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NEXT MEETING

When: October 5, 2024

Where: Willow Springs Community Center

8156 Archer Ave. Willow Springs, IL

AGENDA:

10:30 - 2:30-ish

OKTOBERFEST

Luncheon form enclosed

Return NOW, if you haven't already registered

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THE SOCIETY Prepares for Autumn

What else can we do?

The Prez and VEEP

While many people world-wide were watching mesmerized as Simone Biles wowed everyone with her 4' 8" self bounding 12' 9" into the air above the Paris 2024 Olympics Women's Gymnastics Floor Exercise mat, members of The 20-30-40 Glass Society were looking on spellbound by some of its members' Gold, Silver, and Bronze medal winning glassware!! Kathy and I are avid Fry Glass collectors, but there were some spectacular pieces of glass shown on August 3, 2024, that I wish would have fit into my pockets, and yes, I would have walked off with them!!



Mary Sue Lyon's dark green Fostoria square "fish" vase from 1934-35 really qualifies as a worthy first place gold medal; while Jackie Alton's Tiffin black console set with Byzantine etching and silver overlay would truly be a great second place winner prize. "The 20-30-40 Society Goes for The Gold!!" program for August was a wonderful display and a great success.



September 7, 2024, is the next Board of Directors meeting for The Society, and October 5, 2024, is our next General Membership meeting. October 5, we will be celebrating Oktoberfest with a catered meal, similar to last year's event, but we have added to the menu. Please make a reservation to join us for good food and a fun ticket Auction. We have always left the October meeting with a larger amount of glass than what we brought to auction off—we are still out of storage space, but are having fun. Be at this meeting to meet the slate of elected officers for the Society.

The December 7, 2024, Holiday party for the Society will be at Buck's Pit Stop in Hodgkins, IL, where we had last year's event. Reservation forms will be coming out soon in The Society Page, so keep a lookout so you don't miss it! The December meeting is also where you get to exercise your right to vote, as we will be electing the slate of Society officers you will have met in October. We hope to see everyone out to celebrate the Holiday season and to enjoy time with glass friends. Remember, you don't want to drop your glass friends, they will be shattered!

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... *Prez and VEEP continues*

This Summer, the **NDGA** (not the North Dakota Golf Association, nor the Nigerian Dwarf Goat Association, but the National Depression Glass Association) held its annual convention in **Tiffin, Ohio**. There were 14 members of our Society present as dealers, buyers, or displayers. It was great seeing friends there and sharing our purchases—some people bought so much, that they had to ask others to transport their glassware back to the Chicagoland area, and no, it was not Kathy or me.

Additionally, Kathy and I went to the **Phoenix Consolidated Glass Collectors' Club convention in Pittsburgh, PA**. One of the highlights was going into Pittsburgh to the **Heinz History Center**, a family of museums with displays about the growth of the United States beyond the Allegheny Mountains. Pittsburgh is credited as the Glass Capital of the U. S. because of its rich source of the natural materials needed to make and sell glass. One of their displays was on the role of women in the development and growth of our country, from fashion to steel to glass. In the glass display was a tribute to the women artists who decorated, etched and cut, cleaned and shipped glassware from the many glass manufacturing companies located from Pittsburgh west to Chicago and out to San Francisco. We have tentatively planned for a presentation to The Society by **Anne Madarasz, the Director of Curatorial Division**, Chief Historian at the Heinz History Center, and the author of the book, *Shattering Notions*, a history of the glass industry in Pittsburgh from its beginning up to the present. Anne lectures and writes frequently on the subject of Pittsburgh glass, regional industry, and the history of Pittsburgh sports. Anne has served as the project director or curator for five exhibitions that have received the national Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History.

Kathy and I would like to give a BIG round of applause to our Board of Directors and the elected officers for the 20-30-40 Society. They have been willing to step up and tackle several tasks that have been neglected for a number of years. We now have an up-to-date and membership-approved set of By-laws to govern the Society operations. We are in the process of rewriting the Job Descriptions for each elected officer and for the committee chairmen, so if you are asked to serve, you will know what is expected of you. We have a new venue for our show for 2025, and you should be expecting a phone call from us, asking you to volunteer to assist us in managing the various tasks associated with running a high quality antique show. We cannot do this show without your help. **Silvano Brugioni** has been diligently working on the show, as well as recruiting dealers from across the country to participate in our event in March of 2025. If you have any friends who are dealers in this area or from out of state, please contact them to ask if they are interested in dealing, and then let Silvano know who they are. Everyone should have a digital directory of members, so if you need to contact anyone with questions or information, please call or text or email—we will answer.

Jeff and Kathy



### Have you tried **ZOOMING** with the Glass Society?

Back in 2021, the Covid pandemic changed our lifestyle, the country and the 20-30-40 Glass Society in so many ways. We had to innovate to navigate in our work, social activities and life's daily routine. The Board of Directors decided to try the electronic Zooming for our meetings to keep members in touch and to satisfy our love of glass. The Zooming of meetings proved to be a very effective tool. Zooming did satisfy our yearning to keep in touch with Society members, continuing to learn about our beloved glass and best of all to see some of your collections. What a joy!

Now in 2024, the question is: If you can't attend a meeting in person, why don't we see you on ZOOM? We have Society members from South Carolina and Washington that attend regularly and would be happy to visit with you.

And so would I,

Bette Wittenberg

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# AUGUST 3rd MEETING RECAP

Submitted by, Angela McEntee, Secretary

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

23 members were present at the live meeting and 6 zoom attendees.

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

Jeff thanked the members of the Board who have worked on by-laws, job descriptions and library.

Inventory of the library books and what to do with it is a work in progress. Elected officer job descriptions are done.

The bank has been updated with the new officers.

**Vice President’s Report** Kathy Hayden – Octoberfest is the next meeting please turn your forms in so that Barb has a count of those attending.

The June meeting at the Lotton Museum was a good time. Everyone had a good day.

14 members attended the National Depression Glass Show in Nashville.

Our Christmas meeting will be at Buck’s more information will follow as event draws nearer.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

As of August 3,

**June Outing/Meeting Financials:**

29 People paid \$1,450.00

(26 people attended in-person)

Leftovers were purchased by members: \$100.00

Total income \$1,550.00

<b>Expenses:</b>	Scrementi’s Restaurant	\$ 669.20
	Refund to club members	\$100.00
	Lotton Tour	\$520.00
	Total Expenses:	\$1,289.20
	<b>Total Meeting Profit:</b>	<b>\$260.80</b>

**Expenses paid since last general meeting:**

Miscellaneous Expenses:	\$35.00
Newsletter Printing -	\$124.38
Show Card Printing	\$319.01
Deposit for 2025 March Show and Sale/Holiday Inn	\$500.00
Accountant	\$514.50
State Corporation Filing Fee	\$10.00
Zoom	\$159.90



Nigerian Dwarf Goats

Nigerian Dwarf Goat—please refer to top of page 2.  
 Now that I’ve seen them, I’m thinking about starting a new collection.  
 Thanks a lot Haydens

**Bank Balances as of 8/2/24:**

Transferred \$5000 to the Money Market account to take advantage of a slightly higher interest rate.

**General Fund Checking (PNC Bank)**

Balance as of 8/2/24 \$ 4,883.56

**PNC Bank Mondy Market account**

Balance as of 4/5/24 \$17,957.92

**Total \$21,957.92**

Total Bank Balances Reported at last General Meeting: \$23,484.15

**Submitted by Beverly Kennett 8/03/24**

**Membership:** Mary Kreitling reported that we have 108 members

66 Single

42 Family

Membership Listings have been mailed out electronically. If you have issues downloading, let Gail or Mary know.

**Society Page:** David Taylor – David will need articles by the end of the week end of 8/10-11/24. David needs articles, please send what you might have. Reports on your upcoming events: flea markets, glass shows, collections, etc.

**Show Report** – Silvano Brugioni –We will be using all 3 rooms at the Countryside venue for the glass show. Show cards are available.

**Collector's Market** – We are looking for someone to head up the Collector's Market. Alice said she will help transition someone into the position.

**Publicity** – Joanne Donovan - Joanne is working on advertising. 42 Face book groups have been contacted.

**Library** – the library is being inventoried and there has been discussion on how it will work in the future.

**Lana Larsen** Did not bring any historian materials with her, but did bring a copy of the DAZE – a newspaper that specialized in depression glass and depression glass books.

**By Laws** - the by-laws have been updated. Alice Ewert motioned that the new version of by-laws be accepted. Karen Smit seconded the motion. The motion passed

**New business** – None.

The Business portion of the meeting ended at 11:45.

**Program: Gold, Silver and Bronze glassware to acknowledge the Olympics** –

There was a vast turn out of Gold, Silver and Bronze Glassware brought by members. There were many beautiful and unusual pieces.

**Raffle:**

Cambridge 16 ½” Platter – Broken – Lana Larsen

EAPG Grey Cutting Covered Bowl -Jeff Hayden

Cranberry Bowl Pilgrim Glass?? – Bev Kennett

Yellow Fostoria ?? – Lana Larsen

PR Cut Candlesticks 1970's – Silvano Brugioni

Elk Silver overlay Bowl Paden City? New Martinsville? – Nancy Skiersch

Country Antique Mall Gift Certificate – David Taylor

Grand Prize – Drawn from tickets from each of the winners – Bev Kennett



**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](mailto:gailcrossen@sbcglobal.net)

Phone/text: (630) 220-6179

**NEWSLETTER CONCERNS?**

**Newsletter Distribution, U.S. Mail-Gail Crossen**

**Newsletter Distribution, Email-Bette Wittenberg**

**Address Change?-Sally Cousineau**

**To offer content-David Taylor, Editor**

**2024 SOCIETY CALENDAR**

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

*October 5, Oktoberfest!*

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

**BOARD MEETING CALENDAR**

**September 7, November 2**



Mary Losew is currently at Hinsdale hospital room 2447. She has received a pacemaker due to heart issues. We are not sure when she will be discharged. Let's please remember that cheery thoughts, and messages from friends can be quite medicinal. Cards should be sent to her home and will be delivered to her.

To 20-30-40 Glass Club members,

I want to thank the club members for all the heartfelt cards, prayers and phone messages I received after my heart surgery and recovery! It was great knowing that a great group of friends were thinking of me!

Thanks again,  
Halla Kotlarz



At left is a card that was sent to Halla. It seems that the sender really knows our feisty friend, don't you think?

(editor *loves* this card)

Our good friend and member **Jim Larsen** had a bad fall on Labor Day and is in the hospital. He doesn't have any broken bones, thank goodness, but has a large hematoma. We don't know how long Jim will be in the hospital or possibly a rehab facility.

I am sure Jim and Lana could use some cheery notes and cards from all of us. Please send your good wishes to their home address:

Jim Larsen  
635 N. Washington  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

**PINK MISS AMERICA FOR SALE - MINT CONDITION**

Dinner service for 6 with 14 serving pieces. Each place setting consists of a grill plate, salad plate, bread/butter plate, sherbet, cereal/berry bowl, cup and saucer and water glass. Serving and incidental pieces are: creamer and sugar, 2 vegetable dishes, 2 celery dishes, 3 serving platters, 1 cake plate, 1 fruit bowl (straight), 2 relish dishes and a pitcher with ice lip.

In addition, 10 other miscellaneous pieces: 1 relish dish, 2 saucers, 1 cereal, 1 water, 1 creamer, 2 wines, 2 aperitifs.

All in perfect condition; no reproductions. \$500.00 for all; less than \$7.00 per unit.

Contact: [barbara.kummerer@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.kummerer@gmail.com)



# AS SEEN BY NEIL

## At the August meeting



There is always plenty to talk about regarding Fostoria Glass, and we had plenty of great Fostoria Glass to talk about in August!



We see you Lana ... and your cool blast from the past! Remember devouring this the minute it showed up in the mailbox?



In case you wondered, Bette B was there



If Fry could have just smoothed that unfortunate clumping gold problem, they might have had something pretty nice here.



(editor amusing himself)



Consulting new by-laws for how to replace an editor



Dreaming and deciding about the prizes on the table



Fox and Hounds etch by Wheeling Decorating, on Duncan and Miller "rocket" bowl



De decanters brought by de Walt



The Altonian treasures ... Byzantine in gold and silver trims



Higgins used gold (and ALL the colors) very well



She **KNOWS** you took more than one Reece's Peanut Butter cup ... and it is **NOT OK!**



Imagine this couple deciding which of their fanciest glass to bring. They could easily fill a semi trailer with their many beautiful pieces



## Away They Go-To Tiffin O-Hi-O !!!



This year the annual Tiffin show (and NDGA) was attended by several members of the 20-30-40 Glass Society. Some of our club were selling glass, and others went as visitors to the show. Among the visitors was a group of our most intrepid and staunch glassophiles. This group consisting of Jim & Gail Crossen, Neil Unger, and Shirley Sumbles made their way east to look at glass, study glass, identify glass, and presumably buy some glass. In addition to shopping the Tiffin show, they visited the Glass Heritage Gallery, located in Fostoria, Ohio. Photos sent by members of this glass expedition show that this museum contains some amazing glass. Thank you to Neil Unger and Gail Crossen for sharing pictures of this epic journey and making the rest of us just a bit jealous.









Our resident photographer, **Neil Unger** has the ability to find items of interest that most people might not notice.

Folks, when you go junkin' with Neil, you're gonna ...

**SEE. SOME. STUFF!**



"Pretend you don't notice him."



# GLASS IN USE

I have mentioned my Aunt Janice before ... also that she loves her beautiful Fostoria American. If I see a nice piece of this pattern at a great price while junkin, I grab it if I think she doesn't have it.

This is a large footed platter that I gave her. She used it last year to create this beautiful autumnal decoration for her dining room table.

Here's proof that vintage glass can provide a feast for the eyes as well as the tummy. *David T*



SPOKTACULAR

Glass for a Bootiful



## Fun At the October Club Meeting



The upcoming 20-30-40 club meeting should be a blast. The first compelling reason you will want to be there is the **annual auction**. It's a great opportunity to add some other people's glass to your own glass at a bargain price. Please help make this event exciting by donating some good quality glass to the table. Please evaluate potential donations with this thought in mind ... is this something other people would want and be happy to have?? If that answer is "probably not" then it probably won't really entice anyone to bid to get it. A nice set of 6 matched cups and saucers might get noticed, but 3 mismatched saucers alone probably won't. Bring some cash. Our friendly and efficient Jiminy Tickets will be very happy to help you with bidding!

The next reason to attend the October/Oktober meeting is that we are again celebrating **Oktoberfest** with a delicious meal catered by a local restaurant. If you have not already paid for this event, please return the **reservation form** in this Society Page **ASAP**. If time is close, you should consider alerting the Haydens or Bev Kennett that you plan to come and your check is literally in the mail.



## Business at the October Club Meeting

We will be voting on officers at the Oct. meeting. According to the revised by-laws, officers will now be serving a 2 year term.

The list of proposed names presented by the nominating committee appears at the right.

Installation of officers will occur at the December meeting.

- President - Jeff Hayden
- Vice-president - Kathy Hayden
- Secretary - Angela McEntee
- Treasurer - Beverly Kennett
- Membership Secretaries - Gail Crossen and Mary Kreitling

Here are some things to watch for at the Oktoberfest meeting. We can't actually *promise* that you will see any of these things, but you never can tell what might happen. Ok, to be totally honest, the likelihood of *any* of these things happening is quite remote. But we are a pretty wild and crazy group and being all worked up by a combination of fermented sauerkraut and bargain glass could just push us to new levels or revelry. Well, it could happen.





## LANA SHARES SOME HAPPY THOUGHTS ABOUT THE AUGUST CLUB MEETING

Hello 20-30-40 Glass Society of Illinois members and friends. We're all lucky to be a part of this remarkable group of likeminded people, but our August 3<sup>rd</sup> club meeting was an especially lucky day for me. It was time for the (drum roll please) Raffle Ticket Drawing for a chance at a beautiful new addition to our collection. When my number was called, I knew exactly what was going home with me! There it was, a "sweet" little yellow candy jar with cover resting on three delicate little toes. All I knew about it was that I liked it.

Thanks to our love of all types of glass and our extensive home research library, I was able to track down the identification information for our new piece of lovely FOSTORIA.

Here's the facts for this delectable new piece:

Date of birth – between 1929-1930

Color – Topaz

Cutting - #194, name – Orleans

Purpose – to proudly hold ½ pound of candy AND to be admired. And that will happen often.

Good to hear from you Lana, THANKS  
The editor

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Please accept our invitation of  
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This card courtesy of:

Talk about a good use of gold decoration!!! This Cambridge Rose Point with gold is an absolute knockout! I don't think we saw any of this at our August meeting, but it would not have been surprising in the least to see Bette B fill an entire table with all the pieces that the Cambridge Glass Company produced. If she doesn't have any of these items yet, she is likely open to the idea ... and very possibly working on it. Stay tuned for future meetings!





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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

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We're on the web!

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enclosed



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Please come join us for our *fall* meeting.  
It should be a real *trip*!