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President's Message

Dear Members,

What a wonderful time we all had April 30th and May 1st, in Kent, Ohio! We enjoyed our visit to Kent State University Museum on Friday morning, even though only a minute portion of the fabulous Tarter-Miller glass collection is on display. The major portion of the Museum is devoted to examples of clothing from the United States and other countries-examples that are as old as several hundred years and as recent as current fashions.

Most of Friday afternoon was spent visiting Summit Art Glass Co. where Russ Vogelsohn was host to Terry Crider and Donna, his wife and able assistant, who demonstrated the process of making mold-blown glass by fashioning several vases and paperweights, all with iridized finishes.

We enjoyed the comradeship of seeing "old" conventioners and were glad to welcome several new, enthusiastic members. This year's meeting had members from many states. A few members arrived Wednesday evening while the majority came Thursday morning and afternoon. Everyone was anxious to see what each new

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arrival unpacked and several of the members went home with new pieces for their collection (including yours truly).

Thursday evening we had a delicious banquet followed by our guest speaker, Russ Vogel song. His subject dealt with the problems of modern glass manufacturing and why so many of the large glass houses have closed their doors. (Incidentally, Viking Glass was recently purchased by an individual, and will be going back into production.)

Saturday morning we met for an ample breakfast and our annual business meeting. Soon after breakfast, most of us were on our way home while a few continued their vacations and were on to other places.

Shortly after Convention we learned of the death of Donna and Terry Crider's son, Paul. A card was sent expressing the sympathy of the SGS membership.

As you make your new purchases, let Mary Louise know and she can share the information through the Newsletter. It helps to know prices in different parts of the country, - and we love to share your enjoyment (and smugness) when you find a super bargain.

Also, if you find something you can't identify, and can get a clear picture (take it outside), we may be able to print it and get some identification assistance.

We would like to publish a new membership list and I have asked Joanne Dolby, our Treasurer, to furnish our Editor with a list of members and their addresses. If you do not want your address published, please let either Joanne, Mary Louise or me know before October 25th. If we do not hear by then all members' names and addresses will appear on the list.

Everyone enjoy what's left of our fire weather now and may you each find a rare piece of Stretch Glass!

Joanne

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(Editor's Note....The following minutes of the Stretch Glass Society business meeting at Kent, Ohio, on April 30 and May 1 and 2, 1987, are taken from cassette tape recordings of the proceedings. Please remember this as you read because it becomes much more like the record of friendly conversation when there is participation from those present rather than just the formal words of a structured meeting.)

Minutes

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The President's opening remarks began with a request to start because some of our members had great distances to travel to return home. We seemed to have lost one table full of people between Thursday (the banquet) and today (Saturday's breakfast and business meeting) but there are still twenty of us here. I have been so delighted to see - I think eight states are represented this year from over in Oregon to the East coast to Maryland and Connecticut, Texas, Missouri, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Michigan. Ohio, well we are here and we don't really need to count us...so we really had eight or nine.

We will start-if Joanne is ready with the Treasurer's report.

We ended last year with a balance of \$1,877.37. We had thirty-five members paid dues at \$6.00 and that amounted to \$210.00. We had interest from the bank account - \$115.18. Escrow account received from Alma Magenau - she wrote me a check in June of last year for \$131.51 and I got it in December. It had a stamp on it - Miami, Florida - letter found in supposedly empty container. We are 75 miles away from each other. Advertising in the Stretch Glass Newsletter from Berry Wiggins and the Umbracos - \$16.00. Newsletters sold singly at \$2.50 at last Convention was \$7.50. Miscellaneous \$3.00 that was added to give us a balance of \$2,360.60.

The disbursements were an ad in the Antique Trader last year for the Convention \$27.00. The President's expenses - \$11.40 for scrapbook, etc. The American Cancer Foundation for Mr. Schleede - we donated \$15.00. The Convention expenses for the display room and coffee - \$78.40. Our Editor's expenses for the Newsletters - \$205.46. Treasurer's expenses - \$8.80. That gives us a balance right now of \$2,014.54. Jabe commented that Joanne's phone bill is not included. (He added that he doesn't charge us for his phone calls because he likes to hear our voices). The President replied that she would settle with the Treasurer...we have a bill for the ad in the Cleveland Plain Dealer that she put in for this Convention show so she would just submit everything at once since our bank account permits only three checks a month (without charge). The Treasurer agreed. (Writing one check for the President's expenses therefore gives the Treasurer the permitted two other checks for the month if they are needed.) The books were audited by Ken and Dale, I believe, and as expected everything was just fine.

I also want to thank Jabe for setting this up for us. I know we all enjoyed the Museum tour, watching Terry Crider at the Vogel song's and I think we all enjoyed Russ's talk Thursday night. So we thank you, Jabe, for getting this all set. It was a last minute thing because we were running out of places. I called a number of places and everybody wanted a fortune for us to stay there and wanted to charge us for the display rooms besides and this came up at the last minute. Jabe just called on a hunch and they said - well, we've just got a cancellation this morning.

We have a little bit of old business. We got \$19.00 from the raffle. (Jabe had given a piece of glass to raffle with the money going to the treasury.) The drawing was held and Fred Lynn was the winner. (Fred and Barbara had been with us on Friday at the Convention but were not present on Saturday and so the glass was packed and sent on to Fred.)

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We don't have too much more business. The main thing is next year's Convention and we've had a number of suggestions. Corning was one. Toledo was suggested last year. Also we have had Indiana, Pennsylvania suggested again. Berry says that the Diamond book will be out about that time and he felt it was a good place because we would get outside people who worked in the Diamond factory or whose parents had worked in the factory and they might come in. Jabe remarked that it was disappointing the last time we were in Indiana that local people did not come. The thought was that the book coming out might draw some Diamond people. Berry corrected the expected book date - it will not be out. Research is being done for this book.

The President asked for discussion on the location for next year's Convention. She asked if we had any other suggestions then Corning or Indiana. We had a suggestion for St. Louis.

One member (your editor) asked to throw in the possibility of sometime having the Convention in Millville, New Jersey to see the Glass Museum at Wheaton Village. It is American glass. They have a few pieces of Venetian glass in windows in their entryway. (Your editor has since been to the Museum and these pieces were replaced with American-made pieces.) If you are interested in American glass I don't think there is any place quite like it. It is very nice and near a lot of other things. The President reminded us that wherever we go we need some member close by to make all the arrangements- motel arrangements, whatever tours we are going to do- that sort of thing - some member who would be willing to set that up. Mary Louise stated that it wasn't a suggestion especially for next year but one to keep in mind because of the opportunity for members to visit a nice museum. The question was asked about the location and the answer given was that it is about one hour from Wilmington, Delaware. We were asked if we could find out about whatever is available because it sounded like fun. We don't have any members in New Jersey, at least no one present nor paying current dues. If they are not presently active members they may not wish to take on the responsibility of the arrangements. A member asked that someone be appointed to check it out. Jabe suggested that it would be nice if Mary Louise would drive up there and take care of that. The reply was that she would take any excuse to go to New Jersey and accepted with the following comments. I want to tell you that it is 45 minutes or an hour away from the beach resorts but it is cold this time of year. It may be warm enough to walk along the beaches and yes, it is near Atlantic City.

Jabe added that there is a collection of paperweights, especially American made. It is the paperweight center of this country. Winterthur Museum in Delaware is near, maybe an hour and a half away. But there may be members who do not want to drive as far away as New Jersey. Of course, some do come from a distance anyway and therefore that wouldn't matter. Mary Louise said that it was the opportunity for the members to visit the Museum that prompted her suggestion. Paul asked about motel rates, facilities, etc. The East coast has a reputation for being costly which Mary Louise could not confirm nor deny. (Her family members have a home there so she doesn't stay in the motels.) Two weeks before the Convention some of the restaurants and motels along the beach resorts were closed for the season still. Berry said that Vineland is close to Millville and there are motels there, too. We would need meeting rooms, as well as sleeping accommodations and for group meals. The question was raised about flying in Wilmington and Philadelphia are each about an hour's drive away from Wheaton Village. Newark and the airports in Baltimore and Washington are several hours away.

The President reminded us that Toledo is an excellent place because of the Museum but we may have trouble getting rooms that are reasonable in Toledo - or so in Cleveland. That was our problem last year. The question was raised about sticking to Holiday Inns- and the reply was given that some of the others do not have any meeting rooms. Also it was stated that no motels rooms are cheap anymore. There is a Libbey outlet shop there that might interest some.

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The President asked for some sort of a vote but the discussion continued. The accessibility of New Jersey would have to be investigated. Perhaps a place more central for the members would be better. Jabe offered to help set up in Indiana again even though he preferred not to go there again. Williamsburg (Virginia) was suggested but there is no special attraction for glass people there. An inquiry was made about Millersburg but there is no special activity nearby for the people to see or tour. Corning was again brought up with the information that the show at Brimfield (Connecticut) is the following week and every glass collector must go at least once. Old Sturbridge is also nearby-but is expensive. Berry told us that Mary (Herry) would make the motel arrangements for Indiana but she will not make decisions on the food. One of the members asked what was in Indiana and was told that it was the home of the Diamond Glass factory but there is not much outside activity there either.

The President asked for a vote on New Jersey, Toledo, and Indiana (Pennsylvania). We didn't really discuss Corning. It was dropped because we really don't have anyone from New York to take care of arrangements. Berry stated that he will go to New Jersey but preferred a place more central for the members. The vote was taken with the following results: New Jersey 9 and Toledo 5. The members did not all make a choice saying that either they would go to any of these places or that they preferred not to go as far as New Jersey. Some (who will remain unnamed) voted twice. Jabe again reminded us that in his opinion Toledo is the greatest Museum of American glass that there is. Then there was a bit of discussion about this (part of which your editor did not hear until the tapes were played later and I do wish to correct the impression left that the museum in New Jersey is only or mostly paperweights-it has all kinds of American glass-even the industrial glass pieces used in manufacturing, chemistry, etc., as well as the spectacular glass paperweight collection). Comments included the idea that we should go someplace we hadn't been before - but we should also be sure to have nice facilities. The President asked if we could settle on New Jersey and/or is there someone who feels strongly about Toledo? It was then suggested that we try to get all the information about both places.- It was decided to ask the Dolbys to get the prices, etc. for Toledo and Mary Louise to get the same from Millville and Wheaton Village - what there is to do in the area, room availability, prices and so on, including costs for the banquet and the business breakfast. We will try to have this information in the Fall and give it to you then.

The question was again raised about the dates and how flexible it is. The President reminded us that this has been the same date for some time and that it is a date that everyone works around and that we shouldn't change this date. We are before other Conventions (one of the members wished that to be stated saying "they are after us" -we are first) .

The President asked if anyone else had anything to say about the Convention before we closed this issue. No member has further comment.

The President then asked if any member had any other business they would like to discuss. Your editor (Mary Louise) replied yes and asked if the members would think about this idea. We had counted the number of members present at this time and noted that several people who had been there on the day before were not there for the breakfast business meeting. She asked why we couldn't have the meeting and breakfast on the morning before, especially since there were more people there on the day before than at the meeting now. In her case she would have left very early on that Saturday morning and been close to Washington by this hour (about 9 am). Also if other people are trying to get to a flea market or are going someplace for the day they are not going to get out of here until 10 or 10:30 am. No matter where you are going you may not get there until noon.

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If we also had more people here yesterday (Friday) because there were people who came at 10 o'clock and they might have come at 8:00 o'clock - Those of us who were here had breakfast yesterday at 8 and others who did come might have come at 9 for a meeting, if not 8 for the breakfast instead of coming at 10 to see the display rooms. Questions were raised - how many people stayed the night before? How many were here? Some came on Wednesday, others Thursday and some on Friday (all members, of course). However everything was set up (the displays and the glass for sale tables) but the public rooms weren't open 'til 10 o'clock anyway - so there was no need for anyone to be anywhere until 10. We all ate breakfast (those who stayed in the motel) and a lot of members did come to be there on Friday. However, one member said that another glass club tried to move their schedule and that she felt that it crushed too much into one day. Also she felt crushed yesterday with the schedule (which did include the bus trip to the museum and back to the motel). It was agreed that it is a lot to do in one day. It was suggested that if there is to be travel or some entertainment then we have to have another day. Everything we are trying to do in two days cannot be done. A suggestion was made to have the convention on Thursday and Friday instead of Friday and Saturday. Berry Wiggins said that this problem had occurred in the annual Fenton convention and they had just moved the business meeting from Saturday to Friday and suggested that we do the same. Jabe said that if we are going to have any sort of entertainment we should add another day. Berry repeated that we should come in on Wednesday and then have a full day on Thursday and a full day on Friday. Mary Louise stated that she wasn't requesting another day - only that this 45 minute business meeting be moved to the time after breakfast on the earlier day when more people were there to attend. Berry again said it was too much in one day and we really need a two full days convention. The subject was raised of inviting the public to the display rooms and having all the members away on a tour. Also the other question was raised about how many people came anyhow and the answer was very few. Berry again said that we should get rid of a Saturday schedule even if it is only so members can go to flea markets. Let's have it on Thursday and Friday. Again members asked that we have more time - start on Wednesday. Part of the problem for this convention was in the late arrangements and difficulty of finding a satisfactory place for the group. Again it was repeated that if we are to have a tour or a trip and want to leave at 9 am, putting the business meeting on the same day is too much. Finally one of the members asked why not have the business meeting - since it doesn't take too long - after the speaker at the dinner. We are not going anywhere anyway after the speaker and this is when the largest crowd is here. Everyone is present and as soon as the speaker is through have the meeting. Then the President asked if we would then keep the convention to Thursday and Friday. What about that idea? This led to a discussion of then having at least some arrive on Wednesday to be here for Thursday and be ready with the displays and sales - then the suggestion was made to change to Wednesday, Thursday and Friday instead of Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Some again objected to taking our two and a half day convention and squeezing it into two days and asked again that we arrive on Wednesday - a half day earlier - then we all would have the weekend free to shop or drive home. All day Thursday and all day Friday would be free for the convention. You could leave on Friday afternoon if you chose to do that. The President then asked if this isn't just rearranging the thing - but agreeing that having the business meeting after our speaker and after our banquet on the first night might be more workable. I think that Joanne Dolby's suggestion to do that is a great idea. Dale asked if it all depends on when you can get in the display rooms. The answer to that is in booking the motel far enough ahead that this won't matter. The President asked for a vote. She asked first for a motion. The motion was made and seconded that we have our Convention starting on the

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Wednesday afternoon, go through Thursday and Friday and you could leave on Friday if you wanted to. Discussion followed. There was a reminder that for some people it would mean paying an extra night in the motel - three days at the motel instead of two as it has been in the past. Actually you could stay at the motel Wednesday and Thursday nights and leave on Friday afternoon. A reminder that for people who work it will mean taking a third day off from work. Then the question was raised about having something on both Wednesday and on Thursday nights. However it was suggested that on Wednesday night people should be free to set up and then have the dinner on Thursday as we used to do. What about the business meeting again? We could have the business meeting after the dinner on Thursday and then you could leave or go someplace as long as the Friday display rooms are open. It is still cramming everything into one day. We could have the breakfast on Friday morning then. Well, this is what we are doing now so there would be no point in changing it. Berry suggested that we should have the club set the date and then let the President and the Directors decide when we eat or not eat. The President then stated that we must be specific about why we are moving it up a day. Is it because it gives people the weekend to travel because we are not really changing anything just by moving it up a day. We could do the same thing and keep it on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. A member spoke for those who have a distance to travel and said that it will give them more time to get home. Also, as with the Fenton club, members like to go to the flea markets and do other things on Saturday, and that's a big reason for getting the convention off of Saturday. It was also suggested that if we are not under the pressure for occupancy in the motel on the weekend, we may very well have an easier time and even better rates. A member stated his opinion that it seems to our advantage to move the Convention forward a day. The President asked for a vote on moving the Convention to Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. It was a unanimous vote.

The President then brought to the groups' attention another suggestion that had been made. This suggestion was that perhaps a small fee should be paid by those members who set up in the display rooms to sell glass (not those who just have glass for display purposes only) and do not stay in the motel. We frequently have to pay for that room. It was suggested that a fee be charged because the cost, or the fact that the motels allows the display rooms without charge, does depend on the number of members engaging rooms there for convention days and nights. This is a prior arrangement with the management. Sometimes they specify that a certain number of rooms be occupied by us to have the display rooms without charge. In this instance the motel asked for occupancy of 20 rooms to get the display rooms free of extra charge. The number varies in the motels. This was a valid point for discussion. For example, members are paying \$42.00 per room per night and staying two nights. It was suggested that therefore a \$25.00 fee was not too much. Some people live locally and would not be staying in the motel in any case, and would be exempt from that fee. (We were fortunate that this motel counted our rooms on the two nights separately and doubled the number that we used but that won't always happen. One member said she had worked with a number of conventions and it was very unusual to get the rooms free. However, we had done that the year before in Indiana and earlier in Marietta, too. The Treasurer informed us that last year they did charge for the coffee we had in the display rooms. We didn't have enough rooms for that, too. A motion was made that a fee to be set by the officers of the club, to be paid by the people who are not registered in the motel who set up to sell glass (not those who have glass for display only). Then there was more discussion about those who live in commuting distance and do not stay in the motel and about those who live locally and make the arrangements. Then a token fee of \$10.00 was suggested because it is a matter of principle here and not money because if we don't book enough of the motels' rooms we do not get the rooms free. The President asked if we could

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have a vote on the motion that we charge a fee for people who set up to sell, not for display, and do not take rooms in the motel. She asked for all in favor and declared that the motion carried, with the exception for local residents.

Then one of the members said that if one more person wanted to set up glass for sale it would have been really cramped. It was then explained that it is preferred that we have one large room which can accommodate both the display areas and the sale tables. Guests then quickly know which is which. It is also more convenient and this does depend on availability in the motel. \$42.00 was paid for the huge room last year. This year the motel considered the rooms we had to be three separate rooms and would charge \$180.00 for the three adjoining areas. Also, it was a space into which the motel could place us. Partially because of a staff illness in the motel, we were able to have the arrangements at the price we paid.

The President asked if there was anything else to be brought up? A question was raised about the election of Officers and the members were reminded that our Officers would have another year in their term. The President then again welcomed members who had come so far to join us at the Convention and to those who had come for the first time. She asked for pictures that the members could share for the scrapbook for the Stretch Glass Society and for the Newsletter if they are good enough to be copied and printed. The President asked especially for pictures at the breakfast meeting since she had no more film for those pictures. Mary Henry cautioned us that we should start looking for a place right away and not wait until it is too late. Joanne commented that trying to choose two places and therefore have an alternate or one for the following year was a good idea. If they both seemed valid we might take one this year and the other the next year. That way we are already on the ball and the next year we could choose for '89 or '90 or whatever it is.

One member noted that for some the only contact is through the Newsletter and that it had meant a lot to him when he received it during the year. The things that are in the Newsletter are interesting and probably more of the members should support the Newsletter by sending in articles-stories, anecdotes or even prices and what you found. Perhaps if more people would participate they would become more personally involved in this exchange and even come to the Convention out of curiosity and interest as he did. Prices would be interesting now that we come from all sections of the country and could compare prices and pieces on the East coast with what is on the West coast and for how much.

Jabe offered to donate a very attractive piece of glass for the winner if the club wishes to continue the idea that John Miller started two or three years ago. A drawing will be held to decide the winner of the glass among those members who bring two or more new members into the group during the year. Joanne Dolby told us that Rose Schleele got a new member this past year so we have a gift for Rose. Eldon Dolby does stained glass work and made a lovely flower for Rose.

A member raised the question about advertising the Convention and placing notices in the papers in the locality where the Convention is being held. Is it possible to place news items that would attract attention to our thing? The President answered that it is very difficult to do this. She has been doing the ads for the Western Reserve Depression Glass Club and for the past show she made up a news release, sent out 15 copies to all sorts of newspapers in the Cleveland-Akron and Lorain County area. Not one of them appeared in any paper. They are very selective about what goes into the paper. These ads go in only if there is nothing else important and also only if you know someone like Jabe does. Otherwise it is a waste of time. We have tried that a number of times and only once that we know of was something put into the paper a few years ago. I had

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a free ad in the Plain Dealer in the Antiques Events section. I had a free ad in the Antique Weekly Tri State paper. Jabe suggested that when an ad is placed that you tell them that you want it bold faced and boxed. That gets to be very expensive but we do it only once a year.

The President stated that we will investigate Toledo and New Jersey. Whichever one we don't take - if they are both valid - we will take the alternate one the following year. If we find out that one of them isn't going to work out for some reason then we will have to pick up again next time and try to do it for two years.

The question was raised about the time for the publishing date for the Iridescent Glass book. Berry was told that it would be August. Berry Wiggins also has done a new price guide for his book. Richardson Publishing will have it. The old question of how many of the Iridescent books the SGS will receive was raised once again. Jabe said he will check with Mr. Richardson, the publisher, about the number of books the publisher will give to the SGS at the publisher's cost. The Society will retain the profits from the sale of these copies because many photographs for the book were taken of members' glass during the Convention in Marietta, Ohio.

A good suggestion was made that everyone who comes to the Convention next year bring a new member.

One member asked for a motion that we retain the same Officers for the coming year and the President reminded us that these Officers had been elected for a two year term and serve until next year.

Joanne Dolby, our Treasurer, told us that her husband, Eldon, went to the desk to pay the motel bill and they wanted to charge us for the public rooms. Eldon talked them out of it. Lots of applause for Eldon followed.

The President adjourned the meeting at 9:35 am.

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Letters
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Our President, Joanne Rodgers forwarded the following to us for your information.

Berry Wiggins recently sent your President the following comments regarding charging for set-up space in the sales room if members do not reserve guest rooms at the motel. We tried to give it a thorough go-around at our business meeting, but perhaps we need more thought and discussion. Please send your comments to Joanne Rodgers (1221 Andrews Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio 44107) and they will be passed on in the Newsletter. If it seems advisable, the matter will be brought up at the '88 business meeting.

The following here is taken from Berry's letter to the President.

"I voted for the club to charge if you don't have a room at the Convention, and sell glass. I think anyone should have to pay to sell glass. Why?"

"If there are not enough rooms taken to cover a free room for sales and for display the money comes from the Treasury, which gets its money from dues, etc. Thus, any member who doesn't come to the Convention and take a room is just as responsible as Bill and I are."

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"All of us are concerned about thievery and I do like to keep an eye on the glass in my van at night, when possible.

"These are my viewpoints and give everyone food for thought."

Sincerely,

Berry

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Paul Miller wrote to us to let us know that Terry and Donna Crider's son was killed in an automobile accident shortly after they were with us at the SGS Convention.

From Paul's letter to us -

"Paul A. Crider was the son of Terry and Donna Crider of Wapakoneta. Terry and Donna were kind enough to come over to Summit Art Glass to show the members of the Stretch Glass Society how they made glass. I'm certain that everyone sends their deepest sympathy to Terry and Donna and their family in this time of bereavement."

Paul included the Crider's address for those who might send a personal note. (Rt. 5, Freyburg Road, Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895).

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A note from our President said that a card was sent to Terry and Donna on behalf of the members of the Stretch Glass Society when news was received of their son's death.

Donna and Terry returned a note of thanks to the President and all the members of the Stretch Glass Society including the following expression of appreciation.

"Dear Joanne,

Thank you and all the members of the Stretch Glass Society for your support.

It has helped us a lot to hear from so many caring people.

Donna and Terry"

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Our President, Joanne Rodgers, sent us this interesting list of her buying sprees.

"Since Convention, I have had the good fortune to find several more pieces of Stretch at local flea markets:

Lancaster Covered Candy Dish - white stretch-over clear glass with white baked enamel interior, orange flowers and blue ring

All of the following were found at the Burton Flea Market:

-The long-sought-after sixth tumbler to my Northwood Lemonade Pitcher and five tumblers (purchased from Joanne Dally in 1985) - \$28.00

-Fenton footed compote - vaseline - \$10.00

-Fenton dolphin vase - vaseline - (see Berry's book cover) - \$30.00

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-U.S. Glass (Tiffin Factory R) - green bowl - fluted edge/panels - \$30.00
(Aurora) Bowl #310 - see "Tiffin Glassmasters" by Fred Bickenheuser

-and I left several more pieces behind. This was the best showing of Stretch I've seen around here for some time-

Westgate Mall Show:

Amberina Vase (signed Poschinger) - imported - \$33.00

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To the Members from the Editor --

First of all, if you are among those who were not able to be at our last Convention, we missed you. One of the great things about this group is the friendliness that I have experienced in the few years that I have been part of the group. It is warm and comfortable to be among these friends - who are also knowledgeable about our glass, and other kinds of glass, too, and are more than willing to share it. We have a few who have published books. We have some who have written many articles over the years in all sorts of publications. We have some who are dealers and some who belong to other glass clubs and have expertise in those fields. We have some who will quietly answer your most difficult questions if they possibly can. We even do have some who are just quiet persons who are smiling a lot. And they all love glass! What more could you ask of friends? Try to come and join us next time.

We are also very anxious to be in close touch with you and would welcome any communication from you - a letter, phone call or tape your message. We try to have some of your questions answered by members of the group with that special knowledge about the glass. But we are well aware, too, that those of you out there who are almost strangers to us may have lots of information and interest that we would like to share. Be in touch with us - somehow and soon. You will make us very happy! We will be happy even if all you have are questions!!!!

Please let us know --by October 25th -- that means almost return mail-- if you are a dues paying current member --and you do not wish your address published in the roster we share with the other members of the Society. It is not for publication otherwise but is distributed to the members. If you are not a current dues paying member - dues are payable \$6.00 per year -to the Treasurer, Joanne Dolby, 6460 Jay Drive, Lambertville, Michigan 48144. It is my intention to try to get more information for you into the Newsletter. My own time to now pursue more about glass is getting better. I live in an area where there are hundreds of glass collectors- of all kinds, shapes, sizes and values. They, too are generous with the years of accumulated knowledge they have. The next Newsletter which is already due and will be printed shortly has in it the talk Mr. Vogelsohn gave at the Convention Banquet. It is an interesting revelation about molds- Who has them?- Where are they?-Where have they been?-How many have owned some of them-passed them around for use by other companies to help the mould owner out of a tight spot in production and more stories about this phase of the glass industry. You will be surprised to know some of these things, I am sure. We wished Mr. Vogelsohn had spoken all evening. He is in the glass business and knows what is going on and shared all that with us and we loved it!

Any articles - mail to me - at P.O. Box 6833, Silver Spring, Maryland 20905.

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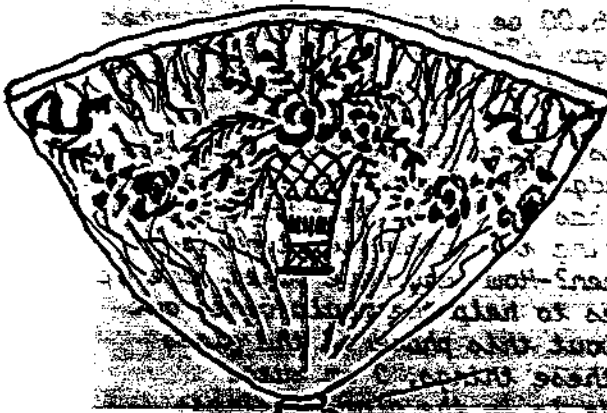
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