

# The Paperweight Chase

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## Recent Meeting Highlights

### Lose Weight Auction

A summer afternoon meeting and potluck was enjoyed at the home of Jane and Ken Wright. Members had time to socialize and to take part in their first "Lose Weight" Auction. Ken led the auction of a number of weights and related items put on the block by members. Participants directed their energies to healthy bidding and then turned their attention to the delightful refreshments brought along to the table by members. It was fun and the refreshments were excellent. Thanks to the Wrights, Jobins, and everyone for their contributions.

### October Meeting Quiz

At the October meeting held on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at the Locke Branch, Toronto Public Library, Rick Willson gave a talk on how to identify millefiori weights. He brought along examples, illustrated differences, and then challenged the members to test their knowledge. They had an opportunity to closely examine ten millefiori weights and to see if they could correctly identify the makers. Results were surprising for some and it was fun to see if we knew all the answers. Congratulations to Phil & Diane Washburn and to Marcia Whittaker for the most correct answers. They walked away with prizes for their efforts.

### November Corning Coach Tour Cancelled

The Coach Tour planned for the November 6<sup>th</sup> fall weekend to Corning Museum of Glass was cancelled. Attendance for the event was below the original estimates and it was decided that an effort will be made to schedule the event for the fall of 2005. Firm commitments will be required well in advance for museum, coach and hotel bookings, and deposits will be expected to secure all reservations.

### December Holiday Social

We enjoyed a delightful holiday season social hosted by Claire & Art Jobin on December 4<sup>th</sup>. A brief meeting was followed by potluck delights and beverages (courtesy of the Jobin's). Best wishes were sent to all those who were unable to attend. The Show & Tell was a busy one: Helen shared four weights given to her by her children which hold particular sentimental value. She brings them out every Christmas. Phil brought out a scramble which he requested the group to identify. Ken displayed several weights which he had picked up from a dealer who was selling a lot of approximately 600 (mostly Chinese origin from the 1920's-30's). He was able to pick up some Strathearn weights as well. Norm shared four recent acquisitions: a Caithness (CIIG), a Toccalino crown weight, a ring holder and a Lundberg weight. Rick brought along a Santa Claus painted plaque weight as well as a Salazar weight from Lundberg Studios. Rick asked the group to submit ballots to identify a mystery weight which turned out to be a Clichy scrambled weight, circa 1850, with rose canes. Claire Jobin had the closest guess, and took home a 2005 Selman Paperweight Calendar. Again, thank you to everyone for their efforts and sending best wishes for the new year to all our members.

# ROM Brocklebank Lecture

## Leo Kaplan Guest Speaker, April 3, 2005

Brian Musselwhite, the ROM glass curator and paperweight specialist, has confirmed that Leo Kaplan will be featured. At the Paperweight Connoisseur's Morning (registration limited to 15 participants), Leo Kaplan and Susie Kaplan Jacobson will join with Brian Musselwhite for an intimate hands-on seminar and discussion of some of the Museum's most interesting antique and contemporary weights. This is an excellent opportunity to learn from the experts about understanding paperweights. Following is information regarding both Sunday events. Please be sure to register early with the ROM.

### **5th Annual Brocklebank Paperweight Lecture**

#### **Collecting Antique and Contemporary Paperweights Tips from Leo Kaplan**

Sunday, April 3, 2-4 pm

Leo Kaplan Ltd., in New York City, is one of the world's most prestigious paperweight dealers. Involved in the antique and contemporary markets for more than 40 years, Kaplan has become a leading expert. Hear how the both areas of collecting have evolved and understand how to make the best choices for starting or expanding your collection.

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### **Paperweight Connoisseur's Morning**

Sunday, April 3, 10:30 am – 12 pm

Experience an intimate hands-on seminar with ROM glass curator and paperweight specialist, Brian Musselwhite, and paperweight experts and dealers Alan Kaplan and Susie Kaplan Jacobson, as they explain and discuss some of the Museum's most interesting antique and contemporary weights. Increase your understanding of paperweights and train your eye to appreciate the difference between good, better and best.

(Limited to 15 participants).

\$60 (online \$55)

ROM, Paperweight Collectors Association, and Glasfax members \$50 (online \$45)

**Please contact the ROM now to purchase your tickets to the April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005 Brocklebank events.**

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet will be held on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005**

You will be receiving a separate package to purchase your tickets for the PCA Ontario 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet which will be held on Saturday evening, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Plans for the event include dinner, speakers, door prizes and celebration of the founding of our group in Toronto by Helen Carothers. Please join members, some of whom you may not have seen for some time, for a delightful social event in celebration of our 25 years!

**PCA, Inc. 2005 Convention  
18-21 May 2005 Appleton, Wisconsin**

Attached is the registration form for the PCA, Inc. convention in Neenah, Wisconsin as well as a membership application to PCA, Inc. for those of you who are interested. The convention features many fine presentations, a dealer fair, an artist/maker showcase, as well as an opportunity to view the fine paperweight exhibits at the Bergstrom-Mahler Museum. Also planned is a lunch with the artists, and a “Weakest Link” style ID clinic where the audience and experts try to identify mystery weights brought along by attendees. Of course, you will also have an opportunity to meet other paperweight collectors from the United States and around the world. The convention will be held at the “Radisson Paper Valley Hotel” in Appleton, Wisconsin. There will be a complimentary shuttle service between the hotel and museum in Neenah (seven miles away). In addition, there will be special “collector hands-on” sessions with the Museum curator—three sessions a day with specialized topics and hands-on access to appropriate material from the collection. These special sessions will require prior sign-up and have limited seating. The Museum will be open extended hours in order for you to enjoy the museum’s collections and have additional time with your fellow paperweight collectors.

**West Virginia Glass Gathering, Toronto, 2005**

The West Virginia glass group is planning a Glass Gathering to be held in Toronto. Norm Thomson will provide us with information about the exact location and details when it becomes available. We are delighted that Toronto has been chosen for the site of this event.


**Toronto Public Library Hosts Weight Exhibit**

The Empress & Yonge Street branch of the Toronto Public Library hosted a display of paperweights and reference books. Peggy Ramsay visited the show which was a recently-inherited collection loaned to the library for display. This may just be the kind of activity we might consider doing in the future. Helen Carothers tells us that this has been done in the past; however, we must ensure that there is adequate insurance coverage for such an exhibit.

**Passing of Paul Hollister, Jr.**

The paperweight world has lost Paul Hollister, a former President of the PCA, Inc., and author of one of the most comprehensive books on paperweights, “The Encyclopedia of Glass Paperweights”. His

book, published in 1969, was a study of antique, and contemporary, weights. If you ever come across a copy of this book, it would be a fine addition to your paperweight reference materials.

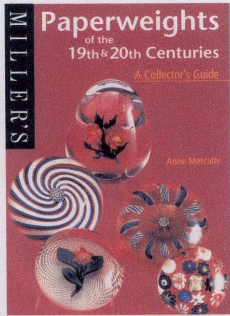
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## Upcoming Events

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
March 5, 2005	Meeting (Location TBA)
April 2, 2005	25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet
April 3, 2005	ROM Brocklebank Lecture
May 18-21, 2005	PCA Annual Convention Bergstrom-Mahler Museum Neenah, Wisconsin
June 18, 2005	Meeting (Location TBA)
August 13, 2005	Barbecue
October 1, 2005	Meeting (Location TBA)
November 5, 2005	Meeting (Location TBA)
December 3, 2005	Holiday Social

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**Annual Fees**

**PCA Ontario, Canada**

July 1 (current year) - June 30 (following year)

- \_\_\_ Single Membership      \$20.00
- \_\_\_ Couple                    \$30.00
- \_\_\_ Mailings only            \$15.00

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