



The Paperweight Chase

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A New Year's Thank You

As we reflect on the year 2008 and make our plans for 2009, we would like to begin by thanking our paperweight members, artists, contributors and volunteers who are so much a part of our group here - PCA Ontario. We are looking forward to another year of paperweight events and building more paperweight memories. Such is the fun of collecting and sharing with other collectors who kindle the same appreciation for art in glass.

September Visit to Kingston, Ontario and Picton Area

Recently, a most enjoyable luncheon and afternoon was spent with the founding President of the Paperweight Collectors Association of Ontario, Helen Carothers, in Kingston, Ontario. Since relocating to Kingston, Helen has devoted considerable time and effort to educating the public on the art of the paperweight. Of course, when paperweight collectors get together, the conversation always brings up wonderful memories of the hunt, the find, the collecting and details that the non-paperweight person would never dream of discussing. We made sure to cover all the bases, including some 'hands-on' discussion. Helen donated several educational tools to the club and, as always, we appreciate her insight. Education of our members has always been in the forefront of the PCA.

A trip between Toronto and Kingston should include a brief sidetrip to the Picton area. We visited the new studio of our artist member Mark Armstrong. Unfortunately, we are not including a photograph here as we had to fend off the crowds attending the weekend Studio Tour. Mark and family hope to attend one of our meetings soon. They have spent a huge amount of time setting up their new studio and adjacent gallery which will house other artisans and their works. The new Armstrong Glassworks is located at 326 Second Avenue in Wellington, Ontario, just north the main Hwy. 2 in town.

The Kingston Glass Studio & Gallery was a treat. Because the furnace was not up to temperature for the weekend demos, we had an opportunity to visit at length with local glass artists David Thai, Mischka Alexi Hunter, and Mariel Waddell. They have close ties with Sheridan College, member artists Virginia Wilson Toccalino & Tony Toccalino in Milton, and Andrew (Andy) Kuntz, former instructor at Sheridan and glass artist in Glen Williams. You may visit the Kingston glass artists in their studio, and participate in workshops at 56 Queen St. East, Kingston ON K7K 1A4 (Tel: 613-547-9149), email: info@kingstonglass.com, website: www.kingstonglass.com.

PCA Bi-Annual Convention in Toledo, Ohio (May 20-23, 2009)

Please mark your calendars for the PCA Convention this year. PCA Inc. has sent us their schedule for the convention. We want to have a large turnout of Canadian collectors. Toledo is a mere 5-hour drive from Toronto and the programme features Canadian content. Our member Jamie MacDougall will be presenting along with Sid Letheridge from the Canadian Glasfax Collectors group.

The 2009 PCA Convention will be held from May 20-23, 2009 in Toledo, Ohio and will be based at the:

Crowne Plaza Hotel
Two Seagate
444 N. Summit Street
Toledo, OH 43604

PCA Inc. has negotiated a \$119 (US) per night rate for the convention. Be sure to mention PCA Inc. when making your reservation. You may call the hotel directly (1-419-241-1411) or the Crowne's toll-free number (1-877-2-Crowne).

Toledo, Ohio, was the home of the Libbey Glass Company whose founder financed the Toledo Museum of Art (TMA) in 1901. In 1969, the TMA was the first museum to have a studio built specifically for teaching glass-working techniques. In 2006, the TMA opened the postmodern Glass Pavilion which houses their world-renowned glass collection featuring more than 5,000 works of art from ancient to contemporary times. In the demonstration area, you can sit in the gallery to watch free demos and learn of the process and techniques used. Visit the TMA website at www.toledomuseum.org

On Friday of convention week, the programme will move to the Pavilion for an afternoon of displays, demonstrations and talks. Featured will be PCA paperweight and glass artists and the Pavilion staff. The Pavilion has two state of the art glassblowing facilities as well as a lampworking studio. Artist, Drew Ebelhare, is coordinating artists' demos. Mayauel Ward will be one of them.

On display in the museum are permanent collections. Look for the Libbey collection of Islamic, Egyptian, and German glass, Libbey cut glass, Chihuly, Dominick Labino, Tiffany & Steuben, antique and contemporary paperweights.

There will be numerous dealers selling in the dealers' fair, an ID clinic (bring along those unknown weights), artists' fair where you will have an opportunity to speak directly with the artists and see just what each of them has to offer, as well as a banquet, raffles and prizes. And, I should not forget to add, the opportunity to make more memories with fellow paperweight collectors (who we all know are special people. They appreciate the interest you have in the paperweight).

PCA Inc. Offers a 2009 Free Membership

The Board of PCA Inc. in the US has approved one free membership for our club which we will offer as a door prize at our meeting of April 4th, 2009. This prize will be offered to one of our members who has not belonged to the national PCA group. The membership will entitle you to a reduced registration fee for the convention in Toledo. In addition to your membership, you will receive their Annual Bulletin which has wonderful photos and paperweight articles.

Petroff Gallery Exhibit

The Petroff Gallery SOUTH (334 Dundas Street West) is featuring an exhibit by Robert Buick and Alice Vander Vennen, February 2-March 15, 2009. Robert uses dichroic glass, cane and filament in his sculptural and two dimensional pieces. For gallery hours, phone (416) 782-1696.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

- There are approximately 20,000 paperweight collectors worldwide.

Degenhart Paperweight and Glass Museum

This museum, located in Cambridge, Ohio, contains the personal collection of Elizabeth Degenhart, who was the owner of the Crystal Art Glass Company until her death in 1978. Exhibits include Degenhart glass and paperweights along with Midwestern pattern glass and cruets.

View the website www.degenhartglass.com

Bergstrom-Mahler Museum (Neenah, Wisconsin)

From November 1, 2008 – February 22, 2009, the Degenhart Museum is excited to begin “*Big Ideas: Magnificent Glass Under 20 Inches*” and its year-long celebration of 50 years with an exhibition in glass. Honoring the paperweight with its traditions and techniques, contemporary glass beads, and an international evolution of techniques and mastery of glass are themes that will be introduced and explored. You’ll see glass in a brand new way.

See their website www.bergstrommahler.com

Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery features Paul Stankard

The Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery in Waterloo has a new exhibit starting on February 1st One of the contributing artists is renowned glass artist Paul Stankard. If you have not heard Paul speak before, you should really take the opportunity to attend. You may visit the CCGG website at *Annie E. Brown In Memory*. Paul will be presenting a lampwork demonstration on April 3rd, 7-9 PM. For more details, you may visit the CCGG website at www.canadianclayandglass.ca

Kingston Glass Studio – 2009 Kickoff Sale!

Kingston Glass Studio announces a huge Seconds Sale during the month of February!! Stock up on unique gifts. They have everything from paperweights to glasses and vases! Visit their huge selection of handmade glass at a fraction of the price.

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Lose Weight Table at Future Meetings

Starting in 2009, a table will be set up for members who wish to lose weights, i.e. sell/trade with other members. Your weight should be appropriately priced and have your name and you will have the option of negotiating with interested buyers attending the meeting. This part of the activity activity will be entirely your responsibility.

David Lindsay Paperweight

In California, we discovered an artist, David Lindsay, working in his studio in downtown Benicia, California. Born and raised in Vellejo, California, David eventually partnered with Nuorot Glass Studio. Now in his own studio, Lindsay Art Glass, with wife Ann as Business Manager, cooled by the water but cozy and warm in the studio, we watched him for some time. He allowed us to choose from completed weights and we strolled the town to return for our signed weight, “Lava & Snow”. You may visit his website at www.lindsayartglass.com.



In Memoriam

Harry Helfand (July 25, 1930 – October 4, 2008)

Meeting Schedule 2009

Date	Event
April 4, 2009	Meeting (hosted by Marcia)
May 20-23, 2009	PCA Convention, Toledo, Ohio
June 20, 2009	Meeting (hosted by Marcia)
August 15, 2009	Summer BBQ (hosted by Stephanie & Etienne), Cambridge
October 24, 2009	Meeting (hosted by Marcia)
December 5, 2009	Winter Meeting & Holiday Social (hosted by Marcia)

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<p align="center">Paperweight restoration and faceting. Repair of antique and contemporary cut and art glass. Glass engraving. <i>Custom work: 30 years experience.</i> Ed Poore's Crystal Workshop Box 475 • 794 Route 6A • Sagamore, MA 02561 • 508-888-1621 Fax: 508-888-9298 crystal.workshop@verizon.net</p>	<p align="center">G. W. McCLANAHAN Antique & Contemporary Glass Paperweights 9697 La Mora Circle – Fountain Valley, CA 92708 (800) 795-1486 or (714) 964-2599 FAX (714) 378-9908 gwmclanahan@earthlink.net</p>
<p align="center">Sweetbriar Gallery Ltd Raymond Metcalfe</p> <p>Phone: 011-44-1928 788225 29 Beechview Road Fax: 011-44-1928 788234 Kingsley Email: sales@sweetbriar.co.uk Cheshire England WA6 8DF</p>	<p align="center">30,000 sq feet Open 7 days</p> <p align="center">SOUTHWORKS ANTIQUES 84 Grand Avenue South, Cambridge Ontario N1S 2L8 Tel: (519) 740-0110 www.southworksantiques.com</p>
<p align="center">  </p> <p align="center">326 Second Avenue, P.O. Box 489, Wellington ON K0K 3L0 TEL: (613) 399-3552 www.armstrongglassworks.com</p>	

PCA Membership Application (please print)

Date _____

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Prov _____

Postal Code _____

Country _____

Phone _____

email _____

Annual Fees
PCA Ontario, Canada

July 1 (current year) - June 30 (following year)

- Single Membership \$20.00
- Couple \$30.00
- Mailings only \$15.00

Cheque payable to:
Paperweight Collectors Association - Ontario

Mail Application to:
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Toronto, Ontario M9A 5C6
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