

## INFORMATIONAL LETTER TO MEMBERSHIP

With the retirement of Frank Herendeen and several others, the new Historical Glass Museum Foundation (HGMF) president is William Brakemeyer. Bill and the Board have been working very hard these last few months to acquaint themselves with the issues facing the Museum and its future. The Board has been focusing on the structural and maintenance issues inherent in an older structure, as well as reorganizing the glass collection and gift shop merchandise. With the voluntary assistance of a local architect, the Board has identified those structural issues needing immediate resolution, and is taking appropriate steps for repair or replacement.

### CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President:	William Brakemeyer
Vice President:	William Summers
Secretary:	Betty Thomas
Treasurer:	Lillian Moloian
Board Member:	William Kleese
Board Member:	Jan Korfacher
Board Member (Gift Shop/Tours):	Linda Makar
Board Member (Appraiser):	Joann Tortarolo
Board Member:	Connie Wheeler
Board Member:	Linda Lowe
Board Member Emeritus:	Elizabeth Paldanius

### IDENTIFICATION AND CATALOGING OF GLASS:

Our research team has embarked upon the project of verifying the identification information on all the glass on display in the Museum, after which they will begin the process of creating a master inventory of all Museum-owned glass. Heading the research team is Board Member, and certified appraiser, Joann Tortarolo. With the advice of The Museum of American Glass in West Virginia, Joann is working on standardizing the inventory numbering system to allow us to quickly determine items we might wish to acquire in the future and, conversely, which items could be considered duplicates and ultimately released for sale through the gift shop.

### DONATIONS:

Since May, the Historical Glass Museum has received several significant donations of glass. Beatrice Walter of Redlands donated pieces of Heisey colonial-style glass from the 1920s collected over her lifetime. President Bill Brakemeyer donated pieces of Imperial Cape Cod to further expand our collection. Gladys Prozinski of Yucaipa donated a table and berry set in U.S. Glass pattern Leafy School, made in 1896, and a great addition to our EAPG room. Matt Worthington of Corona donated several outstanding pieces of elegant glass in honor of his parents. Marion Cable of Corona donated excellent examples of Heisey and Cambridge glass from the estate of her sister, Ann Elizabeth Burroughs. There were many smaller donations as well. Thank you to all of our generous donors!

As the tax year draws to a close, the Museum would like to encourage members to donate to the Foundation, or make provisions for the Museum in their trusts or wills. The Museum is continuing its partnership with Provident Bank whereby the Foundation receives a monetary gift once a year based upon accounts associated (not linked) with the Museum.

## **GIFT SHOP:**

Museum Board Member Linda Makar was recently appointed our Gift Shop Manager and, with the assistance of fellow Board Member Betty Thomas and several volunteers, she has embarked on an ambitious reorganization project that is on-going as of this writing. In the process of rearranging gift shop items, they have researched and affixed identification tags on all items for sale, and washed glass and polished silver to enhance their beauty. The Museum is continuing its outreach to youth by providing a glass identification worksheet they can use when visiting the museum, and featuring glass miniatures and marbles to spark their interest in glass collecting.

The Museum recently became an authorized retailer for Mosser Glass, Inc., Cambridge, Ohio, the last remaining producer of quality, hand-pressed, glass in the United States.

## **WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATES:**

The Board has recently approved the creation and development of a new website, which will be administered by Joann Tortarolo. Our site is still very new, containing only basic Museum information. We will be adding more information about our collection, donations, tours, and other activities. Please check our website at [www.historicalglassmuseum.com](http://www.historicalglassmuseum.com) to keep up with Museum news. Our new email address is: [historicalglassmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:historicalglassmuseum@gmail.com). We have also created the official Facebook page for the Museum, and we will be working make certain that information is linked from our website to Facebook. Contact information for tours, the gift shop and glass donations is available on the website. Check our Facebook page for information on upcoming events.

## **GRANT PROPOSALS:**

Our treasurer attended a grant writing class and has received valuable information for identifying sources of funding that are specific to regional or local museums. Our initial grant proposals will target those funding opportunities that might be available for physical premises capital repairs and maintenance, with a secondary focus on grants for conservation efforts.

## **SUMMER YARD SALE:**

The Museum held a yard sale on Saturday, August 4, 2012, which was a success and provided much-needed funds for the museum. For weeks prior to the sale, Board members sorted through all the items stored in the attic to identify items to be sold and affixed price tags on those items. With all the pre-sorting and tagging, we were able to display for sale many items that had previously been in storage. The Board wishes to thank all the volunteers who came out to help set up for the sale, and remained to assist with breaking down tables at the conclusion of the sale.

## **HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE:**

The museum will be conducting a holiday open house on Saturday, December 1, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Free gift with purchases over \$25.00 while supplies last. Refreshments will be served. Come by and see all the unique and one-of-a kind items available for sale at the gift shop. Further details to follow.

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