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### A PARTNERSHIP RENEWED!

It has been a few years since it last was in operation, but the partnership between the Historical Glass Museum and the San Bernardino Valley College glass program has been renewed! Jim Stewart, Museum member and the Instructor of the Glass Program at SBVC, worked with the HGMF Board of Directors to offer an exhibition of “lampworking” in the creation of beads at the Holiday Open House in December 2013. Jim and Steve used formal lampworking equipment and techniques while Al demonstrated the “do-it-yourself-at-home” strategies. The only sizeable amount of RAIN in Redlands this year occurred on the Open House Saturday! This limited the amount of time available for the demonstrations. Another workshop on bead making is under discussion. Hopefully, we can find a time when the weather is more cooperative! The Board of Directors has also instituted a new category of student membership for the museum. (See later in the newsletter!)



Al Beauvais is using methods and equipment that could be used at home.

Steve Barnett and Jim Stewart (Right) are

using formal techniques and equipment

## A REMARKABLE VOLUNTEER!

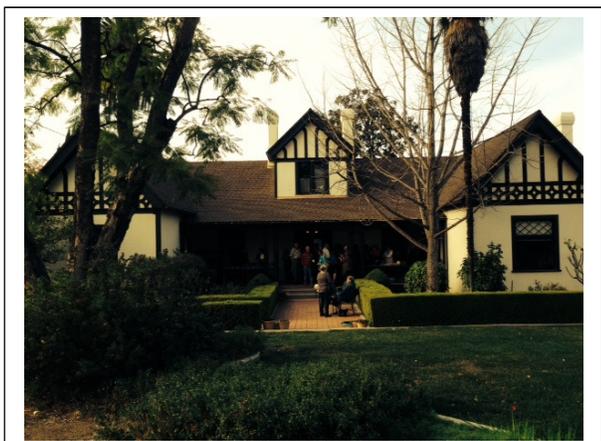


The HGM is fortunate to have some great volunteers—and we thank all of them! We could not run the day to day operation of the museum without their support! Jacque and Frank Rocha stand out while we have others who prefer to not be named! However, we did have the help of a truly remarkable volunteer consultant in the identification of our Early American Pattern Glass! Sam Kisse, Chico, CA is a former President of the Early American Pattern Glass Society (EAPGS) and currently is a Trustee for that organization representing the West Coast. The HGM President met Sam at the Western Glass Gathering for the EAPGS in

Chico in October 2013. Sam subsequently joined as a Lifetime Member of the HGM! He made an offer that the HGM could not turn down! He volunteered to come to Redlands at his own expense and spend a few days with us identifying glass! Sam spent four days in Redlands in December and we went through all of the cabinets in the EAPG Room and the Art Glass Room. Sam's knowledge of what was actually old and who made some of the rarer pieces was so helpful! We now have the Clevenger Brothers reproduction pieces separated from the true glass of the 1830s. Now many of the pieces have identification tags or at least we know where to look! Thanks, Sam! You really made an impact on our objective of identifying all of our glass!

## THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE ELEGANT GLASS SOCIAL GROUP!

The Elegant Glass Social Group is a group of glass collectors who specialize in elegant glass of the 1920s-1950s but have many other glass interests as well. Originally the group was formed as the Fostoria Glass Collectors, a 501c3 that operated out of Southern California. In 2009, the Fostoria Glass Collectors disbanded but many of the members wanted to continue meeting and sharing glass. The informal group (no dues, no officers) meets eight or nine times each year at members' homes across the Los Angeles, Orange County, Riverside and San Bernardino areas. The February meeting of the Elegant Glass Social Group was held at the historic home in Riverside of one of our HGM Board members, Bill Kleese, and included a Silent Glass Auction. With nearly 50 lots of donated glass, the Silent Auction raised \$1,118 for the HGM!



## **HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE WAS FUN DESPITE THE TERRIBLE WEATHER!**

Almost the only time it rained in Redlands this entire drought year was on Saturday, December 7, 2013—the day of our Holiday Open House. It was very rainy and cold. The crowd was small but those in attendance had great food and drink and a wonderful time! Thanks to Frank Rocha for the pictures! He also took great pictures of the glass that will be used in our new HGM brochure and on our web page!



## **OUR PERIODICAL RESOURCES ARE CATALOGUED AND ORGANIZED!**

We have catalogued and organized all of the wonderful glass periodicals that have been donated to the HGM over the years. They are now in labeled periodical files and notebooks! Extras have been bagged to sell—either on ebay or other means. We are now using the storage areas under the cabinets downstairs to protect these valuable pieces along with the HGM Scrapbooks.. Our goal is to make this an accessible research facility! We are looking for issues of periodicals to fill in our holes. Check on our website in a few weeks for lists of what we have and need!

## **DONATIONS—THE LIFE BLOOD OF THE MUSEUM**

Thanks to all of the members and donors who made donations of cash, glass and other items to the Historical Glass Museum from October 2013 through March 2014. The HGM is a non-profit 501c(3) which is run by volunteers. Only the gift shop manager is paid a nominal amount. All glass on display in the museum has been donated with the exception of the Mosser glass. We rely on donations to fund the continued operation of the museum.

### **Cash Donations**

The following individuals have made cash donations since August 2013: David and Linda Adams, David Gubser, Robert and Janet Peper, Nancy Chinnock, Terry Smith, Dorothy Peterson, Marsha Pealstrom, Paul and Joanne Snowden, Deni Smith, Lucretia Irving, Loretta Johnson, Eleanor Klass, Monte and Nelda Stuck, Linda Lowe, Ward Paul and Chuck Schoenknecht, Wendy Steelhammer, Betty S. Wanser, and Joann Tortarolo.

### **Non-Cash Donations**

There have been eighty-five separate donations of glass and other items from August 2013 to the end of March 2014. These donations range in size from one item to 162 items. While every donation is welcome, some of these donations stand out due to the size and/or quality of the items.

Of particular note is the 162 items of glass which is part of a bequest by the estate of long-time member, Jean Hollingsworth of Anaheim, CA. This is the second glass bequest from the estate. The first phase was received by the HGM in October 2011. Jean Hollingsworth was an outstanding collector of Early American Pattern Glass and this latest gift contained many opalescent glass pieces made by Northwood and Dugan glass companies as well as early Fenton pieces. Most of these pieces have been identified and been placed in our cabinets.



Other notable donations included 30 pieces of Lobmyer crystal stemware (with exquisite thread-thin stems) by Nancy Ferguson of Thousand Oaks, CA; 46 Early American Cup Plates and 25 Commemorative Cup Plates with reference materials from Linda and Ray Sinclair, Rancho Mirage, CA; and 12 pieces of Carnival Glass (all identified) from Craig Kenton Smith, Laurel, MD. Thanks in particular to those donors who identified their glass and gave us appropriate documentation. It makes it so much easier to incorporate their donations into our existing collections!

Thanks, also, to the members of the Elegant Glass Social Group and the Heisey Club of California who donated glass items for inclusion in our Glass Silent Auction in February. These include Terry Smith, Betty Wanser, Martha McGill, Linda Lowe (HGM Board Member), Rich and Lynn Borino, Mike and Andrea Burke, Susan Olpe, Janet Ufalsi, Wendy Steelhammer, Michael Krumme, Melanie Hildreth, and Joann Tortarolo. Thanks to HGM Board Member and Fenton collector, Bill Summers, for his donation to the auction.

We also appreciate the ongoing donation of glass research materials from Michael Krumme, Wendy Steelhammer, Betty Wanser, and Lillian Moloian.

Further, thanks are in order to these individuals who have supported the HGM in maintenance of the museum: Bill Kleese for purchase of a new tankless water heater; Mike Nims, Nims Specialities-- Hand-Crafted, Historic Restorations, Riverside, for installation of the heater (no small task) and tacking wires in cabinet storage space to increase storage; Juan Perez, Fontana, for donating his time to repair of our parking lot gate (if you need some iron repairs, we have his number! He is great!); and, Lillian Moloian for funding the installation of new exterior lights for the museum.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE HISTORICAL GLASS MUSEUM!**

Thursday, May 1, 2014—General Meeting of the Historical Glass Museum Foundation, 9:30 a.m. at the Historical Glass Museum, 1157 N. Orange St., Redlands, CA. All members are invited.

Saturday, May 3, 2014.

Join us at the Historic House and Museum Crawl as part of Preservation Week 2014. Enjoy four of the foremost historic houses and museums in the Redlands- San Bernardino area—all on the same day and for free! The four houses/museums are: 1) Santa Fe Depot Museum, 1170 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., San Bernardino and 2) 1891 Heritage House, 796 N. D Street, San Bernardino (both of these open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.); 3) Historical Glass Museum (you know where it is! 😊) noon to 4 p.m.; and, 4) Kimberly Crest House and Gardens, open 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Pre-register at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) and receive a free ticket for the day that will make you eligible for a prize in an Opportunity Drawing at Kimberly Crest at 5 p.m.



Looking forward to seeing you at this marvelous opportunity!

More events in development!

- Randy and Debbie Coe enjoyed their last visit and indicated that they would be willing to return. No dates set as yet but we will let you know when they are coming!
- “Redlands Loves Glass”—an opportunity for Redlands residents (and others) to share their glass collections!
- Glass Identification Days
- Lampworking Workshop with San Bernardino Valley College Glass Students
- Other events that it is too soon to reveal!

### **GIVE ONLINE TO SUPPORT THE HISTORICAL GLASS MUSEUM!**



The HGM has registered to participate in the Online GIVE BIG SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY fundraising effort. Why, you might ask, would the HGM do that? We appreciate all of the wonderful glass that is donated but there are costs with processing donations, displaying donations, and maintaining the museum. We have insurance, gas, electricity, phone, security, yard maintenance, and water bills every month. While the HGM Gift Shop contributes to covering these costs, we find ourselves needing more financial support. We thank our members for their dues and donations, but we still are in need of support. Thus, we decided to participate in the GIVE BIG campaign and join 255 other non-profits in San Bernardino County in this effort.

**The way it works is this:** From 7 a.m. on May 8, 2014 to 6:59 a.m. on May 9, 2014, supporters of San Bernardino County nonprofits can go online, connect with causes they care about and make a donation. Every donation made has a chance of receiving a “Golden Ticket.” When a randomly selected donor is the lucky recipient of a “Golden Ticket,” their charity will receive additional prize money. In addition, the top 5 organizations on the Leaderboard will receive prize money. Our donation web page address is <http://givebigsbcounty.razoo.com/story/Historical-Glass-Museum-Foundation>.

Please support the only museum west of the Mississippi River that centers around American hand-made glass of the 19<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Help us keep this important resource for all of the West Coast!

### **SPOTLIGHT ON OUR NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS!**

Since the last newsletter, the Museum has received four new lifetime members. We are happy to celebrate that the new lifetime members have caused us to add an additional plaque in the entry hall!

We are glad to welcome a Lifetime Members, Marty Noyes. Marty’s mother is our Charter Member and longtime Historian, Liz Paladanius. Marty has been a member of the HGM since 2004. Liz and Marty are only current mother and daughter team of members. Here they are at Liz’s 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party in November 2013.

Other new lifetime members are: 1) Sam Kisse, Chico, CA. [see Sam’s picture as a “remarkable volunteer” above.]; 2) Lillian Moloian, former Treasurer of the HGM; and, 3) Joann Tortarolo, current President of the HGMF.

Welcome to all of our new lifetime members!



### **MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE ON THE RISE!**

The Board of Directors of the HGMF recently reviewed its dues structure—something it had not done for nearly ten years. As part of the review, a study was conducted of the membership dues of glass collector groups, such as the Cambridge, Heisey, Carder Steuben, and American Brilliant Glass Groups as well as local museums in the Redlands area. We found that our current dues were on the low side and decided to increase our dues slightly to bring them in line with these groups. Thus, for the first time in ten years, the dues for the HGMF will be raised by \$5 to \$30 for an individual and by \$10 to \$35 for a couple. A new category of Student Membership was added for \$10 in an effort to increase the involvement of students in the museum. Students must have a Student ID and an email address. If someone wants to renew or join as a new member before May 1, then the former rate applies.

**BUY AN HGM MEMBERSHIP FOR A GRADUATION GIFT!** Support the only museum west of the Mississippi River that focuses on American glass! Membership supports the museum, insures free admission to the museum, and, provides a 10% discount in the Gift Shop as well as this informative newsletter!



**MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I collect / am interested in \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP LEVELS**

- Individual Membership: \$30 per year, plus \$5 for 2nd person in same household
- Club/Organization: \$30 one-time fee (Club hosts annual fundraiser for HGMF)
- Business/Antique Mall: \$50 per year
- Full Time Student: \$10 per year (with student ID and email address)
- Lifetime Membership: \$500 one-time fee
- I am also enclosing a monetary donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***Please make your check payable to the Historical Glass Museum Foundation, and return with completed membership form to: P.O. Box 9195, Redlands, CA 92375-2395***

\_\_\_\_ I would like to become actively involved with the museum

\_\_\_\_ I have glass that I would like to donate to the museum.

\_\_\_\_ I have a collection I would loan to the museum for display.

***The Historical Glass Museum is recognized as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and gifts to the Museum are deductible within the limits established by law. Tax ID 953089241***

If you have interest in helping the Historical Glass Museum in any of these roles, please contact us at [historicalglassmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:historicalglassmuseum@gmail.com) or call 909-798-0868 (during museum hours or leave a message):

Treasurer: We lost our treasurer several months ago to competing responsibilities and are in need of a volunteer to assume the duties of the Treasurer. The newsletter editor has been fulfilling these responsibilities since January and can affirm that it takes between 10 and 15 hours per month. Everything is automated so access to the internet and familiarity with Word and Excel is required. Please email [historicalglassmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:historicalglassmuseum@gmail.com) if you are interested.

Docent: We would welcome volunteer assistance in staffing the Gift Shop. Usual hours are noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday or Sunday for one day per month. Training is provided; retail experience would be helpful.

Assistance with Publicity and/or the Newsletter: Help us make sure we publicize our events and get the newsletter out on time. Also, we are looking for assistance with social media.

Assistance with Cleaning Tasks: We gather to work on cabinet cleaning and other tasks on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 9 a.m. Please call or email us to let us know that you are coming.

Volunteer Handyman: There are always a lot of small maintenance tasks that need to be completed at the museum. If you enjoy doing these things, you are just what we are looking for!

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