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## "When again I cannot sleep, I count my Heisey instead of sheep"

Again we had our annual visit to Newark, Ohio for the Convention that took place June 13-16, 2001. I am sure you may be tired of hearing how good these conventions are, but it is always a treat to go through our Museum and meet all the friends we see once a year. Also, you could satisfy your appetite hunting for that special item, since there are so many dealers set up in Newark at the show, in nearby Granville, and at the Heisey auction that took place. The above 'ditty' was on the table of one of the dealers.

This year, the display was set up in the same large room as the Convention Show, and we had wine and cheese during Preview Night.

Another fun-filled evening with a western theme, "Heisey Round-Up", was a BBQ supper, Swap Meet, and then followed by a Blind Auction of donated Heisey. This year there were 21 large bags (box inside) which were up for bid. A good profit of \$6,250 was realized. HCA feasibility items were also auctioned for another \$1,150.

As always there were 2 seminars given. Jay Martin's subject was about *Table Talk* - Heisey's magazine to the trade. He had many old ones to show and talk about. Also, Joe Lokay gave his seminar on Heisey Mustards, something he and his wife collect.

This year there were repeated tours of the former Heisey factory, and the warehouse where the Heisey molds are stored was open. Our own George Schamel was in charge of the warehouse.

The banquet dinner speaker was Thomas Curtis Heisey, a great grandson of A.H. Heisey, who said he had been a teacher, principal, and for the past 17 years, an antique dealer. He passed out copies of the Heisey Family Tree and talked about his family experiences and recollections of his grandparents and cousins.

At the business meeting all the club representatives made presentations (money and items for the Museum). On behalf of our club, we gave \$5,800. Just as an observation, I have kept track of the monies given to HCA from the proceeds of our All-Heisey Shows and Sale, and since 1973 we have donated \$74,120. Well done, fellow club members!

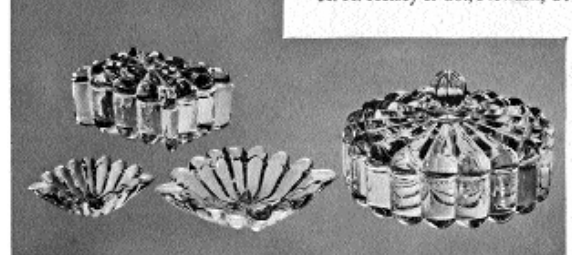
The election for new board members took place and the following were elected: Ned Lavengood, NC; Gloria Moore, ND; Karen O'Hare, Ohio; Connie Ryan Dall, Ohio.

Try to make plans to go to the convention next year, which will take place a little later than usual. The dates are June 19-22, 2002. If you plan to go, make motel reservations early in 2002. You all come!

Mrs. Chris



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**HEISEY'S**  
HAND-WROUGHT  CRYSTAL

*House Beautiful, June 1942*

# The Search for Heisey

By John Martinez

Over the past year I have been complaining about how hard it has become to find Heisey Glass in the Washington and Baltimore area. So, in my never ending quest to find Heisey, and have new stories to write about, my family and I traveled to Spain. Where better to find a couple of Spanish stems with the Barcelona Cutting? My sister insisted our trip was a vacation, but my dad and I had our eyes open for the Diamond-H.



At the Royal Palace in Madrid, we looked over all the Royal Crystal - no Heisey! Every ceiling was covered with a masterpiece, but after a while, my neck ached from looking up.



*Royal Palace ceiling*

Madrid is a city with some of the finest museums in the world. At the Prado, we were treated to Spain's greatest artists, El Greco, Velazquez, and Goya. At the Thyssen, we saw Picasso, Van Gogh, Degas, Matisse, and Monet to name a few.

Early the next morning, we went to the Rastro, which is a huge flea market covering about 8 blocks of downtown Madrid. We found just about everything but Heisey.



*The Rastro - Madrid*

We then boarded a bus and headed for Toledo. My first impression was

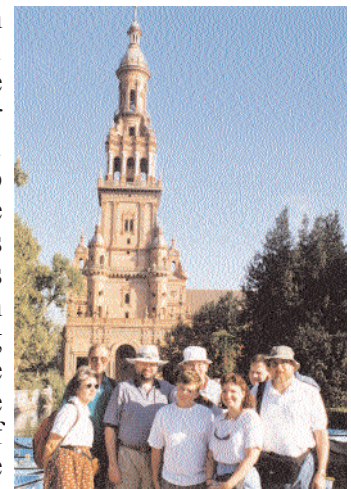


*Toledo - Not Ohio!*

that it is a town for mountain goats. Toledo is a town with many stories. The first time the bell in the Cathedral was rung, all of the pregnant women went into labor! Needless to say, they changed the clapper in the bell right away. Toledo was also the home of El Greco, and many of his masterpieces are found here. Once again, we found no Heisey, but we gained a whole new respect for mountain goats.

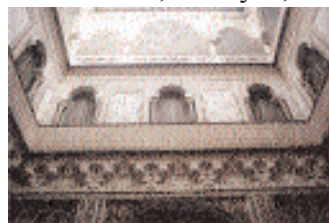
The next morning, we boarded a high speed train for Cordoba, and spent the afternoon visiting the Jewish Quarter and the Masquita, which was a giant mosque. In 1523, work started to build a cathedral inside the Masquita, which was completed in 1776.

Our next destination was Sevilla (*my favorite*). Most impressive was the Plaza de Espana, built for the 1929 Worlds Expo. Next, we trekked off to the Alcazar, part of the Moslem fortress that is now one of four Palaces still in use by the Spanish Royal Family. Walking through the Alcazar, one might think he was in the Middle-East instead of Spain. We strolled the Royal Gardens and then visited the Cathedral.



*Plaza de Espana*

Sevilla has the 3rd largest Cathedral in the world, and the most striking feature is its tower, known as the Giralda, and yes, I climbed it! The Cathedral also claims to house the remains of Columbus, but DNA results have proved them wrong. Sevilla was the city where ships from the New World landed, filled



*Inside the Alcazar*

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with gold and silver. From the looks of it, most of the treasure wound up in the Cathedral.

Next, we were off to Jerez. The Sherry drinkers who are reading this would have been in Heaven. Jerez is the region in Spain were Sherry is made, and after the tour, we had a chance to sample their wares.



*The Giralda*

Then it was off to Torremolinos on the Costa del Sol. The best way I can describe it is Ocean City on steroids! Enough said.



*Tangiers, Morocco*

After Torremolinos, we took an excursion to Tangiers, in Morocco (*aka Peddlers Paradise*). After a lunch that included a Belly Dancing exhibition by my father, it was off to the Casbah to be fleeced by the locals. We checked all of the booths and once again came up empty handed on our search for Heisey, but we did escape with our wallets, and that's a miracle!

Our next city was Granada and the amazing Alhambra. In 1492, King Ferdinand reconquered Granada, and made it the capital of Spain. When, the capital was moved to Madrid, the Alhambra was abandoned. For almost 200 years, gypsies and vagrants occupied the Alhambra, until Washington Irving wrote his famous novel "Tales of the

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**Message from the Prez**

After a long summer off, it was good to get the club started, and see everyone at our September meeting. There were no reports of illness, and everyone at the meeting looked to be in exceptional health. That's the kind of information I like to report!

A few of our regular members were missing, but we managed to muddled through the meeting regardless. Plans for the **30th** annual All Heisey Show and Sale are in the works. George Schamel says this will be his last year running the show, and he is looking for an apprentice to run the show in the future. All those who are interested, please talk to George.

Our program was Finds of the Summer, and we had a nice assortment. George Schamel found a 1205 Fancy Loop Individual Cream and Sugar in Emerald, and what appeared to be a 337 Touraine Hotel Covered Sugar. The cover was the same one used for the Table Sugar, and the bowl looked like a small nappy. George thinks it's a sugar, and that's good enough for me. Mr. Chris brought in a 1469 Ridgeleigh 1 Pint Decanter, purchased at the Heisey Convention. Is it a sin to covet another man's Heisey? Maezene Walker found the 1489 Puritan Diamond Ashtray that goes with the Bridge set, and it was marked! All the literature on this set says they were never marked. Maezene is looking for the Spade to complete the set, so keep your eyes open. Brian Baker delighted everyone with an experimental Vase, and a Finger Bowl, both in Cobalt, purchased from the home of Tom Heisey (son of T. Clarence Heisey). Mr. Heisey told Brian the Vase was too plain and never approved, so only a few were ever made. Andy Martinez brought in a 1252 Twist 2 Comp. Relish in Moongleam, to match the one he has in Flamingo. Sam Martinez found a Twist 7" Comport in Flamingo, and a 4036-1/2 Marshall 1 Pint Decanter he found at the Prevention of Blindness Thrift Shop. After whining about not being able to find any Heisey, John Martinez sheepishly showed off a 479 Petal Cream and Sugar in Sahara, 1401 Empress Salt and Pepper in Sahara, and a 1619 Block Five Candleblock. If that wasn't enough, he also found a pair of 3386 Diamond Rose 12 oz. Pilsners. That guy makes me sick!

See ya at the next meeting,

John Martinez

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Alhambra” in 1832, and made it one of Spain’s largest tourist attractions, second only to Antonio Gaudi’s Church, *La Sagrada Familia*, in Barcelona.

I can’t tell you much about our next stops, Valencia and Barcelona, because I came down with a bug that we dubbed “The Spanish Inquisition.” I thought I was a goner! I did perk up enough for our last stop on the tour, Montserrat, a Benedictine Monastery atop a stony mountain outside of Barcelona. This is the Niagra Falls of Spain. People on a budget came here on their Honeymoons, and it was considered good luck to do so. One of the big attractions of Montserrat is the Black Madonna. It is said that rubbing the globe she holds will make women pregnant in the coming year, or for men, they will visit Montserrat again. For some odd reason, not many women were rubbing the Madonna, but all the men were.

Though we were unable to find any Heisey, we enjoyed the search.



*The Alhambra - Granada*



*Gate to the Monastery*

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