Identification of the Cambridge Turkey

Over the years, there has been a nagging confusion in the correct identification of the Cambridge Turkey. Most often, it has been confused with the infamous L.E. Smith Turkey, but the proud Cambridge bird has also been mixed up with other less worthy fowl. Here, therefore, a simple five-step guide to positive identification of the Cambridge Turkey.

1. Weight: the Cambridge Turkey is heavier than the L.E. Smith Turkey, but not nearly as heavy as an actual turkey, which often weighs upwards of twenty pounds. My mother-in-law, who lives in abject terror of running out of leftovers, usually cooks a thirty-two pound turkey, which I have always suspected may actually be an emu.

2. Color: the Cambridge Turkey has been seen in crystal, Moonlight Blue, Light Emerald and some other typical Cambridge colors. Real turkeys are uncommon in blue, and shouldn’t be served if they come out of the oven that color.

3. Size: the benchmark of the Cambridge Turkey is supposedly its ability to hold a fist fully inserted into its cavity. Just whose fist is never made clear. My fist is a good deal larger than Mary Welker’s for example, and I think Evander Hollyfield has us both beat by a mile, so which one of us accurately measures the Cambridge Turkey? This discrepancy would probably matter very little to Mr. Hollyfield, who is not known to be a collector of fine, American-made glassware of the mid-twentieth century, but... I digress. As to the real turkey, a couple of quarts of stuffing will usually do the trick. My mother (who was a dreadful cook, by the way... a story for another day) once managed to cram a good three gallons of stuffing into an unfortunate bird, which soon thereafter exploded in our Magic Chef. Bits of celery and cornbread are still imbedded in the oven’s interior walls.

One has to assume the same fate would befall a Cambridge turkey packed with one too many large fists.

4. Taste: here, the real turkey wins easily. The Cambridge Turkey has no discernable flavor at all, while the L.E. Smith bird has a somewhat greasy aftertaste. In point of fact, however, either one may be preferable to a few of my mother’s more creative efforts. Turkey Grenouille, in 1978 I think, involved peaches and some kind of Mexican sauce made with bitter chocolate. Give me greasy glass anytime!

5. Aroma: I read a recipe one time that suggested I check my turkey for freshness by smelling the cavity. Just picturing myself doing that has led to my family’s current tradition of the Thanksgiving Ham. As with taste, the Cambridge and L.E. Smith turkeys are bland, to say the least. Be sure to use some extra poultry seasoning while roasting them to fill your kitchen with enticing aromas!

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We run the risk of taking those volunteers for granted and that's not a good thing. We need to applaud them, appreciate them and recognize the real contributions that are made. The positions deserving this positive attention are numerous ...

... but, few are as deserving as Crystal Ball Editor. We have a noble lineage ... in my time in NCC it has been Phyllis Smith, Sue Rankin, Lorraine Weinman and Alex Citron. Each has put their respective touch on the CB and created excellence along the way. As we learned last month, we have published our 400th Crystal Ball and it is a tremendous heritage.

This coming January marks another transition. Alex Citron will be leaving his post as CB Editor. Most of you may not know that Alex's love is the theatre. Alex and his wife (and our Board Member) Shelley Cole have launched a new theatre in their hometown of Charlottesville, Virginia. It is at its formative stage and the stakes are high.

 Appropriately, Alex needs to make the theatre his priority and we need to respect that. He has earned our respect through the creativity and initiative he has shown with our organization’s primary communication tool. From enhanced art direction to creative story telling to the launch of our electronic Crystal Ball, Alex has shown us how much more is possible to achieve.

We are grateful to him for how much of his heart and soul he has thrown into our organization. We are so much better off because of Alex.

Now comes the difficult challenge of replacing him .... it's not an easy thing to do. Our past editor, Lorraine Weinman has her own responsibilities that presently preclude her from returning to the post, so we need to turn to the membership. Who’s interested?

As I mentioned at the beginning of this article, we only survive through the generosity of our members. It’s easy to sit on the sidelines and stand in judgment of the performance of those who have volunteered. But those comments can be very shallow and at times, hurtful.

Those who are “giving” do things without thinking of themselves. That describes the approach that Phyllis, Sue, Lorraine and Alex took to the CB and that is an important heritage we hope can continue.

It is a very satisfying feeling to help a volunteer organization. Perhaps we have no better examples than Cindy Arent and Carl Beynon and what they continue to accomplish at our NCC Museum. It is remarkable what they have achieved and how our museum has integrated into the community.

President’s Message

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Report from Florida
by Fleur de Lys Healy

Two shows in a year, that’s the Sanlando Glass Show in Sanford, Florida. Twice a year for a show filled with the most beautiful glass!!!

This September was no exception: Flower frogs from the tallest One-Bun Amber Geisha to the smallest Bashful Charlotte in deep cobalt blue, to all the colors and styles that Cambridge made so well. There were etchings and cuttings that are seldom seen: Lily of the Valley in a console bowl with matching sticks, eight Cleo cups and saucers in light emerald, Cobalt Blue #1 in a panel bowl and one etched Cleo. A Madeira Caprice #339 vase (plate 16 row one in Old Colors in Cambridge), a Crystal #1 Keg, a swan punch bowl in Crystal and many swans. Crown Tuscan sticks tall and small (member Tom B. got the tall), dark emerald divided relish and pitcher and sooooo many star candlesticks. All the colors really pop in the natural light admitted by huge floor-to-ceiling, half-circle windows. Surely Cambridge glass shows best in natural light! There was lots more and not just Cambridge, but Heisey, Fenton, Morgantown—take your pick. It was a truly great show (as usual) and many members came by the table including the Jackson brothers, Mrs. Glass, Bob and Evelyn B., the Lakes and others too numerous to count.

The New Etching book was soon sold out! Later I will share the fantastic glass displays. No, I have never done a glass display and probably never will.

I sold Scottie Bookends, Jade goblets as well as the pair of Jade Sticks that were rejected as a fund raiser. Do you remember? Until next time I wish you all Happy Collecting!!!!!!

Gorgeous Autumn Table Setting of Cambridge Glass

It’s been far too long since Nancy & Jim Finley (Sedalia, MO) have sent in a photo of their beautiful, seasonal Cambridge display. This one features Amber - the perfect Cambridge color for the fall!

President’s Message
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If you are one of our members who live within 50 miles of Cambridge, you too can help. We have a core group of loyalists in the Cambridge area who help with displays, tours, the Dickens Festival, et al - but they could use help. Would you consider helping? Can you do more? If so, let me know and I’ll put you in touch with the right people.

Anyone and everyone who loves Cambridge Glass can find a way to help its preservation and education. All you need to do is look at your skill set and ask yourself – how can that help a non-profit education and preservation organization like NCC?

Odds are, there is a way. Any one can help. Do you have design skills? We need someone to help with brochures. Can you create PowerPoint templates? We still need someone to build this for NCC.


Doesn’t matter, whatever the skill set, we can use the help in some shape or another. Please consider volunteering ... email me at Caprice0@aol.com. Clearly we have an urgent need in publications but we could also use help in membership development, endowment strategy and in many other areas.

So please, help. Give it some thought and let me know. NCC would really appreciate it!!!

Rick
Study Group Reports

The NCC has several study groups; these are the groups currently active and holding regular meetings. Listed below is contact information for these study groups.

If there is no study group in your area and you are interested in starting or joining a new study group, please contact NCC Study Group Advisor, Judy Rhoads at kjrhoads@aol.com.

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Wildflowers

On Thursday, October 5th, 2006, the Wildflowers met at the home of David Ray at 7:00 pm. We talked about how fun it had been at our annual “End of Summer Picnic and Get-together” at Bill and JoAnne Lyle’s in September, but unfortunately, we had no minutes for the Crystal Ball. Our picnic is always a fun and casual time to see each other after the summer break, have our cook-out and eat great food, and talk about everything in the world, including glass!

Our Program for tonight was based on a Halloween theme, and what relates more to Halloween than candy? So, we studied Cambridge Candy Dishes from the 1920’s to the 1950’s. In the earliest catalogues of the early 20’s, the only references were to the little toy shaped candy holders, such as the train and the elephant, but we had no examples of those. From the 1927 catalogue, the earliest Candy Containers were from the Community line, and we looked at the #100 – 5 inch Covered Candy in Azurite with a gold edged Laurel Leaf design, that had been passed down thru David’s family, and an Azurite 1 pound Covered Candy with the same Laurel Leaf gold design.

Candy Containers remained in the Cambridge line all the way up to the Georgian Candies of the 1950’s. And, it was rather amazing, when we actually studied them, to see the wide variety and number of styles and shapes and sizes and heights with lids and no lids, and many types of decoration. They must have been very popular through the years. David had a wonderful fun display of containers filled with a variety of Halloween candies, and members brought pieces to add to the program.

The largest piece that we looked at was the 8 ½ inch Amber Turkey, and probably the most elegant was the #1066/4 Blown Royal Blue Comport with lid (the lid also fits on the nude comport). We also looked at a Primrose Covered Candy with gold trim; a Helio Covered Candy with Iridescent decoration and Seaweed design; a #168 Crystal Caprice divided Candy with lid; a Mount Vernon Comport with Muddler Stem (there is also a 2nd more flared version); a Bluebell Bunny Box; an unusual #3500 very deep Comport etched Minerva; a flared Caprice footed bowl that was not Alpine but had frosted sections edged in silver; a #300 Ivory Candy with gorgeous Iris enameling and green enamel feet; a #730 pyramid shaped Covered Candy in Willow Blue with Cleo etching; an early Blown Comport from the 1920’s with Marjorie etching; a Crown Tuscan three part Divided Covered Candy with gold encrusted Portia; a Pristine crystal Covered Candy with Talisman Rose silkscreen from the late 1940’s; and from the #319 Georgian line - a Smoke Georgian Basket and Moonlight Blue Georgian Candy with lid. We discussed that the 6 and 8 inch Swans were probably both also used as Candy dishes.

We concluded the meeting with Show and Tell including an Ivory Bowl with very unusual iridized and enamelled decoration with black outlining; a Primrose Temple Jar with black enamel Dragon design; and a Pink satinized Rose Bowl with tree bark feet.

The Wildflowers do not meet in November due to the NCC Quarterly meeting in Cambridge, but our meeting schedule for the next few months is:

- Dec 7 Christmas Party / Potluck at Rose MacConkey’s
- Jan 4 Puff Boxes at Linda Roberts’
- Feb 1 Pinch Decanters at Ken Nicol’s
- Mar 1 Silver Overlay at Barbara Wyrick’s

Refreshments of relish tray, lemon bars and orange and chocolate Halloween cookies were served, and David gave everyone a “Trick or Treat” bag of Halloween candy to take home. Our meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

New members in the Columbus, Ohio area are always welcome and can contact either Linda Roberts at robert2@columbus.rr.com or Barbara Wyrick at bwyrr@ee.net

—respectfully submitted by Barbara Wyrick, Secretary
NUDES
• Another fabulous #40 flying nude lady bowl sold. This time it was one in wonderful Windsor Blue. It sold on 9/20 for a very reasonable $1,575.

• A nude stemmed #3011/6 roemer in Royal Blue sold on 10/8 for a whopping $1,825.
• AND, on 10/9 and from the same seller and to the same buyer as the Royal Blue roemer, another #3011/6 nude stemmed roemer sold. This time in Carmen and for an outlandish $2,017. These, part of a set of 4 nude stems, came from Idaho. I guess there’s more than just potatoes out there.
• A stunningly magnificent and beautifully elegant #3011/26 nude stemmed Forest Green bud vase sold for $807 on 10/15.
• And again, from the Idaho nude stem seller came this wonderful #3011/8 Amethyst Sauterne. The high-bidder managed to squeeze out a final bid of $522 on 10/15.

CAPRICE
• An extremely elusive and seldom-seen Moonlight Blue Caprice #178 Doulton jug sold on 10/9 for $3,350. Wow!

• A beautifully elegant and sculptural Swann #1430 floater vase in Rare Royal Blue sold on 10/9 for a final hammer price of $343. Wonderful piece.

FLOWER FROGS
• October 7th was the sale date of a Moonlight Blue 8½” draped lady flower frog. Just beautiful.
• A most gorgeous pink two-kids flower frog and large #993 bowl in pink sold together for $153 on 10/9. Stunning.

SWANS
• September 21st brought the sale of a very different swan. It was a crystal punch bowl with feather and neck detail and sold for $1,027. Just for the bowl! According to at least one swan maven, this style with the feather and neck detail was only done briefly on the punch bowl and few have ever been found. Joy, rapture.
• A set of 10 crystal swan punch cups sold on 10/8 for $345. One had a cracked handle. Still, a very good price.
• Also on 10/8, there was a 10” ebony swan that sold for $154. Simply a gorgeous swan.

ROSEPOINT
• An absolutely gorgeous and rare M.188 salad or fruit icer insert etched Rosepoint sold on 9/25 for a most staggering $637. I didn’t find that surprising though as that piece is never, ever seen and in Rosepoint? AND, this is a large bowl or liner in itself being 11” across. WOW!! Again. Just marvelous.

OTHER ETCHES
• On 9/20, a most gorgeous Cambridge #3114 cordial with gold-encrusted Candlelight etching and gold trim sold for $129. The gold was flawless. A superb piece.

• A most magnificent creamer & sugar pair #3400/68, and etched Candlelight sold on 9/17 for a very reasonable $41. Never see Candlelight on this creamer & sugar. Never.

• An extremely unusual #3400/851 ice bucket in amber with chrome bail and etched Minerva, that’s right, Minerva, sold for a staggering $415 on 9/22. Should’ve been gold-encrusted for that price.

• It was certainly the month for Candlelight. October 4th was the sale date of a #3400/152 high-handled Doulton jug in crystal with gold-encrusted Candlelight etching and gold trim. So elegant. Just luxurious.

MISCELLANEOUS
• A pair of #1228 black Scotty dog bookends sold on 10/15 for $480. Very hard to find.
## The Calendar

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**2007 Convention**
June 27-30, 2007

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