20-30-40 GLASS SOCIETY OF ILLINOIS



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NEXT MEETING
When: June 1, 2024
Where: Lotton Art Glass

Scrementi's Restaurant

3760 Chicago Road Steger, IL 60475 708-755-7200 11:00 am-1:00pm

Lotton Art Glass and Studio 24760 S. Country Lane Crete, IL 60417 708-672-1400

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The Society Sings! THERE'S NO BUSINESS IKE SHOW BUSINESS

The Prez and VEEP

Spring is in the air, but then again, we are in the Chicagoland Midwest, so we may still have some snow, rain, storms, or blistering heat!! It is always unpredictable as to what our weather will be. Saturday, April 6, 2024, was a nice day for a glass meeting. With 29 people present in person and 7 on Zoom, we did well. Among those in attendance were new



members Aleta Rettker, Jim Newhouse, and Joyce Holverson, who was on Zoom. We were happy to see new members and renewed members, as well. The Membership Committee is working to spread the word about The Society, and increase our membership further up the scale than the already increased 105 number!! Thanks to everyone who brought their vases to share; we know it is difficult to limit yourself to one or two. If you were not with us, you missed a great display of beautiful glass made into all kinds of shapes, colors, and sized vases.

The information about The Society's **June 1**, **meeting** will be found in an email to each of you, as well as in this newsletter. We are going to be going to lunch at **Scrementi's Restaurant in Steger, IL**, at 11:00 AM and then, on to the **Lotton Art Glass Studio and Gallery in Crete, IL**. The Lottons do not normally open the factory or have the glass blowers and furnaces working on Saturdays, but they are opening to give us a tour of a working hot glass operation. We will be on the floor of the factory watching the blowers gather hot glass and make it into various art glass items. Be prepared to be warm because of the furnaces, and to ask your questions about how that molten glass became those vases, stems, plates, or other items you collect. The total cost of this adventure is \$50.00 per person and includes lunch, tax, tip, and the entry fee for Lotton. We look forward to seeing you all June 1, 2024.

July 26 through August 11, 2024, are the dates of the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics. Our Society meeting August 3, is right in the middle of these dates, so the topic of our August meeting will be "Celebrate the Olympics with Gold, Silver, and Bronze Decorated Glass". So, start looking for those items you have that are decorated with gold, silver, and/or bronze, or items that celebrate the Olympics themselves. While you are looking for Olympic glassware, dig out those items that you have that you no longer collect, you broke one and now have an odd single or three of a kind item that you cannot use any more, or any of those garage sale rescues you wish to pass-on at the October Society meeting and ticket raffle.

... Prez and VEEP continues

With the 51st Annual 20-30-40 Glass Society Show and Sale put to rest, we now look forward to starting on the 52nd Show and Sale.... not really!! A big Thank You goes out to Silvano Brugioni and his committee for putting together and completing another successful Show. We don't have the exact number of years that The Society has held the Show at the Concord Plaza Midwest Convention Center, but it has been a long time. However, it has come about that they are raising the rent and we can no longer afford to pay for using this facility for the traditional second weekend in March (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday). Consequently, we have had to find another venue for the Show. We believe we have done so!!

The Show Committee, headed up by Silvano, visited and inquired about several other locations and, like Goldilocks and the Three Bears, one was too small, most were too expensive, and some were just not available. But there is one that seems to be just right, that is the Countryside Holiday Inn on Joliet Road. The May 4, Board of Directors meeting is being held at the Holiday Inn such that all of the officers and BOD members are able to see the venue. We are working out the details and are tentatively reserved for the second weekend in March of 2025. The committee is excited and making plans to make everyone who has attended one of our Shows know that we are moving. More details will follow as they become available.

As always, if you have questions, suggestions, complaints, or even praises, please do not hesitate to let us know. Everyone should have our email address, wihayden216@comcast.net, and our cell phone numbers, 219-730-2635 (Jeff) or 219-781-0891 (Kathy). If you call and we don't answer, please leave a voice message, as we do not always answer unidentified caller calls.

Go out and hunt some new glass!!

Jeff and Kathy

EDITOR'S TRANSLATION ...

Just above, Jeff and Kathy have suggested that we "go out and hunt some new glass". While it's possible that they are promoting taking your gun to the woods to look for trophies for your collection, I suspect that is not the case. Considering their formative years speaking the kind of colloquial English used in Pennsylvania, and the later overlay of quaint Indiana dialect, we need to search for the true meaning of their statement. Once translated into understandable Illinoisese, what they say is usually full of great wisdom.







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I believe that the Haydens are promoting that we look for glass in stores, online, and perhaps especially by attending wonderful events such as these.

Happy travels if you are hitting the road for one of these shows. We look forward to learning about the glorious glass you find and bring home.

No glass was harmed in the production of this newsletter.



February 3rd MEETING RECAP

Submitted by, Angela McEntee, Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by Jeff Hayden.

29 members were present at the live meeting and 7 zoom attendees – including one new member – Joyce Halverson.

New Members: Alita Rattker – has been collecting antiques for a while and wants to learn more about what she has. **James Newhouse** has been collecting since 1978. His pattern is Cameo. He also collects Sunrise Medallion (Springtime).

Treasurer's Report:

Taxes for 2023 have been filed.

February Meeting Financials: 21 people attended the meeting \$210

Raffle \$110

Total Income: \$320

Expenses: Venue Rental: \$37.50

Raffle Prizes: \$60.00

Total Expenses: \$97.50

Total Meeting Profit: \$222.50

Expenses paid since last general meeting:

Library Storage \$100/month will drop to \$58 for new storage facility Reimbursements have been made for postage, nametags, etc. Insurance \$52-16

2 Square Chip Readers - \$118.80

Show expenses: final venue rent, food for the dealers, reimbursements for door prizes Advertising, signs, etc..

General Fund Checking (PNC Bank)

Balance as of 4/5/24 \$11,410.20

PNC Bank Mondy Market account

Balance as of 4/5/24 \$12,073.95

Total \$23,484.15

Submitted by Beverly Kennett 4/06/24

Vice President: Kathy Hayden is coordinating the June meeting which is a trip to the Lotton Glass Company and lunch at a local restaurant. If members choose to travel together, they will need to meet at the village hall parking lot.

Membership: Gail Crossen reported on the membership: There were 25 new members from the show. There were 8 renewals, and we currently have 105 members.

Society Page: David Taylor – David will need articles as soon as possible. David needs articles, please send what you might have. Reports on your upcoming events: flea markets, glass shows etc.

Library – The library will be stored in the new storage unit. Moving the library for meetings has become an issue as there are very few people who can move the boxes due to the weight of boxes.

^{***}American Legion Hall rental was over \$300.00.

Show Report – Silvano Brugioni – Silvano went over the highlights of the show:

We will have a new venue for the show next year: It will be the Holiday Inn in Countryside, IL. Our show income was \$5409 and with expenses etc. we made \$1575.07.

Silvano Thanked the members who helped out at the show. Their help made the show a success.

Lana Larsen thanked Neil an Eddie Unger for their years of work as historians. Lana will be the new Historian for the club.

By-Laws - the board is working to update the By-Laws and will be working through changes at the May board meeting. New business – None.

The Business portion of the meeting ended at 12:45.

Program: Vases - Members brought a vast variety of vases. Some of the more unusual vases included a McKee Nude vase, Fry Radio wave Corset Vase with delft trim, Fry Green Cylinder Vase, Fostoria Heirloom Cased Crystal over White, 7" Topaz Fostoria with Manor etch 286. Topaz was a rarer color, and a New Martinsville Modernistic Double Chrysanthemum Deco Shaped vase.

Silvano, a huge THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU for arranging such a wonderful show for us. It was a delight for everyone who stepped through the door. Your hard work is much appreciated by the members of the Society! We're pretty sure a big thanks goes out to Beverly too. You made it happen!





To our recent new members ... We are delighted that you have joined us. Whether you joined to further your knowledge of the glass you love, or plan to share some of your interests and knowledge with us ... we're looking forward to the fun ahead, and to getting to know you. **WELCOME**



To our friends from the Milwaukee area ... We again thank you for crossing the state line to visit our show. We appreciate your support and hope that you found some wonderful glass that you are thrilled with. We apologize for the never-ending construction on the Tri-State/294. We are ready to see it finished too. Hopefully you had a pleasant day with us in the Flatland and maybe had time to stop at the wonderful Mars Cheese Castle on the way home. We look forward to your show this fall. The editor is hoping to find some great glass, and will be ready for a new supply of Spotted Cow.

AS SEEN BY NEIL

At the April meeting

At some point a simple vase becomes a prized *VAAAAAZ*. That's what showed up at the April meeting. Gorgeous ... who needs flowers?











THERE'S NO BUSINESS LIKE SHOW BUSINESS

WONDERFUL GLASS THAT PEOPLE LOVE

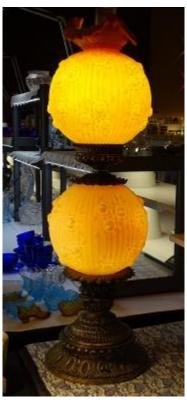












Remember that feeling you got from looking at the Christmas edition of the Sears and Wards catalogs when you were a kid? A visit to a glass show is a lot like that.







To those who would say glass is for the birds, our answer is ... what's the problem with that?





WONDERFUL PEOPLE THAT LOVE GLASS

Happiness is a good glass show























Welcome to the show folks



To all the club members, volunteers, dealers, and shoppers who made the 2024 show so wonderful!





At the show this year, Mary Kreitling offered a presentation on the beautiful candy boxes made by the Fostoria Glass Company. What a sweet array!

A Study of Boxes and Brews with the Kreitlings

Walt Kreitling has been named "Fostoria Husband of the Month" for April 2024. In addition to handling the camera for our Zoom presentation, he ably represented wife Mary who was under doctor's orders to stay home with her feet up. (presumably eating the occasional bonbon from one of her beautiful boxes) What special effects were employed to allow him to be both behind, and in front of the camera at the same time?

Walt understood the vital importance of making sure the Fostoria Company was suitably showcased during our presentation of vases. Armed with the vital statistics of the two small vases the Kreitlings contributed, he shared the information that made each vase special. While addressing a lovely small crystal vase with the Morning Glory carving, Walt informed the group that it was really a dual-use item. We learned that it served perfectly as a glass for beer. He spoke with some knowledge of that fact.

At home, Walt relaxed and enjoyed his reward for a job well done ... a beer from the vase/glass. A visit from his creative muse, (the beer?) convinced him that members of the Society needed further illustration of the dual-use aspect of the piece. After gathering the vase, camera, and an assortment of different types of beers of varied colors, he set to work. The result is a work of art.









SUNSHINE DEPARTMENT

If you know of one of our members who is ill, has had a loved one pass or just needs cheering up, please contact Gail Crossen.

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NEWSLETTER CONCERNS?

Newsletter Distribution, U.S. Mail-Gail Crossen Newsletter Distribution, Email-Bette Wittenberg Address Change?-Sally Cousineau

To offer content-David Taylor, Editor



The 20-30-40 Society continues to send our best wishes to **Eddie Unger**, and Cindy Stark.



Halla Kotlarz recently had a heart procedure and could use some cheer.



Mary Kreitling sends appreciation for the card from the club after her recent hip surgery.

2024 SOCIETY CALENDAR

General meetings at Willow Springs Community Center 8156 Archer Ave. Willow Springs, Il

April 6, August 3, October 5,

June 1 LOTTON VISIT see reservation form for info

December 7 ... Location to be determined

BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

Meetings on Zoom 9:00 AM

May 4, July 6, September 7, November 2

See Prez report for May 4 location



Here's a look back at the furnace in the Libbey Glass Pavilion at the 1893 Columbian Exposition.

Join us on June 1 for the visit to the Lotton Art Glass Studio and Gallery in Crete, Il to see if things have changed since that time.

Mail that reservation form now ... and note the time and address information.



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FIRST CLASS MAIL

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! 20-30-40Glasssociety.org

JUNE RESERVATION FORM ENCLOSED



STRETCH OUT DISCUSSION

Show us your Stretch Glass GIANTS and Dwarfs

Come to our stretch out discussion on

Thursday, May 9, 2024

at 8 pm Eastern, 7 Central, 6 Mountain & 5 Pacific Time.
All are welcome to join this Zoom meeting!
Come share your BIG and small favorites or new acquisitions.

Even though the Discussion will be led by those who Zoom in to share their stretch glass, photos of some giants & dwarf pieces will be available on our website,

stretchglasssociety.org one week preceding the call.

Further information is available on our email: info@stretchglasssociety.org