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January-February 2025

NEXT MEETING

When: February 1, 2025

**Where: Willow Springs
Community Center**

**8156 Archer Ave.
Willow Springs, IL**

AGENDA:

10:30 - 2:30-ish

2025 Renewal Form Enclosed

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THE SOCIETY

Puts the CHERRY on top of the glass

The Prez and VEEP

Kathy and I would like to thank all of you for selecting us to be the president and the vice-president of the 20-30-40 Glass Society for the 2025 and 2026 membership years! We hope we do not disappoint you. Our past presidents have set a high bar for future officers, with **Neil Unger** serving for six years (1984, 1985, 1986, 1992, 2022, and 2003), with **Rose Roth** serving for eight years (1995, 1996, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016), and, most recently, **Jackie Alton** serving, seven years (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023). The past sixteen presidents leave quite a legacy and big shoes to be filled.



The December 7, 2024, Holiday Luncheon was well attended, with 34 people present- a couple were not able to attend due to illness, and presented an excellent meal. **Joanne Donovan** provided spectacular BINGO prizes that were selected and reselected several times in our 12-game afternoon! Thanks to **Walt Kreitling** and to **Mary**, his lovely assistant, for calling our BINGO games! We also send thanks to **Neil Unger** for providing the wonderful raffle prizes that helped raise monies for the Society coffers.

As we move forward into the new year with some minor changes to the Board of Directors and the Executive Board, we are still looking forward to grow The 20-30-40 Glass Society. We would like to increase our meeting attendance, as well as our membership number. We have a set of programs planned for this year that should provide everyone with the opportunity to share part of your glass collection with the group, and the chance to learn some new and interesting information about that depression and elegant glassware from the 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s, and even, the 60s!! We are looking at a couple of places for a short (sorry, we are not Neil and Eddie, and are not planning a bus trip to antique heaven, as they did!) field trip and luncheon in June, and a great place for the Holiday party in December. If anyone has any suggestions, please let us know your thoughts via email (wjhayden216@comcast.net), phone call or text to Jeff at 219-730-2635 or to Kathy at 219-781-0891.

The new Board of Directors will meet on January 4, 2025, and begin looking at finishing a couple of projects we started in 2024 that direct the operation of the Society. We are also going to look at helping Silvano get things ready for the March 7-9, 2025, Annual Show and Sale at the Countryside Holiday Inn at 6201 Joliet Road, Countryside, Illinois 60525. who can assist our paying guests find their way to the dealers. We also hope that you will all be able to attend the show and find that item or two for your collection.

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The programs for this next year are tentatively set to be as follows: **February 1, 2025**, will be a Zoom meeting and a live meeting at Willow Springs (weather permitting) with our presenter **Anne Madarasz**. Anne is the director of the curatorial division, chief historian, and director of the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum; as well as curator of the spectacular glass display and author of the accompanying book, *Shattering Notions*. Anne lectures and writes frequently on the subject of Pittsburgh glass, regional industry, and the history of Pittsburgh sports. Anne has served as the project director or curator for five exhibitions that have received the national Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History. Her presentation focuses on the building of the glass collection at the Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh (PA) through time, and features important pieces from the collection that illustrate the collecting focus of the Museum over the past 75 years. Pieces from the following companies will be highlighted: **New Geneva Glassworks of Albert Gallatin, Bakewell, Fort Pitt, McKee Glass Co., MacBeth Evans, Consolidated and Phoenix. Glenshaw Glass, Kopp Glass, Fry, Bryce/Lenox, and L.E. Smith.**

The meeting on **April 5, 2025**, will deal with “**Console bowls and Candlesticks**” or console sets. We are asking you to bring your favorite or your most spectacular console set from your collection. In the past, when we have asked for assistance on assembling a show of a particular item, the membership has risen to the challenge and dazzled all of us with amazing glassware and with an education on the many companies who produced glass during the 1920s to the 1960s. We know we will not be disappointed!! The program for **August 2025**, may include **table settings** from as many glass companies as we can assemble, but these plans are still in the development and will be outlined in a later copy of *The Society Page*.

We are looking forward to working with all of you to bring attention to the glassware of the 20s, 30s, and 40s, and extend our focus into the 50s, 60s, and 70s.

Jeff and Kathy

TIPS TO HELP WITH RENEWAL

It has come to our attention that some members may be hitting snags with sending in their renewals due to inability to print the forms they receive with the emailed newsletter. Here are some suggestions that may help get those renewals moving.

If you have **NO CHANGES** to your information you may just hand write a note stating that everything stays the same as last year. Include it with your check.

If you have **SOME CHANGES**, you may still be able to use this method. Please make sure that your note clearly includes any and all changes you wish to make.

You may also call Mary Kreitling (630) 913-1061 and ask for a form to be mailed to you.

FEBRUARY MEETING

There will be renewal forms available the February meeting. If you wish to renew on that day, you will need to be sure to bring your checkbook or cash.



RAISE YOUR HAND TO LEND A HAND

As you know, we need help from the club's members to make our March show work smoothly. We will be relying on your help even more this year in our new location. We will need volunteers to assist visitors with finding their way around the different rooms of the show. This is in addition to the positions we normally need to fill. Please help if you are asked.



December 7th MEETING RECAP

Submitted by, Angela McEntee, Secretary

Our unofficial meeting was called to order at 11:00 by Jeff Hayden.

33 members were present at the live meeting at Buck's Pit Stop in Hodgkins.

Meeting was called to order at 12:10 by Kathy Hayden. Minutes from October meeting were accepted as written. Sylvano Brugioni motioned to accept minutes, Jackie Alton seconded motion. Motion passed.

Membership – Mary Kreitling said we have approximately 37 members signed up for 2025.

Treasurer's Report:

October Meeting Financials:

Income:	31 paid for a meal	\$620.00	
	1 person paid for meeting only	\$10.00	
	Extra Dessert Donations	\$13.00	
	Raffle	\$282.00	
Total Income:		\$925.00	
Expenses:	Venue Rental	\$ 37.50	
	Spring Forest Catering	\$531.85	
	Miscellaneous Kitchen Expenses	\$ 16.17	
	Raffle/Auction Prizes	\$ 0.00 (all donated)	
Total Meeting Profit		\$339.48	August Mtg. Profit = \$159.39

Income since last General Meeting Report:

Octoberfest Auction Meeting
 March Show dealer rent
 Reservations for holiday party meeting
 Money Market Interest: 10/31 - \$50.09, 11/30 – 45.07

Expenses paid since last General Meeting:

Newsletter Printing – Sept/Oct \$148.05 Nov/Dec \$132.80
 Library Storage - \$86.45 (OCT)
 Misc. Postage, cards, etc. \$57.97
 Village of Willow Springs 2025 venue rental, 4 dates \$150
 Holiday party bingo prizes \$376.07
 P.O. Box 1 year rental \$182.00

Additional notes:

General Fund Checking (PNC Bank)

Balance as of 12/7/24 - \$11,652.70

PNC Bank Money Market Account

Balance as of 12/7/24 \$17,264.33

Total: \$28,917.03

(Balance as of 10/4/24 - \$25,121.72)

Submitted by Beverly Kennett 12/7/24

Glass show and sale: Silvano Brugioni – There are 21 dealers. Sylvano is working on more.

Newsletter: David Taylor - Newsletter articles need to be in ASAP.

Tri- folds are done. Some were given out at this meeting.

The 2025 and 2026 Elected Officers were presented:

President: Jeff Hayden

Vice President: Kathy Hayden

Recording Secretary: Angela McEntee

Treasurer: Beverly Kennett

Membership Secretaries: Gail Crossen and Mary Kreitling

Jim Crossen motioned to accept the new board members.

A moment of silence was taken for our deceased members of 2024: Cindy Stark and Eddie Unger

Jackie motioned to adjourn our meeting Sylvano Brugioni seconded the motion.

Lunch was served and very good.

The glass contests were presented after lunch:

A-Z glass had one entry. It was a Hazel Atlas Green Berry Bowl. This was brought by Barbara Miller.

Best buy under \$10.00 had several entries. Beverly Kennett won with her piece.

Rarest Pieces this category had 2 entries: A Byzantine piece and a Fenton Turkey on a nest. The Turkey won and was brought by Angela McEntee.

Elegant best buy had several entries. Bev Kennett won this category with her Cranberry Vase.

Raffle Prizes:

Fenton 1940's fan vase – winner Sally Cousineau

Whitehouse Vinegar – Cameo pattern – winner Beverly Kennett

Morgantown deco stems – Gail Crossen

6 Mid Century Modern Christmas Tumblers – Aleta Ratker

Beaded Block Imperial Creamer and Sugar – Angela McEntee

Anchor Hocking Depression Era decanter – Kathy Sours

Imperial shopping bag – Alice Ewert.

Bingo – 12 games of bingo were played. Walt and Mary Kretiling called the games.

Prizes

Cambridge Ivy Ball Vase – Elenor Shepard

Imperial Lion on Nest Candy Dish – Beverly Kennett

Fenton Santa Fairy Light – was the most stolen item – final winner Nancy Lazaris

Higgins Glass Bowl – Gail Crossen

Roseville Freesia Vase – Joyce Rezmer

Phoenix Consolidated Ovid Grasshopper Vase – Gail Crossen

Wrapped Prize – this prize cannot be stolen during the games – Viking Green Swan Set- Sally Cousineau

Every one had a good time.

SUNSHINE DEPARTMENT

If you know of one of our members who is ill, has had a loved one pass or just needs cheering up, please contact Gail Crossen.

Email: gailcrossen@sbcglobal.net

Phone/text: (630) 220-6179

NEWSLETTER CONCERNS?

Newsletter Distribution, U.S. Mail-Gail Crossen

Newsletter Distribution, Email-Bette Wittenberg

Address Change?-Gail Crossen

To offer content-David Taylor, Editor

2025 SOCIETY CALENDAR

*General meetings at Willow Springs Community Center
8156 Archer Ave. Willow Springs, IL*

Feb 1, April 5, June 7 (TBA), August 2, October 4, December 6

BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

2025

February 15, May 3, June 28,
September 6, November 1

2026

January 3, 2026

We all appreciate receiving *Get Well Wishes* and *Thinking of You* notes. The following members would benefit from some “sunshine” in an envelope to let them know their glass friends are pulling for them to have a good 2025.

Bev and Dick Popp

Lana and Jim Larsen

Mary McEntee

Darcel Tanquary

Mary Losew



Happy 90th Neil Unger



Help us celebrate Neil Unger as he turns 90 in February.

Part jokester, part class, a big part knowledge, and a significant part playful mischief.

Neil has given so much to the Society and we wish him a wonderful special day!

In December we learned that everybody's friend, **Digger Cousineau** has crossed the Rainbow Bridge, where our little friends go. He was a very good boy.



AS SEEN BY NEIL

At the December meeting



A happy holiday hello



Behind every great Fry collector is another great Fry collector. This results in a great deal of Fry. That's a great thing.



The Christmas Belles



Folks came from far and wide for Bingo, glass, and friendship



Has seen the naughty list and is ready to name names



Bette B is always ready for Christmas



The Fenton Santa fairy lamp landed on more tables during the party than the real Santa landed on rooftops on Christmas Eve.

HO, HO, HOT item!

Don't let the crutches fool you. Joanne can still gather glass faster than most people could on a motorcycle.





The best thing about
Memories...
is making them



“It’s not what’s
under the
Christmas tree that
matters, it’s who’s
around it.”
CHARLES M. SCHULZ
TODAY





In February many glass collectors take out their pink pieces to celebrate Valentine's Day. Why not? But you can get more use from glass during the month if it is cherry themed. Washington's birthday is now incorporated into "Presidents' Day". This gives you the opportunity to use that beautiful glass twice that month ... four times if you include Valentine's Day and the club luncheon.

U.S. Glass Company made "Cherryberry" in the early 1930s. It was not a full line and is not widely collected except for the iridized pieces that appeal to fans of carnival glass.

From 1930-1939 Jeannette Glass made the "Cherry Blossom" pattern. (be careful of reproductions) There is a wide variety of pieces in this pattern. Popularity has been up and down over the years.

Gene Florence features both of these patterns in his book. He doesn't have kind things to say about Cherryberry.

You might assume, given the subject of the patterns, that they were only produced in pink. However, both were made in green and some other colors. Delphite might seem like an odd choice for flowers, but it's beautiful on those Cherry Blossom pieces and I'm sure it attracts collectors.



Cherryberry



Cherry Blossom



Mosser purple carnival



Unknown to me



EAPG Northwood



Dugan Wreathed Cherry in amethyst



Dugan carnival

Readers, I am not a botanist, or any other kind of "ist". If I have misidentified any of the cherry you may call me the pits.

Please do not make me eat any cherries.

CHERRIES

The fruit that people lie about
by David Taylor

My earliest memory of cherries comes from early childhood. It is not a pleasant one. I recall sitting in the dentist chair in dread. I knew that the visit would involve getting a horrendous fluoride treatment. Large plastic mouthguards were covered in a thick, yet oozy gloppy pink mess and shoved in my mouth. I was required to sit still and tolerate it for what seemed like eternity without swallowing or striking out in self-defense. Each time, the dentist would start with the same phrase ... "You're going to like this ... it's cherry flavored!" The dentist lied. I most certainly did not like it. To this day I don't like cherries or anything cherry flavored. It would probably require a lot of time and money on a therapist's couch to determine if these things are linked. It doesn't seem worth the effort and expense. Most people seem to love this innocent looking little fruit, and I sometimes wonder what I'm missing. I've managed to get by without cherries in my life so far and expect that I will continue to do so. However, I will grant you that they are pretty, and I don't mind looking at them.



Most of us probably grew up hearing the story of George Washington admitting to his father that he had indeed been the person who cut down a cherry tree. According to Mountvernon.org, this is one of the most well-known stories about our first president. The story goes that George received the gift of a hatchet when he was 6 years old. He then used the gift to damage a cherry tree. Upon learning of this, his father became angry. The brave boy then said, "I cannot tell a lie...I did cut it with my hatchet." The story continues that his father proudly embraced him and told George that his honesty was worth more than a thousand trees.

It's a heartwarming story that helps us understand the honest character of the boy that became a universally respected president. A truth-telling, honorable, and respected president. It seems like such a quaint idea now.

Sigh.

Hold on to your powdered wig folks. It turns out that this great story is very likely a myth and there is no proof that it ever happened. The story first appeared in a book by traveling minister and bookseller named Mason Locke Weems. He was one of Washington's first biographers. Weems's book, *The Life of Washington*, was first published in 1800 and was a bestseller. However, Weems did not include the story about the cherry tree until the book's fifth edition in 1806!

Naturally the author was motivated by profit and assumed that a book about the president would sell well. He also wanted Washington to be seen as a perfect role model that could inspire young Americans to live a life of character. People were familiar with Washington's deeds as a General and President. But his father had died when he was only eleven years old and not much was known about their relationship. The cherry tree story seemed a good way to fill this void in history.

In the 1830's, William Holmes McGuffey turned the cherry tree tale into a story for his textbooks. McGuffey was a Presbyterian minister and college professor who promoted teaching morals and religion to children. *McGuffey's Readers* remained in print for nearly a hundred years and sold over 120 million copies. No wonder we all know this story of truth and honesty that apparently never happened. Sighing again.

Do not despair. It turns out that there really is a story linking George Washington and cherries. It is verified, and I believe even more interesting. His home, Mount Vernon, has been undergoing a privately funded \$40 million preservation project addressing the home's structural integrity. Archaeologists have been digging in the plantation's cellar and have made an amazing discovery. In April of 2024, they announced the discovery of 2 glass jars of cherries, liquid and pits during the dig. In June they uncovered 35 more fruit-filled vessels. Twenty-nine of the bottles are intact

and contain “perfectly preserved cherries and berries, likely gooseberries or currants.”

“To our knowledge, this is an unprecedented find and nothing of this scale and significance has ever been excavated in North America,” Mount Vernon President and CEO Doug Bradburn said. “These artifacts likely haven’t seen the light of day since before the American Revolution, perhaps forgotten when George Washington departed Mount Vernon to take command of the Continental Army,” Bradburn added. That was in 1775.

The dark green bottles are characteristic of styles from the 1740s and 1750s. They were buried in 5 storage pits throughout the cellar.



The jars from the cellar are not the only clue that the Washingtons were fans of cherries. Historians at Mount Vernon say the family often sipped a popular brandy-based cordial called “Cherry Bounce,” made from cherry juice infused with spices over the course of two weeks. There are also letters and diaries of planters in the Chesapeake area that mention that they enjoyed bowls of preserved cherries with their meals.

The fruit would have been prepared by the plantation’s enslaved kitchen workers. The preservation process involved putting the cherries in dry bottles, corking them and burying them under heavy clay. This protected them from mold and fungus.

Normally, they were intended to be stored for about a year. These jars were buried for about 250 years. Were they forgotten?

The bottles and contents have been carefully unearthed and preserved. Researchers hope that technology of today, and the future, will help them learn more about the cherries, and the time they came from. They plan to extract DNA in an attempt to determine the variety that was grown at Mount Vernon. There is even hope that a viable seed may be found that can be sprouted to grow a tree from this discovery.



This is certainly an exciting finding for fans of history. I’m sure we fans of glass are hoping that part of the study will reveal more information about the origin of those great green glass bottles!

The ultimate What’s It!



Libbey Glass contributed to the cherry tree myth when they sold this glass hatchet at the 1893 Columbian Exposition in Chicago. It has a profile of Washington and “THE FATHER OF THIS COUNTRY” molded over the bust of Washington.





Let's Cook **In Yesterday's Style**

Recipes from the Society Cookbook

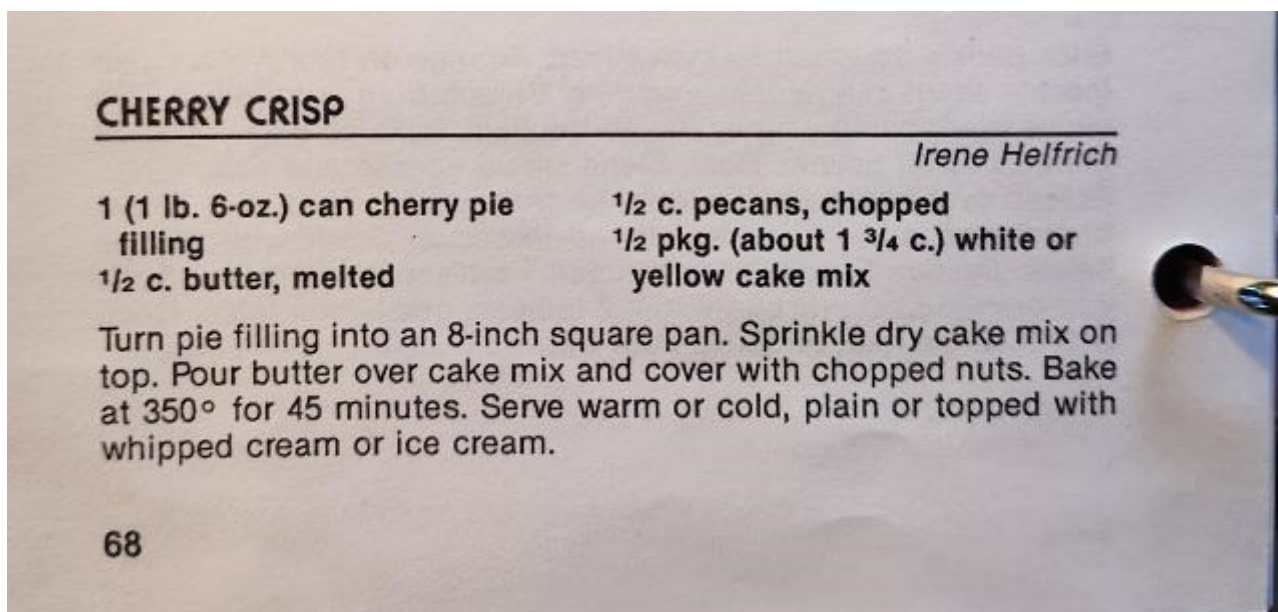


The editor is not exactly new to the club, but sometimes he gets a big surprise. How did I not know that in 1993 the members of the society compiled a cookbook using recipes submitted by our members? Now this is pretty exciting because as you'll recall from our previous potluck meetings ... there are some pretty incredible cooks among us!

Luckily, Karen Smit clued me in to the existence of this little gastronomic gem. She proposed that we might want to revisit the recipes for these delightful dishes and publish them in *The Society Page*. I think it's a delicious idea so from time to time we will be seeing some of the pages from the past. Shortly after talking to Karen, I had a similar conversation with Shirley Sumbles, who also has the book and endorsed the idea.

Our first recipe was chosen because of the link to the cherries theme elsewhere in this issue. As previously stated, I have no fondness for the little red things, but I will say that this recipe looks pretty good to me. I wonder if I could substitute apple pie filling???

Enjoy



This is also a good opportunity for us to use our 8-inch square pyrex glass baking dishes. If you have one that is pink or decorated with pink ... even better to highlight that cherry color.

George and Martha Washington could never have dreamed of having such beautiful kitchen glass.



GLASS IN USE

Cocktail hour with the Kreitlings



Fostoria Capri makes a Perfect Manhattan perfecter



Chardonnay in Cambridge Apple Blossom is appealing



Although Chardonnay in Fostoria Triumph is, well, triumphant



Fostoria Rondel works well with any color

About Fostoria Triumph



Triumph (line 6112) was produced from 1968 to 1972. It was available with gold and silver metal legs. One leg on each is signed "Fostoria". The four stems are Iced Tea, Goblet, Tulip Wine, and tall Sherbet/Champagne. I have learned from hard experience to not put them in hot water. The glue can soften and detach the glass from the metal.

They're not kidding!!!



George Washington is not the only president that we may be able to associate with a type of vintage glass. Given the recent passing of President Jimmy Carter, and the approaching Presidents' Day holiday, we are given another opportunity to explore a hot collectible. Among many impressive items on President Carter's resume is that he was a peanut farmer. It may not be one of his most celebrated accomplishments, but it is probably the one that most people in the country can best relate to. It is a simple honorable profession that makes the man seem more approachable to us than most other presidents.



Glass "Planters" peanut jars are quite popular. There are several styles and colors to look for. Some of them date to the 1930s and I think that others are more recently made. I believe that many of them were used to sell peanuts by the bag and sat on store counters. The handle on the jar lid is often shaped like a peanut. Do any readers know what glass companies may have made these?

I have no information that the Carters sold their harvest to Planters, but you have to think there was a chance. It would seem appropriate that this decent, honorable, and moral man would have shared such a nutritious little crop with the world in addition to all the other wonderful things he did for humanity.

If I am incorrect with any of this information, please do not call me a nut. Peanuts are not nuts. They are actually legumes, so you could say that I'm full of beans.





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FIRST CLASS MAIL

The purpose of the society is to gain more knowledge of the American glassware of the 1920's, 30's, and 40's and to further the preservation and pleasure of collecting glassware

TO -

We're on the web!
20-30-40Glassociety.org

Membership form enclosed.
Please return ASAP

If you see a **PINK STICKER** on this page, we have not received your renewal and this will be your last copy of the Society Page

Spread the word about the February meeting!



The raffle prizes at the **February** meeting will be something special through the generous donation of **Shirley Sumbles**.

Expect to see some beauties ...

Cambridge Arms

New Martinsville Clipper Ship
Bookends

Phoenix Consolidated Rose Bowl
decorated with violets

Viking Glass Epic line Egret

Duncan Heron

U.S Glass Delaware pattern
Brides Basket in silver plate