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## STRETCH GLASS SOCIETY

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### (Co-)PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Dear Members:

As the excitement of our annual Convention and Show has worn off, we find ourselves catapulted into the "summer doldrums" with its oppressively hot, muggy weather. Ninety degree days with the same amount of humidity tends to keep us out of the hot little antique shops and makes us early morning visitors to the outdoor shows and flea markets. However, when we make the effort, we are usually rewarded with a piece of stretch which "must" be added to our collection!

Our Annual Show in Aurora, Illinois was outstanding and we appreciate the friendly atmosphere created by the local membership. Of course, John Madeley did the lion's share of the work for local arrangements and we wish to extend our greatest THANKS! for making things run so smoothly. We also must thank Janet Reichling (a fairly new, but very enthusiastic collector) for tending to the business of keeping track of our banquet attendees and

their orders. We must thank Berry Wiggins for volunteering to do the nightly "room watch." We know from last year that this job usually results in little sleep.

While we were elated with the attendance this year and the chance to meet so many new faces, we were also saddened to hear that some members had troubles. Fred and Arna Simpson (██████, MD) were only a few miles away from the convention when they were in an auto accident. Fortunately, they made it through with "only" a broken arm (Arna), but amazingly no loss of stretch glass. Their children flew in and retrieved them. Rex Tatum (██████, LA) had hoped to arrive with many goodies for sale but eye surgery came at the wrong time and prohibited him from driving. Again, maybe next year! We had also hoped that Russell & Kitty Umbraco (██████, CA) could have attended but Kitty's recent back surgery prevented the trip. Bud Ashmore, Jr. (██████, IN) missed his first meeting in years because his "traveling companion" (a miniature greyhound) has liver

cancer and no longer travels well. We also missed Martin Stozus (██████████, CT) and John Miller (██████████, OH), both long term attendees.

As far as we can tell, everyone received their 20th Anniversary Fan Vases though one arrived with a crack in the base. Fortunately, we had one remaining which we could use as a replacement. Several people thought that their vases had a crack in the base but this turned out to be the cross in the "F" of Frank Fenton's signature. As more and more pieces were opened, our members noticed the considerable variation in "stretch" characteristics. Some vases had a deep blue-purple satiny quality and others were bright gold with deep stretch marks. Since the boxes were taped at the factory, we didn't know the individual characteristics of each piece contained within. We suspect that our members will be trading for years! Seeing this variation reminds us about how unique each piece of stretch glass is!

Speaking of our Anniversary Vase, we want to again thank FRANK M. FENTON for his assistance in production of this impressive piece. In fact, because of his contributions, the Society Executive Board and Officers approved the following: "In recognition of his constant support and efforts to further the goals of the Stretch Glass Society, as demonstrated this year by his assistance in production of our 20th Anniversary Twin Dolphin Fan Vase in Red Stretch, we hereby confer **Honorary Lifetime Membership** to Frank M. Fenton." CONGRATULATIONS!

With our 20th Anniversary arrival, we noticed that we had 13 Founding Members still active in the Society. We therefore, wrote secret letters to those board members and officers who were not founding members seeking advise on how to honor these long term members. We decided that it would be appropriate to award each of these Founding Members a **Lifetime Membership**. The Founding Members so honored are: Keith and Margene Cordell (██████████, IL), William (Bill) Crowl (██████████, WV), Dr. William & Jacqueline Davis (██████████, Ontario), Mary Henry (Indiana, PA), Paul Miller (██████████, OH), Rosa Schleede (██████████, NY), Joanne Rogers (██████████, OH),

Martin Stozus (██████████, CT), Kitty and Russell Umbraco (██████████, CA) and Berry Wiggins (██████████, WV). Again, CONGRATULATIONS!

Of considerable interest at our banquet was the attendance of Jack D. Wilson and his wife, Elizabeth. Jack is the author of the Consolidated and Phoenix Glass Companies book. Of course, he brought a couple of Consolidated pieces which had been iridized and could be taken as stretch. Do we have another company to add to our list of makers? Do these pieces fit into our definition of "stretch glass"? We'll have to see some more pieces and get more information as to the Consolidated "Lines" before making this decision. Each time these types of questions arise, we begin to understand Berry Wiggins' insights and gentle insistence on having our Society develop a Stretch Glass "Definition" Committee.

We have generally resisted considering such a committee because we, personally, like the open and free exchange of ideas and information that "non-stretch" pieces elicit at our meetings. Is it now time to "mature" our Society? Please give this some thought. Sooner or later we will have to cross this bridge in order to define exactly what our Society studies and collects.

Speaking of "coming of age", our Society decided on some important changes as to how we operate. In the past, our organization could survive on the efforts of a few dedicated individuals. However, as we grow, more of the operating tasks must be undertaken by more members. Each of our four board members have now been assigned to be supervisors of specific Society needs: Convention & Show (not the Convention & Show Chairperson), Advertising & Promotion, News & Technical Information, and Ways & Means. We also decided that the Vice President would be assigned the duties of a "Membership Service Officer."

In closing, we wish to give our final thanks to outgoing VP, Martin Stozus; treasurer, Augusta Keith; and board members, Barb Sullivan and John Miller. We have valued your help and advise. Likewise, welcome to new VP, John Madeley; treasurer, Cal Hackeman; and board members, Eldon Schroeder and Jim Steinbach.

Renée and Dave Shetlar

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### Stretch Glass Society Officers

Co-Presidents: David & Renée Shetlar

Sec/Editor: Mildred Bicksler

Vice President: John Madeley

Treasurer: Calvin Hackeman

### Board of Directors

Joanne Rodgers (OH), Rose Schleede (NY), Eldon Schroeder (IL), and Jim Steinbach (OH)

DUES: Twelve Dollars (\$12.00) annually for each family - Payable to the Treasurer by APRIL 1st.

**The Stretch Glass Society  
20th Anniversary Show and Meeting  
Aurora, IL - April 28, 29, 30, 1994**

by D. J. Shetlar

For several weeks before the SGS Show and Meeting, Renee and I continued to sort through our duplicates in storage and pieces of stretch glass no longer high on our "need to keep" list. Since our collection has begun to exceed available space, we figured this convention would be a good chance to sell or trade these items. When not cataloging these pieces (and trying to figure out what we had paid for the older pieces!), we were busy trying to figure out what would make the best display. We were continually printing out labels, tags and display items for other members. Though we ended up many days exhausted (and sometimes short of patience), it's part of our cherished fun associated with collecting stretch glass.

After packing our sale and trade boxes, display boxes and all the twin dolphin anniversary pieces, I wondered if the luggage would fit into the truck. Miraculously, it all fit! We set out Wednesday morning and bypassed several of the antique malls knowing full well that other members had probably visited them already. We arrived in Indianapolis about noon and called Bud Ashmore to meet us at the famous Shadeland Antique Mall so we could deliver his dolphin vases. A quick look in the mall exposed some tempting pieces but we figured we had better save our bucks for the convention. Bud was gracious to invite us over to his house and we were thoroughly impressed with his collection - stretch glass being only one of his collecting loves. We knew that Bud had a real liking of US Glass slag pieces and he didn't disappoint us. Renee and I are always amazed at the unusual glass colors made and iridized by US Glass. We're sure that all of us must have passed by these gems thinking that they are simply slag glass or "different" art glass. It certainly causes us to slow down in looking through shows and malls!

After a "fun" time driving across the Chicago area interstates, we arrived at the Aurora Howard Johnson's right at dusk. Fortunately, John Madeley and others were milling about in the foyer so we knew we had found the right place. Unfortunately, their first proclamation was that Arna and Fred Simpson had been in an auto crash and though they had called to say that they were OK, we were still concerned. (Arna called after we got home to let us know that she had broken an arm and the car had been totalled. Their family had rallied and retrieved them and their glass. They seemed more depressed at not being able to make it to the convention than about their mishap.) After locating our room, Renee and I set about unloading all the boxes. About that time Bill Crowl showed up wanting to know if we had brought anything to sell. We figured that we

really didn't have anything Bill would be interested in but we pulled out several of our "sale and trade" boxes. Sure enough, Bill walked away with a hand full! We looked around to see if anyone else was up and still available for some wheeling-and-dealing, but most everyone seemed exhausted.

Early Thursday morning, Berry, John and I set to the task of covering the table fronts with white skirting and making last minute table moves. After this was done, we threw open the doors for our anxious members to set up their displays. Of course, this is the time that I like the most. Exciting chaos! Everyone tries to keep one eye out for that "rare and unusual" piece to show up on someone's "for sale or trade" table while trying to unpack their own goodies. Experienced members seem to take their time, knowing full well that many hours remain to set up their own glass. This year, since little room hopping had occurred the night before, eager groups clustered around any member unpacking sale items. In fact, it got so hectic when John Madeley arrived with his sale boxes, three to four "helpers" were unpacking for him while others were discussing possible "deals." Later, John remarked that he wasn't sure WHAT had happened during the frenzy. All I could do was grab my video camera and attempt to capture some of the excitement on tape.

Eventually, by mid afternoon, things began to settle a bit and members filtered in and out as they discovered local shops and malls. It seemed that every hour someone would come back with a newly acquired piece in hand. Renee and I were thoroughly amazed because we thought the local gentry would have picked the Chicago area over. In fact, I began to think that someone had "seeded" the area! Everyone had a great time exchanging "hunt" stories, showing off new pieces, discussing glass with new members and learning from our on-site expert, Berry Wiggins. Several additional arrivals came in on Friday.

As a quick tour of the room, this is what I remember:

Leo and Augusta Keith had a couple of tables crammed with many colors of candy jars, vases, bowls and trays. I was most impressed with a tall Imperial vase with a ruffled rim in Green Ice stretch. Augusta claimed that it wasn't her favorite piece but I couldn't talk her out of it!

John Madeley brought his Fenton tangerine collection which he arranged around his giant cobalt blue Diamond bowl (item #700 in the Dugan/Diamond book). A truly breathtaking combination. Besides the common bowls and vases, John displayed a large "Laurel Leaf" hexagonal plate, dolphin pieces, a guest set and various flower pots with bases. Even Bill Crowl (another tangerine enthusiast) seemed envious of many pieces.

JoAnne Rogers also brought an impressive variety of colors and forms. Of great interest to me were the US Glass ribbon bowls, one in opaque blue (Pearl

Blue), another opened into a plate in a very dark wisteria (really a black) and a third in topaz. She also had a green console set by Central Glass in a slightly different green color. Pieces in blue, black, pink and custard were sprinkled about.

Berry Wiggins had a variety of items of interest but an outstanding Central Glass console set in rich wisteria decorated with "hammered gold" edges was the real eye popper. A strong demonstration of excellent glass-making art. He also brought the rare Imperial black iridized bowl and candle sticks.

JoAnne and Eldon Dolby set up a round table ready for a dinner party with matching and contrasting topaz and blue plates, bowls, pitcher and glasses.

Ramona and Eldon Schroeder brought everything pink with a covered puff jar, a square jar from the Fenton bath room set, Fenton #220 iced tea pitcher with glasses, a US Glass sandwich tray and many others. I'm always drawn to these displays of a single color.

Mary and Henry Crespi had a display which seemed to grow by the hour. Several pieces of Northwood's opaque blue as well as a blue #559 bedroom jug and tumbler set caused me to make closer inspection.

Cal Hackeman arrived on Friday (because he wanted to hit some Pennsylvania show) and brought many impressive items. Of first note was a Fenton #844 covered jar in Velva Rose (this is the one with a flower handled top). In perfect condition! He also had a US glass "Cumulus" sherbet with plate set, a cobalt blue ruffled edge nappy (possibly Central), a variety of Aquamarine pieces, an Imperial "Scroll" bowl and candle stick set in deep teal blue-green, a US Glass opaque yellow creamer and sugar set, a Northwood covered bon bon in custard etc., etc.

Jan Reichling, who stated that she was afraid that her display wouldn't do justice to the Convention (a common fear of first time displayers), showed up with some rare and impressive pieces. She showed a dark wisteria Imperial candle stick bowl, a blue US Glass #310 covered candy jar (tough to find with the lid!) and various green and topaz perfumes. Her display also seemed to grow each day!

Paul Miller hitched a ride with the Bickslers but was still able to bring some interesting pieces. I noted a green, handled sandwich tray with a small heart on the handle (I think Diamond Glass-Ware), a pink vase (possibly US Glass) and the tiny Fenton #318 butter tray in Velva Rose.

Mildred and Wes Bicksler set up a table with an interesting array of blue, green, pink, red, black, and marigold. An aquamarine Fenton "banana plate" was prominent.

Suzanne Burke brought an interesting pitcher with six handleless glasses which we thought may be an early Fenton set. Suzanne said it had belonged to her mother and had been stored away for many years.

Tom and Jean Bucher developed an interesting display of items obtained during their trip to Alaska. Each state travelled through was represented by a piece of stretch glass. They even found a Diamond Glass-Ware "Adams Rib" footed comport and matching candle stick/vases, in blue, in Alaska! I also liked the Fenton #200 guest set in Persian Pearl with cobalt handle.

Pam and Jim Steinbach arrived on Friday and set up a beautiful display of many colors but the red pieces caught my eye the most. They also had a set of Northwood plates in an almost cobalt blue. Of real interest on Saturday was a find in a nearby shop. They returned with a very rare Fenton compote in Velva Rose. It is figured as KU190 in the Umbraco's book. Berry mentioned that it was only the second one he had seen.

Bill and Jim Cottrill set up a table with pieces mostly for sale. Nice pieces in a variety of colors were represented.

Though not setting up a formal display, David Goodrich showed up with a GIANT red stretch plate. It appeared to be the Fenton punch bowl flattened out. Impressive.

Sharon Segler and Tina Pendola showed up with what is without a doubt the most novel piece of stretch glass I have ever seen. It appeared to be a Fenton #349, 10-inch candle stick in red, but the stem had been first twisted and then curled into a loop! Either it was an experimental piece or the factory worker had a bad day! Truly a one-of-a-kind piece!

Last but not least, Bill Crowl was given over eight tables on which to display his stock for sale. He seemed busy for most of the convention and kept pulling out interesting pieces from his "personal collection." This included a couple of red pieces and an opaque pink US Glass #310 footed bowl. Berry and I felt that this piece may be the true US Glass "Old Rose" color which has caused us considerable trouble in getting a definite determination.

Renee and I set up a table displaying opaque stretch and another table with stretch glass candle sticks. We had console sets in opaque yellow and green (US Glass), opaque blue and custard (Northwood) and black (Diamond); bowls in green slag and pearl gray (US Glass) and milk glass - one with smoke and one with orange iridescence (Imperial). What attracted the most attention was an experimental piece which we talked Frank Fenton into letting us bring to the show - a Rosaline bowl with stretch treatment! This ended up being a "hot pink opaque" stretch piece. Unfortunately Frank seriously doubted that Fenton Art Glass Company would make such a piece in production numbers. Bummer!

My least favorite part of the show is packing up. Seeing all the colorful glass "jewels" disappear in boxes means that it will be another full year before we get a chance to see all the colors and forms in one place again. See you in New Philadelphia, Ohio, April 21-23, 1995.

## APRIL 1994 BUSINESS MEETING

The 1994 Business Meeting of the Stretch Glass Society was called to order by President Dave Shettlar. (As a little side note, his Co-President, Renee, was unable to assist him due to having developed laryngitis during the convention and was totally unable to talk). The President announced that all had received in the July 1993 Newsletter a copy of the minutes of the 1993 Business Meeting. The President asked for a motion that those minutes be approved, Joanne Rodgers made this motion, seconded by Berry Wiggins and motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was audited by Eldon Schroeder, Joanne Rodgers and Janet Reichling. Following is a summary of the financial statement for the year. As of last year there was a beginning balance of \$1112.86, income this year of basically \$1600.00 in dues and \$7500.00 in the sale of some mysterious item which we call Stretch Glass Vases, and along with some other miscellaneous income we have a total income of \$9333.60. Expenses for this year included the cost of vases about \$5000.00 and our other expenses were basically for the Newsletter, Advertising, the convention and the purchase of those 20-year Anniversary pieces, ending up with a balance on hand as of yesterday's audit of \$4053.34. I think at the end of this year I stated in the last Newsletter we were afraid that we were beginning to run in the red but as you can see at this point in time we are now a very solvent Society and well on our way and much of that is due to our 20th Anniversary Stretch Glass piece. We want to thank the auditors for auditing the books.

As required by our Constitution the Executive Board and Officers met prior to the regular business meeting. All were in attendance except Martin Stozus and John Miller who were unable to attend the Convention. Many ideas were discussed and we would like to present them at this time. I would like to mention the first is not a motion but we would like to announce that the following was approved by the Executive Board and Officers: In recognition of his constant support and efforts to further the goals of the Stretch Glass Society as demonstrated this year by his assistance in production of our 20th Anniversary Twin Dolphin Fan Vase in Red Stretch, we hereby confer an Honorary Lifetime Membership to Frank M. Fenton.

Next came a discussion regarding membership--when does a new member become a member, how many Newsletters is that person entitled to. The President asked that a motion be made to clarify this. Barb Sullivan made the following motion, that new members joining Jan. 1st to April 1st be considered as having joined for a one year membership. New members joining prior to Jan. 1st will be considered they have joined as of the previous Apr. 1st and will need to pay dues the following April. This means the new members joining in the 4th quarter of the year will receive the Jan., Apr., July, Oct. and the next Jan. Newsletters or a total of five. This means the new members joining in the 3rd quarter of the year will receive the Apr., July, Oct. and the next Jan. Newsletters or a total of four. This motion was seconded and following a discussion, motion passed.

With cost increases in production of the Newsletter and postage we do anticipate a dues increase in 1995. The Board discussed the possibility of life-time memberships, but decided to table this until future.



However, it was agreed a dues increase should be put in effect for 1995. John Madeley made a motion that 1995 dues be increased from \$10.00 to \$12.00 for individuals and/or family (or couple) for membership. Rosa Schleede seconded the motion and following a discussion, motion passed.

Proceeding with business the President stated that at this Board meeting a discussion was held regarding several members of the Executive Committee basically have no duty. The duty of the Vice President is to take over for the President if the President is deemed not capable of doing these duties. As the Society is growing we need the enlistment of additional persons. Therefore, we would like to define for our Board of Directors specific duties for them to participate in for better guidance of our Society. John Madeley made the following motion:

1. That the duties of the President, Secretary/Editor, and Treasurer remain as currently defined in the Constitution and By-Laws.
2. The Vice President's duties will be defined as currently stated with the addition of serving as a Membership Service Officer.
3. Each of the four Board Members shall be assigned one of the following duties: (a) Convention and show supervision (not Convention and Show Chairperson). (b) Advertising and promotion supervisor. (c) News and Technical Information Supervisor. (d) Ways & Means Supervisor.

Berry Wiggins seconded this motion. The President called for a discussion particularly on this motion since these duties have never been had before and he wanted to explain that the Board member will not be the Chairperson in each of these arenas or take over for the individual officer, but to assist in each of these types of duties. For example, the Board member who is to assist on Conventions and Shows and has been in office for 4 years, that person would know the ins and outs and have a list of time tables and things to check on and assist the chairperson who would be actually making the arrangements and not forget things. This is the purpose of assigning these duties to the Board members. No further discussion followed and motion carried.

Under old business: Our definition of Stretch Glass and colors. The President asked for comments and/or suggestions to the proposal of colors and lines as presented in the past newsletter. A very few comments followed with not too much being presented and the President said Berry Wiggins and the Co-Presidents would continue their efforts on this, trying to arrive at correct terminology, stating he realized this is a little difficult in view of the past descriptions such as "Vaseline, Topaz, Canary etc", but a study will be an ongoing thing.

Special thanks were given to Berry Wiggins and Frank Fenton for the time and effort spent on the Commemorative piece, and thanked John Madeley and Janet Reichling for their work on this convention. It was then announced that Joanne Rodgers will be chairperson for the 1995 convention and she stated that the convention will be moved back a week and will be April 20, 21 and 22nd and will be at the Days Inn in New Philadelphia, OH. More information will be forthcoming. Cal Hackeman accepted chairperson for the 1996 convention for perhaps

in Manassas, VA. area and Barb Sullivan will assist. The years following are still open for suggestions.

Under new business: An inquiry was made by a member as to a membership list and the President advised that a new membership directory is being compiled and will be included in the October Newsletter. Phone numbers for on this list were discussed and Berry Wiggins made a suggestion that phone numbers be placed on the list unless those who did not want their number on it, that they request it not be on the membership list. A motion was made by JoAnne Cummings that phone numbers be put on the list with the exception of those not wishing theirs on it. Motion was seconded and there being no further discussion, motion passed.

The Board of Directors met somewhat in secret to make the following decision and you will understand why because there are some Board members who are lifetime or charter members and we have at this time ten individual members or couples who remain as charter members and the honor we would like to bestow on them is a Lifetime Membership in the Stretch Glass Society and we have an award for this. They are: Keith and Margene Cordell ([REDACTED], IL), Wm. (Bill) Crowl ([REDACTED], WV), Dr. Wm. and Jacqueline Davis ([REDACTED], Ontario), Mary Henry ([REDACTED], PA), Paul Miller ([REDACTED], OH), Rosa Schleede ([REDACTED], NY), Joanne Rodgers ([REDACTED], OH), Martin Stozus ([REDACTED], CT), Kitty and Russell Umbraco ([REDACTED], CA) and Berry Wiggins ([REDACTED], WV).

Election of officers followed and Janet Reichling presented the following slate:

- Co-Presidents - Renee & Dave Shetlar
- Vice President - John Madeley, & also Membership Service Officer
- Secy/Editor - Mildred Bicksler
- Treasurer - Cal Hackeman

Board of Directors:

- Joanne Rodgers - Advertising & Promotion
- Jim Steinbach - Ways & Means
- Eldon Schroeder- News & Technical Information
- Rosa Schleede - Convention & Show Supervisor

There being no further nominations a motion was made by Rosa Schleede to close the nominations, seconded by Berry Wiggins and motion passed.

The President gave recognition to Augusta Keith who is retiring from her many years of service as Treasurer and, as the President stated, her worries of enduring the trials and tribulations of Audits which he said she has miraculously survived. The President also wanted to give recognition to Martin Stozus the outgoing Vice President and John Miller who has served on the Board of Directors.

At this point, all who were present thanked and applauded the Co-Presidents for all their work regarding this particular convention. No further business being presented, Berry Wiggins made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Augusta Keith and the 1994 Convention business adjourned.

The following is an item received from our member, Samuel McGill, asking if we would include this notice in our publication:

New England Carnival Glass Assoc. 1994 Convention  
Friday, Sept. 9th and Saturday, Sept. 10th, 1994

N.E.C.G.A.'s 1994 Convention will be held again at the Ramada Hotel 1080 Riverdale Rd., West Springfield, MA 01089, tel. (413)781-8750 on Sept. 9th and 10th ("early bird" arrival, Thursday, Sept. 8th or earlier). The Hospitality Room will be open at noon, Thursday, Sept. 8th and all day Friday and Saturday as usual. The Hotel will give our special room rates for single or double occupancy (\$65.00 deluxe courtyard room and \$55.00 standard room), throughout "Brimfield Days" if you tell them you're with our Carnival Club. If you want a free 6' table placed in your room for sale or display, ask the desk to transfer the call to Christine Marineau and tell her. Tom Burns will hold an Auction Friday evening and our Saturday Banquet Speaker will be "Northwood" Author, Carl Burns followed by our fun-filled "mini-auction". Our club will again subsidize \$5.00 per banquet meal. Tom will conduct a seminar on Saturday after lunch. We will have a contest again this year for room displays.

Come and take in the fabulous Brimfield Flea Market mornings and enjoy Convention activities in the afternoon and evenings as well, and once tried, we're sure you'll do it every year....but you won't know until you try it or talk with someone who has! Whatever you do, don't wait....call now and reserve your room. For further information, contact me, Sam McGill, [REDACTED], CT [REDACTED] and I will send you all the information. If I'm not home, talk with my wife, Blanche, or leave your name, number and message on the recorder and I will return your call.

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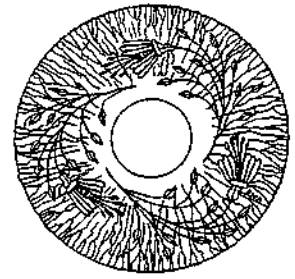
Wes and I invited Paul Miller to accompany us to the Stretch Glass Convention in N. Aurora. He later sent us a very nice "thank you" letter, also mentioning at that time how very much he appreciated receiving the Lifetime Membership Award given by the Society, as being one of the recipients. Paul had brought along for the trip to Aurora a bag of Brach's Toffees and I think he and I "ate" our way to and from Aurora. Wes didn't participate too much, he was busy driving and watching routes!

Mildred Bicksler

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A revised Constitution and By-Laws is included with this Newsletter.





## THE STRETCH GLASS SOCIETY

### CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

THE STRETCH GLASS SOCIETY

Founded: Denver, PA

April 21, 1974

Adopted April 18, 1975

Amended April 24, 1976; May 3, 1990; April 30, 1993; April 30, 1994

**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:** 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 hand-made glass will either have a cobweb iridescent (=stretch marks) 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. OLD STRETCH GLASS was made in the United States from circa 1916 through 1935.

**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 or at a time and place designated by the Executive Board.<sup>a</sup> 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.

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.

**ARTICLE VI -- DUES:** The annual dues for the Society shall be \$10.00<sup>b</sup> per couple or single membership, and dues will be considered delinquent on June 1 of each year.<sup>c</sup> 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 on \$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 him/herself. 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 President 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 and By-Laws here or hereinafter adopted, subject to approval of the Executive Board. The President's duties shall be limited or expanded by directive 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 of 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.

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. The Vice President shall serve as a Membership Service officer.

**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/her 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, canceled checks and other data and report finding 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 editorial policies.<sup>d</sup>

**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.

<sup>a</sup> SGS has a tradition of holding its Annual Convention in the last two weeks of April or first two weeks of May as long as the meeting dates are not during the Mother's Day Holiday weekend. Attempts are also made to avoid any nationally recognized flea markets or antique shows. A volunteer Convention and Show Chairperson is selected two years in advance of each Annual Convention to make local arrangements.

<sup>b</sup> SGS dues will be \$12.00 for individual and/or family (or couple) membership for the 1995 year. (approved April 30, 1994).

<sup>c</sup> New members joining January 1 to April 1 will be considered to have joined April 1 for a one year membership. New members joining prior to January 1 will be considered to have joined on the previous April 1 and will need to pay dues by the following April 1. (i.e. New members joining in the "4th quarter" of the SGS year will receive the January newsletter and the following April, July, October and January newsletters. New members joining in the "first 3 quarters" of the SGS year will get the current year's April, July, October and January newsletters.) (approved April 30, 1994)

<sup>d</sup> Each of the four Directors shall be assigned one of the following special duties:

1. Convention and Show Supervisor (not the current Convention and Show Chairperson)
2. Advertising and Promotion Supervisor
3. News and Technical Information Supervisor
4. Ways and Means Supervisor (approved April 30, 1994)

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