

# It's a Jungle Out There!

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How often have you hopped on the internet to research a piece of glass or a specific etch, pattern or stemware line, and been frustrated by how difficult it is to find concrete, believable information? I sure know I have.

Fortunately at NCC, we have our very dedicated Miami Valley Study Group who has sought to build a reservoir of intelligence that can benefit our members and also serve as an outstanding outreach to the general collecting population. This is a fundamental part of the mission of the National Cambridge Collectors Inc. – preservation and education.

But dork that I can be sometimes (OK, often), I even have problems using the search function at MVSG (accessible via our [cambridgeglass.org](http://cambridgeglass.org) website) and being able to drill down to exactly what I am looking for. Wouldn't it be great if we could get an in-person, hands-on tutorial on how best to use this magnificent resource?

Well now you can. Please come our 2017 NCC Convention, you can join MVSG on a **Digital Safari** and greatly expand your facility for how to do successful searches – thereby solving problems, answering questions and becoming smarter on Cambridge Glass.

I asked NCC's VP of Education (and Miami Valley Study Group member) Larry Everett to give us a snapshot of this program ...

*The analogy would be the difference in going on a safari looking for "big game" with or without an experienced guide. Participants are encouraged to bring their electronic devices and actively join the search for animals as we guide them to the most promising areas.*

We are still sorting out the exact Convention schedule, but our Digital Safari is currently set to embark on Thursday afternoon June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4 pm. Make sure to bring your iPads or laptops. It will be held at Pritchard Laughlin and will be followed by our Thursday Salute Cocktail Party.