



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.

DECEMBER

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



WHEN: Tuesday,
December 15, 2009,
6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

(Library open at 6:00 p.m.)

GREETERS: Suzanne Pastori and Barbara Dietz
(Come early to set up—6:00 p.m.)



SPECIAL: HOLIDAY POTLUCK

PROG will provide ham and turkey and beverages, paper plates and utensils. Members may bring their own place settings if they want to, and centerpieces with wooden holiday decorations if they so choose.

*Other types of Holiday décor are welcome too.
We will start setting up at 6:00 and eat about 6:30.*

DISPLAY: Wooden Holiday Decorations

Elmer Heffner will show off his collection of "Anri"—Italian, German and Finnish wood carved bottle stoppers, boxes, holders, lamps and other items. These wood carvings were created as part of a cottage industry beginning about 1920. Pictured at top are some wood carved bottle stoppers like those Elmer collects.

HOSPITALITY: December
Committee listed on page 2

BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, December 8, 2009,
at the Friendship Masonic Center, 7:00 p.m.
ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

4-6 – Tigard Flea Market, 14365
SW Pacific Hwy, Tigard

5-6 – Picc-A-Dilly Flea Market,
Eugene

6 – Polk Flea Market, Rickreall

6 – Portland's Indoor/Outdoor
Flea Market, 5400 N. Lombard

11-13 – Tigard Flea Market

13 -- Portland's Indoor/Outdoor
Flea Market

13 – Salem Collectors Market

20 – Medford Giant Flea Market,
Medford Armory

20 – Portland's Ind./Out. Flea Mkt.

18-20 – Tigard Flea Market

JANUARY

30-31 – **NEW DATE!!!** PROG'S
Glass Show date has changed.
Join PROG members Jan. 30-
31 for the annual Show &
Sale at the Washington County
Fairgrounds.

Visit the Portland's Rain of
Glass Website for more
interesting Club news:

www.rainofglass.com

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IT'S TIME FOR PROG'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

**Please bring donations of
non-perishable food items
to our Holiday Potluck on
Tuesday, December 15.
Sandra Millius will collect the
donations and take them to an
Oregon Food Bank
drop-off site**

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE:

Carole White & Gyrid Hyde-Towle have volunteered to cook the ham and turkey. Dan and Delene Haake will help with set-up and Sandra James and Kirsten Stensland will help with clean-up. As usual, more people will step up and help with set-up and clean-up. Jewell Gowan is making yeast rolls and lots of people signed up for great sounding casseroles, salads, and desserts. I am getting hungry already.

-Jewell Gowan,503-510-9137

CLUB SALE TABLES AVAILABLE

ONLY 4 1/2 TABLES LEFT.....\$62 for a full table and \$31 for a half table. Tables are 30"wide x 8' long. Floor space Some shelving is provided as well as table covers. Members of my team and self, will be there to sell and check out your items, if you are unable to be there. Please make out checks to:
Portland Rain Of Glass

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Glass Factory, New Martinsville, W. Va.
30TH ANNUAL
DATE CHANGE
Glass Antiques and Collectibles Show & Sale
Jan. 30-31, 2010
Washington County Fairgrounds
Hillsboro Oregon
PRESENTED BY:
PORTLAND'S RAIN OF GLASS
www.rainofglass.com

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As our focus turns to the holidays, I am thankful for the really wonderful people who make up Portland's Rain of Glass. There are folks among us who do some extraordinary things to make our group successful and thriving.

Our annual tradition of bringing canned or non-perishable food for the Oregon Food Bank will continue at our next meeting and Sandra Millius has volunteered to collect and transport the food. I would encourage everyone to bring some canned food or contribute something for the food drive. Speaking of Sandra, I want to thank her for stepping forward to chair the Budget and Finance Committee, helping us track and report our finances. Our Budget Committee suggested that we hold a Membership Drive.

On January 30-31, 2010, we will hold our 30th Annual Glass, Antiques & Collectibles Show and Sale at the Fairgrounds in Hillsboro. We can always use more volunteers. Carole White always delivers outstanding Shows and this one is shaping up to be one of our best.

Carole is working with Neal Skibinski on the Auction Procurement Committee to catalog, photograph and acquire more surprises for our Auctions at the Convention and for our meetings. It is not too early to be thinking of what you can contribute. Thanks also to Neal for keeping our meeting topics lively and educational.

Ed Martin drafted a request for proposals for interested Web developers who would like to create our Virtual Museum. At the last report, the choice seems somewhat narrowed down as a proposal has emerged that meets our needs. This proposal will require less funds than anticipated and the share ware software is available free of charge.

Jewell Gowan stepped forward to chair our Glass Collectors Convention, and she announced that a new, fun activity has been added for 2010. We will have an hors d'oeuvres party with the silent auction on Thursday evening May 20, replacing the get-acquainted dinner. All are welcome to come and bring friends. The live auction will take place on Friday evening. Jewell just announced next year's theme of "Splendor in the Glass." The Convention will be held once again at The Grotto Conference Center on May 20-22, 2010. Confirmed speakers include: keynote and noted glass author Eason Eige, Norma Kramer on Vaseline Glass, and Bo Sullivan from Rejuvenation has agreed to speak about Historic Lighting Fixtures.

Dan Haake has been our Treasurer for four years and our financial records are being managed with the utmost care. PROG is financially healthy.

Thanks to Barbara Coleman and Cindy Thomas for putting our outstanding Newsletter together each month. Cindy also handles Membership duties as well. Thanks also to Kate Fuller who manages our comprehensive Library and keeps it easy to access.

Thanks to all of you who make PROG a fun place to meet and exchange our experiences and ideas. In 2010, you can look forward to more topics that educate us about glass and related historical events at our monthly meetings.

I want to remind everyone that we will have our 31st Annual Indoor Christmas Picnic on December 15, 2009. The Club will provide the ham, turkey and refreshments, and we want you to bring accompanying salads, side dishes, finger foods or desserts.

Have a Wonderful Holiday Season with family and loved ones.

Mark

Culture has many rewards ...



Mark Setlock in Becky Mode's Fully Committed.
Photo: Owen Getty © 2009, courtesy Portland Center Stage.

...Claim yours.

First, join or contribute to any number of Oregon's 1,100 arts, heritage and humanities nonprofits. Next, by Dec. 31, match your donations with a gift to the Oregon Cultural Trust. Then, claim an Oregon tax credit for 100% of your gift to the Trust, reducing taxes owed by up to \$500 for individuals, \$1,000 for married couples or \$2,500 for corporations.

Your gift to the Trust supports grant programs that benefit 1,100 cultural nonprofits across Oregon.

Donate now at www.culturaltrust.org.

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SECOND ANNUAL MINI-AUCTION SURPASSED OUR GOAL!!

BY CAROLE BESS WHITE

Thanks to all who donated such interesting and varied items, our mini-auction (and rooster glass favor sales) raised \$431.00, which is more than \$100 over our first one in February of this year!! The board voted to hold it again at the November meeting—just in time for Holiday giving—and to make it an annual November event.

Jokes flew as our auctioneer Al Carder teased the bids ever higher, and many members went home with treasures. Thanks to Al for his great job, and to our spotters, Michelle Kemp and Jack Bookwalter.

As can be seen in the list below, lots of great auction items went for very affordable prices. So mark your calendar for our next mini-auction on November 16, 2010, and in the meantime be thinking of items you would like to donate to the Convention auction on May 21, 2010.

ITEM	DONOR	WINNER	HIGH BID
ART GLASS VASE	LINDA & DAVID SPRAU	DELENE HAAKE	\$30.00
CAPRICE BOWL WITH PLATINUM OVERLAY	BARBARA COLEMAN	MARIAM MOREHEAD	15.00
CARNIVAL GLASS PITCHER	DAN & DELENE HAAKE	BARBARA COLEMAN	35.00
DUNCAN MILLER TEARDROPS BOWL	JANICE WALLACE	MARY ANN SPECHT	3.50
E.A.P.G. RUFFLED BOWL	JEFF MOTSINGER	GYRID HYDE-TOWLE	17.50
FENTON COBALT "MARY GREGORY" FAIRY LIGHT	JEFF MOTSINTGER	DELENE HAAKE	37.50
FENTON SILVER CREST COMPORT	BARBARA COLEMAN	DAN HAAKE	15.00
FIRE KING CASSEROLE, BAKER'S BOOK + "BAKING DAY" DISH TOWEL	CAROLE WHITE	JANICE AHL	15.00
FOSTORIA "NOSEGAY" CANDLESTICKS	AL & CAROL CARDER	KIRSTEN STENSLAND	8.00
FRANCISCAN BEVERLY DEMITASSE + DISNEY "POOH" GOBLETS	SANDRA JAMES	MICHELLE KEMP	13.00
HAZEL ATLAS DESSERT SET (CONTINENTAL CAN CO)	MAVIS CASE + RICHARD COX	LINDA BRADEN	17.50
HEISEY WARWICK CORNUCOPIA VASE	ANONYMOUS	LINDA BRADEN	10.00
LANCASTER PINK NAPPY BOWL	GYRID HYDE-TOWLE	CAROLE WHITE	5.00
MANHATTAN PINK BOWL	GYRID HYDE-TOWLE	MARK MOORE	5.00
McKEE COLONIAL PINK BOWL	ED & SANDRA MARTIN	JEWELL GOWAN	37.50
MEMORABILIA: JANTZEN BEACH	MARK MOORE	CAROLE WHITE	15.00
MEMORABILIA: OREGON CENTENNIAL	MARK MOORE	SUZANNE LEMON	13.00
NEW MARTINSVILLE PLATE w/FLORENTINE ETCH	JANICE WALLACE	KAREN YOUNG	5.50
PADEN CITY MRS. B. COMPORT	BARBARA COLEMAN	CAROLE WHITE	20.00
POSTCARD: ALADDIN RESTAURANT	MARK MOORE	BONNIE LaDOE	8.00
POSTCARD: CONGRESS HOTEL POMPEIAN ROOM	MARK MOORE	GYRID HYDE-TOWLE	5.00
POSTCARD: DOWNTOWN PORTLAND	MARK MOORE	MARIAM MOREHEAD	5.00
PURPLE BOTTLE	JEFF MOTSINGER	MARY ANN SPECHT	2.00
WESTMORELAND BANANA BOAT	CAROLE WHITE	MARK MOORE	35.00
WESTMORELAND CONSOLE BOWL	CAROLE WHITE	SUZANNE PASTORI	40.00

UGLY GLASS NIGHT NOT FOR THE TIMID!

It takes a brave soul to admit that a piece of glass they own might be considered ugly by others, and an even braver one to bring that piece to Ugly Glass Night to compete with its peers for the title of Ugliest Piece of Glass. However, several plucky PROG members rose to the challenge and brought in their ugliest glass.

A few of the pieces on the table included Neal Skibinski's Duncan & Miller Laguna bowl in teakwood brown (Picture #3); Trish Reading's luster rose carnival glass bowl in smoke (Picture # 5); and Carole White's blue goose decanter and green glass foot massager (Picture #3).

Al Carder has such a wonderful collection that he had to borrow his ugly piece from a friend, but nevertheless he took first place with Gary Newton's tall yellow vase with Nailsea effect on the bowl and a look-alike Jenny Lind medallion on the stem (Picture #1).

Michelle Kemp stopped at Goodwill on the way to the meeting and scored a glass swan for a song, tied with Janice Wallace for second place, and graciously sold the swan to Gyrid Hyde-Towle (Picture #2). And Janice's candlestick was ceramic, not glass. All of which proves that ugliness really is in the eye of the beholder!

written by Carole Bess White



All photos courtesy of Neal Skibinski

