



THE SOCIETY PAGE

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NEXT MEETING

When: October 4, 2025

**Where: Willow Springs
Community Center**

**8156 Archer Ave.
Willow Springs, IL**

AGENDA: 10:30 - 2:30-ish



The Society

Showcases splendid settings for
sumptuous summer suppers

The Prez and VEEP



Here we are speeding towards Labor Day, kids riding buses, and the start of school. How many of you remember the days when school did not start until after Labor Day, which marked the true end of summer, rather than the Vernal Equinox? And while times change, one thing remains the same—old glassware is collectable!! Just ask any one of The Society members.

The August 2, 2025, General Membership meeting had a great display of dinnertime place settings of both glassware and “china” varieties. **Anchor Hocking, Imperial, Fostoria, Fry, Heisey, McKee, Metlox**, and several old porcelain/ceramic “china” makers were represented. As always, this was a great learning experience for everyone, as the owners of the place settings identified the maker, the style, and stems, candleholders, sugar and cream, salt and pepper, and many other items that went with the place settings. Thanks to everyone who participated in the meeting either by bringing your place settings, or by admiring and learning about these collections.

The October meeting will be a celebration of **Oktoberfest**, and will be held on October 4, 2025, at the Willow Springs Community Center in Willow Springs, IL 60480. There is a reservation form found elsewhere in this newsletter. Please be sure to make a reservation so that we have plenty of food for those attending. October will also be 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”. This is always a fun time to eat together and enjoy the auction.

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 **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. Any member who wishes to have a table at this event should contact **Jeff Morrow**, the market chairman. Jeff may be contacted at jmorrow64@gmail.com.

Enclosed:

Oktoberfest reservation form

Collectors’ Market Contract

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The December meeting will be the annual Holiday party, held on December 6, 2025. The site is not set as of this point in time, but will be sent to everyone via email as soon as the restaurant is reserved. The Holiday party is when we play “Dirty BINGO” for “FABULOUS” prizes (so says the Prize Lady!), have great raffle prizes, and enjoy spending time with fellow “old glass” addicts!!

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.

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.

Silvano Brugioni worked hard and found a new home for **The Society’s Show and Sale**. 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!

Kathy and I spent the month of July running around the country attending glass shows and conventions. We were participants at the Fry Glass Society’s 2025 Convention, as well as the Phoenix and Consolidated Glass Collectors’ Club Convention. We are aware that many of the 20-30-40 Glass Society members attended other conventions and visited as many antique shops as possible this summer. It is always a great learning experience, as well as a good time attending a glass convention. The seminars are designed to teach the novice and the expert all about the products designed, manufactured, decorated, and distributed by the various glass companies. Please consider attending those groups anytime you have the opportunity.

Speaking of opportunities, please consider attending **The Glass Gathering being held October 23-25, 2025, in Wheeling, WV**. The Glass Gathering is sponsored by MAGWV (The Museum of American Glass in West Virginia) and has proven to be a great educational experience for all glass collectors. Not only that, but The 20-30-40 Glass Society’s own **Mary Sue Lyon** is the Gathering chairperson. Mary Sue has put together a fabulous program for this weekend with multiple field trips to various glass museums and a glass mould manufacturer’s factory on Friday, and five programs by nationally know experts who will be bringing a lot of glass to illustrate their programs on Saturday. The weekend concludes with a banquet meal and a silent auction. For additional information, please go to the Museum webpage at MAGWV.org, then go to the “Calendar” tab and “October”.

Jeff and Kathy



Shared at the August meeting



August 2nd MEETING RECAP

Submitted by, Angela McEntee, Secretary

The August General meeting was held at the Willow Springs Community Center. We had 26 members attend and several zoom attendees. T.J Meehan and Larry Ortt joined us,

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Hayden at 11:09 am.

Membership: Mary Kreitling - Mary said that we currently have 104 members.

President’s report – Jeff Hayden said that our 501C3 filing was accepted by the state of Illinois. We now will apply for the Federal 501C3.

Vice President’s Report – Kathy Hayden – October meeting will be an Octoberfest. Lunch will be brought in. This meeting will also have our Raffle of items brought in by members. There will not be an election this year as the new by-laws have Board members serving two-year terms. The Christmas party has now been booked yet.

Annual Glass Show and Sale – Silvano Brugioni -Silvano and Beverly Kennett have found a location for the show. It is the Lithuanian center in Lemont, IL. This location will be \$10,000 less than last year. The space is slightly smaller than last year, but Silvano should be able to fit the in all of the dealers.

Vintage Collector’s Market – Jeff Morrow – The sale will take place on Saturday November 1 at the First Congregational Church in Elmhurst. Contracts will be sent out. The church will provide food/snacks. There will be 6 foot tables.

Treasurer’s Report – Beverly Kennett –

August 2, 2025 Meeting Financials:

Income:	<u>27 people paid</u>	<u>\$108.00 (25 attended)</u>
	Total Income:	\$1000.00
Expenses:	<u>Museum tour tickets</u>	<u>\$1000.00</u>
	Total Expenses:	\$1000.00
	Total Mtg Profit	\$ 80.00 (April mtg profit = \$169.80)

Income since last General Meeting Report:

- June Meeting
- Money Market interest: 4/30 - \$28.37 5/31 - \$28.41 6/30 - \$51.13
- Zoom renewal fee - \$159.90
- Catalano & Caboor Accounts - \$75.00
- Premier Printing and mailing: \$484.00

Additional notes: N/A

General Fund Checking (PNC Bank)

Balance as of 7/31/25 \$5087.59

PNC Bank Mondy Market account

Balance as of 7/31/25 - \$17,498.52

Total Cash Assets: \$22,586.11 (balance as of 6/7/2025 - \$24,477.38)

Submitted by Beverly Kennett, Treasurer

What's It table was presented by Neil Unger and Jeff Hayden

Raffle:

Blue Set with Shirley Temple images in Cobalt Blue – these were not Cambridge
 Jeff Hayden was the winner
 Red Hurricane Lamp
 T. J. Meehan was the winner
 Central Candle sticks Green
 Joanne Donovan was the winner
 Cambridge Apple Blossom relish with tray
 Silvano Brugioni was the winner
 Bonus prize
 T.J. Meehan was the winner

Presentation – Members were asked to bring a few of there favorite place settings:

Bette Bruce New Martinsville Moondrops in Ruby and Manhattan by Anchor Hocking in Crystal

Jeff Hayden – Fry Azure Blue 1926 Aztec

Mary Kreitling – Fostoria Azure blue June

Beverly Kennett – Fostoria Beverly and Heisey Orchid

Irene Owens – Sandwich patterns

Jeff Hayden - Fry Royal Blue

Lana Larsen – Vernon Kilns and Patrician

T.J. Meehan – Moroccan Amethyst and hand painted Bavarian

Bette Wittenberg – Imperial Candlewick

Barb Miller – Royal Ruby

Angela McEntee – McKee Laurel and Cloverleaf by Hazel Atlas

David Taylor – Fostoria Versailles in Topaz

The presentation
 provided a vast
 variety of glass.

GLASS IN USE *The Hollywood and Hooch Edition*

A few months ago, the editor hosted an old friend from out of town. These visits are always an opportunity to enjoy some favorite things including museum visits, ordering delivery of food that wouldn't normally be eaten, and binge watching classic films from Hollywood's "golden era". While museums frown on spirits, the food and movies are accompanied by cocktails. Of course the idea of cocktails alone is delightful, but the experience reaches an even higher level of intoxication when they are presented in our amazingly stylish vintage stems. The drinks become almost as great to look at as they are to sip. Almost, I say. So take out those beautiful glasses and think of a reason to celebrate!



Fostoria Triumph
 with gold metal stem



Morgantown Queen Anne
 in Azure Blue, Woodland etch



Tiffin Cadena
 in Mandarin (yellow)

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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Phone/text: (630) 220-6179

NEWSLETTER CONCERNS?

Newsletter Distribution, U.S. Mail-Gail Crossen

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2025 SOCIETY CALENDAR

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

October 4,

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

December 6-location TBA

BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

2025

September 6

November 8

2026

January 3, 2026

The Society sends sunny thoughts to members who continue to deal with some issues. They have our best wishes.

Dick and Bev Popp

Mary McEntee

Mary Losew

Jim Larsen

So ... I think that Will is saying that after the Society changes our name, the Heisey and Fostoria "Rose" patterns will still be pretty nice. Or, something like that. Will is awfully vague at times.

“What's in a name? That which we call a rose By any other name would smell as sweet.
~ William Shakespeare, Romeo and Juliet **”**



Alles Gute zum Geburtstag ... or

Herlichen Glückwunsch zum Geburtstag

(which is pretty similar, but more fun because the editor gets to use an umlaut!)

Help wish our videographer, **Walt Kreitling**, a happy birthday in October/Oktober. 80 has never looked so good. It must be that healthy diet growing up in Wisconsin, or maybe all the exercise from outrunning the badgers on the way to and from school every day.



AS SEEN BY NEIL
At the August meeting



With "Aztek", Fry Glass Company had all the angles covered! Very Sharp!



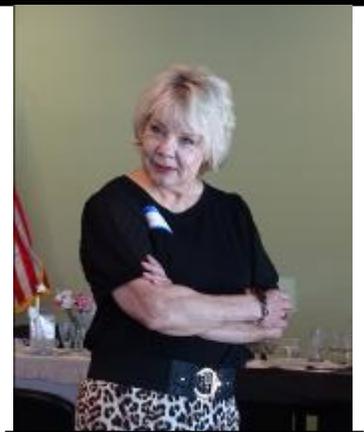
A smorgasbord of beautiful and colorful FOSTORIA was on display



It's no surprise that people who collect beautiful glass would also have some beautiful china. We'll have the discussion about silver and linens another time.

Our kindly kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Larsen, held our hands and gently guided us through a quiz about how well we know our club and fellow members. Even if we hadn't studied, we all received treats (glass, not milk and cookies).

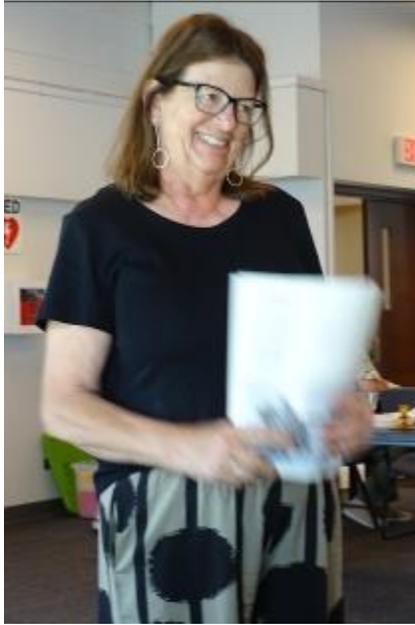
I think we learned that we knew a lot, if not all. We also learned that we might all benefit from more time spent with crayons and that we should consider bringing floor mats for naps late in the meeting.



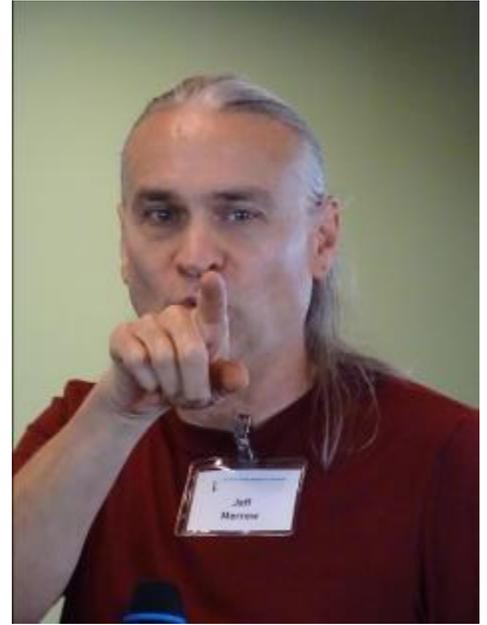
Welcome to new member, Kathleen Clinton!



ANGELA is keeping notes



Joyous JoJo



Will we see YOU at the November Collectors' Market???



At the meeting and also watching it on ZOOM. Bette can never get enough glass time!



Friendly visitors from the north came south and won a gorgeous Gone With The Wind style lamp



Wonderful "what's it" glass



If dinner becomes boring, you can always count the glass balls on your Candlewick



Irene was horrified when Jeff ate her sandwich



Extra points when you dress to match your glassware. This is how it's done!



October Happenings



TICKET AUCTION

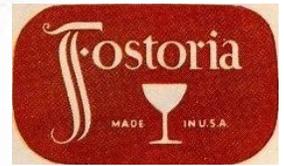
Grab your tubas and accordions and join us for a wunderbar German meal at the next meeting. Send in those reservation forms, if you haven't already done so!

Bring a few extra dollars to buy your tickets to put into bags of the items you like. Also bring some (desirable) glassware you don't need to donate to the table and the cause!

Fostoria Glass Society of Tennessee Glass Show

A Great Show, an Informative Seminar and a Rare Find

By Mary Kreitling



The Fostoria Glass Society of Tennessee sponsored its annual Glass Show and Sale in Gallatin, TN July 19th and 20th. This was the Society's second show at the Gallatin Civic Center where they hosted twenty dealers from 14 states. Attendance was up this year: there were 525 paid admissions. Dealers displayed Fostoria, of course, and many of our favorite Fostoria etchings like June, Versailles and Vesper were represented, as well as pressed patterns like Coin, Heirloom and Crown. Dealers had something for everyone – Fenton, Cambridge, Bryce, Viking and L.E. Smith, along with Depression Glass and kitchenware. Business seemed to be brisk. There was a report of one buyer using a cart to get purchases to her car!

On Saturday afternoon at the glass show, Mary Sue Lyon, one of our 20-30-40 Glass Society board members, presented a seminar on *Fostoria Glass Company Gold, Enamel and Iridescent Factory Decorations from 1908-1942*. The title of the seminar also happens to be the title of the new book Mary Sue has authored on this subject. Mary Sue explained that she used original Fostoria Glass Company documentation such as original price lists, catalogs and corporate records as the source material for this book. We learned that Fostoria Glass Company used these decorations predominantly on stemware, console bowls, candlesticks, vases and other occasional and decorative items.



There were three long tables filled with examples of these beautiful Fostoria decorations, most of which are pictured in her book. The Rose and Blue decoration 5 by Fostoria was compared to similar decorations by other glass companies. Rare and seldom seen decorations from the 1930s such as Cockatoo 505, Hummingbird 509, Tropical Fish 510 and Cat-Tail 511 were on display. Some decorations are just a single enamel or gold band; others are intricate gold encrusted etchings. Each (with a few exceptions) was assigned a number and/or name by the factory. (See the end of this article for information on how to get your copy of this informative book covering 175 Fostoria factory decorations.) On loan from a fellow collector just for the seminar was a Fostoria American pitcher and tumbler set with a rare red stain decoration. (left)

Regarding rarities or unusual pieces, there was more in store at this show. I always make one last run through of all the booths at a show before leaving, just in case I find one more piece I just have to have. On my final run through at this show, I noticed something I had missed earlier and something I had never seen before: a pair of what appeared to be Fostoria's #2580 elephant bookends – in cobalt blue! The elephant bookends are known in Crystal and Silver Mist (1939-40) and Ebony (1980). The dealer who had these bookends explained that his research had shown that the elephant was offered as a sales incentive to Tiara Exclusives salespeople during the first quarter of 1991. Tiara Exclusives of Dunkirk, Indiana marketed glass pieces through home parties from 1970-1998. Many of the Tiara pieces were produced by Indiana Glass. Tiara Exclusives and Indiana Glass were both owned by Lancaster Colony, which purchased the Fostoria Glass Company in 1983. All that to say that it's possible to trace the Fostoria mold for the elephant bookend to a giveaway for Tiara Exclusive salespeople. Fostoria did not close its doors until 1986, so it is possible that the cobalt elephant was produced at the Moundsville, WV factory.



The story behind the cobalt elephant can be found at the following website: collectorsweekly.com. The sales incentive program was called “The Great Race”. Cash prizes were offered for those who signed up new salespeople, but the initial prize was “a beautiful handmade Fostoria Elephant in cobalt blue glass!”, valued at \$40.00.

The price on the pair of elephants was beyond my means, but I was happy to have seen them. Sometimes going to a glass show is kind of like visiting a museum – you see interesting and unusual things and even if you can’t own them, you’re glad to see them.

You can buy a copy of Mary Sue’s book from the Museum of American Glass in Weston, WV. Their website is magwv.org. If you click on “Buy Glass Flakes Press Books” and search for “Fostoria decorations”, you will be directed to the museum’s eBay page, where you can buy the book for \$39.95 plus shipping. Or you can call the museum at 304-269-5006 to order with a credit card which saves the eBay fees for the museum. All proceeds go to the Museum of American Glass in WV.



More far-out ways to get that glass, and other groovy items you know you NEED



The **2025 FALL VINTAGE COLLECTORS’ MARKET** returns and will be held on Saturday, November 1st, at the Elmhurst First Congregational United Church of Christ at 235 S Kenilworth Ave, Elmhurst, IL 60126. The Collectors’ Market is different from the larger March Show & Sale in that the dealers can be any member of the 20-30-40 Glass Society of Illinois. A variety of vintage glass at very negotiable prices can be found along with an assortment of other collectibles. Six foot fables are available for \$15 each (minimum of 2 preferred). If anyone wishes to rent tables, contact Jeff Morrow at 630-390-0168 (text preferred) or jmorrow64@gmail.com. Or simply fill out the form and return with check (made out to 20-30-40 Glass Society of Illinois) to: Jeff Morrow 179 N Berteau Ave. Elmhurst, IL 60126 It would be fantastic if all our local members would come to the market and bring a friend! Cards will be available at the next meeting.

Celebrate our 47th Annual
Milwaukee's Vintage Glass Show & Sale
 October 18-19, 2025
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 732 Badger Avenue • South Milwaukee, WI 53172
 Info: Glen (414) 551-2017
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 Saturday, Oct 18, 2025: 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
 Sunday, Oct. 19, 2025: 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
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Please accept our invitation of \$1.00 OFF Admission for you and one guest.

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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!
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Join us for Oktoberfest at the next meeting.
 Luncheon reservation form enclosed.



Northwood's 'Tree of Life' Stretch is the topic of our stretch out discussion on **Thursday, September 11, 2025** at 8 pm Eastern, 7 Central, 6 Mountain & 5 Pacific Time.



Join us to learn about this interesting pattern and share your TOL pieces.

You're also welcome to share new finds or pieces you'd like help identifying

Information is available on our website, stretchglassociety.org And also available by email: info@stretchglassociety.org