JULY 2018 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. JULY WHERE: Central Lutheran Church 1820 NE 21st Avenue. Portland, OR 97212 (NE 21st & Schuyler) WHEN: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. **GREETERS:** Gwenn Nicklous and Suzanne Lemon (Come early to set up—6:00 p.m.) SPECIAL: It's time for the annual Portland's Rain of Glass picnic potluck. Bring a side dish, salad, dessert or appetizer. PROG will provide meat and beverages. Paper plates and plastic utensils provided. Bring your own place settings if you wish. Set up begins at 6:00 p.m. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. REMEMBER THE FOOD DRIVE—BRING CANNED OR BOXED FOOD **ITEMS FOR NEEDY FAMILIES!**

> SPECIAL PRESENTATION: "Fenton and L.G. Wright Cruets," displayed by Elmer Heffner

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Elmer will show off his collection of cruets made by Fenton Glass Company and L.G. Wright Glass Company. His collection includes the Fenton Coin Dot Cranberry Opalescent cruet pictured at left.

> BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 7:00 p.m. ALL MEMBERS WELCOME





We have several things on the horizon. First and foremost is PROG'S budget. As you probably know, we are over budget for 2018 by \$12,000. How could we have let this happen, you may ask. Well it was with the best of intentions, but sometimes things don't work out the way you plan them.

The most devastating loss was on the show. We spent a lot on advertising to get people to come to the new venue, Portland Meadows. It paid off somewhat as we nearly doubled our attendance, but it was not enough. We needed 2000 attendees and we got only 1300, so there went any profit we might have realized.

The Convention was never meant to be a money-maker because it is the main way we fulfill our nonprofit educational requirement, but we do try to at least break even. This year expenses climbed, and even though we reduced the registration fee from \$150 to \$100, we still didn't get enough attendees to come close to breaking even because we couldn't reduce our food, rental or speaker costs. It was a great experiment that did not pay off.

By the time you read this, we will have had our first budget meeting to get us back on track.

Well that's the bad news. Now for the good news! Our July meeting will be an indoor potluck picnic at Central Lutheran, which is always fun.

We don't meet in August, but we've started a tradition of having a picnic that month. This year's will be on August 4 at Ron & Donna Miller's new facility in McMinnville.

I look forward to seeing you at both events.

Your Mantiques President, Randy David





DID YOU PURCHASE THIS GREEN SATIN GLASS BISCUIT BARREL AT THE CONVENTION AND LEAVE IT BEHIND? WE WILL BRING IT TO THE JULY CLUB MEETING SO YOU CAN PICK IT UP. IF NOBODY CLAIMS IT BY NOVEMBER, IT WILL GO IN THE MINI-AUCTION!

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BLENKO GLASS WITH ED MARTIN AND NEAL SKIBINSKI

The originally scheduled June program, "The Language of the Flowers in Jewelry", had to be postponed until the September meeting due to illness. Thanks to Ed Martin and Neal Skibinski for jumping right in and presenting a program on Blenko Glass.

Ed shared that there are great research sites available online for Blenko, including almost all the old catalogs.



--Barbara Coleman

c. 1960 lamp with original teak bottom in orange crackle, designed by Wayne Husted; c. 1960 amberina ruffled bowl; c. 1972 blue pitcher designed by John Nickerson; blue highball glass; c. 1964 orange and red Joel Myers decanter; c. 1962 large flame decanter designed by Husted; c. 1964 tangerine pitcher designed by Myers.





c. 1955 & 1957 three amberina vases designed by Husted; an amber vase and a blue vase, designer unknown.





c. 1955 & 1957 three amberina vases designed by Husted; an amber vase; c. 1955 green decanter with original sticker from Eureka CA designed by Husted; c. 1970 olive green decanter designed by Myers; c. 1982 vase with clear, flat rim.

RIDGWAY BLUE DANISH WITH GYRID HYDE-TOWLE

Gyrid presented her Blue Danish dinnerware by Ridgway. She received the set of dishes from her mother in 1953 for her marriage. Her mother purchased a set of six place settings at Meier and Frank's "Friday Surprise" sale. She paid 10 cents each for the dishes and then carried them home on the street car.

Gyrid's dishes are a 20th century pattern, but Ridgway Pottery has been made in the Staffordshire District in England since 1808 by a series of companies, all with the name Ridgway. The transfer-design dinner sets are the most well-known product, but other Ridgway patterns may be listed under Flow Blue. Ridgway became part of Royal Doulton in the 1960s.

Gyrid's Blue Danish pattern is based on dishes made by Royal Copenhagen, Meissen and in Norway. She also showed her blue Moderntone salt and pepper set, and her silver plate pattern—Princess by William Rogers, c. 1925. She has place settings for 12 in the silver plate, plus serving pieces.

-Barbara Coleman



ABOVE PHOTOS BY NEAL SKIBINSKI



PRINCESS BY WILLIAM ROGERS



ANNOUNCEMENTS



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1. Mable Hardebeck received a lifetime membership and is now an honorary member of PROG—Congratulations!

2. Mark Moore reported on the Convention. "One of the best we've ever had." The auctions raised \$3,545 total: \$775—Silent; \$2,225—Oral; \$545—Dessert Auction. Convention was over budget by about \$1,000 so far, but that will increase as further expenses come in. Next Convention Committee meeting will be in September.

3. Susan Conroy reported that the Library received a book donation of "Magnificent Obsessions" from Jewell Gowan.

4. Ed Martin has been selected by the board to be Budget Committee Chairperson. He said the club sustained a loss for the current year of \$12,000. A budget report was provided to members and members were asked to volunteer to serve on a budget committee to help reduce expenses and keep the club operating.

5. Welcome new board of directors members Jean Zitzer, Debbie Larsen and Celeste Sprague. The proposed changes to the PROG bylaws passed by a majority of member voters.

6. Jack Bookwalter announced he will lead a downtown Portland walking tour of Architectural Terra Cotta. Anyone interested should contact Jack for date, time and place, 503.539.2707.





\$5.00 Glassbuck won by Debbie Larsen; Lenox pitcher won by Edna McLean; turquoise goblets won by Barrett Strasberg; 8 Fostoria *Marilyn* goblets won by Doreen Smith; Fostoria *Mayflower* bowl won by Susan Conroy; Lagunitas beer, Tshirt, coasters and magnets won by Mary Ann Specht; Kosta Boda candleholders won by Sandra Martin; Christmas cactus donated by Elmer Heffner won by Jewell Gowan.











Jack Bookwalter—Consolidated lamp purchased at the Convention auction; Barbara Coleman—Fenton Silver Crest bowl and small comport insert c. 1940, Gladding McBean salad bowl for Sunkist and 1938 Metlox Poppy Trail pitcher purchased at the Convention; Diane Foster—Duncan Miller First Love champagne, humidor c. 1905-1910, blue Fostoria Colony candlesticks c. 1926, Heisey flamingo basket c. 1925; Elmer Heffner—Murano bowl, blue and white cameo glass vase of recent origin; Sandra Martin—Viking Big Eye Owl in orange and red; Ed Martin—orange glass decanter, probably Italian, Mid-Century orange crackle pitcher, Mid-Century orange Viking pitcher with pulled effect.

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DOREEN SMITH AT THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL



ORAL AUCTION SPOTTERS ED MARTIN & RANDY DAVID



GLASS SCULPTURE DONATED TO THE ORAL AUCTION BY SPEAKER RANDY STRONG



AUCTIONEER GARY McLAREN FROM McLAREN AUCTION SERVICES WHO DONATED HIS TIME, AND TERRY MARTIN



RON & DONNA MILLER WITH A GLASS LEAF MADE BY RANDY STRONG



GINNY DAVID AND BEA MARTIN WRESTLE OVER AN AUCTION ITEM, WITH LINDA SPRAU AND RANDY DAVID REFEREEING



JACK BOOKWALTER INTRODUCING SPEAKER RICHARD GLENN



DESSERT FRENZY AUCTION ORGANIZED BY BARBARA COLEMAN WITH TREATS DONATED BY BEA MARTIN, BARBARA COLEMAN, GWENN NICKLOUS, KATE FULLER & JEWELL GOWAN

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SPEAKER RANDY STRONG WITH ONE OF THE GLASS HEARTS HE MADE FOR OUR FAVORS



SPEAKER RICHARD GLENN DISCUSSING PORTLAND GLASSMAKING



SPEAKER BILL STERN TALKING ABOUT CALIFORNIA POTTERY



RICHARD GLENN, RANDY STRONG AND DENNIS CANAVAN



WE HAD A GOOD CROWD ATTENDING THE LECTURES!



DENNIS CANAVAN AND HIS GLADDING McBEAN ELEPHANT



RICHARD GLENN'S FIGURAL FROGS AND OTHER GREEN SATIN PIECES

PHOTOS BY BARBARA COLEMAN AND MARK MOORE



RANDY DAVID AND MARK MOORE AT THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL

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