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## President's Message

Dear Members,

Why is Summer so short and Winter so long? I had such great expectations for doing many things this Summer, but only a few were completed.

Our oldest daughter announced in May that she and her fiancée wanted to be married in October. That pretty much set the pattern for how I would spend my time (and\$'s) for the next few months. After October 5th my time will again be my own.

I did find a few pieces of Stretch, however. The best of which is a Persian Pearl Pitcher to the Fenton #200 two-piece guest set. Now I need the tumbler.

By the time this newsletter is placed in your mailbox, we will all be thinking about preparations for the busy holidays. May you all enjoy Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years in good health, with family and friends nearby.

Berry called recently to tell me that 1992 convention plans are well on their way. Remember, it will be held in Denver, PA., the site of the first SGS convention.

Sincerely,

JOANNE

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From the Editor's Desk:

It would appear that both President Joanne and I have had an unusual Summer. If you feel the Newsletter is reaching you later than usual I ask to please be forgiven as I feel when you hear my reason I shall be excused!

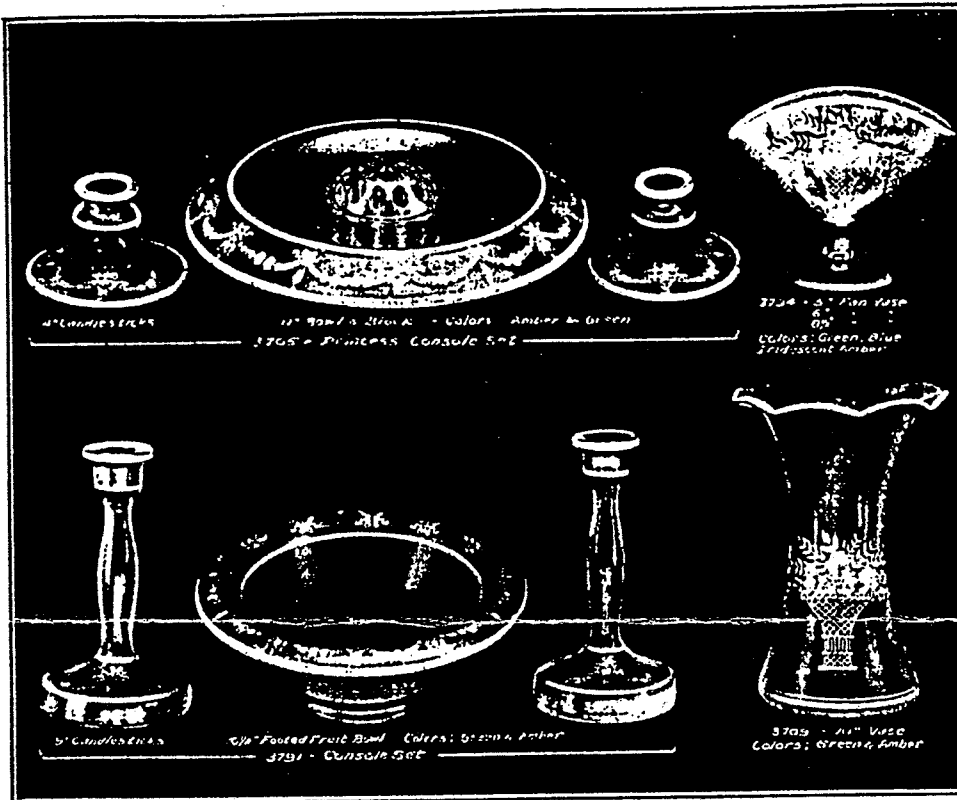
Wesley and I were very blessed and fortunate to be able to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary the middle of Sept. We had a lovely open-house reception at Rawiga Country Club, near Wadsworth, which was attended by many relatives and friends. One of the highlights was that a couple came from England (3rd cousins of Wes). They were here two years ago and upon learning this would be our 50th anniversary year, they immediately said they'd return for this celebration and that they did and were our guests for one month. A few days after our party the 4 of us flew to Simi Valley, CA. to visit Wesley's brother, Burton, and wife who by the way, had also been in Wadsworth for our anniversary. The English folks had never been to CA so we spent 2 weeks traveling in Burton and Anne's motor home which was just great for the 6 of us. We stopped at motels at night since all had quite a bit of luggage along, being on the road that length of time. Burtons surely showed us lots of countryside, mountains, Yosemite, Las Vegas, Disneyland and I think everything which that area of CA embraces. Needless to say when we returned to Wadsworth we were somewhat bushed, I think the English folks especially as they are much more laid back than we are and not on the go as much as we are used to, but they certainly went along with all plans and thoroughly enjoyed it as they wanted to see as much as time would allow.

After returning to our house in Wadsworth, they were here 4 days and then back to England, leaving with many wonderful memories for all of us. SOooo that carried me up to almost the middle of Oct.!

Now back to work. I had begun to think I'd not have many news items this month and suddenly I received various correspondence to be used which I'm grateful for. Keep up the good work and I would rather imagine the Jan. newsletter could be a little "slim", afraid that after the holidays everyone might not think of sending anything in, so don't forget any item you may think will be of interest to all of us.

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Berry Wiggins sent the attached copy of "The Jewelers' Circular" and mentions that the Fan Vase, top right is the one on the back of our newsletters and sketched by Rose Presznick. Mr. Fenton said they sold glass to National Silver Deposit Ware Company.

Berry also sent information regarding the 1992 convention in Denver, PA., which will be Thursday April 31 and Friday May 1, breaking up Sat. A.M. However, if anyone chooses to stay Sat. night they must request this of the motel when making their reservations due to it being a busy season. He states there are many flea markets and antique malls in the area. Full details will be given in the Jan. 1992 Newsletter but this gives you the dates. Berry will be the speaker and his talk will be on Bases-black and colored, and also on Stretch Glass. There will be a question and answer period and he asks that people could perhaps send questions in advance to him or to me, Mildred Bicksler, and I will forward them to him.



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(Berry - Cont.)

This would enable him to be better prepared with answers to questions you might have. I note Berry has a change of address which is as follows: Berry Wiggins, 6054 Burr Hill Rd., Rhoadesville, VA 22542.

Also, have received a change of address for Bill Crowl which follows: Bill Crowl, 1500 Avery St., Parkersburg, W.VA. 26104. Phone: 304-422-5042.

You will probably want to correct these two addresses on your membership list.

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Joanne Dolby writes that she had hoped to contribute more for the newsletters but that there doesn't seem to be much Stretch Glass around to write about and she asks the question "Do you suppose we are all hoarding these pieces". However, I will say Joanne has done very well in sending in items to be used. I quote from one letter received from her in September:

"We saw Joe Mattis at a Springfield Show but it was the last day and he had already packed his Stretch Glass. It was a big show but we only saw lidded candy jars in Stretch. Later at Tecumseh, MI, there's a big antique store and we bought two matching white Stretch candlesticks. I do like the plainness of these low candlesticks as they look like the satiny finish of Verre de Soie. There was also a gold set exactly like the white ones but I chose the white. The price was nominal within reason. Another time we went to an Estate sale and there found a beauty. It was among lots of other beauties, all expensive Art Glass, so I figured the collector knew this piece was also worth something. This 11" plate, almost a bowl, was the deepest green I ever saw in Stretch Glass and the narrow foot was blue aurene. They came down on the price for me, thank goodness, as the original price tag was pretty high. Now I can't wait to show it to our other Stretch Glass collectors.

There is a new antique shop in Findlay-Jeffry's or Jefferies. It's a big place but the only Stretch I found was on a buffet with a huge price on it. If I remember correctly they were the same low candlesticks I just bought plus a round bowl between them. So, as I started this letter, there doesn't seem to be much Stretch Glass around to purchase."

Another from Joanne written in October:

"Yesterday a lady came by with some unique Stretch Glass plates. They were blue opalescent, 8 inches, but where a pontil would be, it had a round piece extended out (like a 50 cent piece laid on the bottom of the plate). Have you ever seen any of these? Very pretty. The price was \$50.00 for the four".

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Now my question is could these be an imported reproduction as we have a red piece (hat shape I'll say) with about a 25¢ flat mark on the bottom and we were told it's from Germany.

Mildred Bicksler

(Letter from Umbracos in CA)

Oct. 7, 1991

Hi Mildred,

Time passes by just too quickly. Hope that you are ready for the holiday season. In the San Francisco area, we are just now getting our 'summer' weather.

In August we traveled across the county to the Fenton Art Glass Club where we spoke on Stretch Glass. It was a wonderful experience and we so enjoyed ourselves. Couldn't believe the number of stretch glass collectors who haven't heard about the Stretch Glass Society. Did find that a number had seen the ads in the Antique Trader and were procrastinating about writing. Do hope that they have written by now. It was great renewing a lot of old friendships.

Must say that Bill Crowl is one to promote the SGS-keep it up Bill. Also must thank Bill for a wonderful birthday present. A celest blue Diamond basket like is pictured in Berry Wiggins book. Ever since Berry's book came out, I've wanted one and this is the first I've seen. Bill and Berry have said that there are two or three in mint green. We correspond with Berry Wiggins regularly, but it is always better in person. Can't wait till the new book on Diamond comes out that Berry is co-author. Also the second Northwood book. Both books will help stretch glass collectors tremendously.

Talking about helping stretch glass collectors, Frank and Bill Fenton are at the top of the list. We are so lucky to have such knowledgeable people willing to take the time to help with every question. The Fenton Museum is wonderful and just loaded with stretch glass both common and rare pieces for everyone to enjoy. It was very refreshing in today's world to see the whole Fenton family (several generations) working together at the Fenton Glass Company. On the trip we visited the sites of the Imperial and Tostoria factories. It was sad to see them both closed. Glad that the Fenton Company is owned and operated by the family.

After stopping at hundreds of antique shops, not that much stretch glass was to be found. One notable piece is a white octagonal Laurel Leaf plate with an acid etched Steuben mark on the base. Several of us have been doing research on it and what is found we'll let you know. Frank Fenton said that all he could find is the round pieces of Laurel Leaf that Fenton made such as the mayonnaise, cheese and cracker set, and he said round plates. So far no one has heard of round Laurel Leaf plates except for the cracker plate with the embossed ring in the center. Do any SGS members have any round Laurel Leaf plates?

The best glass at the best prices can be found at the conventions. Plus at the conventions you meet wonderful people. Just wish we had more vacation time so we could visit every collector and attend all of the convention across the US.  
Happy stretch glass hunting, *Russell & Kitty Umbracos*

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SOME  
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SOME  
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(Good  
Color)

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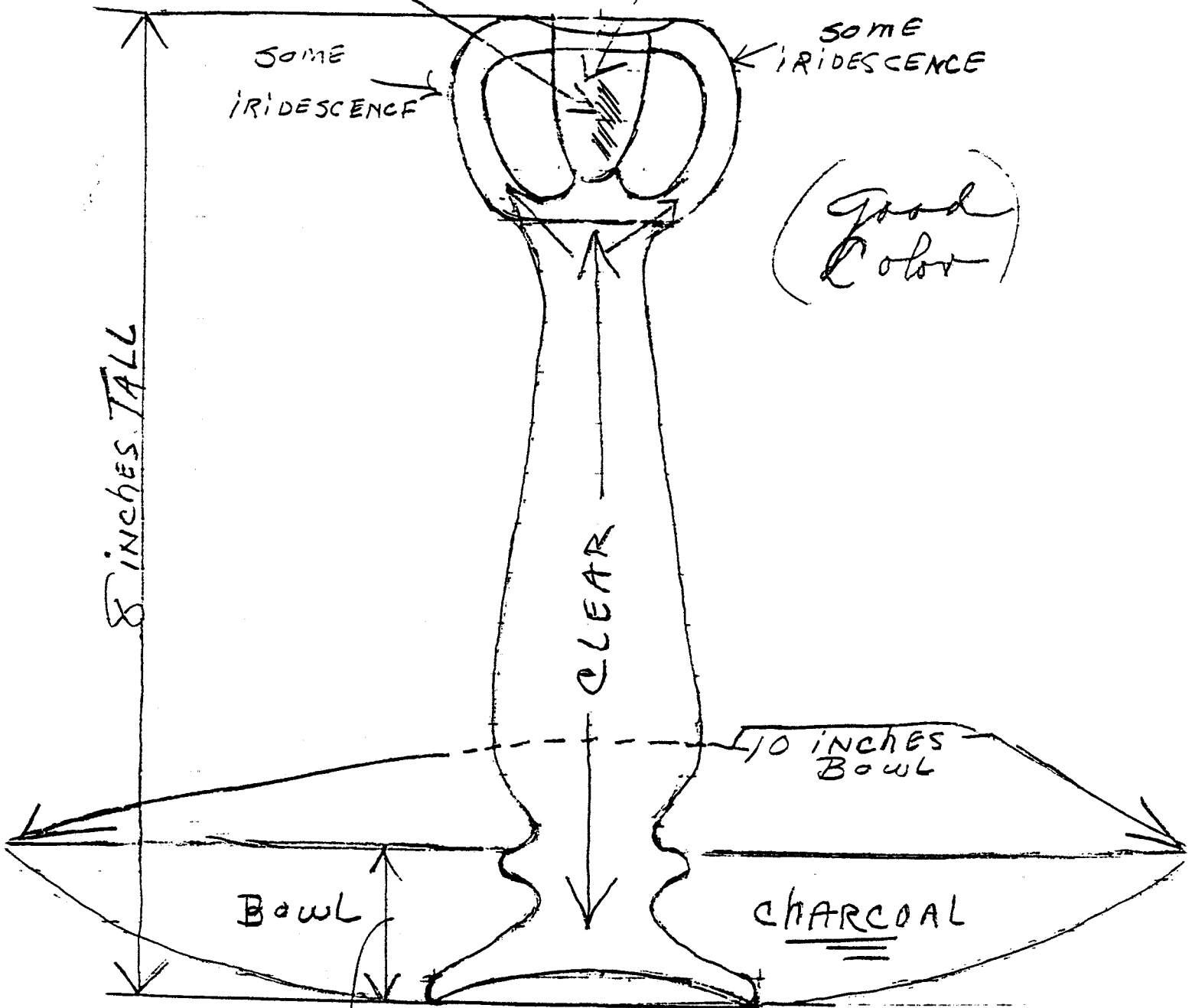
1 1/2 inches  
Bowl

Bowl

CHARCOAL

1 3/4 inches  
DEEP

FOUND BY  
HELEN STOZUS  
IN 1991



On the previous page is a drawing received from Helen Stozus which she indicated was a rare find in Stretch Glass and which she and Martin found in Conn. They made this drawing for the newsletter and wanted to share it with all of us. I hope it is clear enough, the printer did his best.

I want to tell you that since receiving this drawing I learned Helen has been hospitalized ever since Oct. 4th, her illness started with pneumonia and then she developed complications so has been in intensive care. I phoned Martin for the last minute information about Helen's condition before writing this, and she was still in intensive care. Also, Mary Henry had surgery earlier this month, is home now recuperating and I have talked with her on the phone and she says the Dr. feels she's coming along ok. Mary and Helen are two long-standing members of SGS and faithful in attending conventions. They have added so very much to our knowledge of Stretch Glass and Mary has made arrangements for many conventions that were held in Indiana, PA. I am sure they have our prayers and we sincerely wish them a speedy return to health.

And now as there will not be another newsletter until Jan. 1992, Wes and I want to wish each and every one of you Very Happy Holidays from Thanksgiving right through Christmas and New Years, good health and good luck in antiquing.

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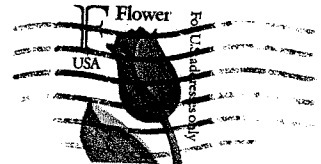
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