

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: Central Lutheran Church
1820 NE 21st Avenue,
Portland, OR 97212
(NE 21st & Schuyler)

WHEN: Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2014,
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
(Library Open at 6:00)

GREETERS:

Susan Conroy and Jean Zitzer
(Come early to set up—6:00 p.m.)

My-Te-Fine Merchant

PROGRAM:

Once upon a time in the early 20th century, a certain "Fred" created a retail empire in Portland that expanded to include the northwest corner of the United States and beyond. Now another "Fred" has written the first "Fred's" biography. Fred Leeson will share his literary discoveries with those attending the PROG September meeting. Leeson will talk about his newly published "My-Te-Fine Merchant—Fred Meyer's Retail Revolution." PROG members are invited to bring Fred Meyer collectibles to share. Pictured at top is a promotional photo of Fred Meyer (also the book cover). Above is one of the oldest Fred Meyer locations—now Bread and Ink Café on Hawthorne Blvd.

PATTERN OF THE MONTH: "Pembroke" by Mikasa China Company, presented by Barbara Coleman



Barbara will share her "Pembroke" pattern by Mikasa China Company. Pictured at left is the coffee pot and lid. Mikasa's Pembroke pattern was made 1971 to 1986,

BOARD MEETING:

Tuesday,
September 9, 2014,
7:00 p.m.

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 6 – Antiques in the Street, Albany
- 7 – Polk Flea Market, Rickreall
- 7 – Coburg Antique Fair, Coburg
- 13 – Deepwood Flea Market, Salem
- 14 – Picc-A-Dilly Flea Market, Eugene
- 14 – Medford Giant Flea Market
- 14 – Salem Collectors Market
- 21 – Rose City Collectors Market, Portland
- 27-28 – So. Ore. Antiques & Collectibles, Medford

Every Sunday—Portland's Indoor/Outdoor Flea Market, 5400 N Lombard, Portland, (one block west of Portsmouth on Lombard)

2nd Weekend – Old Mill at Yamhill Flea Market, 140 W. Main St., Yamhill

Visit estatesale-finder.com for local sales in the area

Visit the Portland's Rain of Glass website:

www.rainofglass.com

or see us on FACEBOOK

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**HERE'S A GREAT IDEA!
JOIN THE 2015
CONVENTION
COMMITTEE**

FIRST MEETING:

TUE. SEPT. 23

AT GYRID HYDE-TOWLE'S
544 N.E. SOUTH SHORE ROAD
PORTLAND OR 97211
POTLUCK DINNER 6:00 P.M.
MEETING 7:00 P.M.

R.S.V.P. TO COMMITTEE CHAIR
MARK MOORE 503-286-5224
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FUTURE MEETINGS

TUE. NOV. 4

TUE. MAR. 3

LOCATIONS TBD



**OUR NEWEST LIFE MEMBER:
LILLIAN HODGES**

Lillian was awarded her Life Membership in June of this year. She is pictured above next to "Hattie," the dress form on which she keeps her collection of brooches and where her Life Member badge now resides.

She joined PROG in 1987 and served on the board from 1991 to 1994. She was treasurer from 1992 to 1994, which was during the time that we were trying to get our records in order so that we could apply for our 501(c)(3) nonprofit status.

I hauled my computer over to her house many times, and we spent evenings and Saturdays working on the application. I remember my wife Eva saying she thought I spent more time at Lillian's than I did at home! But it was all worth the effort because we did get our status.

Lillian pitched in at every event and was always willing to host meetings at her house. She was a big supporter of our American Glass Rally (now the Glass Collectors Convention) and attended every one through 2009. She has donated glass for the auction every year, and many of us who took home a nice piece of Fostoria American from this year's auction have Lillian to thank for it.

We are grateful for all of Lillian's many contributions and miss her very much at PROG functions. Congratulations, Lillian, on your Life Membership. It is richly deserved.

—Dennis Headrick



ROSE SHOW CARNIVAL GLASS BOWL

**IF YOU LOVE GLASS
JOIN THE 2015**

**SHOW & SALE
COMMITTEE**

FIRST MEETING:

TUE. SEPT. 30

AT BARBARA COLEMAN'S
2226 N.E. HANCOCK ST.
PORTLAND OR 97212
POTLUCK DINNER 6:00 P.M.
MEETING 7:00 P.M.
R.S.V.P. TO COMMITTEE CHAIR
CAROLE BESS WHITE
503-901-0505, cbessw@aol.com

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FUTURE MEETINGS:

TUE. OCT. 28

TUE. DEC. 2

TUES. JAN. 6

LOCATIONS TBD

JULY MEETING NOTES

We enjoyed a delicious potluck picnic at our July meeting. Thanks to Gyrid Hyde-Towle, Celeste Sprague and Carole Bess White for preparing the turkey and hams, and thanks to all our members who brought wonderful salads, side dishes and desserts to round out the meal.

Our tradition is to feature a display by Elmer Heffner at our potlucks, and this time he brought Coin Spot and Coin Dot glass. Both types are cased glass, and here's how to keep them straight:

COIN SPOT has WHITE SPOTS ON A COLORED OR CLEAR BACKGROUND

COIN DOT has CLEAR DOTS ON A COLORED BACKGROUND

Elmer's pieces were all by Fenton, but other companies including Northwood made Coin Spot from the 1870's on. Fenton introduced Coin Dot in the 1940's.

Randy David led our Show & Tell, which included a display of pieces we bought on our train trip to Centralia in June:

Jack Bookwalter—Czech amber glass bowl with fitted frog; Portland Building commemorative tin; salt & pepper set; straw hat

Barbara Coleman— c. 1920's-30's reissue of an English pink lustre pitcher

Randy & Ginny David—New Martinsville cobalt cream and sugar with enamel decoration on tray; Carlton "Walking Ware" c. 1976 teapot, cream & sugar and egg cup

Diane Foster—red pitcher with amber handle; blue striped Chinese vase

Sue Fournier—modern reissue of a Czech vaseline glass figural hood ornament; blue Italian goblet; clear Art Deco dancing figurine by Stellar Glass; clear cut diamond shaped powder box

Mable Hardebeck—Imperial 536 blue vase; red blown glass pumpkin

Gyrid Hyde-Towle—two sets of Moderntone Platonite salt & pepper shakers; green art glass pitcher with clear foot; light blue Blenko vase

Diana Jones—lime green Chinese vase; yellow bud vase with clear foot; German art pottery "hot lava process" piece c.1960's-70's; vintage nut grinder

Sandra Millius—amberina Georgian Viking candle lamp

Sharon Staley—Fenton cranberry opalescent hobnail brides basket bowl

Carole Bess White—Fostoria etched candle holders c.1922-29



JULY COIN DOT AND COIN SPOT plus SHOW & TELL



Photos by Neal Skibinski

AUGUST PICNIC

August 16, 2014, was pronounced “JEWELL GOWAN DAY” by PROG President Ed Martin to commemorate Jewell’s retirement from PROG’s board of directors. We enjoyed a day of tribute to Jewell, cultural displays, shopping and eating on our trip to Salem. Jewell hosted the potluck in the rec room of Paradise Island Park. With a full kitchen, meeting rooms and a swimming pool it was a great place to have a potluck. Surprisingly—or not—nobody dipped even a toe in the pool!

Members of the Salem antique collecting club gave talks and displays of salt-glazed stoneware by the Oregon Pottery Company of Buena Vista, Oregon, vintage kitchen utensils and pie pans. Oregon Pottery produced salt glazed crocks, jars, butter churns and other kitchen and household containers and later sewer pipe and was in business from 1866-1896. A good reference book on the subject is *Pottery on the Willamette* by Blaine Schmeer, who is related to the founders of the company. If we learned nothing else, we learned to pronounce “Buena Vista” as “Bewney Vista.”

Our vice president Jan Baxter announced the dedication of the day to Jewell as we all whipped out “I ♥ JEWELL” and “I KNOW A REAL JEWELL” buttons and pinned them on. Thanks to Dennis Headrick for making our buttons. Somehow we managed to keep the dedication a secret, and was Jewell ever surprised!

DEDICATION TO MS GOWAN—A JEWELL OF A WOMAN!!



Jewell Gowan has been a teacher, a medical office assistant, a bookkeeper for a restaurant and a lumber company, an antique dealer and an antique mall owner, among her many careers. She was the “book lady” at the Rain of Glass Shows and many other events, selling reference books on antiques and collectibles.

Jewell’s mother’s maiden name was McKee, which sparked Jewell’s interest in collecting the wonderful glassware of the McKee Glass Company

Jewell joined Portland’s Rain of Glass in 1987 and has served in many positions including president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, library chair, convention chair, convention speaker, board member, historian and policy & bylaws chair. She will remain historian and policy & bylaws chair. She is an Honorary Life Member, a designation she well deserves.

We thank her for all the years she has spent driving from Salem to Portland and back again, and all the work she has put in on our behalf. We’ll miss her wisdom and insight at board meetings and hope to see her at our club meetings for many years to come.

JEWELL’S REPLY—

I so appreciate the thirty-plus members who came to Salem for the August Potluck—and I was totally surprised—really stunned—at the proclamation of “Jewell Gowan Day”. Thank you all for such a thoughtful gesture.

My years in Portland’s Rain of Glass have meant a lot to me. From the first time I heard about the group I wanted to be a part of it. Being a child of the Depression years, I was interested in the American Sweetheart, Iris and Herringbone and other glass patterns that had survived in our home. The glass shows during the Hazel Marie Weatherman and Gene Florence years were special with the beautiful sparkle as we walked into the armory in Portland for the Rain of Glass Show and into Columbia Hall for the Haley’s glass show at the fairgrounds in Salem.

I have enjoyed the offices and chairmanships that I have held, especially spearheading the convention and helping develop our library. I never lose sight of the fact that those who have followed me as chairmen of these projects have done so much more than I have in making them into something that we all can be so very proud of.

Thank you again for your kindness. I appreciate the years in Portland’s Rain of Glass and the many great people that I have had the opportunity to know and work with. Even though it is time to cut back, I still plan to be around—just less involved.

**OREGON POTTERY COMPANY and KITCHEN COLLECTIBLES at the
AUGUST PICNIC**



STELVIA VASE DESIGNED BY WAYNE HUSTED



PROG'S 2014

MINI-AUCTION

WILL BE TUESDAY, NOV. 18

at the club meeting

DONATIONS WELCOME!!

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Please bring your clean, undamaged glass, collectible or gift item donations to the September or October meeting.

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**PLEASE INCLUDE A LIST OF
YOUR DONATIONS AND/OR PUT
A STICKY NOTE WITH YOUR
NAME ON IT ON EACH PIECE
(STICKY NOTES AVAILABLE AT THE MEETINGS)**

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Pictured above is a recent donation, a Stelvia Glass Company vase designed by iconic designer and PROG member

WAYNE HUSTED

Bid on it at the Mini-Auction and it could go home with you!

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QUESTIONS?

Carole Bess White, 503-901-0505, cbessw@aol.com

MEMBERSHIP

A big Thank You to Dennis Headrick for making The Membership and The Board Booklets. Dennis donated his time, talent and all of the materials to get the job done. Every year, we receive compliments from the members on how well Dennis makes the booklets.

The new Name Board will be ready for the September 16th General Meeting.

Do you know who have received a family heirloom and don't know what it is? Invite them to come with you to the Sept PROG meeting. I joined PROG after bringing a piece for identification. We just never know which people we do not invite to PROG would really benefit from coming to a meeting.



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