



2024 VGCI Convention Registration Form

October 16-19, 2024

www.vaselineglass.org

Let's celebrate! The 25th Annual VGCI Convention will be held in Corning, New York, October 16-19, 2024. The site of the convention will be the Double Tree by Hilton Corning Downtown, 125 Denison Parkway East, Corning, NY, 14830. The hotel is currently undergoing a conversion from a Radisson property to a Hilton property. Conversion is scheduled to be completed by the beginning of September; however, we've been informed they are running behind schedule. Reservations are set up to be made through the Radisson (Choice Hotels) system and will be integrated by Hilton into their system if the conversion is completed before our convention time. Hotel reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly at 607-962-5000 and asking for the Vaseline Glass Collectors Convention group rate of \$149.00 for a double queen or king room, or on-line at <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/G9640787>. This room rate will be honored October 14-20 should you like to extend your stay. If extending and looking for things to do in the area, visit <https://www.visitfingerlakes.com/plan-your-trip/visitors-guide/>. *Make your reservation as soon as possible* but definitely by September 16, 2024, the last date this rate is guaranteed. If you have any questions or problems, please contact Bob Harry at 407-933-7468 or Nancy Tompkins at 814-880-5232.

For Reservation Purposes: *If you are planning to attend the optional tours, you will want to arrive at the hotel on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, as the bus will be leaving early on Wednesday morning for the first optional trip. As to checking out, please plan to check out on Sunday as we will be having dinner and a speaker on Saturday evening.*

Displays: There will be \$100 awards for displays again this year for Best Single Piece, Best Theme, Most Educational, and Best Visual. Each category will receive an award. *Please consider setting up a display. We have plenty of room and everyone wants to see your favorite pieces!*

Swap & Shop: One of the best chances you will get to buy or sell glass, Swap & Shop is also a great way to meet fellow VGCI members and perhaps find a piece for your collection that you may not find anywhere else. Swap & Shop is conducted from room-to-room. Participating rooms may list their room number on the easel at our registration table.

Meals: Meals will be provided as follows: Included in your registration fee are three evening meals, one each Thursday (opening reception), Friday and Saturday. The times for each meal will be printed in your Welcome Packet that you will receive upon hotel arrival. *There is no discount on convention fees if you decide not to participate in any or all of the meals.* We realize our regular attendees have become accustomed to having breakfast included in their room rate. We were unable to negotiate this option at this hotel, so breakfast will be on your own, although on both Friday and Saturday mornings we have arranged for muffins and pastries to be available. There is a restaurant in the hotel that is open for breakfast or, if you are driving, you might consider bringing some breakfast foods to have in your room. Each room has a refrigerator and coffee and tea will be available in the hotel lobby.

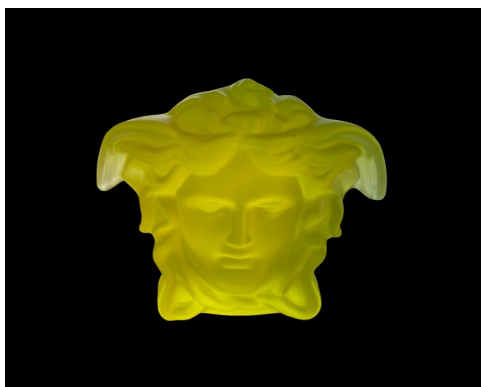
Optional Tours: Plan to join us for two fabulous days of optional motor coach trips! Wednesday we will be visiting the Dorflinger Factory Museum in White Mills, PA, and the jaw-dropping Martin Collection in Hawley, PA. On Thursday we will be visiting three churches to view beautiful installations of Tiffany windows and mosaics. The three churches include Christ Episcopal Church of Hornell, Hornell, NY, First Presbyterian Church of Bath, Bath, NY, and Christ Episcopal Church of Corning, Corning, NY. Both optional trips will be available on a first come-first served basis and lunch will be provided each day.

Corning Museum of Glass: Included in your convention registration fee is a ticket to visit the Corning Museum of Glass on Friday. This will be a very informal day and you can visit at your convenience during museum hours. We have no formal plans for transportation. Our hotel is within walking distance to the museum (less than a mile). If you decide to take your vehicle, parking is free at the museum. If you don't have a vehicle but need a ride, please plan to carpool with friends. We will make sure you get there! Lunch will be on-your-own this day. Please check out the many offerings of the museum at <https://www.cmog.org>. We are asking that you confirm you will be participating in a visit to the museum so we don't end up purchasing tickets that go unused (see page 2).

Rakow Research Library: We have no formal visit to The Rakow Research Library planned. If you would like to squeeze in a visit for some research, the library is **open by appointment only** Monday through Thursday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Visit <https://reserve.cmog.org/> or call 1-607-438-5300 to make your reservation.

Silent Auction: This is a wonderful opportunity for members to make tax deductible donations of glass for auction to benefit VGCI. If you want to place pieces in the auction but do not wish to donate 100% of the proceeds, VGCI will require 20% of the final auction price as a fee. Auction sheets will be available where auction items are displayed and help will be available. If you cannot attend but would like to donate or if you are flying and prefer to ship your auction (or display) items, the hotel will receive packages shipped directly to them no sooner than five days prior to convention with the understanding that they cannot be held liable for anything detrimental that could occur. Please contact Nancy at 814-880-5232 for specific instructions.

Convention Piece: We are pleased to be offering as a convention piece at this milestone convention, a beautiful three-dimensional vaseline satin paperweight. The crystal vaseline iconic Medusa paperweight was created through a collaboration between Versace (Italy) and Rosenthal (Germany). Medusa was chosen as Versace's company emblem because she symbolized beauty and strength. Each boxed paperweight is engraved with the Rosenthal and Versace logos and measures 4" wide and 3" tall. This piece will be an exceptional addition to your vaseline glass collection! The cost will be \$99. The piece will be available for pickup at the convention. The supply is limited and when they are gone, they are gone. The sooner you get your reservation in, the better. *If you cannot attend but would still like to make a purchase, please send this registration form to Tom Foozer along with a check for the amount owed plus shipping payable to VGCI.* Orders will be processed *with priority to convention attendees* and then to non-attendees based on envelope postmark. You may purchase one per member.



Game Time: B-I-N-G-O! *Bingo has been a HUGE success, so we are offering it again!* To participate, be prepared with a small-wrapped gift of **yellow vaseline glass** with a value around \$25. Bring a gift with you or shop for something during your room-to-room travels. Check the agenda in the packet you receive on arrival for details. Observers are always welcome too!

Fun! The true measure of success of any convention is how much you enjoyed yourself. **YOU** are the key ingredient in making this happen! Join us as we celebrate our 25th Annual Convention (our silver anniversary) of friends, fun, food, and vaseline glass! We are anxious to gather with everyone and meet new friends too! ***The Show Must Glow On!***

Cancellation Policy: In the unfortunate event that you must cancel, please notify us by October 1, 2024. Funds will be returned minus a \$15 processing fee. Any cancellations after October 1, 2024, will be forfeited to VGCI as a tax-deductible contribution.

Transportation: The area is serviced by the Elmira/Corning Regional Airport (ELM) located in Horseheads, NY. The hotel has limited shuttle service to and from the airport. *Arrangements must be made with the front desk in advance.* If you are driving, parking is free at the hotel.

Registration Fees: The cost of registration includes a light meal at our Thursday evening reception, dinners on Friday and Saturday, speakers, and an admission ticket to the Corning Museum on Friday. *There is no reduction in the fee if you plan on attending only part of the convention.* All fees are per person.

Your dues must be current through 2024 to make a hotel reservation in our room block, attend convention or purchase a convention piece. If you do not see a note with this registration form indicating your membership has lapsed, you are paid through 2024. Thank you!



Please fill out and mail this page along with your check made payable to "VGCI" to our Club Treasurer, Tom Foozer, 5134 Deerview Park Drive, Cleves, OH, 45002.

Name(s) of member(s) attending: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail address: _____

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FEE \$175 per person (Register by July 31, 2024)

Number of persons _____ x \$175 = \$ _____

Registration Fee \$195 per person (After July 31, 2024)

Number of persons _____ x \$195 = \$ _____

Optional Motor Coach Trip on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, to Dorflinger Museum, White Mills, PA, and the Martin collection, Hawley, PA (must be received with registration). Lunch is included.

Number of persons _____ x \$79 = \$ _____

Optional Motor Coach Trip on Thursday, October 17, 2024, to visit three churches within one hour of Corning featuring installations of Tiffany windows and mosaics (must be received with registration). Lunch is included.

Number of persons _____ x \$79 = \$ _____

I/We Plan to Visit the Corning Museum of Glass on Friday, October 18, 2024 Yes No

Convention Piece

Convention attendees (1 per member) _____ x \$99 = \$ _____

Non-attendees (1 per member) _____ x \$109 = \$ _____ (includes shipping)

VGCI Membership Renewal for: 2025 2024 (if not yet paid)

Single Membership (\$25)

Junior Membership (under 18) (FREE)

Single + Spouse or Significant Other (\$30)

Corporate Membership (\$25)

Tax-Deductible Donation (optional) \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____ (one check is okay)

Meals

If you have special dietary needs, let us know so we can work with the Chef to make appropriate meal choices. We will do our best to make it happen.

Regular Meal(s) Other _____

Displays

If you are planning to set up a display, please indicate how much space you will need. Tables are 6' long x 3' wide.

Full table 1/2 table I'm bringing a favorite piece for the Best Single Piece category

Swap & Shop

I/We will be participating in the Swap & Shop by selling glass from my/our room.

Yes No Maybe

