



Greetings to all Stretch Glass Enthusiasts,

The Convention 2017 Team is excited to bring you our 43rd Annual Convention and Stretch Glass Show on July 26-28, 2017, at the Quality Inn in Marietta, Ohio. “Giving Stretch Glass the Green Light” is the theme for this year’s gathering featuring your green stretch glass in our Club Display.

Collectors everywhere are “giving stretch glass the green light” as they view displays, listen to talks, learn about stretch glass at depression glass shows, carnival glass conventions and antique shows, read about it in collector magazines and newsletters and join us in our efforts to promote and preserve this unique American art form. The IRS even gave us the “green light” by recognizing us as a 501(c) (3) charity devoted to American stretch glass study, promotion and education.

“It’s not easy being green,” according to Kermit the Frog. But it is easy to be green stretch glass. From Green Ice to Nile Green to Emerald Green to Florentine Green and Russett, we have a green for everyone and every occasion. Please get out your green stretch glass and bring it to Convention for our Club Display this year.

Our 2017 Convention provides opportunities to catch up with long-time friends and make new ones starting with our Members-Only Welcome Reception on Wednesday evening. First time Convention attendees will select a piece of vintage stretch glass to take home as their Convention souvenir. You will have a chance to learn and talk about your stretch glass (any color, this time) at our Glass ID. Show & Tell Experts Kitty & Russell Umbraco and Renee & Dave Shetlar will ID your glass, so select your most unusual stretch glass and try to stump the experts.

This year you may have one or two display tables to showcase your stretch glass. If you have been trying to decide what to bring for your display, now you may bring it all – well, all that will fit on up to two 5-foot round tables! We look forward to seeing your stretch glass display(s).

Every day has opportunities to learn: from members discussing their displays to Kitty & Russell’s banquet talk on their rare and unusual stretch glass gathered over many years of collecting. Dave will teach us how to determine which of the nine companies produced our bowls and show us which black base goes with each one. Bob Stein will show us how various glass objects are made when he discusses and shows us some of his “progressive sets” of Fenton glass. And there is always something to be learned from Tom Burns’ auction on Friday night!

An important part of learning is being “in touch” with stretch glass and stretch glass enthusiasts. We learn much from each other and learning about stretch glass is so much better when you hold the glass in your hand, look at the mould lines, check out the base and see the color. There is no substitute for being with the glass. “Give the Green Light” to coming to Convention this year and experience the joy and excitement of stretch glass first hand! We look forward to welcoming you and providing an unforgettable experience. Please complete your registration by July 1, 2017, and reserve your hotel room now. See you at the SGS 43rd Annual Convention and Stretch Glass Show in July!

Your 2017 SGS Convention Team,
Cal Hackeman, Vickie Rowe, Bob Henkel, Joanne Rodgers & Anne Blackmore

