

May 2025

# Etchings

## 2024-2025 Society Officers

President – Bonnie Theard   Vice President – Keely Stockman  
Treasurer – Glenn Plauche   Recording Secretary – Stephanie Prunty  
Corresponding Secretary – Darrell Redler

## Home Tour at Waubun Plantation

Club members got to tour a grand home on Sat., April 26 (10 am-12 pm) thanks to George Dansker's connection with the caretaker of the property, Clifton Theriot. The home is in Schriever, La., which is just south of Thibodaux.

Members who trekked down the bayou for this fabulous opportunity included Darrell and René Redler, Judy Fisher, Astrid Mussiett, Glenn Plauche, Keely Stockman, Vicki Hale, Fran Swan, Donna Bouterie and her niece Jennifer Buckley, Stephanie Prunty, George Dansker, and Jane Stacy. See group photos on page 5.

Besides all the Fostoria glass and other treasures, the home was full of memorabilia and pictures of Clifton's family who have lived in the Lafourche Parish area for generations. Everyone was given a goodie bag of cookies and a praline, and drinks were served as well. See pp 5-6 for a collection of pictures taken inside the house and on the grounds. Thanks again to George for making this tour possible.

## Summer Social

In the first couple of newsletters that mentioned the summer social, it seemed like it was way in the future. Well, after this month's meeting and June's, the summer social will be upon us — 7:00, July 10.

The theme is "Pretty in Pink". Bring your favorite pink glass and dinnerware to use, decorate, and show off. Carol Joachim created sign up sheets for each table with a theme related to "pink". The sheets will be out at the May meeting once again for those who need to sign up.

Also a food to bring list will be available. This will be for side dishes to complement the main attraction.

## Meeting Reminder

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Wednesday

May 14, 2025

"Blue Heaven"

Meeting begins 7:00pm

Doors open 6:30pm

## Program:

**Blue Heaven  
Dinnerware by Royal  
China**

Presented by Bonnie Theard

## Show & Tell

Bring your favorite  
Mid-Century Modern item

## Refreshments will be available!

Appetizers: Connie Murphy and  
Darrell Redler

Main Item: Sandwiches (CCDGS)

Sweets: Astrid Mussiett, Lee  
Vinson, and Genny Milillo

Drinks: Desiree Miller

Door Prize

50/50

Library will be available.

Basket will be passed  
around for Angels' Place

## CCDGS Website

[www.crescentcityglass.org](http://www.crescentcityglass.org)

Check out all the latest updates  
including the library display!

## Meeting Highlights from April 9th

Program: Blown Away

Presented by: Christian Blanque

Christian brought some wonderful examples from her collection of vintage and antique electric fans. She offered some background: the first electric fan was invented in 1882, and patent approval was granted in 1885. Fans featured anywhere from three to six blades, and early fans with brass blades are more valuable. (My ears perked up when I heard that as I just bought an old brass-blade Emerson to fix up as a project.)

Around 1890, alternating current became the norm, although she had a fan that could run on both AC or DC power. In the 1920's, GE developed overlapping blades that cut down on fan noise. When she powered up that fan, not only was it quiet, but the breeze it created on low speed was felt all the way on the other side of the room.

She brought seven fans: six table models including a mid-century turquoise blue box fan, and one floor model. Christian not only collects the fans, but also repairs them and keeps them in good condition. She noted that early fans were the building blocks for other advancements in electric power since fans can be found in many applications for cooling high-voltage transformers and components.

By the 1950's, the invention of air conditioning started cutting into the sales of the stand-alone fan which for years was the only cooling technology we had. The heavy steel fans with their fancy brass blades slowly gave way to the cheap plastic jobs we have today.

Solidly-built fans from yesteryear have resilient motors that require proper oiling (she recommends good old 3-in-1 oil with the blue and white label) to keep them running smoothly, and blades need to be well-balanced. At the conclusion of the presentation she added, "Well-cared for, they will run forever."





# More Meeting Highlights and Show-n-Tell

There were fifteen members at the meeting. The club raised \$30 for Angels' Place. Desiree Miller won the 50/50 raffle. There was one guest: Alphonse Miller.

Show-n-Tell featured members' favorite fans. Desiree brought a folding fan that was a gift from a friend. Unfortunately, since Desiree takes the pictures, there is no picture of her with her fan. Darrell lugged his Emerson up to the table. Astrid had three fans, the one she is holding with the Japanese design, a Muses fan, and a Hush Y'all fan. Keely found her folding fan with nautical theme at an estate sale. Bonnie is showing off her fan that she found in the Chinatown section of Chicago while on a trip. See pictures below.



## March Birthdays



Pictured are Byron Jacob and Alphonse Miller

Shout out to Janel Mumme

## *Sunshine with Connie Murphy*



## History Highlights — 1980

The 1981 scrapbook started with photos of the December 1980 Christmas Dinner held at Brother's Restaurant in Metairie. Coincidentally, Antoinette was a co-chair for the event, along with Pat Gallagher. Antoinette has been co-chair of the club's Christmas Banquet the last two years, along with Genny Melillo.

Regular meetings were still held at the National Bank of Commerce in the Elmwood area. Meetings averaged 34 attendees. Plans were progressing for a club cookbook to be sold at the next spring show in 1982.

The 1981 Spring Show & Sale was at the Terrytown VFW Post 5733. A special guest was Nora Koch, editor of the publication Depression Glass Daze. An article on the show penned by Steve Dickey, along with photos, appeared in both The Times Picayune and the West Bank Guide.

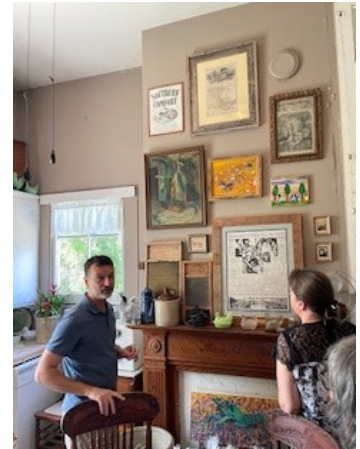
Programs that year included Block Optic, Iris & Herringbone, Old Colony (Lace Edge), Swirl, and Tea Room. Show & Tell featured butter dishes, candlesticks, and kitchen items.



The club's display at the East Bank Regional Library. This month's display celebrates May's birthstone: emerald.



# Pictures from Waubun Plantation Home





# More Pictures from Waubun Plantation Home

