



The Paperweight Chase

Newsletter of the Paperweight Collectors Association, Ontario, Canada

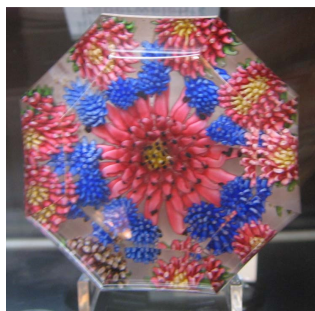
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Updates

If you were not at the June 23rd meeting at Marcia's, you will have missed a PowerPoint presentation and report on the PCA Convention held in New Orleans. One of the highlights of the convention was a special exhibit of Russian weights. This largest exhibit of Russian pieces to date was assembled by Alan Kaplan. One of the floral plaques sold at a Bonham's auction in London, November 2011 for GBP 20,625 including premium.



Russian pieces were previously attributed to the Mt. Washington glassworks until glass fragments were found in the Hermitage Museum and in the archives of the Imperial Glass Factory. Russian artisans were commissioned once a year to present examples of their work to the Tsar and his family. Only one-of-a-kind pieces were allowed to be shown. The selections made by the Tsar influenced the factory production for the following year.

Paperweight Fest 2014

Save the date -- Delaware Valley PCA and Wheaton Arts will be presenting Paperweight Fest -- May 15-17, 2014 in Millville NJ. This event offers multiple opportunities to mingle with artists, dealers and collectors in a relaxing environment. Boyd England is the Chairman for the 2014 Paperweight Fest. If you wish to volunteer or offer program suggestions, please contact Boyd by email at BEngland518@comcast.net

GlassFest, Corning NY (May 22-25, 2014)

The fifth annual GlassFest will be hosted by Corning's Gaffer District and Chemung Canal Trust Company. The city of Corning will come alive with artist displays and exhibitions, hot glass shows, concerts and activities, wine and beer tasting, fireworks and activities for the whole family.

The GlassFest FlameOff, presented by World Glass, is an expressive glassmaking challenge that gives artists an opportunity to showcase talents using a torch and compete simultaneously for prizes and artistic recognition. Join professional glass artists from around the country for a two-day event featuring clear and colored glass, both blown and hand-sculpted. Meet the artists and learn about the centuries-old techniques throughout the weekend.

Visit www.glassfest.org for information on travel, events, accommodation and dining.

PCA, Inc. Website

The PCA, Inc. website carries an 'Artist of the Month' article. The featured artist for September 2013 is Craig Deacons. To view a bio of Craig and an archive of previously featured artists, visit the PCA, Inc. website at <http://www.paperweight.org>.

The PCA, Inc. website also has a link to their Facebook page which has more than 1,800 members. There is a wealth of information out there! Join them at www.facebook.com/PaperweightCollectors.

New Books

Kudos to both Paul Dunlop and to members of the Committee of the Paperweight Collectors Circle, UK for their efforts in publishing two new excellent reference books on paperweights. If you are interested in seeing either of these publications, contact Rick Willson.

- Baccarat Paperweights – Two Centuries of Beauty. Paul H. Dunlop. Papier Press, PO Box 6269 Statesville, NC 28687. www.GlassPaperweightBooks.com *"A definitive book tracing the long and illustrious history of the Baccarat Company's prodigious paperweight creations. Its pages reveal the firm's important documents, its people and especially the company's artistic production from its inception in 1764 to the present day."*
- Exhibition Catalogue. A Celebration of the Work of the Ysart Family. By the Paperweight Collectors Circle held at Broadfield House Glass Museum 16 June 2013. *"Introduction -- The Paperweight Collectors Circle (PCC) presented an exhibition of paperweights and art glass made by the Ysart family. We hope by including more than just paperweights in this exhibition it will help to illustrate the impact of glassware made by the Ysart family has had in the 20th and 21st centuries. All the exhibits are from members of the PCC, private collectors, the Ysart family and present day paperweight makers who were apprenticed to members of the Ysart family."*

Congratulations to a New Paperweight Family

Our best wishes to Toby Kruger, President, Delaware Valley PCA Chapter and John Hawley, Publications Director for PCA, Inc. on their recent marriage. Over the years, both Toby and John have contributed significant time, expertise and efforts to the success of the Delaware Valley Chapter and to PCA Inc. in general. Wonder how all those paperweight collections will be handled.

PCA Ontario Plans

PCA Ont will have an educational display on paperweights at a local community showcase in late October. Information on our paperweight club membership and activities will be available to any interested parties.

PCA Ontario Lending Library

A reminder to members – the PCA Ontario Lending Library is available to you, free of charge. Check the list of over 86 titles given on our website at www.pcaont.ca or contact Rick Willson.

Kontes Strawberry Weight

We had a recent opportunity to view a stunning triple strawberry weight set over white filigree and surrounded by a white torsade produced by the Kontes brothers, James and Nontas. Following careers in the scientific glass industry of South Jersey, the brothers opened their own glass company from which they produced very fine paperweights in a small number, mainly as a hobby. This weight is clearly marked with the JK signature cane of James Kontes.



Of interest, however, was a small grey bit, barely visible, and just floating over the white torsade around the edge. It looked like some sort of inclusion possibly placed, or perhaps, by accident. It almost looked like another signature cane of some sort.....

We sought the opinions of experts including artist Gordon Smith who trained with the Kontes Brothers. Gordon's reply to the question "occasionally, when making the canes for a torsade, a small speck of dirt or carbon can become attached to the white glass before encasing it. When this occurs, you get a small bubble around the foreign matter. This phenomenon is referred to as 'gassing' or 'outgassing'.

And so, there you have it. As it turned out, we had not found a new signature at all. Our thanks to Andy Dohan and Gordon Smith www.gordonsmithstudios.com for spending time to clarify.



Definitions

Filigree: From the Italian word *filigrana*. An object or part of an object decorated with parallel threads of white or colored glass. Often incorrectly called latticinio.

Latticinio (or latticino): Italian for white glass or milk glass, from the Italian word for milk, latte. Often used incorrectly for filigree glass. Perhaps because the word resembles lattice we think it means lace or lacy which it does not. The Italian word *filigrana*, translated filigree, is more correct for this type of glass.

Spoke: A section of glass rod, ribbon or filigree, laid out like the spoke of a wheel. These were used in the very rare Clichy spoke weights. In contemporary times Perthshire often used spokes as a design element, to divide canes in some of their patterned millefiori weights.

Ref: Dunlop, Paul H. The Dictionary of Glass Paperweights: An Illustrated Primer. Papier Presse, Statesville NC (2009)



Guest Artist, Virginia Wilson Toccacino, discusses new work with Kris Duwyn and Phyllis Helfand



Show & Tell with Phyllis Helfand and Greg Armstrong

Contributions to this newsletter are welcomed.
Please contact Tracy Willson.

In Memoriam

Leo Kaplan (Oct. 30, 1917-Aug. 21, 2013)

The paperweight world has lost a wonderful man, a gentleman, and always encouraging of paperweight collectors, no matter what type they collected. Our condolences to his family, Alan Kaplan and Susie Kaplan Jacobsen.

PCA Ontario Meeting Schedule 2013

Date	Event
April 14, 2013	Meeting (hosted by Marcia)
June 5-8, 2013	PCA, Inc. Convention, New Orleans
June 23, 2013	Meeting (hosted by Marcia)
August 11, 2013	Cancelled
October 5, 2013	Meeting (hosted by Marcia)
December 1, 2013	Winter Meeting & Holiday Social (hosted by Marcia)

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<p>The Dictionary of Glass Paperweights, by Paul Dunlop</p> <p>\$74 US funds, postage & insurance paid to Canada. Papier Presse, PO Box 6269, Statesville, NC 28687</p> <p style="text-align: center;">dunloppaperweights@gmail.com</p>	<p>FOR SALE: Fine selection of French & American Weights Including Charles Kaziun and other contemporary artists. Many Books for sale. We purchase one or collections of weights.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TERI ANTIQUES</p> <p>P.O. Box 130-163 Hanover Street Station • Boston, MA 02113 Tel: 617-846-9465 • Email: theresemcnamara@msn.com</p>
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___ Single Membership \$20.00

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