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Thoughts from the President - - - -

How does one put to words the myriad thoughts that flow from an extravaganza such as this past weekend?

From the frenzied flurry of preparation to the frazzeled feeling of fatigue at the finish, it was three days of festal fever marked by fellowship and the fabulous display of beautiful collectibles.

The functional nature of the facility picked for this year's event set the stage for a Convention and Show that is unsurpassed in the history of the Club.

A circular showroom, well lighted, carpeted, and air conditioned (nearly to the point of frostbite) provided the setting for a formidable array of fascinating glassware and antiques presented by our dealers. The fierce competition among both dealers and buyers rewarded many of the fervent fanciers with fruitful results. The flitting from booth to booth, the fondling of cherished items, and the final finagling of prices was enjoyed by all. In some instances it was fruitful and in others it was futile (dependent upon the point of view).

Just up the hallway a few steps, many of the faithful followers were spending fascinating moments (and hours) focusing on the fantastic gold and black display room, fervently foraging thru the library materials for further information on their favorite pattern

or color, or filling information gaps with information from the very graphic stem and candlestick slide presentations.

Interspersed strategically throughout the above passtimes were the various meetings which provided the bulk of the Convention events. All, of course, appropriately accompanied by an abundance of flavorful food.

The focal points here were the very fruitful talks presented by our speakers. Mr. David Rankin's "Cambridge Blues", accompanied by a slide presentation focusing on the fluorescent properties of the various formulas for the blue colors; Mr. William Heacock's enlightening historical talk "The National Glass Co.", which brought forth many of the reasons for the rise and early demise of the giant combine which was the parent company of the Cambridge Glass Co.; Mr. Lynn Welker's capable handling of our traditional "Show & Tell" session which provides so many answers for us about our glassware.

It was a weekend of familiar faces and names, famed glass writers, and fervent followers who flocked from 27 states in the effort to further friendships, knowledge, and their collections.

Our footnote would indeed recognize the foresight of our founders which has provided us with this medium for personal growth.

Our sincere thanks to each and every one of you that had a part in the creation or in the conduct of this memorable event.

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#### STUDY Club News

STUDY GROUP #5 - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA "CALIFORNIA CAMBRIDGE COLLECTORS"

The California Cambridge Collectors Study Group met May 25th, in the home of Herb and Betty Wanser. There were eleven members and one guest present.

All members brought glass and other collectables with them that night, as we were having a silent auction with the proceeds to go to the Cambridge Museum fund. Despite the fact that attendance was rather low there were 28 items displayed for the auction. Among them was a Pristine smokers set with labels on each piece; a marked Cambridge crystal flower block; a gold encrusted Rose Point nappy; a pair of moonlight blue Star candleholders; a 2½ oz. moonlight blue wine; and other glass and collectables. All 28 items were bid for on the first round, with several ties having to be re-bid.

The end result of the auction was somewhat over \$200.00. The club had lots of fun and the Cambridge Museum fund will benefit also. The money will be delivered personally by Bill and Betty Losch at the Cambridge Convention. Hopefully four other members will also be at the Convention. Wishing we could all be there!

Due to members vacations and other obligations there will be no meeting in June.

Submitted by Paula Ashby, Corresponding Secretary



BILL LOSCH presenting \$200 Check from California Collectors, during Annual Meeting.

#### National Cambridge Collectors, Inc. Statement of Operating Income and Expenses For the Years Ended December 31, 1978 and 1977

	December 31, 1978	December 31,
Income:     Prorated membership dues     Advertising     Sale of back issues of Crystal     Ball Other	\$ 5,437.69 857.33 382.40 (412.05)	\$ 3,780.72 783.70 304.00 (126.92)
Total income	6,265.37	4,741.50
Expenses:  Advertising Office supplies Postage and box rental: Newsletter Other Printing Crystal Ball Other	414.23 312.23 1,655.06 246.37 1,212.11 319.52	338.19 56.46 1,049.09 176.81 976.34 206.96
Total expenses	4,159.52	2,803.85
Net operating income	2,105.85	1,937.65
Beginning Operating Fund Balance	3,802.27	1,864.62
Ending Operating Fund Balance	\$ 5,908.12	\$ 3,802.27

#### Statement of Museum Income For the Years Ended December 31, 1978 and 1977

	December 31, 1978	December 31, 1977	
All Cambridge Glass Auction Antique Show Royalties Book sales, net Bookend sales Interest Donations Other	\$ - 1,419.15 1,836.00 4,002.68 - 1,580.41 131.28 322.80	\$ 735.50 1,286.70 1,699.50 1,247.29 3,887.06 835.00 51.15 147.52	
Net income to museum fund	9,292.32	9,889.72	
Beginning Museum Fund Balance	19,494.83	9,605.11	
Ending Museum Fund Balance	\$ 28,787.15	\$ 19,494.83	

#### National Cambridge Collectors, Inc. Comparative Balance Sheets At December 31, 1978 and 1977

Assets	December 31, 1978	December 31,
Cash: Operating funds Invested	\$ 977.36 35,977.58 36,954.94	\$ 1,503.60 22,897.17 24,400.77
Receivables Book inventory Museum display assets Other assets	74.86 1,580.99 832.47 1,592.94	277.13 540.03 752.44 571.77
Total assets	\$ 41,036.20	\$ 26,542.14
Liabilities and Members' Equity		
Accounts payable Deferred membership dues Other deferred income	\$ 2,795.38 3,431.55 114.00	\$ 629.87 2,481.74 133.43
Total liabilities	6,340.93	3,245.04
Members' equity: Operating fund Museum fund	5,908.12 28,787.15	3,802.27 19,494.83
Total members' equity	34,695.27	23,297.10
Total liabilities and members' equity	\$ 41,036.20	\$ 26,542.14

#### **BY-LAWS ADDITION RECOMMENDED**

The following By-Laws addition has been recommended by the By-Laws Committee and endorsed by your Board of Directors. This addition will be presented for your vote at the next Quarterly Meeting. Time and place will be announced in the next issue of the Cambridge CRYSTAL BALL.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That Article VII, Section I (b) be amended to read as follows:

#### ARTICLE VII - ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 (b) At the regular meeting six months prior to the annual meeting, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of at least three members, the chairman shall be the immediate past president, then an active member of the organization. "Should the immediate past president be unable to chair this committee, the Board of Directors shall appoint a chairperson selected from the committee."

#### OFFICERS NAMED

During the Sunday morning Board of Directors meeting, the following officers were elected for the 1979-80 year.

President .... Bill Smith
Vice-President Lynn Welker
Secretary .... Janice Hughes
Treasurer .... Ruby Landman

Results of our recent election of members to our Board of Directors was announced at the Saturday morning breakfast. Re-elected were: Janice Hughes, Ruby Landmand and Lynn Welker.

Committee Chairperson appointments will be announced by President Smith at a later date.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Tact is leaving unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment." ELLIOT JACKSON

#### OBSERVATIONS AND IMPRESSIONS

by Ann Kerr Photos by Dave Rankin

The 6th Annual Convention and the 4th Annual Antique Show & Sale sponsored by the National Cambridge Collectors, Inc., were both 1st Annual events for me. It is with pleasure that I have been asked to share my impressions and observations with you.



First the Show. Elegant glass, Cambridge of course, elegantly displayed in that lovely room. It was overwhelming to all but the most seasoned collector who knew exactly what he wanted - and surely he found it there! But for those who were starting collections, the offering was so great as to really overcome one. The Duncan-Miller, Heisey and Fostoria were also lovely, and I found it most interesting that some Art Pottery (particularly the Cambridge Art Pottery) and even silver had found its way there. They all made a most interesting addition to the Show.

The accommodations at the Shenandoah Inn were great! In fact, I talked to many who were pleasantly surprised. The name "truck stop" and even the appearance had put some of us off, but I heard nothing but good comments about it once we were "in and settled". I wished for a doorbolt or chain as I was alone, and I could imagine those with expensive purchases might have liked that too, but that's not likely to be a needed addition for the management. The food was outstanding, with tasteful, abundant portions, served to us both quickly and courteously.

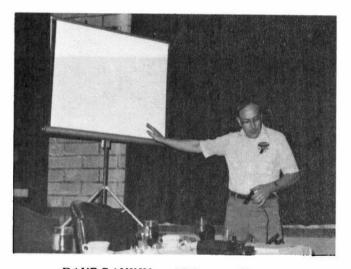
It is my understanding that the presentation on "Cambridge Blues" given by Dave Rankin at the Saturday morning breakfast will be presented in a series of articles beginning in the August issue of the CRYSTAL BALL. Therefore I will not even try to go into any detail, except to say that I found this to be the most helpful of the sessions held during the weekend. Since the general public seems to have trouble over the confusion in colors, I feel sure this series of articles will be of help to all who are confused by the many Cambridge Blues.

The seminar on Cambridge Stems, presented to us by Frank Wollenhaupt, was extremely interesting. In as much as stem shape plays such a big part in identification, this was a really wise choice of program to present. I haven't had time to go thru my notes on it yet, but I am sure there are lots of facts that I am going to want to pencil into my cataloges.

The presentation on Cambridge Candlesticks given by Lynn Welker was equally valuable. I, somehow, didn't realize (in spite of owning all of the published books) that the production of Cambridge candlesticks was a large as it was. Presented chronologically from the early plainware thru the ornate patterned, to table architecture, it was my feeling that Lynn went the "extra mile" by telling us what colors each could be found in and by giving tips such as "buy one if you can find it" or "even a chipped one is a find". He also furnished us with the dates pieces were produced, and added a lot to what has been published. It is my feeling that he just can't be surpassed in the depth of his knowledge and it was a real learning session.

It is my understanding that both of these slide presentations are available for a reasonable rental fee, and my opinion that they would be valuable to our members all across the country who are unable to attend meetings here in Ohio. They are, of course, available FREE of charge, for use by affiliated NCC Study Groups.

The Display Room was elegant, of course, and I met people who went back again and again. One woman whose husband was eager to be on the road said she had to have "one more look", almost like leaving the promised land! The yellow and black colors were lovely and the smallness of the room allowed an intimacy for study that could not have been achieved otherwise.



DAVE RANKIN explaining our "blues"

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WILLIAM HEACOCK, BILL SMITH, GWEN and BILLY SHUMPERT



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I was surprised at the steady stream of people in the "Research Room" and felt I must be missing something by not spending more time there. Mr. Charles Upton assured me it was all "in the books", so I was even more surprised that such serious researchers hadn't availed themselves of these important cataloges. I hope I didn't miss something there, but I took Mr. Upton's word for it that I had it all.



CHARLES and MARY ALICE UPTON, Cambridge, Ohio



Banquet Speaker WILLIAM HEACOCK and Convention Chairman GEORGE HOFFMAN

The dinner meeting Saturday evening could not have been nicer. The tables were decorated beautifully and the paper-weight table favors were prized by all. I am sure we all found William Heacock to be a great speaker. His speech was not long in length, but he made up for that with his charm! Since we all like someone who likes us, his high praise for the Club and its members (of which he is now one), more than made up for the shortness of his talk.



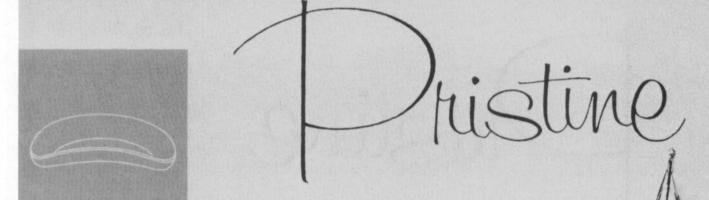
Our Greeters! LEN and MARGE WEINBERG from New York

Who was there? Well, really, I felt that all of the serious collectors were. I may have missed some faces, but I met dealers, advanced collectors and novices, and heard only praise from them all. There were a good number of writers besides myself such as, Betty Losch from California, Glenita Stearns from Washington, Gwen Shumpert from Mississippi, and Gail Krause from Pennsylvania. They were all adding to their collections also! In fact, one writer walked away from the area with the "prize" as far as I was concerned. She wouldn't give details, but she found a Mannequin Head!

Reports given during the Sunday morning Annual Meeting, indicating the growth in membership, finances, etc., are all proof of the great job the officers are doing. I felt, from a personal visit with Mr. Arnold Lynd, Chairman of the Museum Committee, that he feels there may be good news there before long - and that will be GOOD NEWS!

I hope that everyone had the good experience I had of meeting so many people, getting to know old acquaint-ances better, and feeling so generally "welcome" as a part of the group. Everyone seemed to go out of their way to make me feel a part of all that went on, and I hope others came away with the same feeling. I've really been sincere when writing articles and expressing my feelings concerning what a "great group this is".

Editor's Note: Ann is a writer for the OBSESSION IN DEPRES-SION, the GLASS REVIEW, and THE GLAZE, and we very much appreciate her sharing her "thoughts" with us!

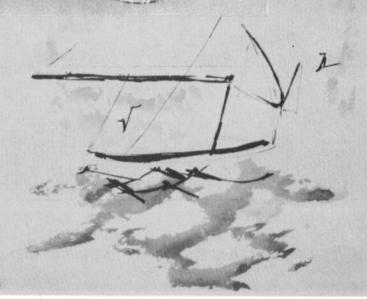














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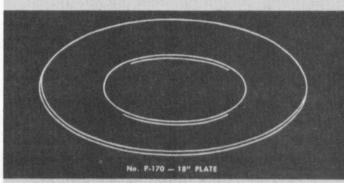
























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