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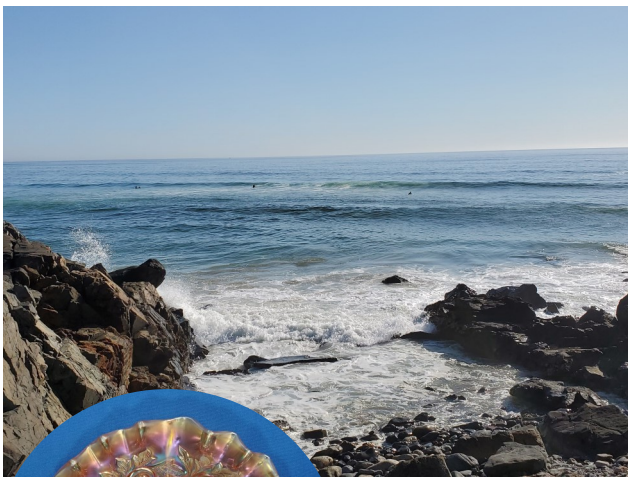
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Meeting Highlights... Look Inside For More !



Upcoming Club Meeting
Sunday, June 27th 10:00 a.m.

Williams Restaurant, 184 Pearson Blvd, Gardner MA

Hello NECGA members,

Spring has sprung and summer is on our doorstep. It's a wonderful season when winter is behind us, plants start to grow, colorful blooms, warmer fresh air and annual conventions and auctions are reborn. Many of the other Carnival Glass clubs have begun to have lightened versions of conventions and other activities. Even though many were cancelled, it was very fortunate that several of the auctioneers had online auctions allowing us to buy more glass. The wisteria outside the house is in bloom and produced a beautiful water pitcher.



In April, the club started its activities with the Spring Fling in Wells, Maine. We had a small gathering, however we had good fun and conversation. Saturday night we traveled a short distance from the hotel to dine at the Steakhouse to have wonderful seafood or steak meals. It was not disappointing. On Sunday we conducted a short meeting where we decided on future meeting dates and other business. Set your schedule for June 27th for the next meeting. Location will be Williams Restaurant, 184 Pearson Blvd, Gardner MA. Please take notice that all future meetings will start at 10:00am. This change will allow you to get home earlier in the day for personal matters.



Instead of watching the grass grow, Gary and I have been on the road attending a few auctions and events. We traveled out to Iowa to attend the HOACGA Lite Auction, the Keystone Convention in Pennsylvania and a large carnival glass auction in New York. We had been online for many auctions, however the pandemic bidding has been quite aggressive. Needless to say we were unsuccessful on many accounts. Good for the consignors and auctioneers —not so good for us.

The 2021 convention is looking good at this time. I have been in contact with the hotel management for progress reports on what we may be allowed to do. Of course everything can change, however we will plan to do the most that is possible. It will be here before we know it. Jim Wroda has a spectacular auction lined up for us this year and we have banquet and seminar presenters. The banquet presenters are such wonderful people and I know that you will enjoy their talk and glass. Here's a hint – Millersburg.

Last October, Gary and I travelled to Cambridge, Ohio to attend an auction. While there we took a ride to the Mosser Glass Store and Factory. We were able to go into the store and shop around, however we didn't have time to take a tour. The next time I would like to. Here are some photos outside of the building.



On a separate note, if you paid for dues in 2020 you do not need to pay in 2021.

I hope that you will be able to join the June meeting. If not, please plan on the convention.

Best regards,

Steve

From: Sunday, April 11th meeting.

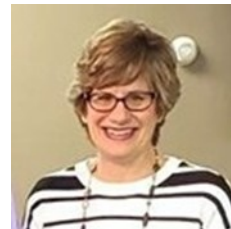
Present at the meeting: Kris & Don, Gary & Steve, Paul & Yvette, and Chase. Show & Tell took place at 10:00 a.m. and the meeting began at 10:25 a.m.

Old Business:

- ◆ Last Club Meeting Minutes/Report from August 20, 2020. Gary made a motion, seconded by Paul. All were in favor.
- ◆ Treasury Report: Paul made a motion to accept the report and it was seconded by Don. All were in favor.

New Business:

- ◆ First order of business brought to the meeting was the remaining club meeting dates for the rest of 2021. To date, we do not have a meeting location due to COVID. It was mentioned that Dave Noyes had a location in mind and now that both him and Sue are returning to Massachusetts, he may be able to find out if the American Legion is available. Dates: June 27, August 8, October 17 and December 5th. Paul made a motion and Gary seconded. All were in approval of the meeting 2021 dates. It was suggested that due to COVID, many places will not allow food to be brought in. That being said, we talked about moving our meeting time earlier to 10:00 a.m. Everyone thought that was a good idea.
- ◆ Convention: Steve has talked to Joanne at the hotel. Our scheduled events are still up in the air due to hotel regulations, but the convention will happen. Steve let us know that Randy and Bo Jones will be our banquet speakers and the talk will be on "Millersburg" glass. The Wroda Family will conduct a contemporary auction on Thursday night and regular auction on Saturday. The pizza night/banquet are all TO BE DETERMINED.
- ◆ Board of Directors election: The results of our board of directors' election and newly appointed for two years: Chase Marquis, Dave Noyes, Norm Spicher.
- ◆ Secretary/Bulletin Editor: Due to Kristine Dorais resigning as bulletin editor, the bi-laws needed to be revised. Please see the attached revision, Article 10 with regard to the Secretary and Bulletin Editor's positions.
- ◆ NECGA Bulletin: Currently, no one has volunteered to be our bulletin editor, so Steve/Gary will "email" a copy to our members. Due to some members having paid for a "mailed" bulletin, Kris Dorais has volunteered to continue mailing them until their membership has expired. Charter members will continue to have their bulletin mailed. This motion was made by Gary Sullivan and seconded by Paul Berube.

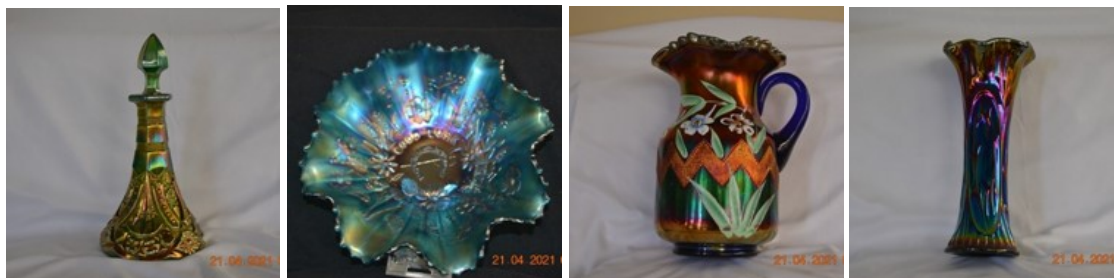


Important Information

The next club meeting on June 27th will take place at Williams Restaurant, 184 Pearson Blvd, Gardner MA at **10:00 AM**. There will be no food or beverage supplied at the meeting. After the meeting ends, for those interested and hungry, we can dine at the restaurant for lunch.

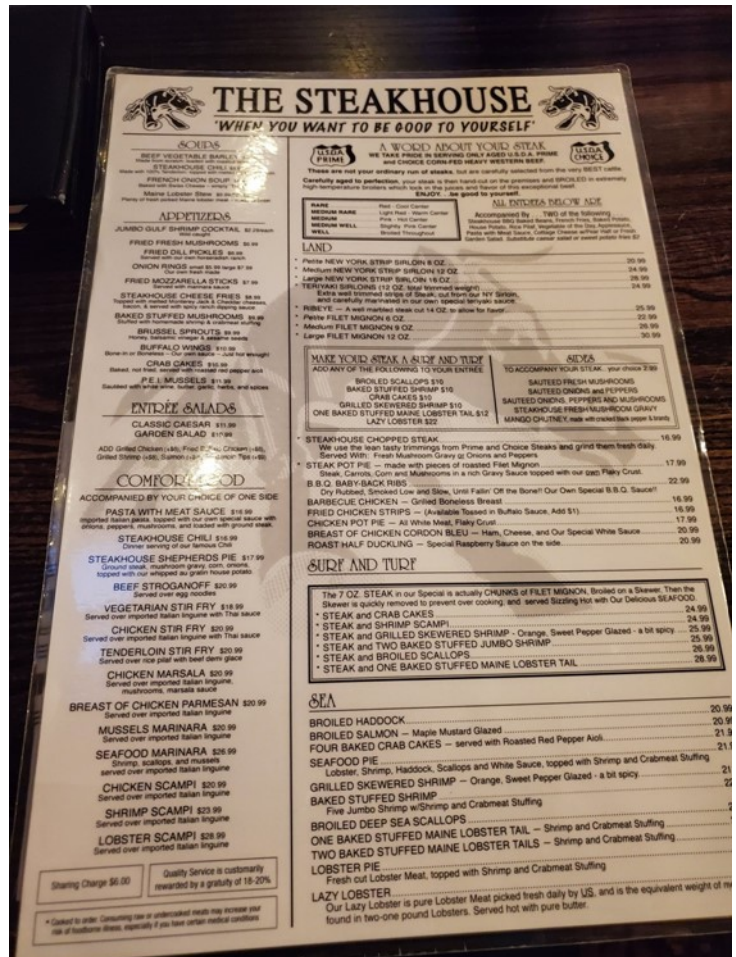
Our last live onsite auction was a Jim Wroda auction in Greenville, Ohio in early March 2020 which we drove to from our winter place in Florida just as this pandemic was beginning to rear its ugly head. On our way home we stopped for breakfast on Sunday morning at a Denny's restaurant in northern Georgia. Upon being seated, we noted there were no placemats, no condiments or menus, a totally blank table. The pandemic was really here and Denny's had removed everything from tables, we had to order the number of creamers and sugar packets we wanted for our coffees!!!! Our plan had been to spend one more night on the road and return home Monday. Based on what we were seeing, we decided another night in a hotel was NOT in order and we decided to make the long trek to Florida that day, arriving home near midnight. I don't think we need to tell anyone what the next 13 months have been like!! No conventions, few live auctions, minimal travel, only needed trips for necessary shopping while wearing masks and practicing social distancing to remain safe and healthy. Here in Florida in early 2021 the governor prioritized us over 65 elderly folks first access to vaccine after healthcare workers, first responders and essential workers. Sue and I completed our 2 shot vaccinations here in early February. There was a feeling of relief after we were vaccinated, still careful, still practicing proper protocols, but feeling like some level of normalcy might return. We visited a couple of local antique shops in our search for glass, finding little. To that point, the only access to glass had been through the computer via eBay or Wroda, Burns, Seck or Sheffield online auctions. I think it was early March when I had a conversation with Scott Sheffield and learned that he was having a carnival glass live auction in Indianapolis on April 17th. After looking at the glass on line and feeling a bit safer in this brave new world, I suggested to Sue that we make the trip to that auction. HOACGA had been cancelled for 2021, and our plan had been to go to that convention and return to New England for the summer. Sue agreed we should go to Indianapolis and we began to make plans to attend our first live auction in 13 months!!!!!! We went via Atlanta to visit her brother overnight Thursday, then the 9 hour drive from there to Indianapolis on Friday. It was so refreshing to arrive, check in to the hotel and see some carnival glass folks already there. Preview was Friday night, so exciting to once again see, feel, inspect and hold glass before deciding how much we would be willing to pay for a piece, unlike bidding online and not knowing whether we would like the item when it arrived. Getting to hold, (not to buy) and take pictures of an aqua opal Grape & Cable hatpin holder was wonderful as was spending time talking to carnival glass friends for the first time in 13 months!! The auction was Saturday, a stellar collection of 405 pieces of glass put together by Scott & Suzanne. The bidding was active, the room kind of buzzing while remaining socially distant. We came away with several pieces of glass and I'll enclose a couple pictures here. It was just a great time as I am sure most people would agree. There were over 20 people in the auction room and many more online. We then made the 950 mile trip back to Florida, arriving Sunday evening after spending Saturday night in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Next up was our trip back to New England after spending the winter in Florida. We actually stopped at a Burn's auction in Hagerstown, MD on Saturday 5/2 and once again saw some folks we had not seen in quite some time. Next up is Keystone Convention in mid-May for which we have reservations. Are we slowly approaching some semblance of normalcy?? So rewarding and satisfying to finally see and talk to folks who enjoy the same hobby/addiction that we do!! See you all on the convention circuit in 2021!!





Dinner was at The Steakhouse on Saturday night. Emile made the reservation but they called out "Emilio". We knew this was us so we went in and were escorted to our seats. Maine supposedly has occupancy at 75% but we couldn't figure how anyone else could fit into the restaurant. The Steakhouse is only open from 4pm to 8pm but when open it is a wild scene.



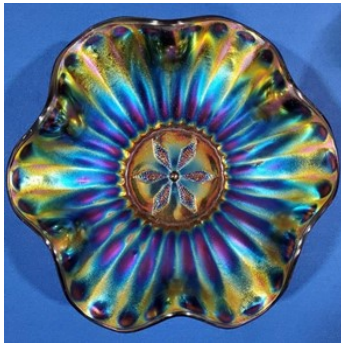
Pictured are Chase, Steve, Gary, Paul, Yvette, Robin and Emile. We had French Onion soup, salads, bread and then for entrees there were ribs, fillets, surf and turf and a lot of steaks. We had to pass on dessert as we were all stuffed.

Like the sign said at the door "When you want to be good to yourself" and were we ever good to ourselves. After dinner we headed back to the Hampton Inn where we had the meeting room set aside for us. And yes, Carnival glass came out!!

Sunday April 11th - Theme S and T and New Finds



Chase is holding a State House of Indiana plate by Fenton. This piece is rare and currently only found in 7 1/2 to 8 inch plates and only in blue or marigold. We all agreed this was pumpkin. Gary is holding a Millersburg large bowl called Seaweed which comes in plates and three sizes of bowls.



For the S and T theme are; Dugan's Stippled Flower in a rare purple, various shapes in Fenton's Tulip and Cane, a Seacoast pin tray by Millersburg and Six Petals in purple by Dugan.



Some new finds include an Imperial Heavy Grape 8 inch plate in a beautiful pastel marigold, a Millersburg Nesting Swan in green with blue iridescence, a squatty Northwood Fine Rib in marigold and an advertising piece by Millersburg - "Campbell + Beesley Spring Opening 1911".

A Walk Along the Marginal Way in Ogunquit Maine on Saturday Morning



Imperial's Freefold vase is an interesting pattern in that the exterior of these vases have no pattern. The name of the vase comes from the various shapes of the ruffled tops that the workers at the Imperial factory gave these pieces. There are actually two separate moulds used to make the Freefold vases. One has a 2 7/8 inch base with a 12 point star in the base while the other has a 3 1/4 inch base with a 16 point star. Heights vary depending on the amount the vase was swung and can range from 4 to 14 inches. The two vases on the left



have a 16 point star base and the two vases on the right have a 12 point star base.

The inside of these vases do have a pattern. Twenty-four vertical ribs encircle the insides of these vases. The ribs are sets of two wider ribs and sets of two slimmer ribs alternating around. Each rib has an arched top and bottom. While these ribs can be easily seen in vases that are not swung, the ribs are distorted and often not easily seen in the taller vases. All four of these vases have 18 points along the top rim.

Freefold vases typically have wonderful iridescence.

The vases in the photo above are purple, clambroth, smoke and marigold. Other colors found include lavender, helios, white and pastel marigold. The heights of the pictured vases are 11 3/4 inches, 7 1/2 inches, 11 1/4 inches and 4 1/4 inches from left to right. The shorter marigold vase is often sold as a handkerchief vase and often attributed to Fenton, but it is an Imperial Freefold vase.



The photos to the left and right show the bases of the two distinct moulds used to make the Freefold vases. To the left is a 16 point star on a 3 1/4 inch base and to the right is a 12 point star on a 2 7/8 inch base.



2021 Carnival Glass Conventions and Auctions

Please check with any club or auctioneer website prior to making definite travel plans

- July 7-10 **International Carnival Glass Association**; Jim Seeck Auctions; Essenhaus Inn & Conference Center, 240 Hwy 20 Middlebury, IN 46540 Reservations: (800) 455-9471 www.internationalcarnivalglass.com
- July 15-17 **Stretch Glass Society**; Burns Auction Services – Southgate Hotel, Cambridge, OH. www.stretchglassociety.org
- August 11-14 **Lincoln Land Carnival Glass Club**—Embassy Suites, Brookfield, WI www.llcgc.org
- September 9-11 **New England Carnival Glass Association**; Jim Wroda Auctioneer; DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel 99 Erdman Way, Leominster, MA; Reservations: 978-534-9000; www.necga.com www.matthewwrodaauctions.com
- October 6-9 **Air Capital Carnival Glass Club**; Seeck on-line auction; Best Western Wichita North Hotel and Suites 915 East 53rd St N, Wichita, KS 67219 Reservations call: Wichita Toll-Free: (800) 528-1234 or (316) 832-9387, www.aircapitalcarnivalglass.com
- October 8-9 **Millersburg Glass Association** Fall Gathering, Matthew Wroda Auctions, Harvest Ridge- Millersburg Faigrounds 8880 ST RT 39 W Millersburg Ohio 44654 www.millersburgglass.com
- October 15-17 **Mid-Atlantic Carnival Glass Club**; Burns Auction Services – Ramada Plaza Hotel, 1718 Underpass Way (Exit 5A, I-81), Hagerstown MD. Reservations: (301) 797-2500 www.tomburnsauctions.com
- October 27-30 **Great Lakes Carnival Glass Club**; Matthew Wroda Auctions; Lansing Ramada Convention Center, 7501 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing, MI. Reservations: (517) 627-3211. www.greatlakescgc.com.



July 15, 16 & 17, 2021 Thursday-Friday-Saturday

SGS will continue the time-honored tradition of presenting a spectacular Convention Display of stretch glass made possible by many of you bringing items from your personal collections. This year's presentation of US Glass, lines 151 and 179, is being coordinated by Dave and Renee Shetlar and promises to be both astonishing and educational. New this year will be an off-site visit to the National Museum of Cambridge Glass. Thanks to our generous sponsors, your admission to the museum will be free.

The banquet will feature a buffet with prime rib and roast turkey prepared by Theo's Restaurant Caterers. Our banquet speaker, – Larry Everett, VP of Education on the Cambridge Board, will share stories about Cambridge Glass. Immediately after his talk, Tom & Debra Burns will conduct a "White Elephant Sale" featuring the items we donate to benefit the 2021 Convention. There is more information on this sale on the reverse side.

SGS ends the convention with a tasty catered brunch on Saturday morning, followed by the annual business meeting and election of officers. Later in the afternoon, Tom and Debra will bring us a fabulous stretch glass auction, which promises to have some beautiful pieces of glass for you to take home!

SGS has 3 fun-filled days planned for you. Of course, there will be time for 'room-hopping', visits to local antique malls and catching up with, as well as making new, friends. After our virtual convention last year, it will be wonderful to see each other! Throughout the convention we will do our best to help you learn about stretch glass and have a good time. Remember to book your hotel room ASAP by calling **(740) 432-7313**. Please tell them you are with The Stretch Glass Society to get our convention rate of \$65 plus tax, and request a first floor room if needed, as they don't have an elevator. We look forward to greeting you in Cambridge, OH on July 15, 2021 for a few days of s-t-r-e-t-c-h-i-n-g o-u-t!

You can register online at www.stretchglassociety.org or contact Vickie Rowe (pvrnurse@gmail.com) and put SGS convention in the subject line.