



PORTLAND'S *Rain* OF GLASS, INC.

A non-profit organization formed to stimulate interest in collectible glass and to provide educational resources and events for the members and the community at large.

SEPTEMBER

WHERE: Friendship Masonic Center
5626 NE Alameda Street
Portland, Oregon 97213
N.E. 57th & Sandy



WHEN: Tuesday,
September 16, 2008,
6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
(Library open at 6:00 p.m.)

GREETERS: Sandra Millius and Jeff Motsinger
(Come early to set up—6:00 p.m.)

FLOWER FROGS! —THE HUNT CONTINUES!

*Sandra Martin and Carole White present glass and ceramic flower frogs.
Join in the hunt—bring your favorite "Froggie" to share.
Pictured at top is a Roseville flower frog. Pictured directly above is a
Cambridge Turtle flower frog, produced 1914 to 1940.*



PATTERN OF THE MONTH:
Heisey Glass Company's "old" Queen Anne
presented by Janice Wallace

HOSPITALITY: September Committee listed on page 2

BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, September 9, 2008,
at the Friendship Masonic Center, 7:00 p.m.
ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 5-7 – Stars End of Summer Side-Walk Sale, along SE Milwaukie, Portland
- 6 – Antiques in the Streets, Albany
- 7 – The Original Coburg Antique Fair, Downtown Coburg
- 7 – Polk Flea Market
- 12 – Monticello's Fall Premier Show and Sale, 8600 SE Stark
- 13-14 – Hillsboro Glass & Pottery Show
- 14 – Picc-A-Dilly Flea Market, Eugene
- 21 – Deepwood Estate Antique Faire, Salem
- 27-28 – So. Oregon Antiques & Collectibles Show, Medford
- 28 – Salem Collectors Market
- 28 – Picc-A-Dilly, Eugene

Visit the Portland's Rain of Glass Website for more interesting Club news:
www.rainofglass.com
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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Several of the Board members have volunteered to bring refreshments. As we did last year, any of the Board members that would also like to bring refreshments may do so for the September meeting.

At the Board and General Meetings we will discuss a refreshment plan for this year.

Some suggestions to consider are

1. By alphabet,
2. By birthday,
3. By sign-up sheet like we did last year -- Or
4. You may have a suggestion to consider. Be thinking about the best way to do it so that all club members participate during the year.

from Jewell Gowan

MEMBERSHIP:

Portland's Rain of Glass Membership for one year is \$22.00 for individuals and \$8.00 for each additional member at the same address.

You may mail dues to: Cindy Thomas, Membership Chairman at 795 Corby St., Woodburn, OR 97071 or Friendship Masonic Center, 5626 NE Alameda, Portland, OR 97213 or bring payment to the next meeting.

September is the month to update your information for the Membership Directory that will be printed in October. Please call Cindy or email her with any changes to your name, address, email and phone numbers.

Thank you, *Cindy, 503-981-8330,
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A Look Back - Convention 2008 - "Decades of Glass"

Our speakers were top drawer! No doubt about it. Convention kick-off on Thursday night featured key note speaker, Dean Six. Dean traveled from his home in West Virginia to lead us on a virtual tour of the West Virginia Museum of Glass. Dean was a co-founder and continues to serve on the board of directors. Dean is a most knowledgeable and entertaining speaker. He returned to the podium on Saturday to provide a hands-on lesson on American hand and machine made marbles. What fun!

Wilbur Bluhm led off Friday with "American Brilliant Cut Glass." Several people attended just this presentation -- and they were not disappointed. Wilbur is the President of the National Cut Glass Assn. His knowledge of the history and characteristics of this beautiful glass is quite amazing!

From cut glass we moved to colorful glass of the 1920's and 30's. Our presenters, Bob Carlson, Jewell Gowan and Carole Bess White, shared their expertise and magnificent pieces from their own glass collections. It was a treat to hear and a feast for the eyes.

Later we heard from "Blenko" Bill Agle. Bill and a colleague ran a Blenko museum for several years where they launched exhibits of never-before-seen examples. He brought rare pieces from his collection to share during the presentation. His focus: Blenko designers into the 1970's. What a dynamic and knowledgeable speaker.

Saturday brought a scholarly lecture by Jack Bookwalter, who presented our International Glass Focus. His topic: British Art Deco. He has researched the companies, historical influences and the times that produced some of England's very interesting and colorful glass ware.

Marcia "Sparkles" Brown wrapped it all up in a glorious "sparkling" package with her presentation on Jewels Around the World. She brought some of her 11,000 piece collection to share and to display. She is the author of several books on costume jewelry and her knowledge and expertise is well recognized.

During our breaks, we had an author's fair with various publications available both for sale and for free distribution. An added bonus -- and a real hit -- were the jewelry appraisal sessions conducted by "Sparkles." She most generously gave of her professional advice to any and all who brought their treasures! What a lady!

Our auction was an unqualified success. Auctioneer, Al Carder, provided his usual fine work -- and lots of fun, as well.! Many members provided items for both the silent and oral auctions. We could not have had such a success without that generosity! And, we were most appreciative of the items provided by long-time dealer Iris Natividad. Such a good friend.

Others donated funds to support the event. We want to say a special thanks to Northwest Pipe, Ater Wynne LLP Attorneys at Law and Hollywood Antique Showcase for their generous contributions.

Table displays this year were spectacular! Blenko, colorful Cambridge, British Art Deco, Jewels and more jewels, colorful depression and later mid century glass were all represented -- even a bit of Early American Pattern Glass -- in glowing and stunning displays. The flowers (despite the trying weather conditions) were lovely -- as were the Banquet favors.

We have a long list of members and supporters who gave of their time, effort and good will! To them, and to the club who so willingly supports this wonderful event, we say THANK YOU! YOU ARE ALL SPECIAL FOLKS!

submitted by Sandra Millius

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29th ANNUAL RAIN OF

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ANTIQUES & COMMEMORATIVES SHOW & SALE

JANUARY 24 & 25, 2009

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