

Convention 2016 – Hollywood!

Light the Lights, Set Your Sights

By Rick Jones

Get ready to hit the red carpet and make your way to Cambridge to this year's Annual NCC Convention. This year the stars will be out as we salute our favorite elegant glassware.

In recent years, our Museum and our Miami Valley Study Group have been capturing images and clips of Cambridge Glass featured in the movies and on television. Ranging from classic movies like *White Christmas*, *Top Hat*, *The Thin Man*, *The Sting* and *Prizzi's Honor*, to television shows like *Gunsmoke*, *Hawaii Five-O* to even an episode this past year of Fox's new *Empire* ... Cambridge Glass has shone brightly.

Our National Museum of Cambridge Glass has set up a special display with stills of the programs as well as the glass that was featured. It has been a **HUGE HIT** with members and guests alike. Further, Dave Rankin and our Miami Valley Study Group have posted clips of the scenes where *we* think Cambridge was the star ("move over Astaire and Bing!").

To view these video clips, please visit www.cambridgeglass.org, click on the MVSG Videos button under the Directory. Not only will this show you some great educational programs by MVSG, but also videos of past NCC Educational Meetings and Bring and Brags. As you scroll to the bottom, note the Cambridge in Hollywood heading and click on any program to view a clip. I guarantee it will be fun.

Speaking of **FUN**, that is a pivotal part of this year's Convention and our theme **HOLLYWOOD!**. Assisted by our Creative Directors Alex Citron and Shelley Cole, we are assembling a program guaranteed to be the best time you've had at Convention in awhile. A ton of surprises will be in store. Keep your popcorn handy.

At present, the Convention will be held from Thursday morning June 23rd through a closing dinner Wrap Party on Saturday night June 25th. We might also have an **Opening Night** preview party on Wednesday. Stay tuned to the Crystal Ball and our NCC website for more details as the program details crystallize.

Our Saturday night program will be anchored by a Stars of Cambridge presentation by our Miami Valley Study Group focusing not only on "Everything Celestial" made by Cambridge, but some other Oscar-worthy salutes.

We will be making much more active use of our NCC website this year to notify you of program details and importantly, new hotel rates negotiated for our members, dealers and friends. Check

it out now to see a new rate offer from the Comfort Inn - \$79 a night, not only for Convention, but also Auction and any other time of year. Further, our Convention and Glass Show team member Sandy Bridwell-Walker is talking to more hotels and as we have new deals, they will be posted on the website and subsequent Crystal Balls.

A new Glass Show team has been put together of Sandy, Roger Loucks, Jane Filippini and Tarzan Deel. We are expanding hours, dealers and adding more pizzazz and glamour to the showroom. We are also making our dealers stars in new ways.

I could go on, but let's save something for next month. But PLEASE mark your calendars and think about reserving your room for this star-studded event – ***HOLLYWOOD!*** - the 2016 NCC Annual Convention.