



NEXT MEETING

When: August 5, 2023

Where: Willow Springs Community Center

AGENDA:

10:30-3:00

Cost: \$10.00 pp.

The Society Shows Our Stuff

President's Comments ...



I can't believe that we were meeting in June already. It seems as though time is just flying. We had a wonderful meeting at the Camelot Banquet Hall in Hickory Hills with a good turnout. Jeff and Kathy Hayden went outside the box for the program focusing on what members collected besides glass. It turned out to be a fascinating look at a lot of interesting subjects with many members bringing a wide range of collectibles to explain. You'll see more details in Angela's minutes. My thanks to all who participated. It was, indeed, a fun afternoon!

The Camelot Banquet Hall was a beautiful facility and I believe everyone enjoyed themselves. A fine meal was served and the staff was most attentive to our needs.

As usual, we also held our raffle and What's It?, although time was a bit shorter this time. See the details in Angela's minutes.

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I was happy to see that Walt Kreitling recovered from his recent surgery and was back at the helm with the Zoom portion of the meeting. Welcome back, Walt! Thank you for handling our Zoom. continued on page 2 ...

Vice-President's Corner ...



We hope you are enjoying your summer and the weather, where ever you are!! You people are amazing!! We never expected such an abundance of "things" that you all collect. We were unprepared for the amount of stuff and should have set a time limit on speaking, but we live and learn- next time...

We had a fun time and a great meal on June 3, 2023, at the Camelot Banquet facilities in Hickory Hills. The fun part was seeing those things that our members collect other than glass ware from the 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s, and 60s. The stories behind why someone collects a particular "thing" or when and where they started these collections give us some insight into people's personalities and their quirks!

The August meeting topic is a presentation on Cambridge glass by Toby and Marti DeGraff Mack and will be at the Willow Springs Community Center on August 5, 2023, from 10:30 AM until 3:00 PM. As always, the doors open at 10:30 AM, thus

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... President's comments continues

Although **Bev and Silvano** were not in attendance, please know that plans are in the works for our show at The Concord Plaza Midwest Conference Center once again. Further details will be updated at another time. If you are interested in volunteering to help with various areas, please contact **Silvano Brugioni**. I'm sure he would appreciate your help. A show the size of ours takes a lot of people to step up to help. I hope you will join in.

The Willow Springs Community Center, is working well for our meetings. Jeff and Kathy Hayden are working on the program so please see their column. Special plans are in the works for our October meeting. Details to follow later.

In addition to our **Joanne Donovan**, our Publicity Chairperson, I would like everyone to work on getting new members. If you have a friend who might be interested, why not invite them to a meeting? We will also be using publicity to promote our club meetings as well as our annual show. Publicity releases don't cost us anything. The information runs at the discretion of the newspaper or other publication. For our show, we use publicity and advertising. We pay for the advertising.

I'm letting you know in advance that I won't be at the August meeting. I have always tried to arrange my schedule so that I wouldn't miss our meetings. This time, it didn't work out. My sister and I will be on a river cruise on the Columbia and Snake Rivers in the Northwest – Washington and Oregon, on a paddleboat! We leave on July 30 and return home on August 7. The tour that we found that matched what we were looking for, as well as the accommodations we wanted. This is the type of trip that both of us had thought about for a very long time, but never thought we would be able to do it and this was really sort of a last minute idea. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, I haven't seen my sister, who lives in Arizona, since September, 2019. You will be in good hands for our meeting, with Jeff Hayden leading this one.

Please note that our next board meeting is on Saturday, August 26, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom. We will have a number of important items to discuss and decide at this meeting. If you have any questions, or concerns, for the Board, please let me know.

I wish everyone success in finding some great glass to add to their collections.

Jackie Alton
President

... Vice President's corner continues

Everyone has time to get in, find a seat, get their place settings ready. The business meeting starts at 11:00 AM and the program starts at 12:00 PM.

The October meeting will be the annual "Ticket Raffle Meeting", so clean out those closets and cabinets of the glassware items that you are tired of looking at; have not found the mate to or, heaven forbid, broke one of a set; or bought because it was just too inexpensive to NOT buy it! Remember this is going to be a catered meal (no bagged lunch this month), details are elsewhere in this newsletter.

The December meeting is on **December 2, 2023**, and will be at **Buck's Pit Stop**, at 6501 Kane Avenue, Hodgkins, IL 60525. The meeting will be held from 12:00 PM (noon) *** until 4:00 PM.

***Note the time change!!

Happy Glass Hunting,

Jeff and Kathy



Our "Oktober" lunch meeting will be catered by a local company and will have an Oktoberfest themed menu. Reservation forms will be sent with the Sept-Oct newsletter. We also anticipate having them available at the August meeting so bring your checkbook!

At this point we are planning on the following menu:

Tossed Salad
Beer Basted Bratwurst
Baked Rosemary Chicken
Dumplings & Gravy
Sauerkraut
Buns
Dessert (supplied by the Society)
Your choice of: coffee or tea (hot or iced)



June 3rd MEETING RECAP

Submitted by, Angela McEntee, Secretary

Lunch was served at 11:00.

Business Meeting was called at 12:45 by Jackie Alton. April meeting minutes were approved.

Vice President's report: Jeff Hayden – August 5 meeting will be at the Willow Springs Community Center. Program will be determined. (Update: Cambridge Glass)

October 7th meeting will be the auction and a catered luncheon. This will be an Octoberfest meal.

December 2 will be the Holiday Party.

The Milwaukee show will be October 21 & 22.

Jackie will not be available for the August meeting.

Treasurer's Report - Bette Bruce gave the treasurer's report in Bev's absence.

29 people made reservations for the June picnic meeting
 Bette Wittenberg has collected last year's financial records for the audit.
 Since the last general meeting the following expenses have been paid
 Newsletter Printing
 Library Storage
 Annual Report Filing with the Secretary of State \$13
 The accountant - \$470.40 for filing the tax return.

General Fund Checking (PNC Bank)

Balance as of 6/1/23 \$9178.56

PNC Bank Money Market account:

Balance as of 6/1/23 \$12,072.95

Newsletter - David Taylor – David will need reports as soon as possible. He suggested that anyone going to a summer glass show submit a report of the show.

Membership Report - Sally Cousineau – Sally said we had 8 new members.

Memberships: Single 41, Family 40 for a total of 66 members with 2 Lifetime Members.

Glass Show - No Report.

Publicity - Joanne Donovan – No Report.

Audit Committee – Bette Wittenberg – Financial books for last year have been picked up. Members will be meeting soon: Bev and Dick Popp and Rose Roth.

Lana Larsen will keep membership tub for August meeting and help Sally with the door.

Bette Bruce motioned to adjourn business meeting; Sally Cousineau seconded the motion.

Jeff Hayden was excited to see so many collections brought for today's meeting.

Mary Sue Lyon was our first presenter she showed us her collection of glass print advertisements. She has been working with others who are compiling research materials on glass. There currently is a series of five books of Fostoria Advertising and Marketing. The mission of the group of collectors is to digitalize as much material as possible in the areas of glassware, china, etc. She also had a collection of seashells from her grandfather that her grandmother gave her when she was young. She has since added to it and the collection brings back memories of her childhood and grandparents.

Jeff Hayden followed. His collection was of Barney Google and Spark Plug items. He had an original 1923 Spark Plug pull toy, 16 mm movie, pep pins, and 2 hand puppets. Jeff also has the game, but it is hung on the wall at home, and was too large to bring.

Kathy Hayden brought worker's badges from glass manufacturing companies. She had some from the American Flint Glass Union.

Lana Larsen brought a pencil collection that she had gathered from years of teaching. Students would bring her gifts of pencils. She also had a collection of Louis Lamour books which were collections of a series of short stories. She has some leatherette copies. She also collects John Grisham books, and Wade animals.

Barbara Miller had a piece of Pottery marked RRP USA which at first she thought was Roseville, but upon further investigation found it to be from another pottery manufacturer.

Rose Roth brought her collection of Anna Lee Dolls. She presented an overview of the company and how the dolls were marked.

Gail Crossen brought her spaghetti dogs. These were manufactured during the 1940's – 1960's in Italy. Lefton also manufactured some dogs.

Jim Crossen had his collection of toasters. They spanned from 1939-1952.

Jackie Alton brought her cat collection. She had a cat menorah and many beanie baby cats.

Walt Kreitling brought his model car collection. His collection started with his curiosity of cars in his teenage years. He collected many car brochures during that time. His actual model collection started with Tootsie Toys. As car dealerships progressed, they started to use small models of cars to advertise. He went over his many pieces, and we learned how Mercedes Benz Company got its name.

Mary Kreitling presented her Bakelite collection. She went over the origin of Bakelite, that is was made by the Catalan Co. and it's first use as a plug. Mary had some smoking and drinking items; a cigarette holder, a lighter, a pipe and a cocktail mixing spoon. She had muddlers, swizzle sticks. They also made game pieces: Poker Chips, Dominos and Backgammon pieces. She also had a manicure set, nail buffer, a shaving brush, a brush, a pin, a carved belt. She had some retail display pieces, a ring holder, a ring sizer, an automotive window handle. From the kitchen sector, she had spoons, and place settings. She had a view master and souvenir salt and peppers. An elephant pencil sharpener and a tooth pick holder.

Mary also brought her Chase Chrome Collection. This was a 1930's specialty division for things for the home, specifically home entertainment: a bowl with tongs, cocktail shaker, salad fork and spoon, napkin holder, occasional box, double mint tray. All are signed with a centaur. She also had blue moon Cocktail glasses.

Bette Wittenberg presented Her Shelly tea cups and Hummels both of which she finds at sales near her Florida home. The Shelly tea cups are used for high tea. She has 15 cups and saucers. These were produced in 1829 by Foley potteries. Her Hummel collection consists of a bank, creamers and a trinket tray. She also brought some of the Franciscan Monks.

Alice Ewert brought Ceramic Dogs and American Legion Pins.

Irene Owens brought her Cloisonné collection. She went over how Cloisonné is produced and how part of it consist of glass. One of her favorite pieces is a music box.

There were several other collections that were not presented because we ran out of time.

The luncheon presentation ended at 3:00.

Rumor has it that Jeff is considering a future luncheon here ... the finest dining establishment in Indiana



AS SEEN BY NEIL At the June meeting

Strut
YOUR STUFF



Jeff (rear) led us through a great display of "stuff" from member collections. Our eyes were goo-goo-goggly.



Mary breezed in boldly bedecked in a blaze of brilliant Bakelite. As she set up, Walt parked the car.



Jim demonstrates how to insert a spaghetti dog into a vintage toaster.



Irene discussed how delicately detailed Cloisonne is decorated.



We ran out of time before getting to the watches
Ironic?



Lana and a book. They go together like, well, Lana and books

STUFF



Lovely figurines



Welcome back Nancy

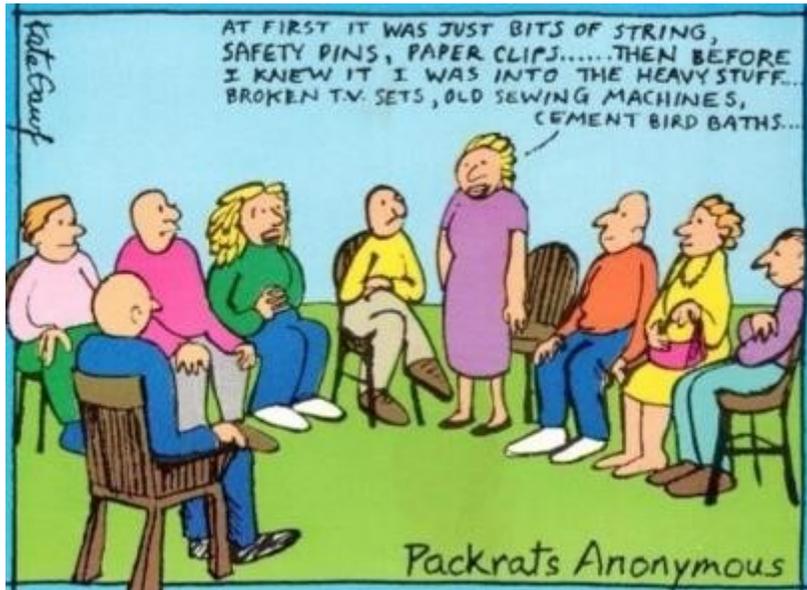


Angela says she didn't do it ... but she knows who did do it ... and isn't telling. Personally ... I kind of think she did it.

**If you have to buy
stuff to store your
stuff, you might
have too much stuff.**

COURTNEY CARVER





3 people respond to a question.
 Walt and Kathy answer non-verbally, and
 fortunately Jeff's answer is blurred.
 What on earth could the question have been?



There was brief confusion about who's Jim collection he belonged to. We figured it out.

It was a treat to see everyone else's interesting stuff! Unfortunately, it probably gave us all ideas for new things to collect ourselves.

Too much of anything is the beginning of a mess.
 DOROTHY DRAPER



The Editor sincerely thanks Shirley Sumbles for documenting this tale of an epic treasure hunt recently conducted by some of our most dedicated and seasoned glass aficionados. This would have been a masterclass in junkin.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN!

By Shirley Sumbles

No, I'm not Willie Nelson, but I thought the above might be a "catchy" title for this article.

Let's face it-we've all suffered a bit from "cabin fever" during Covid, and it really played heck with our hitting antique malls, glass shows, and the like-so after considerable discussion and planning five of the 20-30-40 Club's senior citizens decided to take a six-day road trip and "go junkin". The five are Gail and Jim Crossen (Gail did all the planning and Jim did all the driving and stowing), Eddie and Neil Unger and myself. We left the Crossen home in Wheaton on a Wednesday morning in a completely equipped rental Chrysler Pacifica van with plenty of room.

The first day of our trip took us through Illinois, Indiana, and into Ohio where we made our first stop at an antique mall on the outskirts of Springfield. On our previous club bus trips, we had stopped here and at that time there were two malls. Now the two have been combined and there is just one. Maybe we were somewhat out of "junkin" practice, but "pickins" were slim, with the Ungers ending up without a purchase, the Crossens buying a Red Wing dinnerware bread plate, and I purchased an EAPG spooner in the Shell and Tassel pattern to sit next to my coffee maker at home and hold teaspoons.

That evening, as every evening of the trip, was spent at Comfort Suites with Gail having made all the reservations and arrangements, and she did a fantastic job.

Our goal for Thursday was to spend the entire day at the largest antique mall in the United States, Heart of Ohio, at Springfield. The Ungers made it through the entire mall in record time, and their outstanding purchase among three was a frieze decorated Moser vase. Gail and Jim's prize purchase was a quite large and lovely Fostoria Green Brocade Grape Pattern vase. They also made it through the entire mall. I have NEVER made it through this entire mall in one day, so I sat down after only doing half of the mall, and Gail, BFF that she is, knowing what I look for, found and bird dogged several pieces for me in the second half of the mall while I sat and refueled. My favorite piece purchased was an unmarked Wavecrest Glass Biscuit Jar.

On Friday we moved from one Comfort Suites to another at Findlay, Ohio, where our goal was to visit Jeffrey's Antique Mall. On the way there, we visited Wapakoneta. Our first stop was a shop that seemed to have more used clothing than anything else, but amazingly had a religious shrine apparently dedicated to the lady who founded the shop. A bit further down the street was a shop more dedicated to antiques and collectibles where the Ungers spied a Fenton Periwinkle vase, which Neil calls a "horny vase" (his phrase, not mine). The Crossens "rescued" a full set of silver plate in original case which matches sets belonging originally to Gail's mother and grandmother. Now she can invite our entire club membership to dinner, and we will all have matching silverware. I couldn't resist an old Westmoreland large vase decorated with roses which almost matches one I have at home. A bargain price, and now I have two!

On to Jeffrey's Antique Mall where Jim scored a vinyl record album that he didn't already have in his collection. Gail went for a Cerulean bright blue fawn for Tiffin's Fawn Floater. For Ungers it was a mini Millefiori Glass Basket. I gave my checkbook, cash, and charge card a rest before attending the Tiffin Glass Show scheduled for the next day.

A side note here...in Fostoria, Ohio, which is quite close to Findlay, there is a small glass museum called the Glass Heritage Gallery which exhibits glass and lamps from companies whose names were Consolidated, Nickel Plate, Fostoria, Mosaic, Seneca and Butler. Although our group did not have the time to visit this museum, it is well worth a stop and visit if you are in the area. I was there many years ago, and it is well worth taking the time, but call ahead to make sure of their hours. Long ago when I visited the museum, I met a man by the name of Mel Murray. He has since

passed away at age 86 but had authored several books on glass manufactured in Fostoria and surrounding area, and was curator at the museum. There are many beautiful lamps in this museum, and well worth your time to see, especially if you are interested in old lighting.

It's Saturday and time to attend the Tiffin Show in Tiffin, Ohio. This is like "glass mecca" for Gail and me as we have attended many times over the years, but not for the past few years during Covid. The Club's display of U. S. Glass lamps was outstanding with several rarities for viewing. There were eight dealers, including our club's Bev Kennett and her daughter, with a very LARGE booth and it appeared that many purchases were being made. We certainly did our share, especially the Crossens and myself. The Ungers sprang for a Wavecrest Ferner. The Crossens, among many other purchases, went for the rare and elusive crystal peg vase that fits into Tiffin's Fawn Floater. Gail wrote the check while Jim almost went into cardiac arrest. My checkbook and charge card got another workout and started to glow, and my favorite purchase (among many) was a Tiffin Empress Red and Crystal piece that I had never seen before. Our purchases required several trips to the van, and Jim rose to the occasion.

Upon leaving the Tiffin Show we journeyed to downtown Tiffin where the beautiful Tiffin Glass Museum and Shoppe is located. If ever in the area, do not miss this museum. It has many dedicated museum helpers, and we really lucked out on our visit by finding Dave King and Tom Faris volunteering on this busy day. Dave is the son of Clyde King, now deceased, who was a master engraver at the Tiffin Factory for many years. Dave followed in his father's footsteps and is a wonderful engraver himself. He worked at the Tiffin Factory until it finally closed in 1980. Also on hand was Tom Faris, who among many other things, made beautiful Tiffin paperweights at the Tiffin Factory. Many of these items also bear the name of Orie Mitchell, Tom's fellow worker. Gail and I both purchased several paperweights signed by Tom and Orie, and it was a great pleasure meeting Tom for the first time. And, of course, we purchased other items from The Shoppe, besides viewing all the well planned and gorgeous displays of Tiffin Glass in the museum. The Ungers purchased from a case marked "NOT TIFFIN" a piece that they thought was Consolidated, and later found that it was not. They told me that I could relate to you that they made a "glass mistake". That's hard to believe, isn't it?

One interesting side stop while in Tiffin was the Seneca County Museum. It is an originally kept old brick mansion that houses much information on the historical significance of Seneca County and its people. The Victorian furnishings were wonderfully preserved in period settings. In addition, there is also a room where Tiffin Glass is shown, and the place where, many years ago, I first saw Tiffin Twilight Glass change colors under different lighting. It hooked me for life on collecting Tiffin's Twilight Glass. Our tour guide through the museum was informative, answered all our questions, and had no problem stopping Neil from taking pictures in the museum. Not an easy task!

This museum is right next door to the huge mansion that once was a Bed and Breakfast where Gail and I usually stayed when we visited Tiffin. Unfortunately, it is no longer a B & B, but still a gorgeous old Victorian brick home with a huge veranda front porch, gardens, iron ornamental fencing around the property, while the Sandusky River quietly flows by right next door. Tiffin is a great small two college town, and it is always a pleasure to visit and enjoy.

Oh, and by the way, the picturesque Pioneer mill Restaurant also residing along the Sandusky River, we understand was closed for a while, but has now re-opened. This was one of the places we dined while visiting Tiffin on one of our club's bus trips. It was a great place to eat then, and it still is, and the five of us were really hungry by the time we got there. Spending lots of money can do that to you sometimes, I guess.

After a good night's sleep, it's Sunday, Father's Day, so belated good wishes to all our club members who are fathers. We are now on our way to Medina Antique Mall at Medina, Ohio. Again, for those of you who took our club's bus trips, this was a favored stop several times. We hit it on a day when a sale was on at anywhere from 20% to 50% off most merchandise and it was crowded at opening. Again, many purchases were made by our group of five. A lot of walking and looking ended with Gail snagging a bunch of Mid-Century Modern Lucite grapes as her favored purchase, and another vinyl record for Jim. For the Ungers, a highly desirable covered Wavecrest Dresser Box with a unique lock and key got boxed up to go home. For me, also a Wavecrest collector, an open letter/photo holder and a Blush Ivory Worcester Covered Pitcher. I love them both and I could tell they love me too and wanted me to take them home. How could I resist?

And now we're on our way back home. It has been a great trip. The company has been wonderful, we've had lots of laughs, and the van is filled to the brim with our purchases. Jim is a wonderful driver and packed all our purchases safely. Gail did all the planning and did an excellent job. Our thanks to both of them, and to Neil and Eddie as well for their great company on this trip. The only loss of the trip was Neil's treasured Sox ball cap. He thinks it's irreplaceable. Please send him a sympathy card commiserating with him for its loss.

Get out there and go folks, as long as you are able and whenever you can. Yes, it is more difficult as we grow older, and yes, things are more expensive than they used to be and harder to find. But our hobby is always like a treasure hunt, and we never know what we're going to find, and we have a great time looking for it. Happy Hunting!

Thank you to Neil for sharing these photos from the great junkin' journey of 2023. Here are presented some of the things that appealed to the photographer and give the viewer an idea of the fun the group experienced.



Concerned about the bear ... or watching Gail at checkout???



LOVE BIRDS



Eddie, ewe look good with those, but do you have room in a display cabinet?



It's A Tough Job,
But Somebody's
Gotta Do It!



Time
to
rest
and
refuel



Born
TO SHOP





Roaming the Roads

With Neil Unger, the Rolling Meadows Rover

I thought I would sit down and share a road trip we took the other day to a local haunt. Now, normally dealers don't reveal their haunts. After all, who needs more competition? All you have to do is go to any local resale shop in the area and see everyone staring at the damn phones. Everyone has turned into a dealer and none of them understand the market. Hell, I have been doing this since 1973. That, my friends, is 50 years. For 50 years Eddie and I have been doing this silly business and I still don't understand it. As I have always said, the only thing about this business is that nothing is for sure about this business. Still these men, or women, ... old, young, some not speaking or understanding English stand there staring, squeezing, squealing, swearing at their phones ... what's the going price? ... how much is it worth? Watch them the next time you visit Goodwill or The Salvation Army. It's funny. If they see you looking at them, they turn away to hide what they are looking at as if you didn't see it the first time around the aisle. Last week we were looking something up on eBay. A woman pushing a cart stopped, looked at us looking at this item ... "waste time, no money, eBay, not buy" What did she say????? She must have known what she was talking about ... she was wearing a babushka like my mother used to wear and she was never wrong wearing a babushka.

Anyway, I digress.

So, the next time you want to go somewhere a little different and the weather is nice, just jump on I-90, if you have a car. Head toward Rockford and get off at the Huntley exit – Route 47 toward Woodstock, Illinois. From Rolling Meadows it's about 38 miles. Back in the day when Eddie and I started going out there you drove by family farms that dotted the landscape. There were cows, horses, pigs, and tractors, but not now. They have been replaced by shopping malls, banks, and retirement centers. Our destination is the Roscoe/Woodstock Antique Mall.

It was originally owned by a local lady who refinished furniture in Mt. Prospect. She moved out to a bigger venue and lower taxes and owned it until she passed away a couple of years ago. It was then bought by the Roscoe Antique Mall in South Beloit, Wisconsin where Ken Pakula had a booth and he introduced us to this mall. We could never buy much there. Prices were not dealer friendly, but there was a multi dealer shop across the street that sometimes made up for the trip. Plus, spending the day with Ken was the frosting on the cake. When the mall moved to Woodstock, Kenny went along. In conversations after he moved into the new digs, he was not happy with the results, but the business was changing, and he knew what the score was.

As you can see by the photos, this antique mall is not for the faint of heart after checking the prices. This mall is really a museum without the entrance fee as you see when you enter the "mule" (that's ½ museum and ½ mall). On the day of our visit there was a lineup of about 15 slot machines. I thought we were dreaming and transported back to Las Vegas. Ah, but you can't just stand there and play the machines. They expect you to come in and drop some real big money. Plus, the women behind the counters are fully dressed ... not what you would expect to see with a row of slots, and no cocktails are served. It's not what you would expect to see with a row of slot machines.

Some items are not for sale while others in the same area have 4 figure price tags. Some items are spectacular, awesome, dazzling, stunning ... along with the price tags that are spectacular, awesome, dazzling and stunning. Most of the vintage items have been restored to better condition than they were when first made. Now the hefty prices are fully understandable. They have to make up what they paid for the restorations.

We made our way through the displays of restored juke boxes, coca cola and 7up machines, a gorgeous National Cash Register with the bonnet. There's a wonderful unique child's barber chair that they sat in while getting a haircut and a Dayton scale that reminded me of shopping at the local meat market. Yes, the visit did rekindle memories of a long-lost period, that looking back now, wasn't as difficult as it seemed to be at the time.

Now as we approached Ken Pakula's booth, Eddie and I saw the changes that were inevitable. Gone was his case of EAPG glassware. Gone was the balance of the glass he displayed so elegantly in his booth. Gone was feeling that he would come up behind you, tap you on the shoulder and say, "what are you doing up here? nice to see you both" as it happened a time or two in the past. Oh, the gas pumps that are there now are impressive and interesting. Some even have an elegance to them along with the other automotive items in the new showcase, I guess. But they are not the glass we love to collect that binds us together as friends. Remember that every piece of glass you collect has a story to tell ... who, what, when, where, and sometimes why. I will miss Ken's stories of who, what, when, where and sometimes why. Rest in peace, Kenny

Neil



Take a look inside ...

An Unger Haunt



JUNKIN'
is what I do.



Isn't it a shame that we always find one of these at the end of every good treasure hunt?

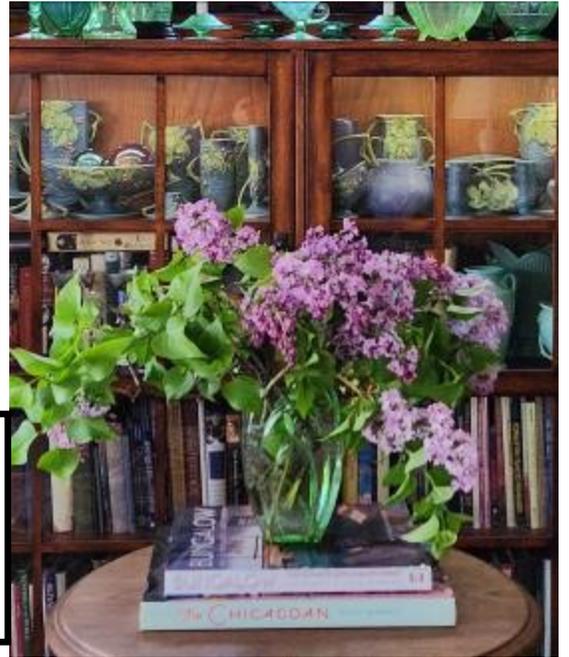


GLASS IN USE

In the Editor's home and garden

Lily of the valley and an Anchor Hocking Moonstone vase. A perfect pairing.

Did Sakier have lilacs in mind when he designed this Art Deco #2409 vase? I think he surely must have.



Further thoughts on the subject of stuff

Have you ever been out junkin when you've run into an item that sparks a memory? That memory may be very clear or rather ethereal. You have an item just like that! ... or do you? Is yours exactly like this, or just similar? Wait, do you still have it? When was the last time that you saw it? Could you have had it at one time, but gotten rid of it ... and why would you have done that ... if indeed you did? On the other hand, did you really own one of them, or have you just seen them around and they seem familiar to the point where you think you have one of them? Possibly you've seen them and considered acquiring one of them, but haven't yet. Should you buy this one right here and now? But what if you already have one, or possibly three that you've forgotten about!

It's enough to make your head spin, and I doubt that I'm the only one of us who has experienced this. Do you know where all your stuff is? Could you point to a box, closet, or bag and detail exactly what is in it? If you can, you are in a better position than I am.

Sometimes we see items that we are sure we once had and are now sure we no longer do. What happened to them, we wonder? Such is the nature of stuff.

The picture of the beautiful red peddle car that Neil shared from his haunt prompted a warm memory of having such a treasure as a little tyke. To a little boy, this car was a real treasure. My brother also had such a car. I have consulted him about what happened to them, and neither of us have a clue. I certainly wish I still had mine, and not just because they are worth quite a bit now. I'd just like to look at it again. I hope it survived and is treasured by someone now.



The Editor (right) and his little brother pose proudly with their fleet of automobiles.

Circa 1963-64



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The purpose of the society is to gain more knowledge of the American glassware of the 1920's, 30's, and 40's and to further the preservation and pleasure of collecting glassware

TO -

We're on the web!

20-30-40Glassociety.org

Dig out some of your wonderful "stuff" and let's set some beautiful tables for the August meeting. EAT-IN-STYLE



Escape the heat on August 5th. Cool your tush at the 20-30-40 Society luncheon meeting.