

EAPGS 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

A Day (or Two, or Three) at the Museum of American Glass in West Virginia

Sunday to Tuesday

The 2025 EAPGS Annual Meeting will be held July 13-15 (Sunday-Tuesday) at the Bridgeport Conference Center in Bridgeport, West Virginia (evening dinners and meetings) and at the Museum of American Glass in Weston (daytime activities). The two locations are an easy 25 mile distance apart and just a 30 minute drive down I-79.

Daytime Activities

The daytime activities at the museum will include volunteer work and glass sales – lots and lots of EAPG, both from the Museum Store's existing stock and also from collection donations that will be offered at low museum prices. All proceeds from the sales of the donated glass will go to the Museum. Tom Felt has assured me that prices will be kept "low". They can always use the cash and definitely need to free up space in their storage areas.

For the volunteer work, we have a monumental accumulation of information gathered over the years by Tom and Neila Bredehoff that needs to be moved from nearby storage to the upstairs file cabinets. This will also involve some computer work and filing skills so it is not all "carry and climb".

Around Weston

There will be some time for area exploration. There are not a lot of antique shops within a one hour radius but we will have a list of them for all who register for the meeting (as we did last year). There are some local destinations that are worth visiting like the



The Museum can easily be found as you drive along Main Street in Weston. Just watch for the large glass display on the exterior wall. In 2019 the Society financially supported the wall mural by donating the cost of the "Queen" blue covered compute.

Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum and the Appalachian Glass blowing studio. We will have a list of these for each registrant.

Duncan Glass Show

For those of you coming to the meeting from the North, July 12 and 13 are the dates for the 50th Annual Antiques and Collectibles Sales in Washington, Pennsylvania sponsored by the National Duncan Glass Society. Visit this on Saturday before you check into the hotel.

Evening Activities

In addition to lots of glass sales at the Museum, we will also have member sales after dinner on Sunday night, the annual business meeting on Monday night, and a dedicated evening of "Show and Tell" on Tuesday evening. Meals are being planned and from what the conference center has offered us as options, we will have several delectable choices each evening. Each meal will have three entrees, two vegetables, and two starches, as well as salad and dessert.

Accommodations & Conference Center

Hotel accommodations will be at the Wingate Hotel, Bridgeport, West Virginia, which is connected to the Conference Center. They have offered us a very reasonable rate of \$85.00 per night plus tax and that rate is good from Saturday, July 12 to Wednesday, July 16. Breakfast is included.



The Society's two display cases that were donated to MAGWV in 2009. The display contains glass items from many of the companies from the EAPG era. The display was arranged by the Bredhoft's, Autenreith's and the Hearn's.



In 2008 the archives of the American Flint Glass Workers were moved from Toledo, Ohio and are now in safe keeping at the Museum, in Weston. The Society supported the cost of the transfer.



The Museum Store includes a large display of books that are currently in print. A display of gently used books can be found in the same area.



When the National Marble Museum in California closed, the collection was transferred to MAGWV. The permanent display highlights some of the items in the collection. An effort continues to explore the companies and the artists.



One of the many display cases containing examples of thousands of items that can be viewed telling the stories of our glass heritage/history.