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NCC Cambridge Glass Auction

Cambridge glass collectors who braved the snowstorm found rewards at this year's National Cambridge Collectors' auction. Although the weather threatened, many collectors and antique dealers were in attendance from several states.

More than 332 lots of elegant glass were organized for sale by auction chairman Lynn Welker and his committee at the Shenandoah Inn in Old Washington, Ohio. As usual, the 1993 auction contained an excellent representation of the many lines and colors of glassware produced by the Cambridge Glass Company between 1901 and 1958.

Once again, Craig Connelly of Granville, Ohio, served as auctioneer. He motivated eager bidders throughout the day to compete for their favorite pieces and moved the auction along at a brisk pace. Connelly combines a talent for selling Cambridge glass with an excellent audience rapport to make each auction a pleasure to attend.

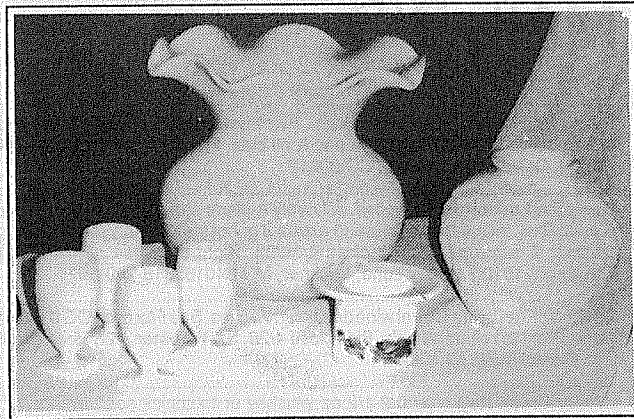
A few of the rare and unusual items sold were: Crystal Nude cordial, \$350; Royal Blue Nude Hoch, \$325; Forest Green handled frog vase, \$400; Crown Tuscan 8-1/2" swan with Charleton Gardenia decoration, \$550; Amber Cut Wild Rose punch bowl with crystal base and cups, \$800; Carrara Ruffled spittoon, \$200; and experimental ivory opaque creamer, \$85.

Some of the more common items from the auction were: ivory 10" center handled tray, \$15; Seagull 8-1/2" flower frog, \$55; Moonlight Blue 5 ounce Georgian tumbler, \$10; and Caprice salt and pepper, \$30.

Prior to the auction, a preview was held Friday evening in conjunction with the NCC quarterly meeting. Convention chairman Marybelle Moorehead announced that the 1993 convention theme will center around the Cambridge glass' green colors and the 20th anniversary of the NCC convention. The convention will be held June 24-27 at the Pritchard-Laughlin Civic Center in Cambridge, Ohio. The headquarters for the convention will be the Best Western motel.

The auction marks the re-opening of the National Cambridge Collectors Museum at Route 40 east in Cambridge, Ohio. Museum hours are Wednesday thru Saturday, 10:00 a.m. thru 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4:00 p.m. For more information, write: NCC Inc., P.O. Box 416, Dept. CA, Cambridge, Ohio 43725 or call (614) 432-4245.

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These lots were sold on the block: milk glass Mt. Vernon cordials, \$10.00 each; Carrara 8" ruffled spittoon, \$200; milk glass top hat cigarette holder with Decalware flowers, \$105; and a milk glass Everglades 5" vase, \$40.00.