

The President's Newsletter

Well, let's start off with our August meeting. As you can see from the front page and in the bulletin, the weather, the food (lots of it), the glass (provided by Gary & Steve), the company of friends that attended: Brian and Jocelyne, Doug and Sue, Paul and Yvette, Chase Marquis, Ben Perez, Bruce and Anna, Norm and Margie, Sue and Dave, John and Vickie, Kris and I. Steve and Gary's collection is prize winning and everyone enjoyed seeing it all.

Fast forward to Convention 2017 and the highlights.

- Pizza party on Thursday was enjoyed by all. There was even leftovers for everyone to eat throughout the weekend.
- Our two new fundraising efforts...the 50/50 raffle designed by Robin and Emil (right) generated \$105.00 for the club. When the winning ticket was picked, it was won by Doug and Sue Siska. Bob Preseau set up our silent auction table. Members donated various items (wine, watch, glass, apples, tools, etc.) and tickets were purchased. Tickets were then placed in bags and winners were selected. The club raised \$270.00. Thanks Bob and Robin!
- Tom did his annual "Stump Tom". We had a nice turnout.
- Our seminar speaker, Gary Sullivan, provided us some education on variants. Thanks teacher!
- Our banquet speaker, Doug Siska, also told some great stories about the glass he brought. Super job!
- The club also held a short meeting. We usually take nominations for the board of directors coming off the board, however, this will be done at the October meeting. 2 seats are open as Harold and Bob's terms are ending.
- The quality of glass this year was a concern, as various members approached me with their disappointment, both before and after the auction. Tom suggested that the members put together a "wish list" which he will try to accommodate and do a better job with the auction glass next year. Send your *reasonable* requests to ksd24ddd24@cox.net or mail to me at 150 Highland Avenue, Cumberland, RI 02864.
- As usual, the mini auction proved a success raising \$730.00. Thanks to all that donated.
- Hospitality snacks...thanks to all that brought food in. It is appreciated.



Moving to the October 15th meeting in Southbridge, MA. Hope to see everyone there. Steve and Gary will be bringing chili. Sandwiches and or other hot dishes will be on the menu, along with dessert. Let Kris know what you would like to bring. Our theme is "Fall" patterns: peaches, apples, sunflowers, chrysanthemum, etc.

See you soon.

Sincerely, President Don

October 4-6, 2017

Air Capital Carnival Glass Club Convention / With Seck on-line Auction; Best Western Wichita Airport Inn & Convention Center, 6815 W. Kellogg, Wichita, Kansas, For Reservations call: Toll-Free: (888) 942-5666, www.aircapitalcarnivalglass.com

October 6-7, 2017

Millersburg Glass Association Fall Gathering, Jim Wroda Auctioneer, Millersburg, Ohio, www.millersburgglass.com

October 19-21, 2017

Mid-Atlantic Carnival Glass Club Convention / Auction; Tom Burns Auctioneer – Ramada Plaza Hotel, 1718 Underpass Way (Exit 5A, I-81), Hagerstown MD. Reservations: (301) 797-2500

November 2-4, 2017

Great Lakes Carnival Glass Club Convention / Auction; Tom Burns Auctioneer - Ramada Hotel & Conference Center 7501 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing, Michigan, Reservations: (517)627-3211 www.greatlakescgc.com

STEVE AND GARY GRACIOUSLY OPENED THEIR HOME TO THE NECGA MEMBERS FOR THE AUGUST MEETING. LOOK AT "SOME" OF THE GLASS WE SAW!



Punchbells Anyone???



Table sets, Candlesticks and Peach Opal...oh, my!



Mirror, mirror on the wall...who's the fairest of them all...why Jocelyne, of course!



The lineup...Chase, Don, Doug, Brian and Dave



John & Vickie and Paul Berube



Yvette Berube, Ben and Norm



Kris's favorite shelf...she wants them ALL!



Doug and Sue drove up from PA

CONVENTION SCENES 2017



Clint & Joanne Andrews sharing the joke!



Ernie & Peg Cyr with Brian...they also look pretty happy.



The Proud Mama...Christina's new addition to the family...the very beautiful Wisteria Stretch Tornado Vase from the Engel Collection.



Gary and Sue just hanging



Greg was lucky at Brimfield again... a beautiful Tiger Lily Water Pitcher was his find this year



Doug, Sue, Jocelyne and Brian. The girls showing off their t-shirt slogan. Watch for next year.



Kris and Steve sharing a glass!



Stump Tom...he knew exactly what he had!



And the greatest laugh of all taking this shot of the boys...Jim, Dave, Harold, Bob, Brian (back row). Chase, Doug, Steve (catch his expression), Bruce, Gary, Don. The girls: Lynn, Sue, Val, Anna, Kris, Sue and Jocelyne.

Seminar 1 - "Variants"
by Gary Sullivan & Steve Lindquist



Gary did a great job showing how 2 pieces of the same pattern can be modified to make a variant...simply by adding "more", changing an edge, adding a band, etc.

Doug was our banquet speaker, brought some fabulous glass and told the story behind the piece. Thanks Doug and Sue...you did a great job!



Lots of pretty stuff, wouldn't you say?

Sue brought some of her favorite perfumes and Doug brought what he loves...his vases.



Some of our members talking with Doug after the seminar talk

New England Carnival Glass Association Membership Application

Dues: \$ 18.00 per year per household. (Membership renewal is due on your anniversary date)

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Telephone # _____ - _____ Email address: _____

Send application form and dues (U.S. funds) to: Gary Sullivan, 671 Ridge Road, Wethersfield, CT 06109

Membership includes, bi-monthly meetings, bulletins and all functions and outings. If you would like the bulletin emailed to you (vs. mail), please let us know on this form.

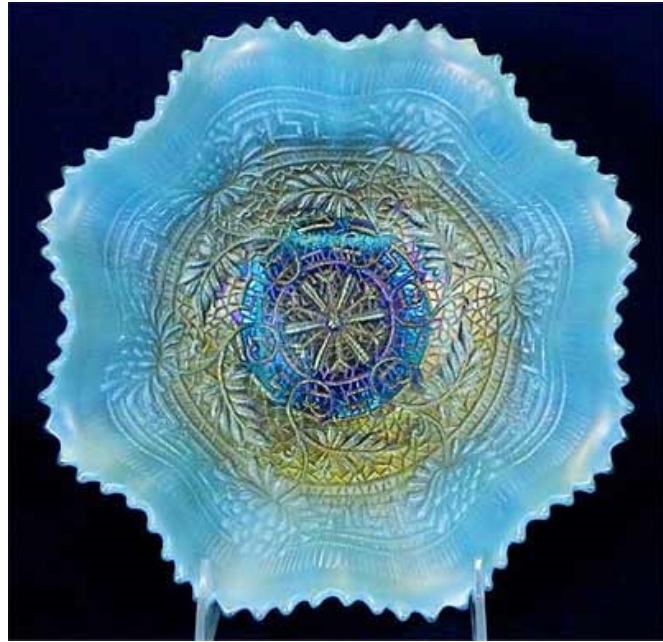
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Paypal payments are accepted from anywhere in the world, but the cost is \$18 and must be in United States dollars. To pay with Paypal, go to the Paypal website and send \$18 payment to newenglandcarnivalglass@gmail.com. You must include all of your contact information, including name, mailing address and email address with your payment (in the memo section is fine).

NECGA Treasury Report For the period January 1, 2017 thru Sept 30, 2017		NECGA Convention Report 2017	
Opening Fund Balance - January 1, 2016	\$7,848.61		
Revenues:		Convention Revenue:	
Dues	616.00	Banquet Meals	800.00
Fees	0.00	Mini Auction	730.00
Convention	875.76	Ticket stub auction	270.00
Other	0.00	Donation	12.00
		Tag Sale	93.00
		Moe Meyers tapes	30.00
		50 / 50 Board	105.00
		Tom Burns - Room Rental	250.00
Total Revenue	1,491.76	Total Convention Revenue	2,290.00
Expenses:		Convention Expenses:	
Postage	123.97	Hotel Costs/Meals	930.05
Ink/Paper	0.00	Guest Speaker Fee	100.00
Meeting Food/Supplies	0.00	Pizza Party Thus Night	247.18
Web site	0.00	Auction Dinner Sat Night	98.77
Hall Rental	270.00	Hospitality Room	38.24
PayPal Fees	3.28	Display Awards	0.00
Dec Meeting Food	0.00	Glass for games	0.00
Total Expense	397.25	Total Convention Expenses:	1,414.24
Increase /(Decrease) in Fund Balance	1,094.51		
Ending Fund Balance - Sept 30, 2017	\$8,943.12	Net Convention Profit / (Loss)	\$875.76

Embroidered Mums, Northwood



Northwood's Embroidered Mums pattern has stitchery details with six chrysanthemums in a ring. It has about the same design density as Northwood's Hearts and Flowers pattern, so make sure you check for the mums. Most pieces have the ribbed back, but a few have a plain exterior. No ice cream shaped bowls are known, only PCE and Ruffled. Pie-crust-edged bowls are rarer in this pattern.

Shown above is a PCE bowl in amethyst and a ruffled bowl in aqua-opal.



Northwood's Embroidered Mums also comes in standard 9 inch plates. Most have the ribbed back exterior which can be seen thru this lime green plate pictured above. The photo on the right shows the Embroidered Mums bonbon which comes only in white. The shape of the bonbon is similar to Northwood's Fruits and Flowers.

Bill Crowl was not a member of the NECGA Club, but was known by many....if not personally, definitely by his face. He was quite a character, as you'll read, but more importantly, to many, a person with decades of knowledge, both in carnival, stretch glass and other antiques.

A tribute to William (Bill) A. Crowl
1935-2017



Stretch Glass Society founding member and honorary life member, Bill Crowl, passed away on August 3, 2017, at the Eagle Point Nursing Home in Parkersburg, WV. Bill was born on March 25, 1935. He is survived by a brother and a niece. During his 82 years he lived in the Washington, DC area, the Fort Lauderdale, FL area and most recently in Parkersburg, WV. He was also a founding member of the American Carnival Glass Association as well as the Nation's Capitol Carnival Glass Club. Bill is best known for his extensive traveling, crisscrossing the United States multiple times each year in search of rare and unusual carnival glass, stretch glass, world's fair memorabilia, souvenir china, advertising items and much, much more. He was a dedicated collector of numerous types of glassware and assembled a collection of American iridescent stretch glass worthy of a museum.

Bill was a regular at the Brimfield (MA) antique markets both as a buyer and a seller and was often sited at other major and not so major antique shows, flea markets and auctions throughout the US. He said he had driven a million miles and was working on his second million – all in search of the best, the most unusual, the rarest carnival, stretch, Fenton, Northwood or some other glass only Bill would recognize. He had a memory like a computer, so there is little doubt that he actually knew how many miles he had driven and a million miles doesn't sound like an exaggeration. Many collectors have him to thank for some of the choice examples in their collections which travelled many miles in brown sacks in banana boxes in Bill's van before they got to their next owner. Bill donated his body to scientific research, so there was no funeral or memorial.

Bill could always be counted on to draw a crowd as he unpacked his banana boxes of stretch glass for sale at our annual conventions and at the "mini-conventions" many of us held at our homes to provide opportunities for local collectors to gather 'round and purchase 'rare and unusual' stretch glass (after we had a friendly talk with our bankers, of course). While Bill was eccentric, to say the least – he lived on vitamins, raw milk and drank bottled water long before the rest of us ever dreamed of buying water – he was extremely knowledgeable when it came to iridescent glass. He might not have appeared as authoritative as some, but he knew iridescent glass as well as anyone and he knew when he found a rarity and often knew just who was looking for it!

Several members of The Stretch Glass Society (Cal Hackeman, Russell and Kitty Umbraco, Tom Burns and Dave Shetlar) visited Bill before and during the 2017 Stretch Glass Society Convention and had the opportunity to reminisce with Bill about stretch glass, his vitamin regimen and his travels. Collectors of iridescent stretch glass from across the US joined in paying tribute to him on the pages

of Hooked on Carnival's Fred Stone's Carnival and Tuesday Stretch Mailing List and various Facebook pages, sharing stories of how he had contributed to their collections and enriched their lives with his keen knowledge of glass and his ever present sense of humor. Visit www.hookedoncarnival.com to see the many tributes to a man who was often described as a "one of a kind."

Tom Burns, noted auctioneer, commented, "I knew that man for 45 years!!! I saw him last week while in Marietta for the Stretch Glass Society Convention (he wanted me to take him out of the nursing home and NOT bring him back). As we were talking, I asked him " Billy... who am I?"....he looked right at me and said " You're Tom Burns from Bath N.Y....you're an auctioneer and I've known you for years and years!" I had quite a smile on my face at that time...good ole Billy...I surely will miss that guy...."

Stretch Glass Society President, Cal Hackeman, recalled his first encounter with Bill like this, "I was at my first Stretch Glass Society Convention – Batavia, NY in 1990. I had purchased a small collection of stretch glass the previous year and decided to start collecting it. I went to the convention to learn about stretch glass and meet some others who collected it. When I arrived everyone was in a seminar in another room of the hotel and in the hotel ballroom I saw more stretch glass – more glass, period – than I had ever seen in one room at one time. In the middle of it all was Bill Crowl's sale tables loaded with stretch glass from punch bowls to nut cups. I didn't know where to start or what to buy, but I soon figured it out and came home with a lot more stretch glass, including a Florentine Green Punch bowl, which I still have today. That was the beginning of a 25+ year friendship with Bill that resulted in learning a great deal about stretch glass, purchasing many examples of stretch and other glass, and coming to admire and respect Bill for the many contributions he made to collecting and researching iridescent glass.

Bill has had a house in Parkersburg, WV for a number of years even though most of the time he was on the road buying and selling glass. The house was used more for storage than for living. Annually he would host members of The Stretch Glass Society at the house where we would gather around to see what treasures would come out of the brown sacks and banana boxes. Most were for sale and we would usually all leave with some new glass for our collections."

Brian Foster, host of Fred Stone's Carnival and Tuesday Stretch Mailing List had this to say about Bill, "it's time to say goodnight to a long-time friend that so many of us have memories with, of and about. Bill Crowl, alas, has gone to the great pizza eating contest in the sky, and he will most definitely be missed. For those of you who watched the wwwcga convention broadcasts, you may remember the time he sang gospel songs for our attendees and on the broadcast. There was also the time I interviewed him for a broadcast when he explained his complicated vitamin regimen. Or the time he was doing calisthenics outside Wroda's auction center at 3:00 in the morning after playing poker with Jim, Stacy Wills, Carl Chapman, others and me."

Pat Call, a long-time glass collector and dealer had this to say, "We were so saddened to learn that Bill Crowl is no longer with us. I have such fond memories of Bill whom we met in 1967 in Arlington, Va. He was a coin dealer in Washington, DC as well as a Carnival Glass collector at that time.

Our very first purchase from Bill was three items on a table at the foot of the stairs in his home. He never let on that he had more glass in another room in the basement. Over the years, as we came to know him, we bought a lot of beautiful carnival glass from Bill, and sold some items that we found to him. It was a mutually beneficial association, and we learned a lot from Bill.

I could tell many stories, but one that sticks out and makes me smile comes from a trip to Richmond, Va., where Bill was set up at a large show. Jim and I went in different directions to hunt for "treasures". He stopped by Bill's table and saw something of interest and Bill quoted him a price. Jim thought it was too high. A bit later, I came to Bill's table and inquired about the same item (not knowing of Jim's previous request) and Bill quoted a much lower price to me. Later, Jim said, "Bill, when I asked about that you said \$\$\$\$\$. How come you quoted her \$\$ after you told me \$\$\$\$?" Bill said, "I like her. I don't like you."

One day he came here, to our home in NH, as he often did when travelling this way. I had a "shop" in the basement and had Carnival Glass and many other things. This was right after we'd lost another friend and stretch glass collector and I was feeling pretty low. Bill started singing to me... "When You Wish Upon a Star"... I'll never forget that!

He truly was "one of a kind".

The tributes go on and on and on. Bill Crowl touched many people and was a friend to all of them.

We will all miss Bill, his stories, the rare and usual glass he found for us and his vast amount of knowledge about iridescent glass. RIP, our friend, you may be gone but you will not be forgotten.

From Cal Hackeman