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STRETCH GLASS SOCIETY

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(Co-)PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Dear Members:

We simply can't believe it! A year has gone by since we were elected (and we accepted) to be Co-Presidents. We have seen some exciting developments with a steadily increasing membership. Of course, now we are "getting our juices flowing" because of the upcoming Show and Convention.

If you haven't made your reservations yet, please do so as soon as possible. The Hotel Lafayette is holding some of their best rooms for our members and we must guarantee our banquet dinner number no later than 48 hours before the event. If you can only make the show and banquet, you will still need to let the Hotel know.

We have been in touch with many of our members who plan to attend and we are excited about the possibility of seeing some interesting collections of (RARE, as Bill Crowl would say) RED STRETCH. Others

are telling us of their unusual, unknown and rare finds made this last year which they want to share with our group. Our excitement builds by the day!

We have been pleased at seeing several advertisements and notices of our society in various antique newspapers. Joanne Rogers has been a busy person! John Madeley also continues to be an excellent ambassador for our society and has, single handedly, added the most new members to our society this year. On the other hand, were sorely disappointed in the antique newspapers' almost total ignoring of our press release on our Convention and Show. We don't know if we are going to have to buy space or bribe editors in order to get the word out about our society's activities!

As part of our presidential duties, we need to inform you that there are some very important business items which will need to be addressed SOON. We will begin here by notifying our Board of Directors that careful

thought must be given to: 1. Defining what stretch glass is; 2. Determining if we should find a permanent home to have our annual Show and Banquet; 3. Determine if there is a better time of year and/or week to have our annual Show and Banquet; and, 4. Is there a need to increase the annual dues from \$8 to \$10 per year?

Berry Wiggins has been an advocate for the first issue. As he continues to author and coauthor books on glass, he continues to see questions concerning the identity of different glass types and lines. We're sure that all of you have experienced satin glass and true art glass misidentified at shops, malls and auctions. A good definition of stretch glass would help the writers of antique newspapers, editors of other glass clubs and possibly auctioneers or dealers to properly acknowledge our collectable.

John Madeley has found out that making arrangements for our Conference and Show is no easy task. We have been solicited by two hotels in the Marietta/Parkersberg area to consider holding our event every year at their facility. This makes planning and making the small arrangements much more simple. Once a facility understands our needs they may be better able to serve us at reduced costs.

Since we have decided to have the 1994 meeting over the weekend, many have asked that we should also consider moving the meeting to another month. Some of our members simply can not attend our meeting during the "school year." Vacation time is often easier to use during the summer months and many would chose to come to the Stretch Glass Convention and

Show if it was held June to mid-August. What do you say?

The question concerning increasing dues is always a tough one. No one wants to pay more but cost increases seem to be a fact of life! We look at all the other glass clubs and the Stretch Glass Society is the true bargain of the bunch. We feel that this newsletter is one of the better ones for providing some technical information as well as "fun items." We attend the Imperial Glass Society and wonder if Imperial produced anything other than Candlewick! WE KNOW BETTER. The Fenton clubs are better but, again, we commonly get lost in the huge variety of glass presented. Most of the carnival glass and depression glass clubs tend to ignore stretch glass. We'll have to take a serious look at the "books" at this meeting in order to determine if we need to increase our dues in order to keep up our advertising, cost of printing and mailing the newsletter and expenses for our Conference.

All of these issues need some careful thought. With nearly 100 members, we usually hear from less than a dozen. You must let the board of directors and officers know what your thoughts are. We encourage you to call or write to any of us, especially if you are unable to attend our meeting.

Again, thanks to all who have made our tenure as Co-Presidents a fun and interesting experience. As always, if you have comments or questions on stretch glass, let us hear from you.

Renée and Dave Shetlar

Stretch Glass Society Officers

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DUES: Eight Dollars (\$8.00) annually for each family - Payable to the Treasurer by April 1st.

THE 1993 CONVENTION INFORMATION

The SGS 1993 Convention will be held at **THE LAFAYETTE HOTEL**, Marietta, OH on Thursday, April 29 and Friday, April 30.

We have made arrangements for rooms to be available at \$45.00 per night, plus sales tax, and the buffet banquet will cost \$16.00 per person. Reservations for rooms and the banquet should be sent to:

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| The Lafayette Hotel | or phone: | 614-373-5522 |
| 101 Front Street | | 800-331-9337 (Ohio) |
| Marietta, OH 45750 | | 800-331-9336 (U.S.) |

CONVENTION AGENDA

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

SGS Check-In - the convention room at the Lafayette Hotel will be available after 10:00AM for set up of display/sale tables, and allow us to catch up on the year's news. The room will be closed at 9:00PM. (NOTE: Hotel rooms may not be available for Thursday arrivals until after 1:00PM.)

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

9:00AM to 5:00PM **Show and Sale** - the room will be occupied at all times and SGS members may visit local shops or take a tour of the Fenton Art Glass Company and Museum. (Coffee & tea will be available and members are encouraged to bring a treat to share during the day.)

5:00PM **Pack Up**

7:00PM **SGS Annual Banquet**

8:00PM **Program** - Mr. James Measell talk

9:00PM **SGS Annual Business Meeting**

SATURDAY, MAY 1

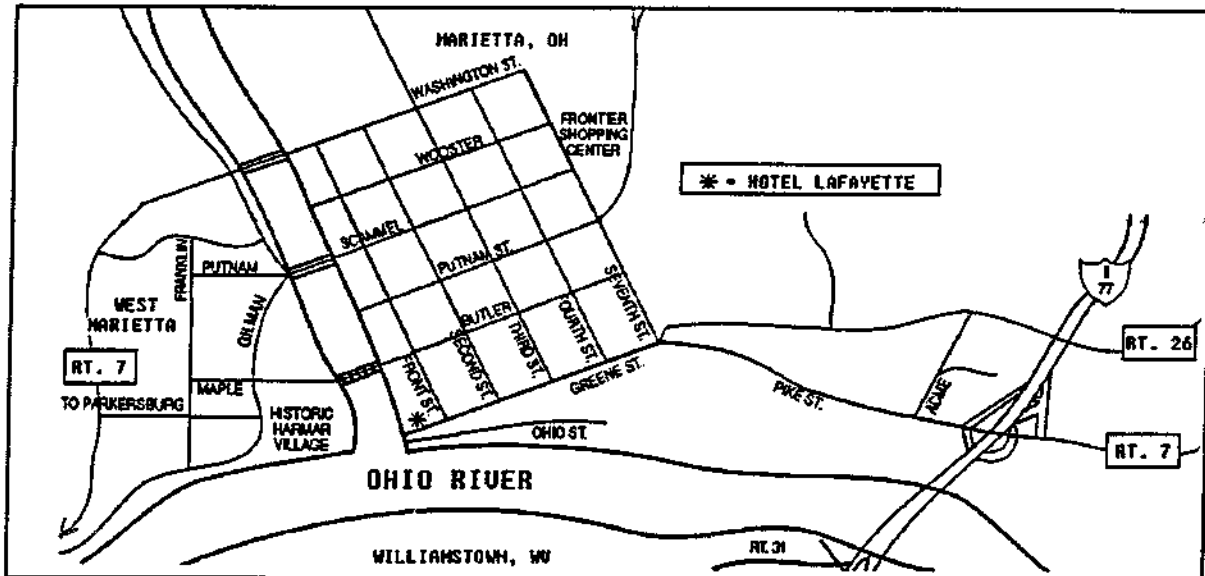
CHECK OUT

THE BUFFET BANQUET - has been arranged this year for \$16.00 per person in order to provide the best variety of selections at a reasonable cost. The entrees will be sliced sirloin, baked chicken or Alaskan pollack. Vegetables and salads will consist of: salad bowl medley and Waldorf salad (w/sweet & sour or ranch dressing), cottage cheese, redskin potatoes, peas with mushrooms, boquetiere vegetables (cauliflower, carrots & broccoli), and jello mold. For dessert, a rainbow sherbet will be served at our tables. Coffee, decaf, tea or milk and rolls and butter will also be available.

(PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR THE ROOMS AND BANQUET EARLY AND BE SURE TO MENTION THAT YOU ARE WITH THE STRETCH GLASS SOCIETY)

GETTING TO THE HOTEL LAFAYETTE

Using the map below, exit off of I-77 using OHIO EXIT 1 for Ohio Rt. 7 West. This will put you onto Pike street going towards downtown Marietta. At the junction of Pike, Seventh and Green St. go to the left onto Green St. Follow Green Street until it appears to end. This will be Front St. The Hotel Lafayette is on the southwestern corner of the Front and Green St. intersection. Turn right on Front St. and turn left into the hotel parking lot. This lot has an entrance (covered archway) which leads directly into the room which we will use for our show.



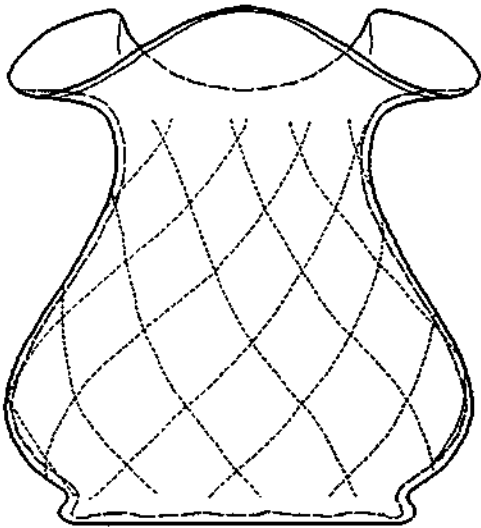
The Marietta - Williamstown area has many things to see and do for the glass collector/enthusiast. Across the street from the Hotel Lafayette is a convenient antique store which has a considerable amount of glassware. You can conveniently cross the Ohio River on the newly constructed bridge. The bridge can be entered off of Greene St. At the first light in Williamstown you will join WV Rt. 14. If you go left (south) for about a quarter mile, you will see the signs for The Fenton Art Glass Co. & Gift Shop. If you go straight (east) on WV Rt. 14, you will soon reach the Williamstown Antique Mall which specializes in glassware.

Antique malls are also located off of Ohio I-77 (exit 16) at Dexter City (2 malls and a shop) and Caldwell (exit 25). If you are coming down I-77 or across I-70, other malls are located in New Philadelphia, Barnsville and Zanesville.

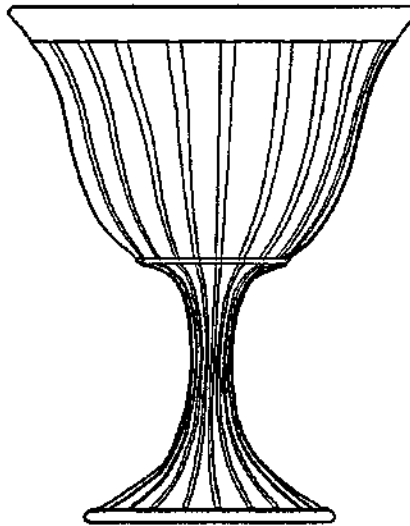
1993 Stretch Glass Convention Reminder

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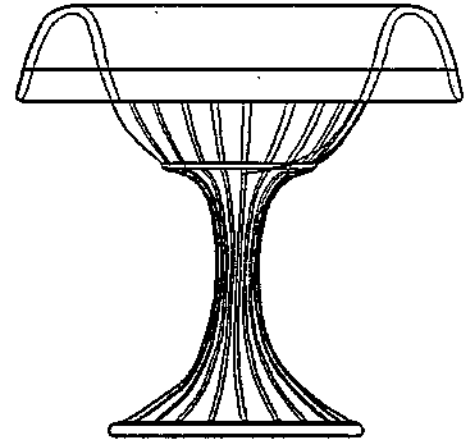
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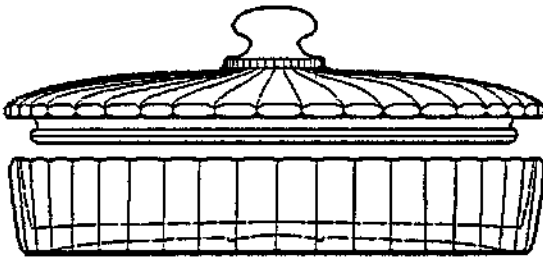
#613 vase, 5 1/2", crimped w/diamonds



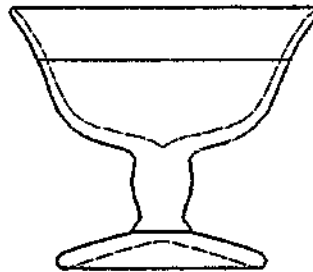
#637 footed comport, bell top



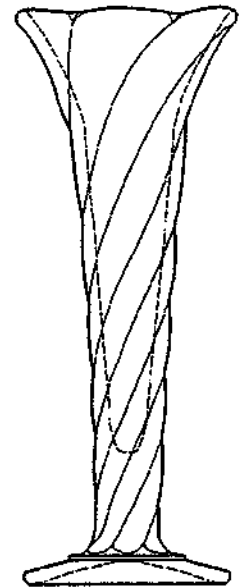
#637 footed comport, rolled rim



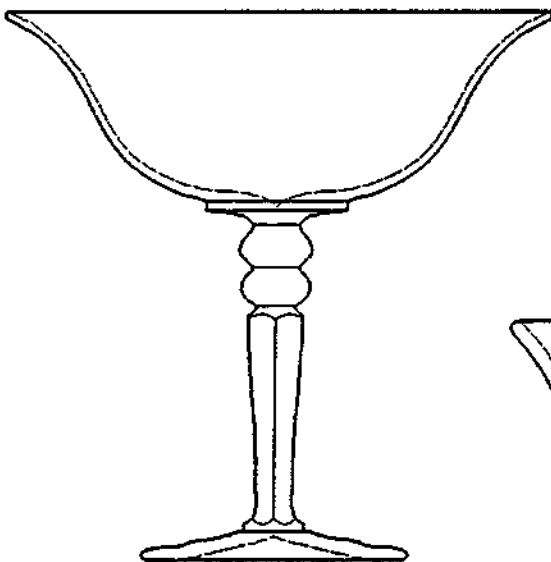
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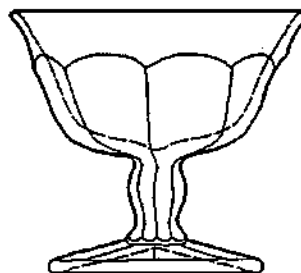
#685 Sherbet



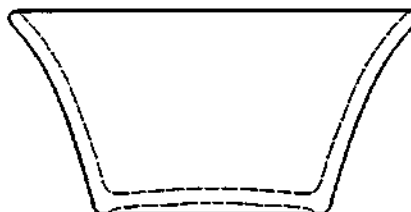
#727 vase, twisted rib



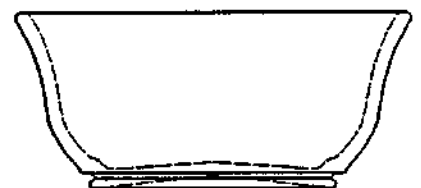
#705 Tall Comport



Sherbet (early)



#621 Mayonnaise Bowl



#672 5" Bulb Bowl

**A DEFINITION OF STRETCH GLASS
AS USED BY
THE STRETCH GLASS SOCIETY**

Stretch glass is press or blown molded glass that has little or no pattern and is sprayed with a metallic salt mix while hot. When finished, this mass produced glass will have either a cobweb iridescent or a plain iridescent effect and is velvet or shiny in luster. In some rare instances, some stretch glass with an all-over pattern will have been put in the manufacturer's line of stretch.

This is a definition of Stretch Glass that Berry Wiggins, Frank Fenton and Co-Presidents Renee and Dave Shetlar have been working on to properly define what Stretch Glass is. Presented here is a draft for our members to consider to be eventually placed in our By-Laws.

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EDITOR NOTE: We have had requests for some previous issues of N-L so in attempting to catalog them since SGS was organized in 1974, I find a number of issues missing, either misplaced or having never been printed. Also thru the years the Volume Numeral Number became mixed up. I feel one cause for this is that our Fiscal Year starts after convention in Apr., therefore, the next issue - July - starts a new Vol. number. In trying to correct this I found it almost impossible and your copies wouldn't show the changes. I have made up a Master File containing one copy of each N-L since organizing in 1974. Extra newsletters will be brought to convention for sale.

At this time I am going to correct an error I personally made:

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| Jan. '92 | should be | VOL.XVIII | - No. 3 |
| Apr. '92 | | VOL.XVIII | - No. 4 |
| July '92 | (new Vol.) | VOL.XIX | - No. 1 |
| Oct. '92 | | VOL.XIX | - No. 2 |
| Jan. '93 | | VOL.XIX | - No. 3 |
| Apr. '93 | (current) | VOL.XIX | - No. 4 |

Renee and Dave, our Co-Presidents, contacted Frank Fenton to get his opinion regarding the making of a souvenir for 1994, our 20th Anniversary year, and having it done in red stretch. A candlestick or twin dolphin fan vase were discussed. Following are excerpts from his reply to them and I think we'll all find them interesting and exciting;

"You have asked whether we might make a souvenir for 1994 in red stretch, perhaps the candlestick or the twin dolphin fan vase. I think we could manage either one of those. The fact that you want only 100 pieces is no deterrent; it merely makes the price higher when you buy fewer pieces. I'm sure we can work something out. My suggestion is that the fan vase might be more desirable than the candlestick.

I think it would also be possible to take some video shots showing the process of making your piece. This is a scheduling problem which can probably be worked out. I suggest that you might want to announce at the 1993 convention that tentative arrangements have been made to have a commemorative piece in 1994. I'll be glad to see what we can work out for you."

Sincerely, Frank M. Fenton

At this time we regret having to report that Anna Cummings (Mrs. John) passed away suddenly Mar. 8 due to a heart attack. She and her daughter JoAnne, have attended many of our conventions and were planning on trying to attend this one. Our sincere sympathy goes to her family. Our one hope will be that JoAnne will see fit to keep in touch and attend future conventions.

Joanne Rodgers sent the following item about her good luck recently, having found 3 pieces of Stretch at one place. Quoted from Joanne's letter:

"One piece is a simple white compote with green striping around the top and the foot. The second is a flat dish with two sides turned up, in deep marigold. It was this one that caught my eye and made me skip over the most important piece. The dealer called my attention to a smaller piece of blue Stretch on his other table. Imagine my amazement when I turned around and found a Blue Fenton Shaving Mug, just like the vaseline one the Shetlars wrote about in the last two newsletters. I am still flabbergasted by my good fortune. Now there seems to be 2 vaseline and 2 blue shaving mugs known."

We are always glad to hear of new "finds" so do share these with all of us. Joanne has hit the "jackpot" so to speak, inasmuch as she now advises she has found four more pieces! One is a vaseline Northwood compote with a square tree trunk base. The other three are U. S. Glass in translucent colors - a footed yellow bowl, a tall green vase, and a smaller pink vase. She also mentioned that she hasn't seen this pink too many times.

We were asked to print the following ads. if we had space so the balance of this sheet and the next are complying with that.

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