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Ensuring the preservation mission of the NCC through planned giving and estate bequests.

Members of The Heritage Society are those who have included the NCC in their wills or estate plans, thus providing the organization with a secure future.

The mission of The Heritage Society is to foster smart estate planning and to assure that NCC is not forgotten as an important beneficiary. Any pledge is meaningful and appreciated.

All Cambridge collectors - both current and future - will benefit from, and be grateful for your support.

Let us know how we can help with your future plans.

NCC Website: www.CambridgeGlass.org

Miami Valley Study Group Website: www.mvsg.org



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Preparing for the Holidays

During the months of November and December, many businesses in the Cambridge area participate in Dickens Victorian Christmas. At the end of October, Cindy Arent and a team of volunteers transformed the National Museum of Cambridge Glass for visitors to the Cambridge area searching to experience a taste of life in American during the Victorian Era. Not only will the museum be tastefully decorated for the Holiday Season, but guests will be presented with more than 100 handmade Christmas tree ornaments constructed from authentic Cambridge glass. For the past few years, the anticipation of the newest Cambridge Christmas ornaments has increased to the point that customers begin calling the museum the first of October asking about the latest designs. Museum volunteers began the labor intensive process of creating the ornaments in September with a goal of reaching 100 ornaments prior to the beginning of the Holiday Season. Five weeks ago, I toured the Cambridge branch of Santa's work shop and witnessed the amount of time and work required to make a single ornament. If you are fortunate to be traveling through the Cambridge area during November or December, stop at the museum and check out the unique Christmas items available for purchase as well as our fully stocked gift shop. Everyone enjoys a gift of Cambridge glass!

About three years ago, NCC purchased the property on the north side of the museum for \$125,000. To secure the loan on the property, the bank required NCC to purchase a CD of equal value. After the first year, the loan was reduced by \$25,000 and we were able to return \$25,000 to the Endowment Fund. Annually NCC and the bank met to renegotiate the terms of the loan. After successfully renegotiating the loan the past two years, the bank increased our mortgage rate to more than 4.5% for 2016. As a result of the sudden rate increase, a NCC member generously offered to loan the club \$100,000 at an interest rate of 1%. After accepting the offer, the CD was closed and the \$100,000 was returned to the Endowment Fund. At approximately the same time, NCC received a cash gift of \$61,541.44 from Patty Rutledge's estate. The board voted to use Patty's gift to reduce the loan by \$60,000. Using the proceeds from the rental property, a 4-year repayment plan was created to pay off the remaining \$40,000. Currently, we receive \$900 per month from the tenants in the brick building.

For the past 6 years, I have attended glass shows throughout the United States in an effort to connect with NCC members

who are unable to return to Cambridge and participate in our annual member events. With the flight delays and cancellations that resulted from winter storm Jonas still fresh in my mind, I decided to attend the Front Range Glass Show held in Loveland, CO the first weekend of October. The chance of a winter storm impacting a flight to and from Colorado in October is fairly small. Loveland is located about one hour north of Denver. NCC members Tom McClean and Don Spencer graciously hosted me for the weekend. Having collected Cambridge glass for nearly 40 years, Tom and Don have owned and seen more rare and unusual pieces of Cambridge glass than most collectors can imagine. On Saturday morning, the three of us traveled to Loveland to shop the Front Range Glass Show. To my surprise, one of the first people in line was Kib Brady. Kib is the grandson of W. C. McCartney. Mr. McCartney was a Sales Manager at the Cambridge Glass Company for nearly 50 years.

Dealers from around the country displayed their finest pieces of elegant and depression era glassware. Many unique pieces of Cambridge glass were available for purchase. A set of 8 gold encrusted 3500 finger bowls with the Minerva etching captured everyone's attention. Having only seen one 3500 finger bowl, the set of 8 was quite impressive. The same dealer had a very unusual "bent" Amber 2-Kid flower frog. I am not sure if the posture change was intentional or accidental. Nevertheless, the flower frog would make a fine addition to any collection. Other interesting Cambridge items included a 179 Moonlight juice pitcher with the Alpine decoration, a 1300 8" Crown Tuscan vase with black enamel trim, 672 Pristine ice bucket with the Elaine etching, 3450 (Nautilus) Crown Tuscan 40 oz. decanter w/ crystal stopper, a pair of 3011 Royal Blue candlesticks, a 3500/41 Crown Tuscan covered urn with the gold encrusted Rose Point etching, and much more. I greatly enjoyed my trip to Denver and spending time with members Tom McClean, Don Spencer, Tom Cotter, Tina Broderson, Michael Horine, Sandra Bridwell-Walker, and Roger & Millie Loucks.

The January issue of the Crystal Ball will contain a complete listing of the March auction catalog. In addition, photographs of each auction item will be uploaded to the website before January for your convenience.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

David Ray
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Cambridge Decanters & Decanter Sets The Fall Educational Program in Photos

Decanter (noun):

a vessel used to decant or to receive decanted liquids; especially an ornamental glass bottle used for serving wine.

Decant (verb):

- 1. to draw off (a liquid) without disturbing the sediment or the lower liquid layers*
- 2. to pour from one vessel into another*
- 3. to pour out, transfer, or unload as if by pouring.*



About 60 members met at Theo's Restaurant on Saturday October 15 to see and learn about decanters and decanter sets. As these pictures indicate, it was an impressive display. Check the video section of the MVSG website for the video of the program presented by Lynn Welker with the support of Larry Everett and Frank Wollenhaupt.



Wow - check out that long display.

And even more decanters -
check out the shapes, colors and variety of stoppers.



Make sure to review your catalog reprints for more examples.

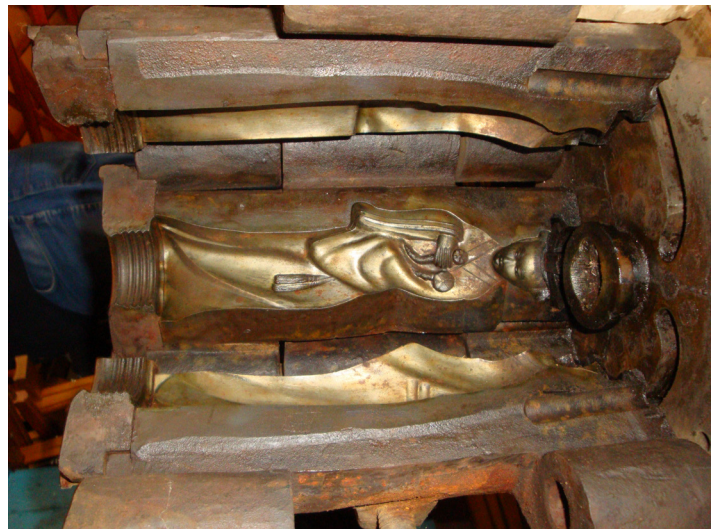
and then view the video online.

Museum Happenings

By Cindy Arent



Several members of the Kulick family worked at the Cambridge Glass Company. In September, more family members came to see the museum and brought a Crown Tuscan shell vase given them by their father. We love when visitors bring Cambridge Glass and share its history!



In October a few members helped clean up at the NCC Mould Storage Building. One of the moulds cleaned was the “two bun Geisha” flower holder. This mould was filled with the head at the bottom, the photo has been rotated to show the detail.

Left to Right: Reggie Gerko, Carl Beynon, Cindy Arent, Joe Miller and Rick Bennett. Lindy Thaxton took the photo.



The Youth Leadership group from the Cambridge Area Chamber of Commerce visited the museum in October to learn about the history of the Cambridge Glass Company. Members of the group are selected by area high schools to participate in the program.



If you had the chance to visit the National Museum of Cambridge Glass this year, you saw the dining room decorated in Royal Blue.



In October, the display was changed to Cambridge Rose Point. Cambridge glass is complemented with dinnerware made by the Pope Gosser China Company and flatware by Wallace.

The Rock Crystal Engraving #907, Neo Classic

By John Maves and Freeman Moore

The Cambridge Glass Company produced a large variety of engravings. Each piece was individually cut by a skilled artisan, recreating the pattern on each piece. Compared to pieces decorated through the etching process, the production of glassware with engravings was a much more labor intensive effort. Some of the engravings are very simple such as the Laurel Wreath and Lexington patterns, while others such as Achilles and Broadmoor are much more detailed.

Let's take a look at one specific engraving.

The rock crystal engraving #907, Neo Classic, was produced on two stemware lines; the Pristine (#1936) line and the 3132 line.

Looking at a 1940 price list, you'll notice the majority of the pieces were from the Pristine line. A few items were made in the 3400 and 3500 line, in addition to other miscellaneous items. For example, the Cambridge Glass Company listed the #138 Sugar and Cream for \$60.00 per dozen for the retail customer.

All sizes of stemware from either line were listed for \$22.50 per dozen in 1940. Today, finding stemware in either line is not too difficult, but locating the additional pieces to supplement a collection can be quite a challenge.

Enjoy viewing the pictures. We would appreciate getting photos of additional pieces. Thanks.

For additional reference, consult these NCC publications:

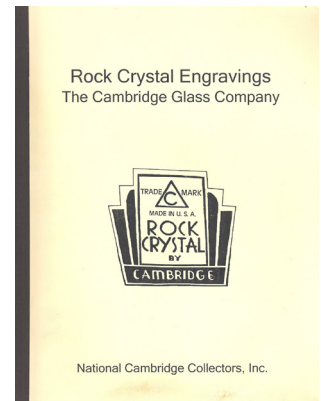
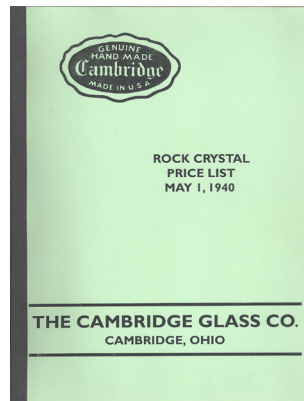
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- * Rock Crystal Engravings, The Cambridge Glass Company



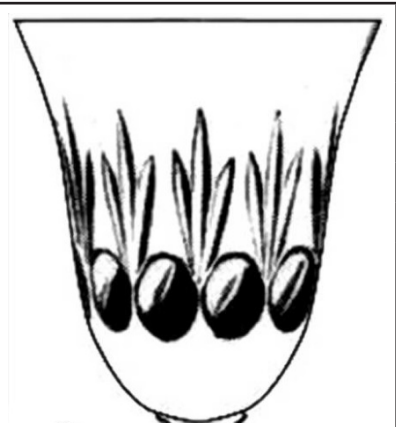
Pristine
(1936)



3122



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| No: | 907 |
| Name: | Neo Classic |
| First Date: | 1938 |
| Last Date: | 1947 |
| Catalog: | 1938, 1940 R.C. |
| Stemware: | Pristine (1936), 3132 |
| Comments: | None |





Did you see the Neo Classic stem in the advertisement shown on the next page?

Exquisite Beyond Compare

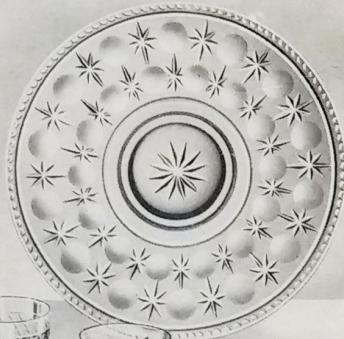


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Cambridge *Crystal*
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House Beautiful, April 1942

NCC welcomes the following new members

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| Marjoria Framme | OH |
| Liz Goodall | OH |
| Katie Heidgen | OH |
| Jane Stewart | PA |



NCC in Missouri

Freeman & Jeannie Moore recently attended the Heart of America Glass Club show in Independence Missouri. Among other things, we were bringing a donation from another NCC member in Texas to the museum with the help of Sandra Bridwell-Walker. We had information about NCC available on the general club information table. We enjoyed visiting with people throughout the show, and answering questions about National Cambridge Collectors. NCC members Ralph and Kathy Litten of Missouri stopped by for conversation, and of course, a photo opportunity. Any show that features Cambridge etch E743 on the cover of its program, has to appreciate the finer things. This show is held twice a year, March and October, so make plans to attend if possible.



Back row: Freeman and Jeannie Moore
Front row: Ralph and Kathy Litten

National Museum of Cambridge Glass

Group Tour Opportunities

When a group tour arrives at the museum, a staff member always boards the bus, welcomes everyone and gives a brief history of The Cambridge Glass Company. They also explain how their museum experience will unfold.



Your group will visit three areas of the museum during the 90 minute tour. In the museum auditorium guests will view a vintage 8 minute film that describes the handmade glassmaking process. They will then be invited to dress as glassworkers and hold the tools used by the artisans many years ago.



The next area of the museum is the glass display area where your guests will be led on a guided

tour featuring over 9,000 pieces of Cambridge Glass.



In the Museum Education Center, visitors learn about the etching process and do pencil rubbings from original etching plates to keep as a souvenir.



Additional options: Your group will be greeted on the bus by a costumed character upon arrival.

Time Travelers

Extra! Extra! Experience what life was like for a Cambridge Glass House family the early 1900s! Meet the mother, Mrs. Yonek in her babushka, who “held down the fort” at home making ends meet for her family.



Cambridge Glass Goes Hollywood

- Hear about what Hollywood stars bought and used Cambridge Glass.
- Did you know that Cambridge Glass was used in the movie White Christmas? See what piece it was and you might even meet the Haynes sisters dressed in blue!



Cambridge Etiquette

This tour option features an elegant table setting, along with tips for impressing your friends and family with your knowledge of the rules of dining etiquette. Learn the four keys to conversation at the dinner table and how to eat like a lady or gentleman. Experience how to set both an informal and formal table. Each visitor will receive an etiquette hand out to take home, and also a recipe for an English Tea Cucumber Sandwich.



When you’ve boarded the bus to leave, volunteers will come on the bus to bid your group farewell. They even sing during the holidays!

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From The Archives
contributed by Mark Nye

July 25th, 1932

CIRCULAR LETTER # 352

We have had quite a few calls for our #1240 Bowl made in the Carmen Glass. We have, therefore, decided to produce this bowl and the #647 2-holder Candelabrum in Carmen. Samples are being sent you.

This makes a most attractive Console Set.

We think you will find a ready demand for this particular Bowl and Set in the Carmen glass for we know of nothing else on the market like it.

Prices are as follows:

| | |
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| 1240 12 in. 4-toed Oval Bowl | \$60.00 Per Dozen |
| 647 2-holder Candelabrum | \$45.00 Per Dozen |
| 1240/647 3-pc Console Set | \$12.50 Per Set |

These are LIST prices - subject to the usual discounts.

THE CAMBRIDGE GLASS COMPANY
W. C. McCartney

Editor's Note: Handwritten additions to the copy retained in the Cambridge were as follows:

The price for the 647 2-holder Candelabrum had a line thru it with a hand written price of 30.00

This change was not dated.

Added above the company name was "1338 candelabrum 45.00" While not stated this was no doubt the price per dozen.



Welcome to the eBay Report. This column features Cambridge glass items that sold on eBay circa late September to mid-October, 2016. Selling prices have been rounded to the nearest dollar. If no glass color is mentioned, assume that the item is crystal. Here we go:

Statuesque (Nude Stem) Line

There continues to be a surfeit of Statuesque items on eBay. As ever, those with more unusual shapes, colors, and decorations still bring high prices, but more ordinary items are not garnering the prices they once did. Bad for sellers, good for collectors.



A true cordial with Amber bowl sold for \$175. One with a Royal Blue bowl sold for \$210, as did one with a Carmen bowl. One with an Amethyst bowl and an original Cambridge label on the foot garnered \$185. All four cordials sold for the opening bid, no more.

A mint dish with shell top, also with an Amber bowl, likewise sold for its opening bid of \$250. Later, another seller offered a pair of mint dishes with Amber bowls, which sold for \$555.



A comport with cupped top in Carmen brought a paltry \$76, while a comport with flared top in Heatherbloom commanded \$321.

A single candleholder in Windsor Blue brought \$224. A bud vase with Amethyst top was lovely, but it brought only \$178.



A 6-1/2 inch tall stem (I believe that makes it the cocktail) with a scarce combination of a Gold Krystol bowl and satinated foot and stem brought only \$54.

Etched Tableware and Stemware

I love spare parts! A #3500/139 Gadroon square lid for the honey jar, etched Rose Point, was a sweet deal at \$26.

The complete piece usually sells for around \$200.



A pair of #3400/646 single candlesticks in Heatherbloom, etched Diane, lite up the room for \$164.

By now y'all know that the more obscure pieces of Cambridge glass are what fascinate me. It took a while, but finally someone had the sense to pull the BIN trigger on a set of EIGHT amber #332 5 inch coasters with #732 Majestic etch on them for \$50. HELLO?? That's about \$6 apiece for an etched, colored glass coaster. You see coasters etched Rose Point and in other major Cambridge patterns that were made chiefly in crystal, but when do you see a full set of them in one of the 1920s etchings? Few other companies bothered to put acid etchings on tiny pieces like coasters and bobeches, but Cambridge did, and for that we should be appreciative.



A #138 cream & sugar set in with blue enamel encrusted Willow etch sold for only \$47. Sure, there was some loss to the gold trim, and the enamel was a bit lighter on the cream, but I would have expected these to fetch more.



Enamel, Gold and Silver Decorations

High-quality silver overlay on Cambridge glass continues to amaze. A #3400/38 80 ounce ball jug and a ice pail with metal bail, each partially satinated and decorated with a ducks-and-cattails scene, were shot down for \$937. A very impressive set, but the ice pail is probably Fostoria.



A set of 6 1402/100 Tally Ho cocktails with Carmen bowls and gold decoration D/1007 (Lace) sold for \$300 on a Buy It Now. Another seller recently offered wines in the exact same shape, color, and



decoration, but those went over with a yawn, perhaps due to some pattern wear.

A Statuesque comport in Crown Tuscan with D/995 Chintz gold decoration brought \$510. A #3500/41 10-1/2 inch covered urn in Crown Tuscan with D/995 Chintz gold decoration sold for the opening bid of \$140.



A #3400/17 vase in Amber with the rare Windsor Castle etching garnered 34 bids and brought an impressive \$609. The sides of the vase had a rampant lion etching, and the top rim and bottom portions were trimmed in gold. Congratulations, high bidder; this is a real Cambridge gem.



Miscellaneous

For a while there were many sales of nice Everglades items on eBay, but there have been few good Everglades offerings lately. The bowl and a pair of #1209 single candleholders (the “three leaves sticking up”) shape sold for \$82 on a Buy It Now. Looking at it again, the bowl looked more like the later Arcadia pattern to me than it did one of the Everglades variations. So, let’s combine an Arcadia 61 12½” Crimped Bowl with a pair of #1209 Everglade candleholders.



An amethyst #3500/25 footed bowl with the Ram’s Head designs butted its way into someone’s collection for a \$150 Buy It Now price.

A #81 Martha Washington cake salver in crystal sold for the opening bid of \$25. Why would I report on a piece that sold for such a low price? Because it’s interesting, and unusual. It was reported as a stemmed cake plate; however the Martha Washington #81 is called a compote or tidbit tray. It would be a rather delicate stem for a cake stand, and is not something I see very often.



Speaking of Martha Washington, a #676 rolled rim console bowl in Pomona Green (the 1920s-era opaque color formerly known as “Avocado” for its resemblance to the flesh of that fruit) brought only \$73.

A seller offered a 4-piece Cambridge “Game Set” with each tumbler having a foot in Carmen or Ebony depicting one of the suits in a deck of cards. Three of the four tumblers had original Cambridge labels on the foot, and several had the remains of white stickers that read, in part, “Patent Pending.” Oh, did I mention that they were in the original box, too? No one would buy them for \$100, so the seller had relisted them at \$75, and they sold. I remember the old days when this was easily a \$200 set.



A #74 Royal Blue Mount Vernon honey jar with cover inspired feverish bidding, finally ending at \$224. If you lost out on this, your consolation is that the next one that turns up will probably sell for less.

Speaking of Mount Vernon, why did no one grab the pair of candleholders that were factory molded with a hollow stem and wired as lamps? Was \$100 too much to pay for a matched pair? Perfect for matching nightstands in your bedroom, or to light an elegant glass show booth.



A Cambridge “prism” dealer sign in Royal Blue brought more than most I’ve seen -- \$224. You have to wonder what one in Heatherbloom would sell for... or Rubina!



Well if you can’t find a prism sign in Rubina, you could console yourself with a nice 8-3/4 inch tall covered candy with honeycomb optic in Rubina. Someone did just that, for \$164.

That’s all for now. If you see any interesting Cambridge glass on eBay that you think I should be watching or reporting on, or if you have any other input, feel free to contact me at LAGlass@pacbell.net. Until next month, happy Cambridge hunting!

Was That a Cambridge #402 Vase on eBay?

by Michael Krumme

Let's take a closer look at one particular item (162191773711) that was on eBay recently.



The seller listed what they had identified as a #402 12 inch vase in Ivory with a Rockwell sterling silver overlay of flowers. It got plenty of attention, since that shape is not one you would expect to have been made in that color. The bottom clearly had the Rockwell stamp with "24-51".



Many Cambridge hounds had it on their watch list to see where it would land. Given the strong interest in silver decorations on Cambridge glass, and the rarity of this shape in Ivory, most expected a strong sale price. However, the \$1,701 winning bid shocked many.

I've corresponded with several collectors about this item, and some expressed doubt that the piece is actually Cambridge. Here are my thoughts – which I admit are of limited value, since I have not seen or handled the piece in person. Let's start with a known Cambridge #402 vase.



As a longtime collector of Paden City glass, I am very familiar with their #184 vase, which is very

similar in shape to this. As I amassed a collection of Paden City glass, I had to learn to discern the difference between similarly-shaped vases made by Cambridge, Imperial, and Fenton.

First, let me say that the Cambridge vases of this shape profile tend to be more flared-out at the rim than those made by the other companies I mention. This vase exhibits that.



Paden City #184

Second, Paden City did not make an ivory color, so that rules them out. Imperial did make an ivory color, but I believe that it was later in time; thus, Imperial is unlikely, though still a possibility.



Imperial #775

Fenton made ivory colored glass, but again, I believe it was later than the late 20s/early 30s timeframe, which is the era to which I believe the vase dates. Also, the Fenton vases of this shape tend to be blown thinner. (Coincidentally, Fenton assigned the same shape number to their vase as Paden City did: #184.) The Cambridge, Fenton, and Paden City vases were available in 8, 10, and 12 inch sizes.



Fenton #184

Based on all these factors, my verdict is "Cambridge." If you feel differently, please email me with your thoughts and we'll continue the discussion.

Gosh, the bulbous-bottom vases could be the subject of an entire article.



NCC Events

**2017 NCC Auction
Saturday March 4, 2017**

**2017 NCC Convention
June 22-24, 2017**

New Member Benefit

Each NCC household is allowed one free 20-word classified ad in the Crystal Ball per calendar year as part of their membership. This can be a "For Sale" or "Wanted" type of classified ad. Submit your ad by email to editor@cambridgeglass.org

CLASSIFIEDS

Nothing this month.

Recent Finds



3500 footed finger bowl,
gold encrusted Minerva

Glass Shows

November 5-6, 2016

Michigan Depression Glass Society
- 44th Annual Show
Ford Community and Performing Arts Center
Dearborn, MI
<http://www.michigandepressionglass.com>

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45th Annual Hudson Valley Glass Club Vintage Glass Show
Red Hook Fire House
Red Hook, NY 12571
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/1655959604686124/>

November 20, 2016

Big Apple Depression Glass Show & Sale
Albertson V.F.W. Hall
155 Seasingtown Road
Albertson, NY

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Cartersville Looking Glass Show/Sale
Cartersville Civic Center
Cartersville, GA 30120
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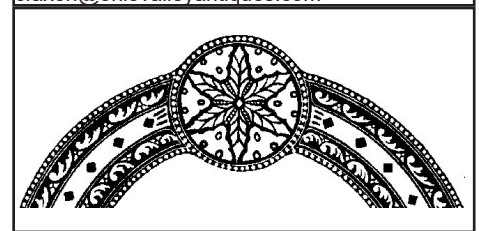


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