members; extra calendars are available for \$5 apiece. For those unable to attend the convention, the calendars will be mailed out after the convention.

Once again, thank you to our generous sponsors (Burns Auction Service, Dexter City Auctions, Sheffield Auctions and Matthew Wroda Auctions) who help to promote stretch glass through the calendars.

Sponsors

By Vickie Rowe



The convention team has tried to keep costs reasonable, despite the inflation. I would like to say "thank you" to several people who have helped us to meet this goal. The list includes: Tom & Debra Burns, Lance Hilkene & Pat Gabree, Deb Brateng & Jeri Sue Lucas, Cal Hackeman & Jeff Hodges, Robert Henkel, Joanne Rodgers, and John

Rowe. Thank you for your generosity! Also, thank you to those members who have added donations when registering for the convention. I will acknowledge you in the next newsletter when I have a complete list.

The Stretch Glass Society

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2024

Featuring the Bill Crawl Memorial Collection

White Elephant Sale

We have started a SGS tradition! Last year's White Elephant Sale was another great success. As a reminder, here are a few details. We ask you to donate, to the sale table, an item of your choosing. The donations may be anything. Some of the items that were brought last year included glassware, handmade pottery, Christmas items, a jar of local peanuts, candles, chocolate, jewelry, and so much more. We even had a white glass elephant!! These items will to be auctioned off by Tom and Debra Burns, after the banquet meal on Saturday evening. At the auction you will get a chance to bid on each donated item and the highest bidder wins the item and takes it home. All proceeds from the sale of each item will go directly to the Stretch Glass Society.

Please look for an item you might like to bring such as an unwanted holiday gift that you never returned, an 'extra' something or your favorite candy, wine or fruitcake. We hope all will have some extra fun at the convention!

Nominations Are Open....Opportunities Abound.... You Are Needed and Invited to Volunteer

The Stretch Glass Society is a volunteer-led organization. While our Newsletter Editor and Webmaster receive compensation for the time and effort they devote to their respective responsibilities, everything else we do to promote and preserve stretch glass is done by an outstanding team of volunteers. This volunteer team includes those individuals who serve as your four Officers and six Directors, as well as others who assist them. These 10 individuals, along with several others, handle everything from our finances to getting brochures printed to organizing our annual convention, making presentations on stretch glass, writing articles about stretch glass, providing the content of the SGS Quarterly to our Editor, managing our Facebook and web presence, overseeing fundraising, collecting membership dues and much more. Each year two officers and several directors complete their terms of office. In many cases, these volunteers indicate a willingness to continue to carry out their responsibilities for another 2 years. Some of our officers and directors have served for many years in one or more capacity. Everyone benefits from the efforts of these individuals. From time to time one or more of these volunteers finds it difficult to continue to serve us in his/her capacity and it becomes necessary for another member of The Stretch Glass Society to volunteer to take on certain responsibilities so that you will continue to receive your Quarterly newsletter, be able to attend a convention or benefit from stretch glass becoming better known and appreciated.



In 2023, at our Annual Meeting, we will need to elect a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Director of Outreach, a Director of Souvenirs, a Director of the SGS Quarterly newsletter and a Director of Fundraising. I'm happy to report that John and



Vickie Rowe have indicated they will be candidates for Co-Presidents, Debbie Brateng will be a candidate for Vice President, Billy Shreck has volunteered to be a candidate for Director of Souvenirs, Bob Henkel has indicated a willingness to continue to serve as Director of Fundraising, and Tim Cantrell will be a candidate for Director of Outreach. At this time, we are seeking volunteers to be candidates for Director of the SGS Quarterly and Secretary. This is where we ask you to step up and volunteer to help us continue the outstanding promotion and preservation of stretch glass for which The Stretch Glass Society is so well known.

So, what is entailed in volunteering to be a candidate for one of these positions, all of which are members of the Board of Directors? The responsibilities for each volunteer are slightly different, but all include participating in 4 or 5 zoom meetings of the Board of Directors during the next year and contributing to the SGS Quarterly newsletter to share your activities with the rest of our members. Zoom meetings are held in the evening, one night each quarter beginning at 8pm eastern time for about 90 minutes. Contributing to the SGS Quarterly newsletter also happens on a quarterly basis and can consist of a few sentences or a lengthy, if you prefer, article about what you have been doing for our Society during the past quarter. The additional specific activities related to the other volunteer opportunities are described below.

- * **Director of the SGS Quarterly newsletter** - this volunteer determines the desired articles to be included in the SGS Quarterly, contacts the appropriate persons to request they write the articles, reviews articles submitted and provides the articles to our Newsletter Editor. The Editor prepares the SGS Quarterly and provides it to the contributors and the Board of Directors for review before it is published by the Editor. The Director does not have to know anything about layout, formatting, printing, etc. These are all handled by our Editor.
- * **Secretary** - The Secretary takes minutes at meetings of the Society, conducts limited correspondence of the Society and keeps records of the Society as a whole under the supervision of the President.

None of these positions is expected to consume significant time and effort by the elected volunteer. This is not a full-time job; it is not even a part-time job! It is an opportunity to give back to your fellow members and to contribute to our on-going efforts to promote and preserve stretch glass. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions. You will be joining a team of stretch glass enthusiasts who enjoy what they do and have fun doing it. Without you - actually at least two of you - we will not be able to continue to effectively promote and preserve stretch glass or offer all of our members a first class Quarterly newsletter, an Annual Convention, and a host of other benefits which together are increasing the recognition and appreciation of stretch glass which, in turn, makes sure that stretch glass will not be a forgotten art in the future and that it maintains or increases in value for when you wish to sell your collection - something that is inevitable for all of us. Thank you for your consideration of these opportunities. We look forward to hearing from you before July 1, 2023, so that we can announce the candidates for Officers and Directors prior to our Annual Meeting in August at Convention.

Cal Hackeman, Chair, Nominating Committee,

Vickie Rowe, member, Nominating Committee,

John Rowe, member, Nominating Committee,





September Stretch Out Discussions

Beverage Sets and Drinking Vessels

will be the topic of our *Stretch Out* Discussion on

Thursday, September 14, 2023

at 8 pm Eastern, 7 Central, 6 Mountain & 5 Pacific Time.

Our September 14 Stretch Out Discussion on Beverage Sets and Drinking Vessels will be held in 'Show and Tell' format. This is the topic for our convention club display, where some new and exciting items will likely show up and be shared at this meeting. Also, feel free to raise a drinking vessel or two of your own to be admired by all and/or identified by our experts.



All are welcome to join this Zoom meeting
Non-members can email info@stretchglassociety.org to receive the Zoom invitation.



Photos will be available on our website,
stretchglassociety.org one week before the meeting.

Many who have joined our discussions are thanking
us for identifying their recent purchase.



Cal Hackeman is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: The Stretch Glass Society's Show & Tell on Beverage Sets & Drinking Vessels

Time: Sept. 14, 2023 08:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9196004533?pwd=aFJ5WkppcFl6SXZDTUIOa3ZjTzk4QT09>

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Cal



A Warm Welcome to Our New Members

Juan F. Lebron from Pennsylvania

Julie Morris from Pennsylvania



Stretch Glass Beverage Sets and Drinking Vessels

Primer for Our 2023 Club Display

By David Shetlar

Our club display this year will feature all the forms of pitchers, tumblers, cups and saucers that were made in stretch glass. It should be quite a display if we can accumulate all the forms in all the known colors. To get your interest going, I'll cover many of the items that will be on display and I request that you send me a note if you think you have a rare color or form and you are willing to bring the piece or have someone else bring it. While we will have some full displays of complete pitcher and tumbler sets, for the display, only one tumbler will be needed with each pitcher in order to save some space and reduce your packing!



(photo #1)



(photo #2)

First off is Diamond. Diamond made three primary pitchers. The Adam's Rib (#900, Fig. 1) pitcher and handled tumblers come in blue and green. The pitcher is blown-molded with an applied handle. Diamond also used a corset-shaped vase to make tall pitchers (Figs. 2 & 3, Topaz and Blue Crackle), but I've not seen matching tumblers. Notice the unique shape of the handles. They take a sharp turn up from the base of the handle, then another sharp turn down at the top. If you see this shape of handle, you can rightly guess it is Diamond. These vases are very difficult to find and, after blowing, they were stuck onto a punty rod for finishing. This means that they will have a rough ground pontil mark. Diamond also made a rib-optic pitcher that is matched with exterior-ribbed tumblers (Fig. 4, green). The pitcher should have a cover. This is fairly obtainable in blue and green, but I know of a marigold example. The final pitcher appears to be a ball-shaped one that has pinches (Fig. 7, marigold). (Pinching of vases was common with Diamond.) The little corset-shaped tumblers match perfectly. Diamond also made a handled mug (Fig. 5, blue), and an extremely rare cup with a set of rings at the top (Fig. 6, crystal). I know of some plates that have these rings. I figure that Diamond may have started making a line of stretch with these rings, but the factory closed before many were made. This cup is figured in the stretch glass book, crimped to form a creamer (AISG, Fig. 72). Diamond also made a high-stemmed goblet (Fig. 8, blue) which is difficult to find, and I've seen them in blue, green and crystal.

Fenton produced the widest array of beverage sets and drinking vessels! In fact, they made so many, I didn't have space to show the #401 night sets (tumble-ups) (photo #1) or the #215 cocktail/juice set (photo #2). I'll start with the guest set #200 (Fig. 9, Tangerine). This set comes in all the primary stretch colors except for Ruby and Royal Blue (cobalt). What makes collecting these interesting is that the handle colors often differ. Most will have cobalt blue handles, but the handles can be made from the same glass color as the jug or crystal.

Fenton made a barrel-shaped pitcher with barrel-shaped tumblers (Fig. 10, blue). This set comes in blue and green, but there may be others out there. Notice that this pitcher is quite similar to the Diamond one (Fig. 7) except the handles are very different. The most obtainable Fenton beverage sets are the #220 (Fig. 13, Topaz with cobalt handles) and the #222 Fig. 14, Velva Rose) sets. These are most obtainable in Celeste Blue and Topaz, but Wisteria and Crystal sets are known. Notice that the #220 tumblers flare out and the #222 tumblers are corset shaped. Apparently, the tumblers were interchanged, so you might find a set with a #220 pitcher with #222 tumblers. The complete set came with a pitcher with underplate or stand (the underplate is very difficult to find) and six tumblers, each with a coaster. The coasters have become more expensive than the tumblers in recent years! The #222 tumblers may have applied handles, or, less commonly, without handles. Fenton made three sizes of "ring-base" vases and they made pitchers from these (Figs. 15 & 16, Topaz Opalescent, rib optic and curtain optic). The larger pitchers came with taller ring-based tumblers, but the small pitcher (not shown) came with a smaller tumbler (Fig. 12, Topaz Opalescent, rib optic).

Fenton also made a considerable number of tea cups in stretch colors, one plain (Fig. 17, Florentine Green) and one with the #1502 (diamond optic) interior (Fig. 18, Tangerine). There are matching plates for these tea cups (not shown). Fenton also made a punch cup (Fig. 19, Celeste Blue) which is very difficult to obtain. These come in Celeste Blue, Florentine Green and Persian Pearl. I know of two Ruby ones! A few years ago, a Fenton club member came in with a Lincoln Inn cup in Persian Pearl (Fig. 20). It's the only one that I know of, but there had to have been a set made originally! Where are they?? The #1502 diamond optic stemmed tumbler (Fig. 21, Velva Rose) and goblet (Fig. 22, Velva Rose) are also extremely rare, but again, a Fenton club member mentioned to me that she had a set of six! I've never heard from her again! I debated as to whether to include the Fenton shaving mug (Fig. 11) since one really wouldn't drink from it! But here it is! It is only known in Celeste Blue and Topaz, and none are easy to obtain.

Northwood made three sets of pitcher/tumbler sets (according to their catalog pages), but I've never seen the so-called Barbella pitcher in person (a person posted a picture of the ribbed-optic pitcher on Hooked-on-Carnival a couple of years ago). The tumblers are known in Topaz and Russet (Fig. 24). None are common and command high prices. I had seen several of the Barbella handled tumblers without iridescence, but I found one last year sitting by itself on a mall shelf (Fig. 23, Blue). Northwood's night set, #559 (Fig. 25, Jade Blue) is often called "quilted optic" or "diamond optic" and is fairly obtainable in Blue, Topaz and Russet. Northwood also made a tall, quilted optic beverage set (Fig. 28, Blue). The pitcher has a lid, and the set originally came with coasters for the tumblers, but no stand or cup for the pitcher (at least, that I've ever seen). This is most commonly found in Blue, rarely in Topaz, and I know of one Russet pitcher and three tumblers.

Finally, we come to Imperial's sets. I'm surprised that Imperial only made their #600 (Chesterfield) pitchers, tumblers, and handled mugs in stretch! They were a giant company that made lots of other pitchers and tumblers. The #600 pitcher and tumbler sets (Fig. 26, Iris Ice) are known in Rose Ice (marigold), Ruby Ice, Green Ice (teal), and Iris Ice (crystal). None are common and the tumblers are highly prized by tumbler collectors. I've also included an example of the Rose Ice pitcher with cover and a handled mug (Fig. 27). The handled mug is also found in Iris Ice.



Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Fig. 3



Fig. 4



Fig. 5



Fig. 6



Fig. 7



Fig. 8



Fig. 9



Fig. 10



Fig. 11



Fig. 12



Fig. 13



Fig. 14



Fig. 15



Fig. 16



Fig. 17



Fig. 18



Fig. 19



Fig. 20



Fig. 21



Fig. 22



Fig. 23



Fig. 24



Fig. 25



Fig. 26



Fig. 27



Fig. 28

2023 Convention Auction

By Cal Hackeman

One of the highlights of every Stretch Glass Society convention is the auction presented by Burns Auction Service. This year will be no exception. Tom and Debra have been gathering stretch glass and have assembled an impressive selection for our bidding pleasure on Friday, August 11, 2023, starting at 4pm in the main convention meeting room at the Comfort Inn in Denver, PA. This year's auction will have approximately 300 lots, including

nearly 70 pieces from the collection of the late Ken Pakula. Please check the Burns Auction Service website (<https://www.tomburnsauctions.com/>) to see all the items in the auction as they are posted. The best way to participate in this auction is to be there in person! There is nothing like being able to see and touch the stretch glass you are going to be bidding on....and hopefully taking home with you. On-line bidding will also be available, as will absentee bidding and phone bidding, by advance arrangement with Burns Auction Service, if you are not able to join us for the convention and auction in person. There are lots of reasons to join us for this year's convention including our educational seminars, the wonderful table displays by members of The Stretch Glass Society, our impressive presentation of Beverage Sets and Drinking

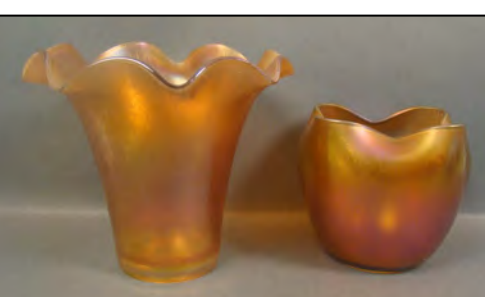
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More 2023 Convention Auction Pictures

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Vessels, and most importantly, to renew and make new friendships with those who share our love of stretch glass. We thank Tom and Debra and their entire team for presenting an outstanding auction of stretch and other glass at our 2023 Convention and we look forward to your in-person participation. See you in Denver, PA on August 10, 11 & 12, 2023!



The Stretch Glass Society Board of Directors Meeting Conducted via Zoom on December 15, 2022

Attendance: John Rowe, Vickie Rowe, Cal Hackeman, Dave Shetlar, Mary Elda Arrington, Stephanie Bennett, Patrick Steele, Billy Shreck, Tim Cantrell, Deb Brateng

Treasurer's Report: Our total cash on deposit plus our PayPal balance as of Dec 13, 2022, is \$53,197.80. \$25,000 of this total has been moved from the money market account and invested in higher yield CD's. The BCMEF accounts for \$7856.33 of the total funds. Membership Update: Current membership is 145.

Old Business

- ◆ **Brochures** - Funds have been approved and Patrick will get the updated brochures printed.
- ◆ **2024 Calendars** - Dave has photo montages from 2007 that were done with Bob Henkel that can be used in the calendar. He can also use some photos of the Bill Crowl Collection.
- ◆ **Souvenirs** - The inventory has been consolidated and items are housed at Bob Henkel's storage facility. Photographs of items available for sale have been taken and work is being done to develop a system for purchase and shipping outside of convention. Complete listing and price sheet updated and published in the Quarterly and will be added to the website and Facebook page.
- ◆ **50th Anniversary Souvenirs** - Options still being discussed. Souvenirs would need to be purchased as pre-orders. Ideally orders could be taken at the 2023 convention.
- ◆ **Convention update** - Budget finalized after banquet caterer and menu selected. Sponsorships and donations have offset expenses so that registration and banquet costs will be unchanged from last year. Banquet and seminar speakers are confirmed. Registration materials will be available in early May.
- ◆ **Social Media** - An Instagram page for The SGS will be created by Dave.
- ◆ **Advertising Update** - A half page ad in the Journal of Antiques and Collectibles April digital print issue was purchased.



New Business

- ◆ **Stretch Out Discussions** - Yearly schedule will now include 2 educational calls and 3 show & tell calls. There will continue to be written reviews for the educational calls.
- ◆ **Nominating Committee** - Cal has volunteered to chair the committee again this year. Many have agreed to continue in their roles, but Cal will reach out to fill any open positions!
- ◆ **The SGS 50th Anniversary** - There is a need for someone to coordinate 50th Anniversary planning. The Shetlars are researching the club's history and gathering photos. The club's convention display will feature topaz and gold (Grecian gold, marigold) glass. It has been suggested that there also be a display of stretch glass pieces from 1975 and all club souvenir pieces. There should be a coordinated publicity campaign to take advantage of the anniversary, which runs from 1/1/24-12/31/24!

Deb Brateng

Submitted by Deb Brateng
Secretary, Stretch Glass Society



STRETCH GLASS SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS (2022-2023)

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Events Featuring Stretch Glass

By Cal Hackeman

The Eastern National Antique Show was held in Carlisle, PA, on May 5 & 6, 2023. As usual, there were several dealers there who offered stretch glass for sale. The Stretch Glass Society exhibited a portion of The Bill Crowl Stretch Glass Collection and handed out materials about our upcoming convention as well as membership brochures. Bob Henkel and Billy Shreck arranged our stretch glass on a table and shelves and greeted folks as they stopped by to admire our beautiful iridescent stretch glass. We gained one new member at the show, Juan LeBron, a local dealer who sells glass in the Pine Hills Antique Mall in Adamstown. He is very excited about learning more about stretch glass and has alerted his picker to be on the lookout for stretch glass, so we

have another collector and two more folks looking for stretch glass in the wild. As you can see, the selection of stretch glass at the Eastern National Show was outstanding; I came home with several additions to my stretch glass (and other) collections.

One item, in particular, is still somewhat of a mystery. This is an iridized crystal vase with extensive painting and etching. The base is signed (in script) Posinger along with other notations. It does appear to be in a shape that is known to be made by Poschinger (German iridized ART glass from the 1965-75 era and NOT stretch glass, but never the less collected by some stretch glass enthusiasts). Please share your thoughts on this vase on our Facebook page or send them to info@stretchglassociety.org. Since I am now the owner of it, I'd like to know more about it. Thanks.

My romps around Brimfield, a few days after the Carlisle show were less than productive when it came to stretch glass, despite being on the fields shortly after 5am on Tuesday and at 6am on Wednesday. While walking over 10 miles on Tuesday and over 7 miles on Wednesday, and trying to be at the front of the line to enter opening shows, I only saw around a dozen pieces of stretch



glass over the course of 2 days but they were not pieces I needed for my collection so I left them for others to 'find' and enjoy. I was fortunate to find 6 Fenton Grecian Gold wheel-cut 'barrel' tumblers to add to my growing collection of pitchers and tumblers. I am also happy to report that more dealers were offering glass for sale than when I was there in 2022. Hopefully, they will find some stretch glass before the next shows and bring it along to sell.



Later in May, Jeff and I hosted a 46th birthday celebration for a good friend, his family and our friends. When we asked Ryan (the birthday boy) what he would like for a theme, he suggested superheroes, so superheroes it was with Spiderman taking the lead. I bet you are already saying, "OK, Cal, Spiderman and stretch glass do not go together!" But, not so fast!! Spiderman's colors are Red, Blue and Black....stretch glass is available in all these
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colors (and more). Furthermore, our friends, and their friends, have come to expect stretch glass to be on the table when there is a party here. So, I had to dig thru the moving boxes of blue stretch glass until I found 30 or so Blue luncheon plates to go with the 25 or so Ruby Ice luncheon plates which were already in a cabinet as they had been used



for one of our Christmas Open Houses. Black stretch glass was a bit more challenging, since we don't have an abundance of Egyptian Lustre stretch glass, but we did find a few pieces and "cheated" a bit by including some Amethyst Ice and Blue Ice plates, which were used for the cake and ice cream. Once again, our stretch glass was a hit. To go with the color theme, the Celeste Blue dolphins made an appearance, as did an Adam's Rib comport. While these pics were mostly taken before the caterer put out the food, this view gives you a better idea of the stretch glass we used. The food was delicious and the Superman/Superheroes cake was incredible. Maybe



you have one of the birthday cake plates from the 1950s which has room for 80 candles around the cake in the edge of plate? These are from the 1950s and, while not stretch glass, they generate conversation at a birthday party. A fun time was had by all and then...

Jeff loves to have our party guests play games, regardless of the occasion. You can take Jeff out of kindergarten, but you can't take the kindergarten out of Jeff! The birthday game once again included a treasure hunt with clues all over the house and yard. There was a second game which involved getting a balloon into or closest to a couple of stretch glass bowls. We decided the winners of that game - there were to be two winners - should win stretch glass. One went home with a Northwood flat mayo and underplate and the other went home with a pair of Diamond blue candleholders. Both received a complimentary membership in the SGS from Jeff and me and a personal invitation to our 2023 convention.

Maybe you will try this at your next party....have a party game and award, as the prize, a membership in the SGS plus a piece of stretch glass.



Memorial day has come and gone, but there is still time for you to send in your photos of red, white and blue stretch glass on display to celebrate the 4th of July. Please send in your photos so that I am not left to fill this space and cover this topic in the September Quarterly all by myself. I know you are using your stretch glass in connection with special occasions - or at least I hope you are - so why not snap a couple photos and share them with us. Halloween is an awesome time to use stretch glass, whether it is Tangerine and Egyptian Lustre or Topaz, under a black light. Both are most appropriate. Take a look at this Halloween table complete with Dracula from the late Zak McCamey and his then fiancée, Dan Frase.





Stretch Glass Used at Wedding Reception

By Cal Hackeman

Last summer my son, Will, and his fiancée, Ali, (both members of The Stretch Glass Society) announced their plans to get married in December, 2022. As wedding plans developed, they called me to ask if they could borrow some 'blue stretch glass vases' for the flowers on the tables at the reception. I, of course, happily agreed, full well knowing that almost all of my 'blue' stretch glass was still in moving boxes. We decided on one of their visits that we would get the boxes of 'blue' stretch glass out of the stacks of yet unpacked moving boxes and see what we could find. I asked them how many they would need and when they replied, oh, about 30 or 35, I had my doubts about finding that many 'blue' stretch glass vases which were appropriate for dinner table floral arrangements. We found about 15-16 moving boxes which had 'blue' stretch glass in them. My packers, luckily, packed the stretch glass collection by color, so it was easy to find the right boxes to open. Inside those boxes we found an array of stretch glass vases from Diamond, Fenton, Northwood and US Glass. We didn't quite find as many as we needed, so we supplemented the blue ones with a few crystal or Persian Pearl vases. And off they went for their eventual trip to Florida, where the wedding was taking place. Ali decided to use silk flowers in her wedding and she prepared the bouquets in advance of our arrival in Florida a couple days before the wedding. Since the reception was at the beach, we decided to fill the vases with beach sand to help keep the bouquets in place. Once the vases had flowers, they were arranged on the tables and we were ready for a celebration! Here are some photos....including one of the bride and groom! Maybe you will have the honor of having your stretch glass featured at a wedding soon....as always, stretch glass was perfect for the occasion and received many compliments.



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The Stretch Glass Society is an avid group of Stretch Glass collectors, buyers, sellers, auctioneers, and researchers. We are a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization. Our goals are to promote and preserve this beautiful glass and the history of its manufacture as part of our American heritage. We undertake activities to interest and educate all who seek to learn about stretch glass and encourage learning and enlightenment of this unique glassware produced in America from 1912 through the mid-1930s and from 1980 until 2011. We are the only organization dedicated exclusively to the promotion and study of iridescent stretch glass.

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Membership benefits include:

- A subscription to The Stretch Glass Quarterly, which includes recent discoveries and transactions, and pieces of stretch glass.
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