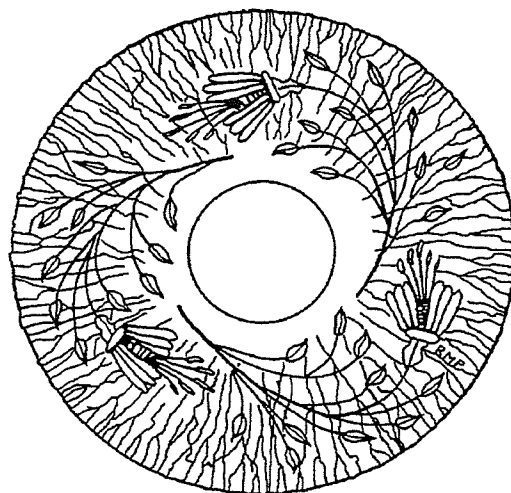


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STRETCH GLASS SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

JULY, 1999

(CO-) PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE



Dear Members: What do you mean it's JULY! It can't be! We just left Marietta! Oh my gosh, we haven't even gotten all the pictures back and here we are mid-summer already! To say that we enjoyed ourselves this year is an understatement. Would you believe that we nearly forgot how much work it was? Many new members and some longtime members, who we had never met, were there and we enjoyed getting acquainted with them all! Though this was the SGS's 25th year as a club, Bill Crowl pointed out that it was actually the 26th convention (for those who know Bill, you know he's good with numbers!). Thanks, Bill, for setting us straight!

We tried a couple of new things at convention too--the "live" Whimsey Auction and the Whimsey Raffle. Both proved to be very rewarding for the Society as well as the participants. Congratulations to **all the winners!** Look for the names of the lucky ones elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Welcome and congratulations to our new Board of Directors member--**Helen Jones of Manassas, Virginia**--and returning Director--**Joanne Rodgers!** Their new terms include an assignment change which will allow Joanne a "change of scenery," if you will. Joanne will be handling the responsibilities of Conventions/Shows and Helen will be taking charge of Joanne's former duties in the Advertising/Promotions area. Both say they look forward to their new duties and hope to hear from plenty of you with suggestions and offers of volunteering!

Joanne has jumped right in by offering to identify a new Ohio location for the 2001 convention. Her search will concentrate in the east/central portion of the state. Those members living in this region might want to be prepared for her call-to-help on the Convention Committee.

Helen, too, has been busy. She has already started designing a pamphlet/brochure for the use of SGS members. Helen, and husband Bob, are some of our busy collector/dealers who found a need for a customer handout that would provide information about stretch glass and about the SGS as well. Hopefully, the new brochure will "tease" those collectors enough that they will want to learn more about stretch by joining the Society (not to mention, meeting all of us friendly folks)!

Bob Jones, obviously not wanting to be left out <☺> has taken on the task of serving as the Web Master for the Society's new Internet web page. A "rough draft" version was premiered at this year's convention. While Bob (with Helen's input) still has the site under construction, those of you having on-line access will be pleased to learn that he has many fun and useful things planned. Look for status reports in future newsletters.

Progress has also been made in the creation of a slide presentation for the Society. John Madeley and Dave were invited to deliver two talks during the '99 National Imperial Glass Collectors Society Convention. The first was at the banquet and included most of the elements that will eventually result in the SGS presentation. Naturally, the emphasis of the slides used here was Imperial stretch, but anyone using the SGS slides would build it around their own stretch collection. To illustrate the content of the slides, they will need to use examples from their own collection. A "script" will accompany the slides providing the necessary technical information. These materials, when completed, will be made available for loan to any member interested in making a presentation about stretch glass.

Here are a few of the stretch pieces that we were able to buy at the convention: a large Imperial, barrel-shape

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vase in Pearl Ruby; a Fenton, diamond-optic cup in Celeste Blue; Fenton cigarette holder in Velva Rose; a U.S. Glass Pamona comport in the yellow and blue enamel stencil decoration; a large Imperial Pearl Ruby plate and a punch bowl size Imperial, wide panel bowl in Green Ice. WOW! Don't you wish you had been there?

On May 21st and 22nd Tom Burns and Company were in Columbus with a slew of Imperial Free Hand and some choice Fenton stretch pieces. It was such an enticing auction, in fact, that half of the SGS membership showed up! Phil and Nancy Wain had called us a few days earlier to let us know that they were going. We decided to go only for the Saturday session (the "stretch day"). Not only were the Wains in attendance, but so were Bill Crowl, Nelson Heintzman, Gary Senkar, Pam and Jim Steinbach, Russell Umbraco and Doug and Johanna Williams... just like old home week! But the really surprising part of it all was the fast and furious bidding that took place on the stretch pieces. After the smoke had cleared, some of the highest prices ever for stretch had been bid. A twin-dolphin, square comport in Aquamarine went for \$120, a 10" twin-dolphin, ruffled, footed bowl in Aquamarine for \$300 and a #568 candy jar in Florentine Green sold for \$150. The top sellers, however, were the dolphin-stemmed nut cup (Burns called it a "master salt") in Celeste Blue at **\$2,600**, a Celeste Blue dolphin-center-handled butterball tray ("tidbit") at **\$1,300**, and another dolphin-center-handled butterball in Velva Rose for **\$1,000**. Our eyes were bugged out so far that it took the rest of the day to recover! <@>

Then we were off to St. Clairsville, Ohio for the N.I.G.C.S. Convention. What a treat! Thanks to Paul and Judy Douglas and Paul and Suzanne Weimer for being so kind and making us feel at home...they couldn't have been better hosts! The talks seemed to be well received by everyone, even by the *Candlewick* folks! We bought a couple of great pieces of Imperial, but Renée hit the jackpot with her Imperial Reeded/Spun. She practically bought every piece she saw! Especially fun for us was the opportunity to talk with other glass book authors....Margaret and Douglas Archer, Myrna and Bob Garrison (reeded), and Richard and Wilma Ross.

Toward the end of June we were off to Florida to babysit. Boy, we're getting OLD! Lucky for us we took the grandkids to daycare every couple of days to give us a rest. Didn't see much stretch this trip, but that was okay. One of our good friends (WWW CGA--the on-line carnival club) had gotten us a pair of Imperial #6009 candlesticks in Green Ice just like those pictured in *the book*. Nice to have "pickers" in different parts of the country!

Then before we knew it, the 4th of July was upon us. We spent the holiday with family in Kernersville, North Carolina. Renée was the devoted relative and stayed around their swimming pool and played "lounge-lizard", Dave was the driven one. He wasn't about to let all those antique malls in the area go unvisited! The first day, he found a nice little Fenton Wisteria salver and a reeded salad set for me. The second day, he searched most of the day and found nothing until the very end of the day. As he returned to Kernersville he recalled that there was supposed to be a new antique mall in town. Wouldn't you know it, he found a U.S. Glass #151 candlestick in **Pearl Blue!** Yes, the trip was well worth putting up with relatives!

Sometime in August, we're planning to make a trip to Texas to see more family. We love making this cross-country trek because we get to stop at fellow SGS members' places to say hello and look at their glass! By the time we get back home, it'll be nearly time to get the October Newsletter started!

Now, some final announcements: the SGS Y2K Convention will be returning to the Lafayette Hotel in Marietta, Ohio on **May 4, 5 and 6**. A variety of special activities are planned including a **Banquet Cruise** aboard the Valley Gem sternwheeler (this IS a riverboat town, after all) and a **Trolley Tour with Picnic**. Might not hurt to mark your calendars now! We'll have complete information for you in the October Newsletter.

All SGS Officers will be stepping down in 2000, as will three of the Directors. Currently we have nominees for all seats **EXCEPT PRESIDENT**. If any of you are interested in learning more about the duties of this office, please contact any of the current Officers or Directors. If we do not get any inquiries, we'll be calling **YOU!**



Lastly, plans have begun on the 2001 Convention at an Ohio location and discussions are underway regarding the 2002 Convention. Rumor has it that the Northwood Company will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary in Wheeling, West Virginia and we are discussing the possibility of the SGS Convention being held at Oglebay Park. We happened to meet the Director of the Oglebay Museum at the Imperial Convention. The Museum houses many of the Northwood artifacts.

Renée and Dave Shetlar

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| DUES: Twenty-two dollars (\$22) annually for each family – payable to the Treasurer on April 1st | | | |



Diamond

Cobalt Blue, Wide, Flared, Cupped
Bowl

Cobalt Blue, Candlesticks

Fenton

Velva Rose #1504A Wide, Cupped,
Three-Dolphin Bowl

Velva Rose #1623 Twin-Dolphin
Candlesticks

Please Note The Base

Imperial

Green Ice (Blue-Green) Flared,
Optic 12-Paneled Bowl

Green Ice (Blue-Green) #6009
Candlesticks

Northwood

Ivory (Custard) #663, Flared With
Optic Rays Bowl

Ivory (Custard) #657, 6-Sided
Candlesticks

Lancaster

Iris Ice (Crystal) Flared, Bowl With
Blue Flower Decoration

Iris Ice (Crystal) Candlesticks
With Blue Flower Decoration

US Glass

Blue, Flared, 6 Sets Optic Rays And
Points Bowl

Blue, #310 Candlesticks

Central

Green, Flared, Rolled Rim Bowl

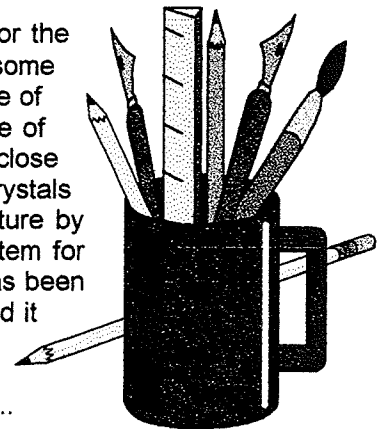
Green, Candlesticks

Vineland

Green, Flared, Crimped Bowl

Green, Candlesticks - Rare Shape

Hello to All, This Newsletter is reaching you later than usual and I apologize for the delay...lots of changes and new responsibilities. We have been experiencing some major "hot days", as well as the rest of the country and I have to tell you about one of my "finds"....NO not glass! I would guess that some of you may already have one of these, an Australian product called, "A Cobber". The Australian translation is "a close friend" and that it is. It is a body cooling neck wrap. When soaked in water the crystals expand and when placed around the neck, the Cobber lowers the body temperature by cooling the carotid arteries of the neck, and provides an evaporative cooling system for your body. Now, for the Jan's of the world who don't tolerate heat too well, this has been GREAT!! I can tolerate the flea markets, lay out in the sun, etc. It really works! And it even comes in "fashionable" colors. The owner of a garden shop was wearing one, when my daughter-in-law and I strolled in on a very hot day and she did a great selling job...we were sweating and she was as refreshed as could be! Sold.....



Usually, I don't mention other glass activities I participate in (besides flea markets, shops, etc.), but I want to share some of those glass activities, past and future of which I am excited about. How many of you attend other glass functions? As some of you know, I "collect" other glass besides Stretch Glass (as I am sure many of you do). There is a "society" here in the Chicagoland area called the "20-30-40 Society" that meets regularly (there is always a presentation of some line of glass at each meeting). They also sponsor of one of the "best" Glass Shows and Sale in the March timeframe...people from around the country attend. The last meeting held in June highlighted a beautiful collection of Aladdin Lamps (this couple has over 800 lamps – oil and electrified!), Fireking's Swirl, I never knew there was such a variety, and Tiffin's Arcadian elegant glassware...pink and green. What a treat! It is amazing what others collect and what we all have most likely passed up in our hunts for our own treasures.

For the past two years, I have focused on a collection of Westmoreland's elegant cut and cased glass... very different than stretch, but dating around the same time frame as stretch. It has been a challenge to identify this glass and my thanks to Berry Wiggins for his support. I have been asked to present my collection at the Westmoreland Convention to be held in Fort Worth, TX in August. I will pack up the car and head out with my trusty cell phone, food, and drink (water)!! Luckily, my son lives in Dallas and I will get a double bonus...glass and my son!! Now, what am I going to take and present is another project!!

I must add that the one of the highlights of the stretch glass convention for me was the whimsy auction conducted by Jim Steinbach. Now, if you know Jim, he tackled this sale with GUSTO!! I laughed so hard, and all I can say is that he was GREAT!! Bidding against your friends and raising money for the Stretch Glass Society, is a challenge to say the least...Jim did it superbly. The winners and revenue generated follow under Jim Steinbach's convention whimsy update.

Included in this Newsletter is the Updated Membership List, please review your personal information and send any corrections to me. The following New Members are included on the List, and I wish to WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Dee Bekemeier, 486 SW 33rd Ave., Vero Beach, FL 32968 – 561-569-1808

Michael and Gwen Bevill, 700 Shady Creek, Kennedale, TX 76060 -- 817-483-8562

Ash and Barbara Bloom, 322 Aberdeen Avenue, Dayton, OH 45419

Brian P. Brennan, 3431 Dupont Ave., S., #301, Minneapolis, MN 55408 -- 612-823-1035

Kathy A. Evans, 1359 Edmund Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55104 – 651-645-1437

Mary Louise Ryan, 6100 Westchester Park Drive, #717, College Park, MD 20740-2848

Steven A. Sparks, 4121 Airedale Avenue, Toledo, OH 43623-1678 -- 419-475-6759

Still available are commemorative pieces from the 1997 and 1998 conventions.....15 "first quality" (1997) of the blue square dolphin comport are available and 8 "seconds" (1998) of the wisteria dolphin handled tray are available. Please contact Dave and Renee Shetlar if you are interested.

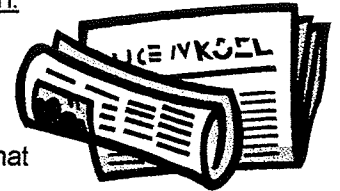
If anyone is interested in purchasing Fenton's # 3 velva rose (pink) creamer and sugar, please let me know. I will put you in contact with the selling party.

News/Technical Information

Arna Simpson

If you are interested in participating in such a questionnaire, please contact Arna Simpson.

From Stephanie Leonard, of Bedford, MA:



Stephanie is a SGS Board Member in charge of Historical Information and brings all of the past convention photo albums and newsletters to each convention or sees that someone transports them since she usually "flies" to convention.

Stephanie began her Stretch Glass collecting with the purchase of a blue Northwood bowl to match her dishes, which she intended to use as a serving bowl. The dealer knew 'something' about stretch and told her about Berry Wiggin's book and from then on she says, "she was hooked". She found the plate to match the bowl about a year later. If you have ever attended convention and looked at Stephanie's personal photo album, her color is definitely blue. She has a few pieces in other colors, but those are basically commemorative pieces. She is looking for dolphin pieces in her color, but she knows that is not likely. Stephanie has been to the last six conventions, loved everyone, and plans to always attend if possible. She finds this a great way to learn about Stretch Glass, make wonderful friends and spend time with old friends she's met at past conventions.

While searching for Stretch Glass she furnished and decorated her home with wall pockets, tablecloths, and fish shaped bottles. She also collects costume jewelry, works in the flower garden and makes quilts. Tom, her husband, is not a collector but he does like the stretch glass and the beauty of it. His hobby is playing golf. Stephanie says she joined the Stretch Glass Society to learn more about this glass and the conventions, newsletters, and books are a wealth of information. An added benefit are the friends, the interest you share, and being able to see such a large display of stretch glass all at one time.

Arna, has been given permission by Frank Fenton to print some questions and answers published in a 1975 Newsletter, one of which follows.

In what year did the manufacturing of iridescent Stretch Glass start at Fenton and in what year was it discontinued?

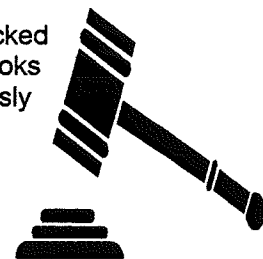
Frank Fenton's response: *I think we started about 1917. I have a drawing in my records of a mold, the No. 640, which was made in 1916. There is reference in The Pottery, Glass & Brass Salesman of June 28, 1917, and I think Berry Wiggins perhaps mentions this in his book in case you've forgotten it. It describes "A beautiful line of iridescent glassware from The Fenton Art Glass Company, novel baskets with hand formed handles in a dainty silvery iridescence." The line has been correctly named "Silver Sun" and is shown in a number of delicate iridescent colorings. Every piece is in a different shade, while some have been produced in a striking crackled effect. Now that is dated June 28, 1917. I can't find any real solid verification for that, our records at that time are not very good and I don't find any catalogue illustrations that let me put a date on that. I have one that I'll show you that might have been used sometime in that period. It's different from the rest of the catalogue illustrations. It's a line drawing instead of a photograph, and it may be that that would show that glass was made before 1920 or 1921.*

Most of the pieces that we saw that were Fenton pieces and that you know of as Stretch Glass seem to show up in our catalogues and in our inventory records about 1920 and 1921, somewhere along in there. So I can't really date that catalogue that we have any closed than about 1921. Maybe some of you can, and if so I'll be glad to know about it. We made Stretch Glass, the bulk of it being made from 1921 to 1928, but we actually made some into the early 1930's. I have an illustration again that you'll see here showing an assortment of glass, some of it being sold on that little five-legged base, that little black base with the five legs, and we didn't make that base until 1932. I have the old drawings right here with me that will show you the mold drawings of that base and the date of the drawings at the time we made it. So it does identify, I'd say the early 1930's sometime is when we stopped making the Stretch Glass. The bulk of it though was probably stopped in the 1928-29 period.

Convention Whimsey Update:

Jim Steinbach

The items listed below can be viewed in your April Newsletter. Item number one was cracked and was substituted with a similar item. Five books were included in the auction. The books were Joanne Dolby's, one of our members who recently passed away and were graciously donated by Steven Sparks, her son.



The winners of the two raffle items were:

Raffle A - Pinched Bowl --Greta Eckert of Colorado
Raffle B - Bread Basket -- Clarence Crum of Wisconsin

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BOTH OF YOU!! Neither Greta nor Clarence were in attendance and bought raffle tickets by mail.

To all you bidders: Thanks!!

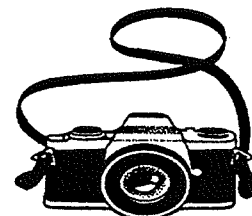
| Item | Description | Winner | Reserve/Winning Bid |
|------|---|----------------|---------------------|
| 1. | Round handled crimped basket | John Madeley | \$65.00/ \$95.00 |
| 2. | Normal bowl | Kathy Lander | \$45.00/ \$55.00 |
| 3. | Swung vase | Pam Steinbach | \$65.00/ \$145.00 |
| 4. | 8-point crimp | Donna Baird | \$45.00/ \$70.00 |
| 5. | Petal plate | Fred Simpson | \$45.00/ \$75.00 |
| 6. | Square bowl | Sharon Segler | \$45.00/ \$94.00 |
| 7. | Flared cupped bowl – pansy decor | Kathy Lander | \$65.00/ \$120.00 |
| 8. | Rolled rim bowl – colonial scroll decor | Phil Wain | \$65.00/ \$250.00 |
| 9. | Cupped bowl – XP decor | Pam Steinbach | \$65.00/ \$165.00 |
| 10. | Pinch basket | Joanne Rodgers | \$65.00/ \$260.00 |
| 11. | Signed Berry Wiggin's book | Susan Perkins | \$12.00 |
| 12. | Sandra Stout book | Phil Wain | \$45.00 |
| 13. | Unsigned Berry Wiggin's book | David Jenkins | \$12.00 |
| 14. | Fenton's 1 st 25 Years book | Renee Shetlar | \$20.00 |
| 15. | Umbraco's Iridescent Stretch Glass book | Suzanne Burke | \$17.50 |

The Grand Total: \$1,435.50!!!!

CONSOLE SETS!!

John Madeley

Remember the sideboards, buffets, the center of the dining room table, or bookshelves from your parent's home or maybe even yours today!! A bowl and candlesticks make an eye-catching combination, especially in Stretch Glass!! Sometimes the "sets" were made to go together or as in today's vernacular, "mix and match" is in. Whether it is a special occasion, the holidays, or "just" another day, console sets still retain their place, style, and presence.



It is not likely that one finds a "console set" complete....it usually just happens ...a bowl and candlesticks and there you are!! Enjoy.

Unusual Shapes and Colors – One Piece or a Collection
Stretch Glass Bought and Sold

William Cowl, 1500 Avery Street, Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101
 304-422-5042

For Sale:

Pat Call, 34 Lovell Road, Stratham, NH 03885-2218 - 603-778-0660 or picall@mediaone.net
 Shipping Extra – Priority Mail – Satisfaction Guaranteed

Reference: Madeley/Shetlar "American Iridescent Stretch Glass"

| Color | Description | Plate Number | Price |
|--------------|--|---------------|----------|
| Jade Blue | Covered candy, pointed top | 590 | \$150.00 |
| Jade Blue | Rolled rim bowl, 12" wide | Like 514 | \$125.00 |
| White | Center handled tray, very good irid. | 705 | \$45.00 |
| White | Sherbets, Chesterfield – 3 perfect, 1 small chip inside rim – exc. irid. | 399 | \$75.00 |
| White | Single 314 candlestick, weak irid. | 232 | \$6.00 |
| White | Small fan vase, footed | 354 w/o decor | \$25.00 |
| Marigold | Small pedestal tray, 5.25" D, super stretch and irid., tiniest nick underside of foot. Bought specifically for its color | | \$25.00 |
| Celeste Blue | Plate for crackers/cheese – super stretch and irid. | 210 w/o decor | \$32.00 |
| Celeste Blue | Candlesticks, Fenton 318 pair | 233 | \$35.00 |
| Celeste Blue | Northwood ribbed compote, exc. irid. – has a very small flake at edge of foot | 573 | \$15.00 |
| Celeste Blue | Northwood covered candy, small size, and exc. irid. | 591 | \$50.00 |
| Celeste Blue | Short candlesticks, 314 pair | 232 | \$25.00 |
| Celeste Blue | 8.5 Northwood colonial candlesticks, some gold worn around octagonal foot | 601 | \$75.00 |
| Smokey | Engraved floral pattern underplate – for cheese and crackers (not shown) See <i>Imperial Glass by Archer</i> , page 95 – design similar to cut #13 | ----- | \$55.00 |
| Smokey | Center handled tray, exc. irid. | 417 | \$40.00 |
| Pink | Footed creamer, Fenton | 254 | \$45.00 |
| Pink | Diamond optic small fan vase, #567 fair irid. | 348 | \$28.00 |
| Green | Paneled vase 13.5" tall, there's really no stretch to this; to me it's Ice Green Carnival | 344 | \$150.00 |
| Green | Melon-Rib bowl – 857, 11" , good irid., couple "cut-off tails" in bowl | 147 | \$65.00 |
| Green | 8.5" Florentine candlestick - one | 242 | \$35.00 |
| Green | Base to 743 footed puff box, exc. irid., makes a good mint dish until the lid show up | 307 | \$28.00 |
| Green | Bud vase | 342 | \$35.00 |
| Vaseline | 6" pate, optic rays | 581 | \$15.00 |
| Vaseline | Short bud vase – 6 3/4", Cute!! – First one I've ever seen this short | 340 | \$35.00 |
| Red | 7.5" shallow, cupped bow, deep ruby, exc. irid. inside only – similar to bowl shown in plate 105, base chips, so | 105 | \$45.00 |

THE STRETCH GLASS SOCIETY – Minutes of the 1999 Business Meeting, Saturday, May 1, 1999

The President called the Annual Meeting of the Stretch Glass Society to order at 7:25 P.M. on May 1, 1999.

Dave acknowledged and extended a special thanks to those who have made the convention and show a success. Those include: Renee Shetlar, who with volunteers led and organized the convention, Millie Coty for the local setup for the glass sale, Augusta Keith, the point person for the dessert/entertainment activity and banquet, and the hosts, Jean and Tom Bucher, Eldon and Ramona Schroeder, Dave and Joanne Rogers, Fred and Ama Simpson, Wes and Mildred Bicksler, Stephanie Leonard, Bob and Helen Jones, Jan Reichling and John Madeley.

There was a call for the approval of the 1998 minutes as presented by Jan Reichling in the July 1998 Newsletter. Jim Steinbach made a motion that we accept the minutes as presented in the July 1998 Newsletter. Joanne Rodgers seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written and stated in a voice vote.

The Treasurer's reported money being taken in as of April 26, 1999 of \$8,528.00 and expenditures of \$10,954.00 for the same period of time, resulting in a deficit of \$2,425.00. As of the convention the balance was \$11,377.00. Payments were made for the whimsies, raffle items, and souvenir pieces of which revenue was/will be generated.

Ramona Schroeder and Brian Brennan audited the Treasurer's records and found them in order. Ramona made a motion that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented to be true and accurate. Paul Douglas seconded the motion. The financial statement was approved as stated in a voice vote.

The 1999 Convention Report: The "First Day Sale" was a success with each member, as far as we can ascertain, obtaining at least one piece of glass they really wanted. This is the second year using this format and we will continue to use this format. If you are not pleased with the format, please discuss with any of the Board Members. We are open to suggestions to improve that format.

Old Business:

Jim Steinbach reported on the 1999 Commemorative piece, the violet tulip bowl. The initial order was for 80 pieces with about another 20 orders being received after the deadline, which brought the total to 100 pieces. 115 pieces were manufactured and 2 were defective. 31 whimsies were produced, some were defective and some are for future use. Beside dues, whimsies are a main source of income for the Stretch Glass Society. Still available are commemorative pieces from 1997 and 1998.....15 "first quality" (1997) of the blue square dolphin comport are available and 8 "seconds" (1998) of the wisteria dolphin handled tray are available.

New Business:

The Board of Directors met Thursday, May 29th and Friday May 30th and discussed the duties of the Officers and Board Members. We will continue with the development of written guidelines for those Board members to be reviewed and revised if needed. We further agreed not to amend the constitution and by-laws to detail those duties. Those duties are assigned and the detail will be in another format so as not to encumber the Constitution and By-Laws. We currently have 5 Board Members:

Historian Supervisor– Stephanie Leonard, Advertising/Promotion Supervisor – Joanne Rodgers – term up this year, News/Technical Supervisor– Ama Simpson, Way and Means Supervisor – Jim Steinbach, Convention and Show Supervisor – Phil Waln - term up this year

Guidelines for board position that expire in any given year will be described in the October or January Newsletter prior to May Stretch Glass Society Convention and Meeting. This is a way to advertise and inform members who may be interested in serving on the Stretch Glass Society Board. We did consider several amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws.

- ◆ Ama Simpson made a motion to amend the Stretch Glass Society's Constitution and By-Laws to read: Article VIII – Election shall be amended to include the following statement: "In the event of one candidate for any vacancy, the President may elect to conduct the election of that position by a show of hands." It was seconded by John Madeley. The motion was passed unanimously.
- ◆ Stephanie Leonard made a motion to amend the Stretch Glass Society's Constitution and By-Laws to read: Article VIII – Election shall be amended to include the following statement: "A term limit of two consecutive terms in the same position for all officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary-Editor, and Treasurer) exists. After a period of one term, these members shall again be eligible for re-nomination." It was seconded by Cal Hackeman. The motion was passed unanimously.
- ◆ Phil Waln made a motion that the dues be increased from \$18.00 to \$22.00 per year beginning May 1, 1999. It was seconded by Paul Douglas. The motion was passed unanimously.

Next Year's (2000) convention will be in Marietta, Ohio. Unless someone steps forward, Dave and Renee Shetlar have volunteered to be the chairs for next year's convention. Unless someone else steps forward to move to a different location of their choosing, the 2001 Stretch Glass Society Convention will also be held in Marietta. Discussion followed about moving the Convention to the July timeframe.

Election of two Board Members: Jean Bucher of the nominating committee made a motion that Joanne Rodgers (Director of Ads and Promotions) and Helen Jones (convention and Show Supervisor) be nominated for Executive Board seats. Jim Steinbach seconded the motion. No further nominations came from the floor and the nominations were closed. A hand vote was taken for the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

Adjournment: Berry Wiggins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve Sparks seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously and the Business Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M. on May 1, 1999.

THE STRETCH GLASS SOCIETY CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Adopted: April 18, 1975

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Revision
Amendment: May 1, 1999

WE, THE COLLECTORS, DEALERS AND TRUE LOVERS OF AMERICAN STRETCH GLASS, in order to interest and educate other people, to encourage learning and enlightenment of one of America's heritages, STRETCH GLASS, to increase and promote friendship one with the other, and to give each an opportunity to participate in new discoveries and experiences concerning OLD STRETCH GLASS, history of same, to recruit new members into our organization, to publish a NEWSLETTER not less than quarterly whereby points of interest will be brought to the attention of all members, to support legislation that makes permanent markings showing name or insignia of company and year of manufacture imbedded in product mandatory, including all imports in the field of antiques and to discourage production of any reissues of OLD STRETCH GLASS in the future, to support policies of elected officials and at all times to work with and through THE STRETCH GLASS SOCIETY to bring about those things, do hereby ordain and establish this, our Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE I – NAME OF ORGANIZATION: The name of the organization shall be THE STRETCH GLASS SOCIETY, hereinafter referred to as the Society or SGS.

ARTICLE II – DEFINITION OF STRETCH GLASS: STRETCH GLASS is press- or blown- molded glass that has little or no pattern and is sprayed with a metallic salt mix while hot. When finished, this hand-made glass with either have a cobweb iridescent (=stretch marks) or a plain iridescent effect and is velvet or shiny in luster. In some rare instances, some stretch glass with an all-over pattern will have been put in the manufacturer's line of stretch. OLD STRETCH GLASS was made in the United States from circa 1916 through 1935.

ARTICLE III – EMBLEM: The emblem of the Society shall be a drawing or replica of a plate drawn by Mrs. Rose Presznick with wild flowers and a stretch effect. On the letterhead the name of the place where the Society was founded, Denver, Pennsylvania, and the date, April 21, 1974, shall appear.

ARTICLE IV – ANNUAL CONVENTION: An annual convention of the general membership shall be held, and such general convention shall be the supreme governing body of the Society. The meeting shall be held each year during the month of May or at a time and place designated by the Executive Board. The SGS has a tradition of holding its Annual Convention in the last two weeks of May as long as the meeting dates are not during the Mother's Day weekend. Attempts are also made to avoid any nationally recognized flea markets or antique shows. A volunteer Convention and Show Chairperson is selected two years in advance of each Annual Convention to make local arrangements. The annual convention call shall be published in the Society's NEWSLETTER at least three (3) months in advance of the convention.

Section A - All meetings of the Society shall be conducted according to Parliamentary Procedures as stated in Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP: Anyone interested in STRETCH GLASS shall be eligible for membership in the Society. All persons who become members or applied for membership before June 21, 1974 shall be known as Charter Members.

Section A - Each member shall be furnished with a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws upon joining the organization and amendments to the Constitution enacted hereafter shall be published in the NEWSLETTER in the next issue following the Annual Convention.

ARTICLE VI – DUES: The annual dues for the Society shall be SGS dues will be \$22.00 (a) for individual and/or family (or couple) membership and dues will be considered delinquent on June 1 of each year. New members joining January 1 to April 1 will be considered to have joined April 1 for a one-year membership. New members joining prior to January 1 will be considered to have joined on the previous April 1 and will need to pay dues by the following April 1. (I.e. New members joining in the "4th quarter" of the SGS year will receive the January newsletter and the following April, July, October and January newsletters. New members joining in the "first 3 quarters" of the SGS year will get the current year's April, July, October and January newsletters. Said dues are payable to the Treasurer of the Society. Any individual who is part of the immediate family of the couple is entitled to Associate Membership with

dues of \$1.00 per year. Associate Members are not entitled to receive any publications of the Society, nor is any Associate Member under the age of 16 entitled to vote at any election.

ARTICLE VII – ORGANIZATION: There shall be elected from the membership the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary-Editor, Treasurer, and five (5) Directors.

Section A - Elected officers shall constitute an Executive Board who shall manage and conduct the affairs and business of the Society.

ARTICLE VIII – ELECTION: The President, Vice President, Secretary/Editor, and Treasurer shall be nominated and elected during the Business Meeting of the Society's Annual Convention. Their term of office shall be for two years. A term limit of two consecutive terms in the same position for all officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary-Editor, and Treasurer) exists. After a period of one term, these members shall again be eligible for re-nomination. (c) At the first Annual Meeting of the Society after the approval of this Constitution and By-Laws, five (5) Directors shall be elected. Each Executive Board member shall be able to succeed him/herself. A nomination committee shall be appointed from the general membership. Additional nominations for Executive Board Member may come from the floor at the Business Meeting. All candidates must have declared willingness to serve if elected before their name may be placed in nomination. Election shall be by majority vote of the members present and voting at the annual Business Meeting. In the event of one candidate for any vacancy, the President may elect to conduct the election of that position by a show of hands.(b) In the event there are more than two candidates for any vacancy and on candidate receives a majority of the first vote, there will be a run-off election between the two candidates receiving the most votes. All elections shall be held by secret ballot. The President shall appoint two tellers, neither of whom is a candidate for office, to tally the votes.

Section A - A report of elections and all pertinent action taken during the Business Meeting at the Annual Convention shall be published in condensed form in the next subsequent NEWSLETTER following the Annual Convention.

ARTICLE IX – DUTIES: President - It shall be the duty of the President to carry out the intentions as set forth in the Preamble of this Constitution, to preside at all meetings of the Society, to appoint necessary committees as permitted by this Constitution and By-Laws here or hereinafter adopted, subject to approval of the Executive Board. The President's duties shall be limited or expanded by directive of the Executive Board. Vacancies of offices of Vice President, Secretary-Editor, or Treasurer may be filled by appointment by the President subject to the approval of the Executive Board.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of a Director, the President shall appoint to fill that vacancy, subject to the approval of the Executive Board, to serve until an election is held at the next Annual Meeting of the Society. The President shall be ex-officio member of the Executive Board and in the event of a tie in voting, shall then be entitled to vote.

Section A - The President shall call at least one meeting of the Executive Board immediately prior to the Annual Convention, but sufficiently in advance so that all pertinent business may be discussed and finalized. Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the President and must be called by the Secretary-Editor upon written request of the majority of the Executive Board.

Section B - All Presidents shall be active and participating members of the Executive Board for one (1) year after the expiration of their terms of office.

Vice President - It shall be the duty of the Vice President to act as President of the Society when the President is absent, incapacitated or the office becomes vacant for any reason. The Vice President shall serve as a Membership Service Officer.

Secretary-Editor - It shall be the duty of the Secretary/Editor to maintain accurate records of the Society, conduct the correspondence of the Society, to keep accurate record of the membership, to keep records of the Society as a whole under the supervision of the President, to publish and/or supervise the publication of the official NEWSLETTER of the Society quarterly or when so directed at other times and to take the minutes at meetings of the Society.

Section A - The Secretary/Editor shall submit the books and records to the Annual Meeting of the Executive Board or such other times as directed by the Executive Board.

Treasurer - It shall be the duty of the Treasurer, subject to the supervision of the President, to handle and keep accurate records of all receipts and disbursements of all funds of the Society and must be accountable to the Executive Board and membership.

Section A - The Treasurer shall submit his/her books and records to the Annual Meeting of the Executive Board, or at such other times as directed by the Executive Board, who shall select a committee of three (3) to examine all books, statements, canceled checks and other data and report finding to the full Executive Board and to the membership at large at the Annual Convention. No expenditure of any kind other than routine bills covered by standing order shall be paid until a voucher has been signed by the President authorizing the expenditure and certifying that the expense is in the interest of promotion and carrying out the functions of the Society.

Section B - Funds shall be promptly deposited as received in a bank or banks as directed by the Executive Board. Funds shall be spent only to further the purposes of the Society as provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws as directed by the Executive Board.

Directors - It shall be the duty of the Directors to supervise the business of the Society as a whole and shall specifically provide for the general allocation of funds and the general editorial policies. Each of the five Directors shall be assigned one of the following special duties:

1. Convention and Show Supervisor (not the current Convention and Show Chairperson)
2. Advertising and Promotion Supervisor
3. News and Technical Information Supervisor
4. Ways and Means Supervisor
5. Historical Information Supervisor

ARTICLE X – REMOVAL FROM OFFICE: The Executive Board shall have the authority to remove from office any officer or director for violation of this Constitution and By-Laws or for conduct deemed by the Executive Board detrimental to the Society. In such events, written charges shall be presented, signed by two or more Directors at any meeting of the Executive Board and the Executive Board shall render a decision of the matter during the course of such meeting.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS: The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the membership present at any regular Business Meeting during the Society's Convention held annually and /or by majority vote of the Executive Board called to a Special Session which then must be ratified by majority vote of the membership present and voting during the next Business Meeting of the Society's Annual Convention. The By-Laws will be reviewed annually by the Executive Board prior to the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE XII – LIQUIDATION: Should this Society dissolve or be liquidated, any and all assets available for distribution shall be distributed to the Tartar-Miller Gallery of Kent State University Museum at Kent, Ohio, after payment of all debts.

- a. SGS dues will be increased from \$18.00 to \$22.00 for an individual and/or family (or couple) membership for the 1999-2000 year effective May 1, 1999 (approved May 1, 1999)
- b. In the event of one candidate for any vacancy, the President may elect to conduct the election of that position by a show of hands. (approved May 1, 1999)
- c. A term limit of two consecutive terms in the same position for all officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary-Editor, and Treasurer) exists. After a period of one term, these members shall again be eligible for re-nomination. (approved May 1, 1999)

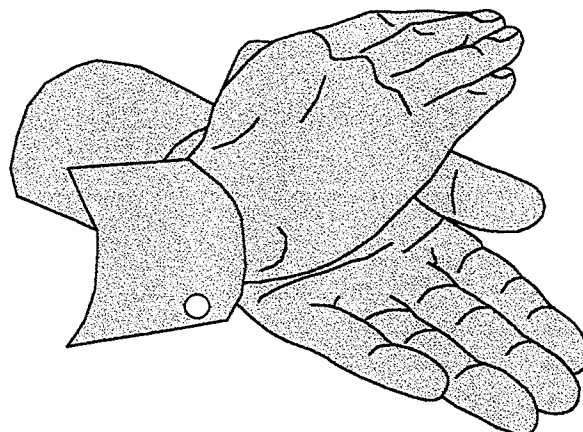
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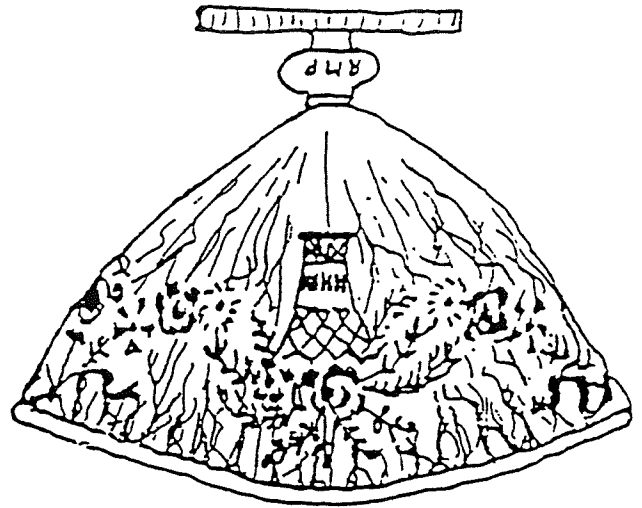
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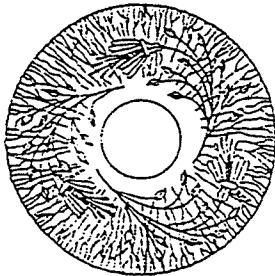
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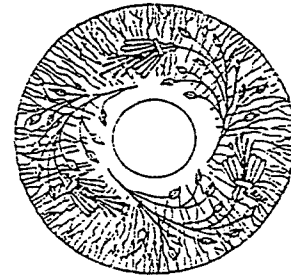
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