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November-December 2025

NEXT MEETING

When: December 6, 2025

Where: La Bella Events

5412 S LaGrange Rd

Countryside, IL 60525

AGENDA: PARTY!

11 am-3 pm

The Prez and VEEP



2026 is just around the corner, and The 20-30-40 Glass Society of Illinois is nearing 63 years as a glass group. Some of you may have been here from the beginning, while some joined shortly after The Society was formed, and others of us joined more recently. No matter the case, we are all moving into a new era of collecting glassware and have a new name to go along with the changes. 2026 will see the 20-30-40 Glass Society of Illinois become the **Midwest American Glass Society (MAGS)**.

The October meeting saw 35-members celebrate Oktoberfest on October 4, 2025, at the Willow Springs Community Center in Willow Springs, IL 60480. October was also our annual “ticket auction”, where members bring in items that they no longer collect, have duplicates of, or just need to downsize; then the other members buy tickets to place in the bag taped to the items up for “auction”. We ended up with eight tables of auction items this year and sold \$320.00 in tickets.

It has been a while since we hosted the Vintage Collectors’ Market in November, however, that has changed. On **November 1, 2025, The Society will host a Vintage Collectors’ Market at the Elmhurst First Congregational Church, 235 S Kenilworth Ave, Elmhurst, IL 60126** (at the corner of Kenilworth Avenue and Church Street). The Market will open at 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. There will be 30 tables of dealers set up, and we are hoping for a very successful Market. Please stop by the venue and tell your friends!!!

The December meeting will be the annual Holiday party, held on **December 6, 2025, at La Bella Events (formerly known as Via Bella Restaurant) at 5412 S La Grange Rd, Countryside, IL 60525-2851** The Holiday party will feature playing “Dirty BINGO” for “FABULOUS” prizes (so says the Prize Lady!), have great raffle prizes, and enjoy spending time with fellow “old glass” addicts!! The Reservation Form for the December Holiday Party accompanies this newsletter.

We are already planning for the General Membership meeting presentations and trip for 2026. If there are any programs you would like to have, presenters that you think would be a great speaker for the group, or a field trip that you would like to take, then please send us your ideas. You may call **Jeff** at 219-730-2635, or **Kathy** at 219-781-0891, or email us at wjhayden216@comcast.net.

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DECEMBER LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

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The February 14, 2026 (NOTE: date change) General Membership meeting will feature our speaker, **Kim Carlisle**, presenting a program on “**The Colors of the Heisey Glass Company**”. Kim is bringing a great collection of his Heisey glass to give us first-hand experience with the variety of shapes and colors the company produced. The April General Membership meeting will feature a program by our own **Silvano Brugioni**. Silvano will be discussing **McKee’s Bottoms-Up**, or as he calls it, his Butt Garden! Our June meeting is usually a field trip and restaurant luncheon, so we are looking at several local glass makers in the area; look for further details in the newsletter later this year.

As we are sure, most of you are aware of the fact that The Society’s Annual Show and Sale, held in March of each year, moved last year to the Countryside Holiday Inn from the Concord Plaza. Unfortunately, the Countryside Holiday Inn will not be available for our 2026 Show and Sale; therefore, our new site will be the Lithuanian World Center at 14911 127th St., Lemont, IL 60439. This facility has a 9,500 sq. ft. space for the show and a restaurant on site that will have food service for anyone wishing to avail themselves of this facility. We are looking forward to hosting the Show and Sale at this venue!

Jeff and Kathy



In September the board of directors held a meeting at the site of our upcoming March show. Here is a glimpse of the beautiful location.



The main central entrance and the amazing carved wooden doors that welcome visitors. This is not the path we will take to enter for the show, but it is worth the walk to see. Photos by Neil Unger



In front of the main façade, there are stone steps leading to a serene little knoll. This is the location of a bell and several clusters of gorgeous wooden crosses. It’s worth a look! Photos by the editor



Aerial image found on the internet



October 4th MEETING RECAP

Submitted by, Angela McEntee, Secretary

The October General meeting was held at the Willow Springs Community Center. We had 36 members.

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Hayden at 11:22 am.

Membership: Mary Kreitling - Mary said that we currently have 105 members.

Name Change – 501C3 filing: Mary Sue Lyon – Mary Sue amended the by-laws so that they will coincide with the 501C3 filing. We are changing tax status to allow those who make donations to the club will be able to get a receipt for filing taxes.

We are currently incorporated in the state of Illinois.
We have received our FEIN number.

Bette Bruce made a motion to accept the revised minutes; Diane Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mary Sue will continue to apply for the federal 501C3.

Vice President’s Report: - Kathy Hayden – The December Meeting will be held at: La Bella Events in LaGrange. This was formerly Via Bella. The reservation form will be in the next newsletter.

The April meeting will be “Bottoms Up” Tumblers by McKee. Silvano Brugioni will be presenting.

The June meeting will be a field trip possibly to Patterson Glass Company in Mundelein. August meeting will be a Red, White and blue theme for the 250th anniversary of the United States.

Annual Glass Show and Sale – Silvano Brugioni -Silvano has been receiving contracts and payment for the show. There will be 22-23 dealers.

Vintage Collector’s Market – Jeff Morrow – The sale will take place on Saturday November 1 at the First Congregational Church in Elmhurst. All Tables have been filled. Advertising will be in the Elmhurst Patch and surrounding areas. The church will also be advertising the sale.

Treasurer’s Report – Beverly Kennett –

August 2, 2025 Meeting Financials:

Income:	25 people paid	\$250.00	(26 people attended – 1 guest free)
	<u>Raffle ticket sales.....</u>	<u>\$105.00</u>	
	Total Income:	\$355.00	
Expenses:	Venue Rental	\$ 37.50	
	Misc. Kitchen Expense	\$ 70.80	
	<u>Raffle Prizes</u>	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	
	Total Meeting Expenses	\$ 208.30	

Total Meeting Profit: \$146.70 (June Meeting Profit = \$80.00)

Income since last General Meeting Report:

August Meeting			
Octoberfest Luncheon			
1 membership			
Money Market interest:	\$29.45 (7/30)	\$27.60 (8/30)	\$30.51 (9/30)

Expenses since last General Meeting:

Newsletter Printing: \$136.55 (July/August)	\$156.55 (Sept/Oct)
Library Storage: \$108.30 (July)	\$108.30 (August) \$108.30 (Sept)
Secretary of State filing for new club name:	\$51.30
Miscellaneous postage, etc.	\$ 29.96
Zoom renewal fee:	\$159.90
PNC Bank 80 checks	\$ 28.07
Site 5 website renewal fee	\$209.09
Amba liability insurance	\$407.00
Lithuanian World Center Deposit	\$600
La Bella Vista Deposit	\$257.50

Additional Notes:

General Fund Checking (PNC Bank)

Balance as of 10/4/25 \$3749.02

PNC Bank Money Market account

Balance as of 10/4/25 - \$17,576.08

Total Cash Assets: \$21,325.10 (balance as of 10/3/2025 - \$24,477.38)

Submitted by Beverly Kennett, Treasurer

What's It table was presented by Neil Unger and Jeff Hayden: An Indiana Glass Pineapple & Floral Bowl was identified. A Basket thought to be Westmoreland and another bowl Basket Weave.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 12:45.

Our Raffle Auction provided many of the members with many beautiful items to take home



Our holiday party, on December 6th, will be here before we know it and along with that comes our favorite party game which is DIRTY Bingo!! I have spent the past year 'junkin' through the country (okay, the Midwest) looking for just the right prizes. Believe me when I tell you they are spectacular this year! I am only moderately embarrassed stating how amazing the prizes are since I sourced them. However, let's just say one of the items is 33" tall and some of the companies represented are Tiffin, Fenton, LE Smith, Heisey and more. I encourage you to sign up for as many bingo cards as your

mind can process and your table can hold. And then go ahead and get a few more. After all, Dirty Bingo does raise funds for the club, it puts the fun in funds and you get exercise 'stealing' items from other tables. Looks like a win win win to me! Sign up for the party on December 6th, mark your calendars and get ready for a very good time. See you there!

Joanne

The editor can't wait to find out what the tall prize is. Did Fenton make a glass giraffe?



May your holidays sparkle with moments of love, laughter, and good will, and may the year ahead be full of contentment, good health, and joy. Have happy Holidays, dear friends.



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

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To offer content-David Taylor, Editor

2025 SOCIETY CALENDAR

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

November 1, Collectors' Market, First Congregational United Church of Christ, 235 S. Kenilworth Ave., Elmhurst, IL

December 6-La Bella Events

5412 S LaGrange Rd, Countryside, IL 60525

2026 SOCIETY CALENDAR

February 14-Willow Springs

March 14 & 15 - Spring Show, Lemont, IL.

April 4-Willow Springs

June 6-TBA

August 1-Willow Springs

October 3-Willow Springs

December 5-TBA

BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

2025

November 8

2026

January 3, 2026

February 14 (after General Meeting)

May 2

June 27

September 5

November 7



We are saddened to learn that our member, and friend, **Mary Losew** has passed away. Services were held in late October, before the Society Page was distributed. She will be missed.

Some things that caught the discerning eye of Mr. Neil Unger at the Milwaukee Glass Show on October 18



AS SEEN BY NEIL At the October meeting



CONGRATULATIONS! To Bev and Silvano on their recent hitching. We can't wait to see what glass pattern ends up on their bridal registry!

We know what happens when 2 glass collectors get together ... twice as many boxes, but also twice as many people to pack and carry them.





The first rule of glass shopping is ... come well rested and with a giant shopping bag.



The second rule of glass shopping is ... stop packing the bag BEFORE you hear the first crack.



If you want to win, ya gotta see Mr. Jiminy Tickets. He'll hook you up!





Fostoria's "Oktoberfest Blau" is the perfect color to pair with bratwurst and sauerkraut.



We who know Darcel understand that she DESERVES that halo. We also understand why that halo might be having a hard time keeping up with her. That twinkle in her eyes means she's up to something!





Crossing *Distant* Borders to Search for Glass

The Society Page thanks Gail and Jim for sharing this part of their recent travel adventure. They are dedicated collectors who are willing to climb the Alps in search of new glass, and very generous in sharing what they find.



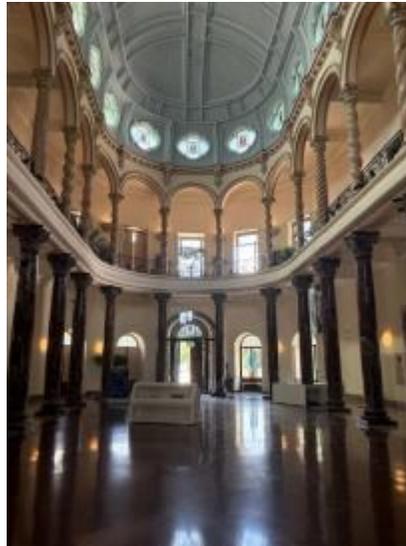
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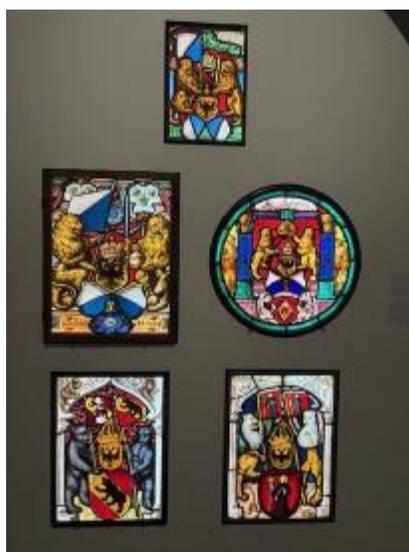
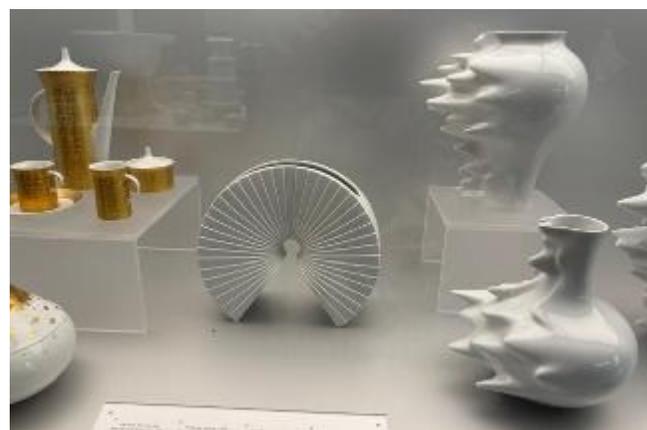
During our recent summer vacation in Switzerland, we were initially set to stay at the Presidential Hotel in Geneva, Switzerland for the last two days of our trip. However, our tour director informed us that due to a plastic symposium being held, our hotel was no longer available. Instead, we were being upgraded to the Intercontinental Hotel. We were also informed about some attractions within walking distance of the hotel, including the Musee Ariana – Swiss Museum of Ceramics and Glass. This unexpected opportunity piqued our interest, so we decided to visit.

Historical Background: The museum was founded by art collector Gustave Revilliod, who built it between 1877 and 1884 to house his private collection. He named it in honor of his mother. The museum’s design is a grand blend of Neo-Classical and Neo-Baroque styles. In 1993, the museum underwent extensive renovations and reopened after about twelve years of work. It houses between 20,000 and 27,000 items, showcasing up to 1200 years of ceramic and glass art from Switzerland, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. The museum frequently hosts temporary exhibitions featuring modern glass and ceramic works from the U.S., and Scandinavia highlighting evolving artistic dialogues.

We were amazed by the stunning pieces of stained glass, and glass and ceramics on display and have attached a few pictures of what we saw. Just beautiful. Enjoy!

Gail & Jim Crossen





What looks like a paper bag is actually Rosenthal. Gail reports that the *Musee Crossen* has it in 3 sizes!

Crossing the border into the friendly land of Wisconsin by David Taylor

On Saturday October 18, Jackie Alton and I enthusiastically set out for the great state of Wisconsin. Our destination was South Milwaukee to attend the glass show of our friends in the Milwaukee area club. In the past, we have made this trip in beautiful weather, but this day was a bit gray and threatening possible rain. Fortunately, the rain never came, and the day became progressively more pleasant. We were warmly greeted by the WI club members when we arrived and there was a good crowd inside. Shoppers were engaged in checking out the very nice variety of glass presented by the dealers. There was indeed something to make every glass lover happy.

I quickly spotted a beautiful Fostoria console set and considered it a possible purchase. But I decided to browse the rest of the show before committing in case something else pushed it off the top of the list. I have had some nice watch/clock purchases recently, so that nagging inner voice suggesting “moderation” was speaking up. Is there an off switch for that thing?

Naturally, I spotted several great pieces of glass that I would have enjoyed having. However, the console set had retained its spot at the top of the interest list. I doubled back and saw that it was still available and worked out a deal with the friendly dealer. The same booth had a Fostoria mustard jar with a lid that would be a nice gift for my aunt, so that purchase was made too.

After the show, Jackie and I made our annual visit to a local Italian restaurant that we found some time ago. As always, we enjoyed our lunch. Then, also by tradition, we headed south and made a stop at Benson Corners Antique Mall. After much looking, I surprisingly found nothing that tempted me ... at least enough to buy it. This was NOT according to tradition. Jackie somehow managed to leave both shopping destinations with wrapped items that I never saw. All I can say is that bags were loaded into my car. I think we can safely assume that when she left Wisconsin, it had less crackle glass than when she got there.

So what was the beautiful Fostoria set that I bought? It has the #2324 footed bowl and the #2333 candlesticks. The bowl is fairly easily found (I have 3 in green. Don't ask.), but the wonderful candlesticks don't seem to show up as often. I really like the shape of them. Notice the nice hollow bubble shape at the bottom! But even if Fostoria didn't plan for them to be used together, somebody did because they are all adorned with the same beautiful cutting. Perhaps a decorating company did this? It doesn't matter to me because I like the way they look as a set. I also like Fostoria's version of the amber color. It leans a bit toward orange, and has a lot of fire and light within. It's a happy amber, if there is such a thing.

In case you wondered, and even if you didn't, there was a bowl made to match these candlesticks ... and it is pretty wonderful (in my opinion). This bowl also does not show up that often.



The #2333 console set as designed by Fostoria.



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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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December Luncheon
Reservation Form Enclosed
Slide on in!



Stretch Glass in Holiday Colors

is the topic of our stretch out discussion on

Thursday, November 13, 2025

at 8 pm Eastern, 7 Central, 6 Mountain & 5 Pacific Time
Join us to get inspired about using your stretch glass this holiday season. You're also welcome to share new finds or pieces you'd like help identifying.

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