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## STRETCH GLASS SOCIETY

October 1990

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### President's Message

Dear Members,

Recently, as I sat contemplating Summer's passing and Fall's beginning, my musings led to what changes I would make in household decorating for the Fall and Winter holidays. My mind's eye cataloged the many colors of Stretch Glass, and which would be appropriate to each season and holiday.

For Spring, and the Easter holiday, favorites are pastel pink, ice blue, ice green, violet, and white. Summer features sunny vaseline, emerald green, and bright blue. The Fourth of July calls for Stretch in patriotic red, white, and blue.

As Fall approaches, its muted colors of amber, olive green, and smoke, are highlighted by shimmering marigold, tangerine, and grecian gold. Then all of these earth tones are overshadowed by the brilliance of royal purple, ruby red, fiery amberina, and emerald green used for Christmas decorating.

To all of these colors, and more, we can add opaque and slag variations, and punctuate them with sophisticated black.

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(President's Message Con't.)

My reflections have inspired me to begin making Holiday plans beginning now, instead of waiting until November. As a first step, I send my best wishes to each of you for a happy Thanksgiving, with much to be thankful for; a Bright and Merry Christmas, and a Happy, Prosperous, and Healthy New Year.

Sincerely,

*Joanne*

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In Sept. I received a letter from Kitty and Russell Umbraco of Richmond, CA. and it's a coincidence how it ties in with our President's message this month inasmuch as they, also, mention how they use various Stretch pieces when entertaining company and proceeded to mention what types of foods they put on the various dishes such as salads, desserts etc. They also called to attention the October issue of Better Homes & Gardens, page 123, which pictured a dessert on a white Stretch glass plate. I looked this up and it is in color and really is a beautiful example of our white Stretch so anyone who has this magazine will want to look at this I am sure. It's too bad it doesn't identify the plate the dessert is on (Stretch Glass), but the article was promoting desserts! In the same letter they write as follows:

"We had "Christmas" last night when we received a perfect mint green Dugan Windflower nappie. Have one with a small flake on the rim, but were so pleased to find a perfect one. They are hard to find.

Have been seeing the ads to promote the SGS club. Glad to see them as so many people don't know about the glass or club."

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Stretch Glass Society Officers

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DUES: Eight Dollars (\$8.00) annually for each family - Payable to Treasurer, Augusta M. Keith, April 1st.

Editor's Note: On the front page of the Newsletters below the Logo, you will notice "Volume---" and "Number---". With changes in Editors during the past couple years, through oversights, these numbers were not carried out in proper sequence. With this issue we are now "back on the right track" so to speak. We regret this error.

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Joanne Dolby writes an interesting observation. In March she and Eldon attended a large antique sale at the Fairgrounds in Columbus, OH. She writes it was one of the largest antique shows they've seen, that there must have been a thousand dealers with displays, as it took them four hours to see all of it. This, of course, included all types of art glass but they also saw some good-sized displays of Stretch, so there is Stretch Glass out there to be bought. It wasn't in vain for them as they found a lovely blue Stretch Glass 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ " candlestick and a Moriaga salt and pepper at a fairly good price. Along with this, they encountered various other collectors they knew so enjoyed meeting them.

Joanne asks if anyone has ever noticed in WARMAN'S 14th and 21st Antiques & Collectibles books, that they feature a 5" Stretch Glass White Vase for \$325.00! And she adds "Aren't we all lucky to have such expensive pieces and, of course, we all know it is in error".

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The following was received from Elinor H. Siar of the Rainbow Diamond Depression Glass Club, Indiana, Pa. She writes as follows:

"Enclosed please find several cards advertising our RAINBOW DIAMOND GLASS CLUB SHOW & SALE. Please include this information in the Stretch Glass Newsletter, and pass the information along to the groups. We would be glad to have anyone come to our show. GUEST at the show will be Don Thomas O'Connor, Editor of the Glass Collector's Digest. I'm enclosing information about him, should you wish to include it in advertising. Thank you for passing along this information."

On the following page you will see the article on DON THOMAS O'CONNOR and also a printed copy of the card she enclosed containing all the pertinent information.

Don Thomas O'Connor was born on August 31, 1942 in Duluth, Minnesota. He was raised in Duluth, graduating from Denfeld High School in 1960. Attending Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota, he received the B.A. degree (cum laude) with a major in sociology in 1964. From 1964-68, he was a student at the Lutheran School of Theology--for two years in Rock Island, Illinois, then an internship year at Trinity Lutheran Church, Galesburg, Illinois, and the last year on a new campus in Chicago.

In 1968 he enrolled at the Claremont Graduate School in Claremont, California, receiving a Ph.D. degree in religion and society (social ethics) in 1972. From 1972-75, he was an assistant professor of religion at Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio. He was a parish minister in the Presbyterian church for the next ten years. In 1985 he went to work for Richardson Printing Corporation and now is editor of Glass Collector's Digest, a bimonthly magazine devoted to all areas of collectible glass. He is also co-author of a newly published book entitled Lotton Art Glass from Antique Publications.

In 1967 he married Vivian Sundermann, originally of Carroll, Iowa. They have two children, Mark (17) and Christine (12), and, aside from one year in Pennsylvania, they have made their home in Marietta, Ohio for 18 years.

## THE RAINBOW DIAMOND GLASS CLUB

### PRESENTS

### GLASSWARE AND POTTERY

## SHOW and SALE

GUEST Don Thomas O'Connor  
Editor, Glass Collectors Digest



Nov. 3, 1990, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Nov. 4, 1990 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Best Western University Inn, Indiana  
Wayne Ave. Exit 119

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The following letter was received from new members, the Hackemans of Manassas, VA. and we are so pleased they saw fit to send this for the newsletter. I decided to have it printed just as received.

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Dear Mildred,

My wife and I are new members of the Stretch Glass Society and recently received the convention issue newsletter. We're writing to share the tales of our shopping for stretch glass and also to inquire about listing some items from our "want" list in hopes another reader has them for sale. By way of introduction, our collection consists of approximately 200 pieces, including 2 punch bowls - red and blue. Some of our recent finds include a green "grape juice set" (tankard pitcher and 6 tumblers) shown in the Fenton book, an amethyst "pen holder," a pink center handled server, a white cheese compote that matches perfectly the cracker serving plate with indent that we have had for some time, a blue cake stand and a blue center handled server, a

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Chinese yellow footed console bowl (Fenton #108), a green saucer, a green footed oval bowl with dolphin handles and a pair of candlesticks that also double as vases, an "olive green" covered bon bon compote and a tangerine console bowl. We travel the east coast during the summer and have found stretch glass appearing almost everywhere. Some at reasonable prices and other pieces at outrageous prices.

Now, to our want list - the most one priority at the moment is punch cups and the other 2 Fenton punch bowls - green and white. I understand punch cups are super rare - does any one know why? We would certainly like some to go with our bowls. We have many of the Fenton dolphin fan vases, but we lack red, amethyst, and white. We also have a number of the covered (Fenton) bon bons (#643 in the catalog reprints) but again we are missing red, white, and amethyst. We have a single white handled ice tea mug in the Imperial pattern "Chesterfield" and would like to find others as well as a pitcher to

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match. Finally, we have some single candles that need mates - maybe another reader can help. These include:

Fenton # 649 in Wisteria (see Neacock I, fig. # 329) - ours does not have the pearl base and is 10" tall.

We have the same candlestick in Blue but it is only  $8\frac{3}{8}$ " tall.

We also have a single candlestick in Chinese yellow stretch that I can not find pictured anywhere - it is  $9\frac{1}{4}$ " tall, the base is a square shape, but with a scalloped edge rising to scalloped, urn-like top.

Finally, we are looking for a single vase-like stretch bell-twist candlestick (US Glass <sup>2200</sup> made this style in satin finish).

We look forward to meeting fellow collectors and attending conventions in the future. Any one have suggestions for good shopping areas or flea market (for stretch glass)?

Sincerely,  
Cal Hackman

Our Treasurer, Augusta Keith, sent the following item along with a colored photo which I am sorry the pretty color doesn't show in print but at least you can see what the vases are like. Her letter follows:

Dear Mildred,

Thanks to our daughter, Barbara, I'm the new owner of a beautiful vase in "Peacock Blue". Barbara discovered the vase in Virginia.

This vase has a sloping top 11" high in front and 12" high in back. There are 10 edges around top. Barbara's smaller vases are not sloping tops and have 8 edges. Best way to describe it is with a picture.

I've heard there are 5 sizes (somewhere). Now to research this "find". Plan to look for other gems this winter.

Sincerely,

Augusta





# STRETCH GLASS SOCIETY

## FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 1990

### EXPENSES

May 4, 1990 - SGS Convention Best Western, Indiana, Pa.

Display Room deposit (pd. 1-27-90)	\$ 200.00
Balance due on display room	257.03
Hospitality (coffee, tea, etc.)	36.00
Speaker (James Measell)	50.00
Telephone calls & postage (M. Henry)	10.45
	<u>\$ 553.08</u>

Total Cash on Hand (J. Miller, Treasurer)	\$1,787.56
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May 9, 1990

Transfer of funds to new Treasurer to open new checking account	\$ 500.00
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May 29, 1990

Transfer of remaining funds	<u>1,287.56</u>
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Beginning Cash on Hand	\$1,787.56
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### INCOME

6 dues paid @ 6.00	36.00	
2 dues paid @ 8.00	<u>16.00</u>	
Total Dues		52.00

### INTEREST received on checking account

May 1990	2.04	
June 1990	6.64	
July 1990	7.11	
August 1990	<u>6.95</u>	
Total Interest		22.74

### EXPENSES

5/11/90-Newsletter Excrow, M. Bicksler, Sec-Ed.	200.00	
6/9/90 - Postage Stamps, A. Keith, Treas.	5.00	
9/7/90 -Advt.-Antique Trader Weekly	<u>16.80</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>(221.80)</u>

Total Cash on Hand as of 9/11/90	\$ 1,640.50
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Signed,

Augusta M. Keith, Treasurer

THE STRETCH GLASS SOCIETY  
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Adopted April 18, 1975  
Amended April 24, 1976  
Amended May 3, 1990

WE, THE COLLECTORS, DEALERS AND TRUE LOVERS OF AMERICAN STRETCH GLASS, in order to interest and educate other people, to encourage learning and enlightenment of one of America's heritages, STRETCH GLASS, to increase and promote friendship one with the other, and to give each an opportunity to participate in new discoveries and experiences concerning OLD STRETCH GLASS, history of same, to recruit new members into our organization, to publish a NEWSLETTER not less than quarterly whereby points of interest will be brought to the attention of all members, to support legislation that makes permanent markings showing name or insignia of company and year of manufacture imbedded in product mandatory, including all imports in the field of antiques and to discourage production of any reissues of OLD STRETCH GLASS in the future, to support policies of elected officials and at all times to work with and through THE STRETCH GLASS SOCIETY to bring about those things, do hereby ordain and establish this, our Constitution and By-Laws.

**ARTICLE I--NAME OF ORGANIZATION:** The name of the organization shall be THE STRETCH GLASS SOCIETY, hereinafter referred to as the Society or SGS.

**ARTICLE II--DEFINITION OF STRETCH GLASS:** The term STRETCH GLASS is defined as that type of pressed-molded and blown-molded glass with iridescence fired on and a special stretch or crepe-like finish achieved by re-heating the glass in the glory hole after spraying on the matallic salts that give the glass its iridescence, produced in America between 1915 and 1930.

**ARTICLE III--EMBLEM:** The emblem of the Society shall be a drawing or replica of a plate drawn by Mrs. Rose Marie Presznick with wild flowers and a stretch effect. On the letterhead the name of the place where the Society was founded, Denver, Pennsylvania, and the date, April 21, 1974, shall appear.

**ARTICLE IV--ANNUAL CONVENTION:** An annual convention of the general membership shall be held, and such general convention shall be the supreme governing body of the Society. The meeting shall be held each year during the month of May at a time and place designated by the Executive Board. The annual convention call shall be published in the Society's NEWSLETTER at least three (3) months in advance of the convention.

Section A - All meetings of the Society shall be conducted according to Parliamentary Procedures as stated in Robert's Rules of Order.

**ARTICLE V--MEMBERSHIP:** Anyone interested in STRETCH GLASS shall be eligible for membership in the Society. All persons who become members or applied for membership before June 21, 1974, shall be known as Charter Members. A membership number shall be assigned to each member by the Treasurer.

Section A - Each member shall be furnished with a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws upon joining the organization and amendments to the Constitution enacted hereafter shall be published in the NEWSLETTER in the next issue following the annual convention.

Constitution and By-Laws - Cont'd.

**ARTICLE VI--DUES:** The annual dues for the Society shall be \$8.00 per couple or single membership, which are due and payable on April 1st of each year. Said dues are payable to the Treasurer of the Society. Any individual who is part of the immediate family of the couple is entitled to Associate Membership with dues of \$1.00 per year. Associate members are not entitled to receive any publication of the Society, nor is any Associate Member under the age of 16 entitled to vote at any election.

**ARTICLE VII--ORGANIZATION:** There shall be elected from the membership the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary-Editor, Treasurer, and four (4) Directors.

Section A - Elected officers shall constitute an Executive Board who shall manage and conduct the affairs and business of the Society.

**ARTICLE VIII--ELECTION:** The President, Vice President, Secretary-Editor, and Treasurer shall be nominated and elected during the business meeting of the Society's Annual Convention. Their term of office shall be for two years. At the first Annual Meeting of the Society after the approval of this Constitution and By-Laws, four (4) Directors shall be elected. Each Executive Board member shall be able to succeed himself. All nominations for Executive Board members shall come from the floor at the Business Meeting during the Annual Convention. All candidates must have declared willingness to serve if elected before their name may be placed in nomination. Election shall be by majority vote of the members present and voting at the Annual Business Meeting. In the event there are more than two candidates for any vacancy and no candidate receives a majority of the first vote, there will be a run-off election between the two candidates receiving the most votes. All elections shall be held by secret ballot. The Chairman shall appoint two tellers, neither of whom is a candidate for office, to tally the votes.

Section A - A report of elections and all pertinent action taken during the business meeting at the Annual Convention shall be published in condensed form in the next subsequent NEWSLETTER following the Annual Convention.

**ARTICLE IX--DUTIES:** President - It shall be the duty of the President to carry out the intentions as set forth in the Preamble of this Constitution, to preside at all meetings of the Society, to appoint necessary committees as permitted by this Constitution or By-Laws here or hereinafter adopted, subject to approval of the Executive Board. The President's duties shall be limited or expanded by directives of the Executive Board. Vacancies of offices of Vice President, Secretary-Editor, or Treasurer may be filled by appointment by the President subject to the approval of the Executive Board.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of a Director, the President shall appoint to fill that vacancy, subject to the approval of the Executive Board, to serve until an election is held at the next Annual Meeting by the Society. The President shall be ex-officio member of the Executive Board and in the event of a tie in voting, shall then be entitled to vote.

Constitution and By-Laws - Cont'd

Section A - The President shall call at least one meeting of the Executive Board immediately prior to the Annual Convention, but sufficiently in advance so that all pertinent business may be discussed and finalized. Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the President and must be called by the Secretary-Editor upon written request of the majority of the Executive Board.

Section B - All Presidents shall be active and participating members of the Executive Board for one (1) year after the expiration of their terms of office.

Vice President - It shall be the duty of the Vice President to act as President of the Society when the President is absent, incapacitated or the office becomes vacant for any reason.

Secretary-Editor - It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Editor to maintain accurate records of the Society, conduct the correspondence of the Society, to keep accurate record of the membership, to keep records of the Society as a whole under the supervision of the President, to publish and ~~or~~ supervise the publication of the official NEWSLETTER of the Society quarterly or when so directed at other times and to take the minutes at meetings of the Society.

Section A - The Secretary-Editor shall submit the books and records to the Annual Meeting of the Executive Board or such other times as directed by the Executive Board.

Treasurer - It shall be the duty of the Treasurer, subject to the supervision of the President, to handle and keep accurate records of all receipts and disbursements of all funds of the Society and must be accountable to the Executive Board and membership.

Section A - The Treasurer shall submit his books and records to the Annual Meeting of the Executive Board, or at such other times as directed by the Executive Board, who shall select a committee of three (3) to examine all books, statements, cancelled checks and other data and report findings to the full Executive Board and to the membership at large at the Annual Convention. No expenditure of any kind other than routine bills covered by standing order shall be paid until a voucher has been signed by the President authorizing the expenditure and certifying that the expense is in the interest of promotion and carrying out the functions of the Society.

Section B - Funds shall be promptly deposited as received in a bank or banks as directed by the Executive Board. Funds shall be spent only to further the purposes of the Society as provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws as directed by the Executive Board.

Directors - It shall be the duty of the Directors to supervise the business of the Society as a whole and shall specifically provide for the general allocation of funds and the general and editorial policies.

Constitution and By-Laws - Cont'd

**ARTICLE X-REMOVAL FROM OFFICE:** The Executive Board shall have the authority to remove from office any officer or director for violation of this Constitution and By-Laws or for conduct deemed by the Executive Board detrimental to the Society. In such events, written charges shall be presented, signed by two or more directors at any meeting of the Executive Board and the Executive Board shall render a decision of the matter during the course of such meeting.

**ARTICLE XI-AMENDMENTS:** The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the membership present at any regular business meeting during the Society's convention held annually and-or by majority vote of the Executive Board called to Special Session which then must be ratified by majority vote of the membership present and voting during the next Business Meeting of the Society's annual convention. The By-Laws will be reviewed by the Executive Board annually prior to the Annual Meeting.

**ARTICLE XII--LIQUIDATION:** Should this Society dissolve or be liquidated, any and all assets available for distribution shall be distributed to the Tartar-Miller Gallery of Kent State University Museum at Kent, Ohio, after payment of all debts.

The following was received from Marcia Robb of [REDACTED], NV:

Dear Mildred,

I enjoyed reading the July Stretch Newsletter, and I am looking forward to the next one!

If possible, I would like to place an ad in the next issue. I should like the ad to read as follows:

STRETCH SALE--variety of colors!  
Bowls, candlesticks, vases, punch bowl.  
Send SASE for list-reasonable prices.  
MARCIA ROBB, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Thanks a lot,

Marcia Robb

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Thanks to President Joanne Rodgers (Bless Her), as she supplied me with enough copies of the Constitution and By-Laws to include with this newsletter.

Also, this is early but as we all know, at this time of year the various Holidays slip up on us very quickly. Therefore I, too, would like to wish each and everyone of you a Very Healthy and Happy Holiday Season and God willing, we'll be in touch in January 1991.

Sincerely,

*Mildred*

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Mildred Bicksler - Editor  
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