



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.

APRIL

UPCOMING EVENTS

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3 – Rose City Collectors Market,
Airport Holiday Inn's Columbia
Conference Center, Portland

3 – Polk Flea Market, Rickreall

16-17 – Webfooters Antique Paper
Show & Sale, Gresham Armory

17 – Picc-A-Dilly Flea Market, Lane
County Fairgrounds, Eugene

24 – Salem Collectors Market,
Salem Armory

27-May 1 – International Perfume
Bottle Assn. Convention, Portland
Marriott Downtown Waterfront--
some events open to the public
free on April 29 and 30.

Every Sunday—Portland's
Indoor/Outdoor Flea Market, 9 a.m.
to 2:30 p.m., 5400 N Lombard,
Portland, (one block west of
Portsmouth on Lombard)

2nd weekend (March-December)
Old Mill at Yamhill Flea Market,
140 W Main St., Yamhill

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

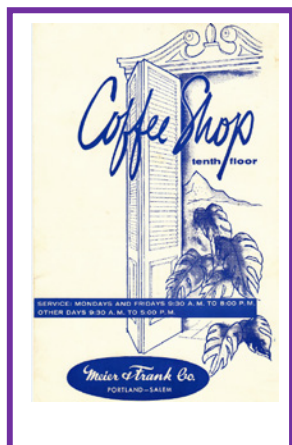
WHEN: Tuesday, April 19, 2016,
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

GREETERS:
Doreen Smith and Edna McLean
(Come early to set up—6:00 p.m.)

SPECIAL PROGRAM:

Restaurant Night--Hardware and Software

We will nosh our way down restaurant memory lane as Carole Bess White leads the group in a discussion of collectible restaurant items. Part I of the program will be "Restaurant Hardware"--including glass, china, flatware; Part II of the program will be "Restaurant Software"--including matchbooks, menus and paper ephemera. Everyone is invited to bring their restaurant or hotel memorabilia. Pictured at top is an item from Yaws Restaurant. Above is a menu from the Hotel Multnomah. Below left is a menu from Meier & Frank Co. Coffee Shop. Below right is a dish from the Portland Hotel.



BOARD MEETING: Tuesday,
April 12, 2016, 7:00 p.m.
ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

Visit the Portland's Rain of
Glass website:

www.rainofglass.com

or see us on FACEBOOK

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Milwaukie, OR. 97222.



BOARD ELECTION COMING UP FAST!

Just a reminder that at the June 16 club meeting we will be voting for five new board members. If you are interested in being on the board, please contact our Nominating Committee chairperson Gyrid Hyde-Towle.

We also need the help of two individuals from the general membership to assist with our Board nominations as stated in our PROG Bylaws. Tasks will include assisting with the organization of the election and making sure candidates are contacted and are announced in our June newsletter.

Being on the PROG Board is a great way members can contribute to maintaining the quality programs currently being offered. It is a vehicle to sharing the ideas and experiences to the benefit of everyone.

Jan Baxter, President



YOU CAN HELP PROG EARN DONATIONS JUST BY SHOPPING WITH YOUR FRED MEYER REWARDS CARD!

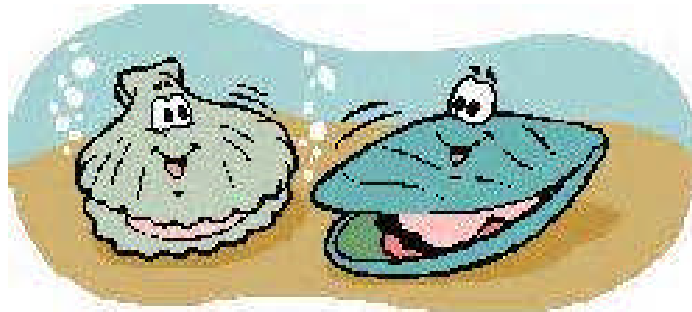
Fred Meyer donates \$2.5 million per year to non-profits in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, based on where their customers tell them to give.

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Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Portland's Rain of Glass at

www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards

- You can search for us by name, Portland's Rain of Glass, or by our non-profit number, 85577.
- Then, every time you shop at Fred Meyer and use your Rewards Card, you will help PROG earn a donation from Fred Meyer at no cost to you!
- You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points and Rebates just as you do today.
- If you don't have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store.



PROG'S ANNUAL CLAM CHOWDER FEAST

Take a bow, Gyrid Hyde-Towle, Barbara Dietz and Barb Larson for preparing and serving Gyrid's delicious clam chowder at our annual March Chowder Feast!

Thanks to Ed Martin for the garlic and French bread, to Sandra Martin for the large green salad, to Carole Bess White for the barbecue ham and bean soup, to the board for the delicious desserts and to everyone else who contributed.

And special thanks to Ed Martin for selling our tickets, to everyone who helped set up the feast and clean it up afterwards. We expect to have raised about \$263 once all the receipts are turned in.



CONVENTION COUNTDOWN

By Mark Moore

**THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR THE EARLY
BIRD DISCOUNT IS COMING UP!
IT'S AT OUR NEXT CLUB MEETING ON
APRIL 19, 2016, SO DON'T DELAY!!!!**



Winter is over, the flowers are blooming as spring is here; before we know it, it will be time for PROG's 24th Annual Glass Collector's Convention. We have some exciting topics and speakers planned for another great Convention line-up, and you will have a chance to add some new pieces of glass to your collections at reasonable prices at our auctions.

The Convention will begin with our silent auction, hors d'oeuvres and ice cream social on Thursday with live music by Fred Leeson and a talk on the Icecreamers Convention in Lancaster, PA with Ed Martin.

On Friday, we will have programs on Antique Seal Bottles with long-time PROG member Sam Kisse; Joann Tortarolo will talk about the work of Fostoria Designer George Sakier's Art Deco Glass; Blenko's legendary designer Wayne Husted will return to talk about Influences for My Mid-Century Modern Designs; and Debbie & Randy Coe will talk about Corning Glass Works. Friday's lunch will feature the ever-popular Dessert Frenzy, and after dinner Friday night we will have our oral glass auction filled with fun and surprises.

On Saturday, Sam Kisse will return to talk about America's first pattern glass: Three-Mold Blown Glass; Wayne Husted will talk about Blenko Glass Designers and Their Designs; Randy and Debbie Coe will cover Art Glass Moderne; and Joann Tortarolo will round out our presentations with a look at the Historical Glass Museum at Redlands, CA where she is the president. As always, we will end the Convention with our annual Banquet Dinner and banquet attendees will receive a favor from the Crystal Art Glass Company, popularly called the Degenhart Glass Company, which closed in 1978.

Be sure to get your registration forms to us by our next meeting on April 19, or you can mail them directly to our Convention Registrar Ginny David at 1746 NW 3rd Court, McMinnville, OR 97128-7174. And remember, PROG members always receive a discount on the two-day or three-day registration.

Get ready for lots of food, fun and fellowship with other glass collectors!!

THISTLE COLLECTIBLES with EDNA McLEAN

As a small child, Edna admired the pretty, prickly purple flowers that her family ripped out as soon as they saw them. They were thistles, a member of the daisy family, and motif people consider them pests. Then when she had a summer job at a fire lookout, a little thistle took root, but her boss dug it up.

So she resorted to collecting objects with thistle on them. Her first pieces were Higbee Thistle dishes that she bought from Jennie Welch of Welch's Antiques. When Jennie died in 1985, her family found some more Thistle items that had Edna's name on them, so she was able to purchase those as well.

Edna was only going to collect thistle glass, but then one day she was in a Vancouver, B.C. antique shop and found a thistle-decorated piece of china, so she branched out and the rest is history!

Among the pieces Edna showed were a honeycomb dish, a pair of metal candleholders she purchased in Scotland, a horse brass with a thistle, Many cups and saucers, a set of dishes, a red cut-to-clear Czech vase, a Fenton thistle piece and a cookie press that she used to make the delicious shortbread cookies she brought to the meeting.

Written by Carole Bess White



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GLASS COLLECTORS CONVENTION

◆AUCTIONS◆

MAY 19—SILENT AUCTION ◆ MAY 20—ORAL AUCTION

PHOTO BY MARK MOORE



**PICTURED ARE SOME OF THE DONATIONS WE RECEIVED FOR THE AUCTION,
AND THERE WILL BE MUCH, MUCH MORE!!**

DONATIONS STILL BEING ACCEPTED—PLEASE BRING YOUR ITEMS TO THE APRIL 19 CLUB MEETING

AUCTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: SET UP MAY 19 • 10 AM-3 PM

SILENT MAY 19 • 6 PM-8 PM, ORAL MAY 20 • 6 PM-9 PM

TO DONATE OR TO SIGN UP CONTACT CAROLE BESS WHITE 503-901-0505

SHOW & TELL

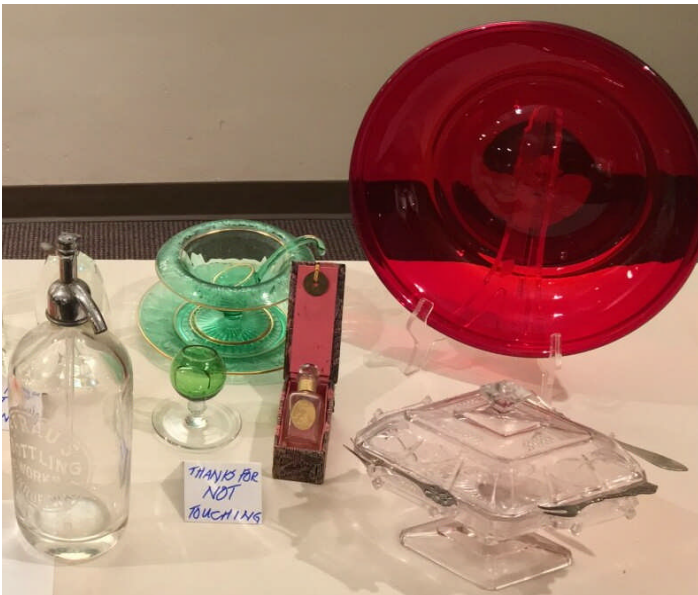
Ginny David—EAPG covered, footed butter dish with forks..

Diane Foster—Blenko floor decanter c. 1961; Israeli vase marked Bathsheba; chocolate glass Forget-Me-Not on Dewey; goofus glass vase; ruby-stained decanter; red console bowl with rough pontil and rolled edge.

Ed Senior—glass Christmas by Clichy, France; Russian optic spy satellite lenses drilled to make bud vases of candleholders.

Dave & Linda Sprau—seltzer bottle made in Austria from his family's Sprau Bottling (Dave has discovered the secret of removing the metal works from the bottles—just ask him).

Carole Bess White—Cambridge 1066 cigarette vase with ashtray foot and place card holder; Vantine's perfume bottle in original silk box; Central Glass Company green mayonnaise set with La Furiste etching by Lotus; all purchased at the 2016 Rain of Glass Sale!



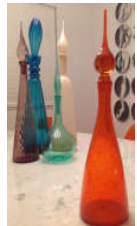
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WINNERS!!

Door prize of a \$5.00 Glassbuck—won by Mark Moore

Three hobnail vases donated by Gyrid Hyde-Towle—won by Mary Ann Specht

Plant donated by Elmer Heffner—won by Mable Hardebeck



PORTLAND'S RAIN OF GLASS PRESENTS THEIR 24th ANNUAL

GLASS COLLECTORS CONVENTION

THURSDAY—FRIDAY—SATURDAY, MAY 19-20-21, 2016

GROTTO CONFERENCE CENTER, 8840 NE SKIDMORE, PORTLAND OR

THURSDAY BEGINNING AT 5:30--HORS D'OEUVRES, MUSIC BY FRED LEESON
7:10—7:45 ICE CREAM SOCIAL ♦ PLUS AT 7:30 ICE SCREAMERS PROGRAM BY ED MARTIN

ANTIQUE SEAL BOTTLES >FRI. 9:45 A.M.

SAM KISSÉE, past president of the Early American Pattern Glass Society

FOSTORIA DESIGNER GEORGE SAKIER'S ART DECO GLASS >FRI. 11:00 A.M.

JOANN TORTAROLO, president of the Historical Glass Museum of Redlands, California

INFLUENCES FOR MY MID-CENTURY MODERN DESIGNS >FRI. 1:30 P.M.

WAYNE HUSTED, iconic designer for Blenko and other glass companies

CORNING GLASS WORKS >FRI. 3:00 P.M.

DEBBIE & RANDY COE, Schiffer Books authors

THREE MOLD BLOWN GLASS-AMERICA'S FIRST PATTERN GLASS >SAT. 9:30 A.M.

SAM KISSÉE, past president of the Early American Pattern Glass Society

BLENKO GLASS DESIGNERS & THEIR DESIGNS >SAT. 10:45 A.M.

WAYNE HUSTED, iconic designer for Blenko and other glass companies

ART MODERNE GLASS >SATURDAY 1:30 P.M.

DEBBIE & RANDY COE, Schiffer Books authors

THE HISTORICAL GLASS MUSEUM AT REDLANDS CA >SAT. 3:00 P.M.

JOANN TORTAROLO, president of the Historical Glass Museum of Redlands, California

♦ PLUS 2 BIG AUCTIONS ♦

SILENT AUCTION THURSDAY, MAY 19

VIEW 5:30 PM ♦ FIRST CLOSING 6:30 PM

ORAL AUCTION FRIDAY, MAY 20

VIEW 5:30 PM ♦ BIDDING 6:00 PM

♦ NO BUYER'S PREMIUM ♦ AUCTIONS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC—YOU NEED NOT ATTEND THE CONVENTION TO COME TO THE AUCTIONS ♦

FULL THREE-DAY REGISTRATION OPTION • CHECK ALL BOXES THAT APPLY

<input type="checkbox"/> FULL REGISTRATION INCLUDES: Thursday Silent Auction, Hors d'Oeuvres, Ice Cream Social Ice Screamer Program; all Friday & Saturday Meals, Seminars, Activities; Friday Oral Auction; glass favor by Degenhart Glass Company			
MY SATURDAY BANQUET MEAL CHOICE:			
<input type="checkbox"/> PRIME RIB	HOW MANY? CIRCLE ONE: 1 2		
<input type="checkbox"/> CHICKEN	HOW MANY? CIRCLE ONE: 1 2	_____ persons @ \$170.00 each	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT for paying for three-day Convention by April 19, 2016:		- \$10.00 each	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> PROG MEMBER DISCOUNT on three-day Convention registration:		- \$10.00 each	\$ _____
TOTAL FOR FULL THREE-DAY REGISTRATION TO BE PAID BY APRIL 19, 2016:			\$ _____

SPECIAL TWO-DAY REGISTRATION OPTIONS • CHECK ALL BOXES THAT APPLY

<input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL THURSDAY + FRIDAY ONLY REGISTRATION INCLUDES: Thursday Silent Auction, Hors d'Oeuvres, Ice Cream Social, Ice Screamer Program; all Friday Meals, Seminars, Activities and Oral Auction on Friday; (no Saturday seminars, Saturday meals or glass favor)			
			_____ persons @ \$95.00 each \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL THURSDAY + SATURDAY ONLY REGISTRATION INCLUDES: Thursday Silent Auction, Hors d'Oeuvres, Ice Cream Social, Ice Screamer Program; Oral Auction on Friday (but no Friday meals or seminars); all Saturday Meals, Seminars and Activities; and glass favor by Degenhart Glass Company			
MY SATURDAY BANQUET MEAL CHOICE (FOR THURSDAY-SATURDAY REGISTRATION ONLY):			
<input type="checkbox"/> PRIME RIB	HOW MANY? CIRCLE ONE: 1 2		
<input type="checkbox"/> CHICKEN	HOW MANY? CIRCLE ONE: 1 2	_____ persons @ \$120.00 each	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT for paying for two-day Convention by April 19, 2016:		- \$5.00 each	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> PROG MEMBER DISCOUNT on two-day Convention registration:		- \$5.00 each	\$ _____
TOTAL FOR TWO-DAY REGISTRATION TO BE PAID BY APRIL 19, 2016:			\$ _____

NAME(S) _____
 ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 PHONE _____ DAY _____ CELL _____
 EMAIL ADDRESS _____

BRING TO CLUB or MAIL TO: PORTLAND'S RAIN OF GLASS, c/o GINNY DAVID, 1746 N.W. 3rd COURT, McMinnville OR 97128-7174

RESERVE DISCOUNTED HOTEL ROOMS DIRECTLY WITH THE PONY SOLDIER HOTEL, 9901 N.E. SANDY BLVD, PORTLAND OR 97220, 503-256-1504

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HERE ARE JUST A
FEW OF THE
MANY
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AUCTIONS!!



THURSDAY, MAY 19—SILENT AUCTION 5:30 P.M.
FRIDAY, MAY 20—ORAL AUCTION 5:30 P.M.
GROTTO CONFERENCE CENTER, PORTLAND

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE NEXT CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETING:
TUESDAY, APRIL 5, NO-HOST DINNER 6 P.M., MEETING 7 P.M.
ELMER'S RESTAURANT, 10001 N.E. SANDY BLVD., PORTLAND
R.S.V.P. MARK MOORE, 503-286-5224