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November-December 2024

NEXT MEETING

When: December 7, 2024

Where: Buck's Pit Stop
6501 Kane
Hodgkins, IL

AGENDA:

11:00- 3:00



THE SOCIETY
Wants Christmas Glass
for Christmas!

The Prez and VEEP



HOLIDAY
Luncheon form
enclosed

Return NOW, if you
haven't already
registered

Call if running late

Who would have thought that two category 4 hurricanes would make landfall in Florida and other parts of the South, and would make us even more thankful that we only have to deal with the weather variations in the Chicagoland area? **Sally Cousineau** lives in South Carolina and had to deal with downed trees and lack of power for a week after Helene traveled up into the coastal states, dumping 10 or more inches of rain and flooding many areas. Thankfully, **Sally and Lenny** were able to handle the mess and are doing well. **Bette Wittenberg** left Chicago, barely arrived in Sarasota, Florida, when they were ordered to evacuate to Orlando. She let me know via text that she and John are safe and will be allowed to go back to their home on Tuesday, October 15. She reported wind damage to the siding, facia, screen doors, and trim. The seals on the windows leak. They had little water damage, electricity and water were restored on Sunday, October 13. Please keep the people in this area in your thoughts and prayers as they recover from the two, giant storms.

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order an extra BINGO card or two, because these are "FABULOUS" prizes!! All kidding aside, we look forward to seeing many of you on December 7!!

In addition to celebrating Oktoberfest at the October meeting, we also elected new officers for the 2025 – 2026 years, as under the revised By-Laws, the terms for the elected officers are now two-year terms. Elected at the meeting were: Jeff Hayden, President; Kathy Hayden, Vice President, Beverly Kennett, Treasurer; Angela McEntee, General and Board Meeting Secretary; and Gail Crossen and Mary Kreitling, Co-Membership Secretaries. Congratulations to all of the elected officers.

This also means that Kathy and I (Jeff) are finishing our first year as President and Vice President of this organization. We have learned a lot from past officers and appreciate their assistance with getting things moving this year. We feel ready and prepared to tackle whatever comes our way and to allow past officers to rest. One of the new issues we are going to face this year is a new venue for the March 20-30-40 Glass Society's Annual Show and Sale. We know that we are going to need as much assistance as possible from the membership in making this show and sale a success. Forewarned is forearmed!! Kathy and I will be calling on everyone to volunteer to help in a capacity of your choice, at a time of your choice, on a day of your choice!! The days are March 8 and 9, 2025, at the Countryside Holiday Inn (formerly the William Tell), 6201 West Juliet Road, Countryside, Illinois 60525.

We've Moved.



The 20-30-40 Glass Society of Illinois
52nd Annual
Glass Show & Sale

Saturday, March 8th, 2025 - 10am to 5pm
Sunday, March 9th, 2025 - 11am to 4pm
Admission: \$11.00 per Person / \$10.00 with this card
Special pre-sale Saturday only 9am to 10am \$15.00 per person

Featuring: Depression, Elegant, Carnival, Pattern, Art, & Mid-Century Modern Glass, Pottery & Utensils, & Mary Lou's Crystal Repair



Save the Date.

New Location:
Holiday Inn Chicago SW-Countryside Conference Center
6201 Juliet Rd. Countryside IL 60525
For information, call 708-655-1702
or visit us on Facebook at: 20-30-40 Glass Society of Illinois Annual Show and Sale.

Jeff and Kathy, Prez and VEEP





OCTOBER 5th MEETING RECAP

Submitted by, Angela McEntee, Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 11:02 am by Jeff Hayden.

30 members were present at the live meeting and several zoom attendees.

President’s report: Minutes from last General meeting were accepted as written.

Our newest member Alita was present

November 2 will be the next Zoom board meeting.

Jeff introduced the 2025-2026 slate of officers which will be installed in December.

Vice President’s report - Kathy Hayden the 2025 meeting will be on the first Saturday of the even months.

The December luncheon will be at Buck’s Pit Stop in Hodgkins, IL. Forms are available and will be in the next Newsletter. Joanne Donovan said that she has the Bingo prizes and they are very interesting.

Treasurer’s Report – Beverly Kennett

August 3, 2024 Meeting Financials:

Income:	23 people paid	\$230.00	
	Extra Dessert Donations:	9.00	
	<u>Raffle</u>	<u>\$105.00</u>	
	Total Income	\$344.00	
Expenses:	venue rental	\$ 37.50	
	Dessert	\$ 61.89	
	<u>Raffle Prizes</u>	<u>\$ 60.00</u>	
	Total Expenses	\$159.39	
	Total Meeting Profit	\$184.61	(June mtg profit = \$260.80)

Income since last General Meeting Report:

- August General Meeting
- March Show dealer rentals

Expenses paid since last General Meeting:

- Newsletter printing – July/Aug \$124.18 Sept/Oct \$148.05
- Library Storage - \$107.35 (July) \$107.35 (Aug) \$86.45 (Sept)
- Zoom Subscription \$159.00
- Amba Liability Insurance \$400.00
- Website Renewal \$ 22.99
- Misc. Postage cards, etc. \$90.36

Additional Notes:

On July 31, 2024 we transferred \$5,000.00 from the checking acct to the Money Market acct. As of August 9, 2024, we accepted a 4% variable rate for our Money Market account, which is earning us much more interest on our MM account.
 July \$.11, Aug \$40+, Sept. \$54+

General Fund Checking (PNC Bank)

Balance as of 10/4/24 **\$ 7,952.55**

PNC Bank Money Market account

Balance as of 10/4/24 **\$17,169.17**

TOTAL: **\$25,121.72** (bal.as of 8/3/24 - \$21,957.92)

Submitted by Beverly Kennett, Treasurer 10/5/24

Membership – Gail Crossen – we currently have 108 members

Society Page – David Taylor – David needs articles by the weekend of 10/12/24.

Annual Show & Sale - Silvano Brugioni – every thing is progressing as usual we are looking to have 3 rooms for the show. Silvano has show cards if anyone needs them.

Publicity: - Joanne Donovan – Joanne is excited about the upcoming show. The 20-30-40 Facebook page will blast a message to certain zip codes – this seems to be a very effective way to get the word out. Bette Wittenberg will send out press releases to her media contacts.

Old Business:

Job Descriptions are almost done.

New Business:

Officers to be elected at the December Meeting:

Jeff Hayden – President

Kathy Hayden - Vice President

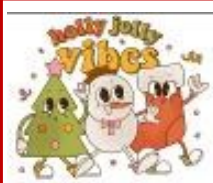
Beverly Kennett – Treasurer

Gail Crossen and Mary Kreitling – Membership Secretaries

Angela McEntee – Secretary Board and General Meetings

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 the motion was made by Alice Ewert and seconded by Karen Smit.

A spectacular October Luncheon followed and then the auction which featured many beautiful pieces which found new homes.



I am eagerly looking forward to our December Holiday Meeting, especially the part where we play Dirty Bingo! When I first joined the Glass Society, numerous times I heard about ‘dirty bingo’. I thought to myself, ‘how does this dirty business fit in with all these wonderful glass enthusiasts?’ WELL!!! Let’s just say it IS a lot of fun and I encourage you all to sign up for as many bingo cards that will fit in front of you at your table. You can order your bingo cards, along with lunch, on the luncheon form enclosed in this Society Page and you’ll be able to purchase additional cards on

meeting day.

The prizes for Bingo this year are absolutely stellar if I do say so myself! I find myself wondering which one or ones will most frequently be stolen. We shall see! See you in December!!

Joanne Donovan

NOTES ON THE HOLIDAY EVENT

We will not be exchanging cookies this year, but will have cake!

Keep your cookies at home, on a glass plate and leave for Santa ... send some photos to *The Society Page* and give the editor some Holly Jolly Christmas vibes !!!

FIND OF THE YEAR CONTEST

Bring your glass to put in the “find of the year” contest. Winners of each category will receive a free Bingo card to help you win the great prizes.

Categories:

Best A-Z find (Depression-Adam to Windsor)

Best Elegant Glass Find

Best buy found for under \$10

Rarest Item

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.

Email: gailcrossen@sbcglobal.net

Phone/text: (630) 220-6179

NEWSLETTER CONCERNS?

Newsletter Distribution, U.S. Mail-Gail Crossen

Newsletter Distribution, Email-Bette Wittenberg

Address Change?-Gail Crossen

To offer content-David Taylor, Editor

2024 & 2025 SOCIETY CALENDAR

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

December 7, 2024... Buck's Pit Stop, Hodgkins, IL

2025

Feb 1, April 5, June 7 (TBA), August 2, October 4, December 6

BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

2025

**January 4, February 15, May 3,
June 28, September 6, November 1**

2026

January 3, 2026



We received the very sad news from David Stark that his dear wife, Cindy, had passed away. Cindy courageously battled cancer for over a year, losing that battle on Thursday, September 26th. Funeral services will be private with memorial services at a later date.

Your prayers and support messages can be sent to David's home:

David Stark
317 South Lincoln St
Westmont, IL 60559

My most sincere thanks for all the kind expressions of sympathy in my recent time of loss. Mine and Cindy's time with the club gave us much joy as it brought us closer by sharing a passion we both loved. I deeply appreciate the all the cards and thoughts. The kindness will always be remembered.

There are not enough words to fully express my heartfelt thanks for the love and support extended to me and my family during this time.

Sincerely David Stark & Family

We all appreciate receiving *Get Well Wishes* and *Thinking of You* notes. The following members are no exception and could use your uplifting messages...

Joanne Donovan was *toppled* by her BIG dog, knocking her over resulting in a broken leg. Eight Weeks of recouping with "no weight on leg". is going to be hard on this active lady..

Lana and **Jim Larsen** are both recuperating from cancers' threats to them. They are handling their recouping efforts courageously and cheery notes of encouragement would help them.

Mary McEntee is well and would appreciate hearing from you. Angela will take the cards and notes to her.

Beverly and **Richard Popp** are handling their cancer threats. They have great treatment plans for recovery. Get Well Wishes and prayers would encourage them along the way.

AS SEEN BY NEIL
At the October meeting
Willkommen!



Happy to greet you



Happy to be greeted



Jim and Gail, the hottest tickets in town



Have you noticed that halos often follow folks who love glass?



Just after the hour, a cuckoo comes out and reads an agenda



Ein Deutscher Mann mit FÜNF Beinen.

People perused the plethora of pretty products presented



Trying to find something new to collect ... “Nope, got that ... got that ... got three of those ... got that in all eight colors they made ...”



It was great to see the Imperial Ewerts



Dennis had the best shirt of the day



FOSTORIA'S MILK GLASS SANTA CLAUS

by Mary Kreitling

Fostoria Glass Company produced several items that make it fun to decorate for the Christmas season and the Milk Glass Santa Claus is one of my favorites.

Fostoria's #4165 Santa is actually a two part blown cookie jar and it is seldom seen. Santa is 9" tall, 7" wide and was produced for only about six months during 1955, according to author Juanita L. Williams in her book Fostoria Glass: Scarce, Unique and Whimsies. The portion above Santa's belt is the cookie jar cover.

Also according to author Williams, there were problems during the production of the two-piece Santa Claus, since the pieces often exploded out of the mould, making them unusable. This was most likely the reason for the short six month run for Santa.

The " #4165 Santa Claus (decorated)" is shown under the heading MILK GLASS ADDITIONS in The New Goods July 1, 1955 listing from Fostoria Glass Company. The decoration referred to was red painted trim on Santa's eyes, mouth, mittens, belt, hat and boots, as shown at right.



A completely undecorated Santa is also pictured in Williams' book. A Santa trimmed with red on the mittens only has also been documented, as well as a Santa in Amber, undecorated. During some spirited discussion with other Fostoria collectors/researchers, the possibility that Fostoria made the Santa in Amber in an effort to see whether a different color might work better in the mould came up. (If readers have some documentation on this, please contact me at ichbins@mchsi.com.)

When the Fostoria factory closed, many of the moulds in inventory were purchased by the Fenton Art Glass Company in Williamstown, West Virginia. In 2016, the Fostoria Glass Society of America arranged to buy back over 400 Fostoria moulds from Fenton. FGSA'S list of those moulds showed the #4165 Santa Claus cover and #4165 Santa Claus bottom. During the time the Santa moulds were at Fenton, the Santa Claus was

produced in frosted Milk Glass without the red trim. Speculation is that only about 75 of the frosted Santas were produced. Did Fenton also make the plain undecorated Santas or were they produced by Fostoria?



NEW GOODS JULY 1, 1955

DECORATOR PATTERNS
No. 1491 Line
Made in Crystal

		Price
		Per Doz.
2501	Cup	\$14.40
2501	Saucer	12.00
2501	Demitasse Cup	13.20
2501	Demitasse Saucer	10.00
2501	7" Plate	19.80
2501	10" Plate	30.00
2501	2 Part Server	27.00
2501	3 Part Server	45.00
2501	Sugar & Cream & Tray	56.00
2501	Sugar & Cover	50.00
2501	Sugar	18.00
2501	Cream	18.00
2501	Sugar & Cream Tray	18.00
2501	Dessert	15.00
2501	Soup	18.20
2501	Shaker & Chrome Top "A"	12.00
2501	Sauce Bowl & Plate & Ladle	45.00
2501	Sauce Bowl	18.80
2501	Sauce Plate	19.80
2501	Handled Preserve	16.20
2501	Individual Cigarette Holder	12.00
2501	Individual Ash Tray	9.00
2675	Egg Plate	48.00

MILK GLASS ADDITIONS

1704	18" Punch Bowl	144.00
1704	18" Punch Bowl Foot	60.00
1704	Punch Cup	15.00
2675	1 1/2" Candleholder	24.00
2675	6" Candleholder	42.00
2675	Egg Plate	54.00
2675	Shaker & Chrome Top "A"	12.00
834	Jessy Lid Pitcher	60.00
835	Jessy Lid Tumbler	18.00
4185	Santa Claus (Decorated)	114.00

A question about the Santa Claus was posed on the research section on the FGSA website recently. Pictures of the original paperwork that came with the Santa Claus were included. This was a real bonus for me, as I was not aware that this little promotional piece existed. (See the photos below). Fostoria Glass Company often provided these tiny informational brochures with pieces in patterns like Coin, Argus and Serendipity – more on that in a future article.

Which Fostoria Christmas items are in your collection – ornaments from the 1980s? The gorgeous three piece crystal Nativity set designed by Fostoria designer Jon Saffell? Reindeer and sleighs in Crystal or Milk Glass? They were all made to be enjoyed – display them and enjoy them during the Christmas season.



Sources:

Fostoria Glass Scarce, Unique and Whimsies by Juanita L. Williams, page 116

Original Fostoria Glass Company New Goods List dated July 1, 1955

FGSA listing of moulds bought back from Fenton Art Glass Company, 2016

CHRISTMAS GLASS IN USE

The Fostoria sleigh and reindeer, from the home of Walt and Mary Kreitling



If you are looking for some vintage holiday themed glass from our favorite companies, you are in luck. There are some great options out there ... if you can find them and they are affordably priced when you do. I'll identify these items to the best of my ability. Please don't put me on the naughty list or send me a lump of coal if I make a mistake. It's enough that Santa is watching all the time.



I'm familiar with the wonderful figural lamps that Tiffin made ... parrots, owl, fruit bowl, etc. ... but had not seen the Santa and chimney until recently. Of course now I want one. So, if anyone is struggling with what to get me for Christmas ...



I also found these beautiful Old Saint Nick lamps but don't know who made them. Could they also be Tiffin? Can anyone tell us?
(please add to the wish list for the editor)



Now that we are all going to look for Santa lamps, we'll want some amazing glass sleighs to add to the theme. Fortunately the great American glass companies foresaw that need. Here are samples from Fostoria, Fenton, and Westmoreland. I suspect there were more that I don't know about.



Fostoria's cute sleigh was made in several colors. Gotta get them all!



Fenton paired glass with metal sleigh runners and antlers on a coordinated deer.

Westmoreland's sleigh had a lid with Santa himself included as the handle. Several colors were made including a psychedelic Santa version. I love the others but have to give the prize to Westmoreland.




Fenton supplement 1992



At the recent glass show in Milwaukee, I became aware of the wonderful little glass Christmas trees made by **Fenton**. They were made in a variety of sizes, colors, and decoration. I was tempted to start another collection, but realized that much of their charm might be in having several of them clustered together. Don't they look great gathered on this mirrored tray?

Merry Hanukkah
Happy Christmas



Dear Society members,
Please enjoy the upcoming holidays in your own unique (or peculiar) ways. You do you, friends!





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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!

20-30-40Glassociety.org

December Luncheon form and 2025 Membership form enclosed.
Please return ASAP



Optic Patterns in Stretch Glass

is the topic of our *stretch out* discussion on

Thursday, November 14, 2024

at 8 pm Eastern, 7 Central, 6 Mountain & 5 Pacific Time.

If optic patterns are to be viewed through a piece of glass, what does that mean, exactly? Is it visual perspective? Is it tactile?

Come share your glass with patterns you know, or think, are optic.

YOU'RE ALSO WELCOME TO SHARE NEW FINDS OR PIECES YOU'D LIKE HELP IDENTIFYING.