



**Dear SGS Member,**

The 2026 Convention is rapidly approaching, and the convention team hopes to see you in **Denver, PA, August 6-8th for our 52<sup>nd</sup> convention.**

**This year's theme: "MY LIFE WITH STRETCH GLASS."**

Throughout the convention we want to ensure you experience a welcoming environment allowing you to learn about stretch glass, share your personal knowledge, and gather with friends new and old. Everyone is encouraged to bring some stretch glass to share!

We've listened to your feedback and have made some changes to the schedule:

- Saturday afternoon auction
- Lighter lunches
- A stretch glass trivia contest with prizes instead of a banquet speaker
- For those who want it, more afternoon free time.
  - Many of you may want to use your afternoons to take advantage of the local antique shops and malls.
  - Others may want to explore this beautiful area of Pennsylvania. Cal and Jeff have created a list of local attractions and activities that might inspire you!
- For those who just want more talk about stretch glass, Dave Shetlar is there for you! He will deliver his "Stretch Glass 101" presentation, hold a plate identification workshop, and play his videos showing how stretch glass was made by Fenton and Mosser.

Following our longstanding tradition:

- Tables are available for members to create individual displays with the theme of "MY LIFE WITH STRETCH GLASS." A 5' round table and white tablecloth will be provided for your display. Please keep in mind, most of the glass on your table should be stretch glass.
- For some of us, the idea of creating a full individual display table is a little overwhelming. So, there will be a table or two reserved for small groupings (three or four pieces).
- Everyone gets a chance to present their display and talk about their glass in the individual table show-and-tell session.

If you don't want to do a display, you are invited to bring glass for our Favorite, New, Unusual Or Rare Items Panel Discussion:

- Don't be intimidated by the rare or unusual designation...bring what you love!
- Be sure to label your pieces since they will be part of a group display.

We have heard a lot about the **Bill Crowl Memorial Collection**, but most of us don't have any idea what pieces make up this collection. Now we will know! Everyone gets a chance to see the collection since it will be our club display this year.

In addition, we will have an opportunity to learn about another type of beautiful iridescent glass with a presentation on Steuben.

Saturday afternoon brings the auction:

- Burns Auction Service will present 300-350 lots containing items of interest for beginners to advanced collectors.
- This auction is open to everyone and will also be available for online bidding.

Remember to book your hotel room at:

- **The Comfort Inn Lancaster County North, before July 5, by calling (717) 336-7541.** Please tell them you are with The Stretch Glass Society to get the reduced rate of \$102/night plus tax.

**We look forward to greeting you in Denver, PA on August 6 (August 5 for early birds!)  
for a few days of S-T-R-E-T-C-H-I-N-G O-U-T!**

Your convention team,

***Deb Brateng Director Conventions, Cal Hackeman, Joan & Pat Halliburton,  
Bob Henkel, Tom Nelson, Dave Shetlar, and Gary Waugh***

