



Dear SGS Member,

The 2025 Convention will be here in a few weeks and the convention team hopes that you will consider coming to Denver, PA, August 7-9th for our 51st convention. The theme for this year is **“TOPAZ GLOWS”**. We encourage you to bring your special topaz (yellow vaseline) pieces to add to the club display. Be sure to label your pieces!

Throughout the convention we will do our best to help you learn, share, acquire and sell glass in an exciting experience. Remember to book your hotel room ASAP by calling (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.

Please note that there are several changes in the convention schedule, which is included with this letter. They include:

- The individual display tables are back! This has been a convention tradition, but last year's anniversary activities limited our space. Individual display tables are a great opportunity for you to create your own theme, or just share your recent, exciting acquisitions. Some ideas used in the past are: same colors, same molds but different shapes and colors, place settings to entertain with stretch glass, new finds, etc. We will provide a 5' round table and white tablecloth will be provided for your display. Please keep in mind that most of the glass on your table should be stretch glass.
- There will also be a table reserved for single items or small groupings (three or less) if you don't have enough for a full table. You can talk about these pieces in our individual table show-and-tell session.
- We will have an auction of stretch glass on Thursday evening. Tom and Debra Burns have been busy putting together some great pieces of stretch glass for you to add to your collection. This auction is open to anyone and will also be available online.
- After the banquet meal is over, we are asking everyone to bring in something that represents another “passion” or hobby – such as toy trains, books, other types of glass, fiber arts, etc. We did this activity several years ago and it was wonderful to find out what else we have in common, besides our love of stretch glass.

Tom Foozer will be giving a special talk on Vaseline Glass and Dave Shetlar will have an educational session on stretch glass plate identification. We look forward to greeting you on August 7-9th for a few days of s-t-r-e-t-c-h-i-n-g o-u-t!

Your convention team,

***Deb Brateng, Cal Hackeman, Joan Halliburton, Bob Henkel, Dave Shetlar,
Vernette Shaffer, Gary Waugh, and Vickie Rowe***

