

HOW COLLECTIBLE CARNIVAL GLASS
WAS STARTED

Annetta Bosselman and I (Wilma Thurston) had talked for some time that there should be a club for new carnival.

Dorothy Taylor had Encore and had a few conventions, but she had stopped having conventions.

In April 1988, Annetta and I talked with Dorothy and Bill Taylor at the HOACGA convention. We did not want to take anything away from the Taylor's, if they were going to have conventions, then we would not. We were assured that they would not be having anymore conventions. We felt like there were many collectors of new carnival that would like to get together with other collectors.

We started right then to put our plans in action to have a convention in 1989. Before we left the Kansas City area we talked to the Day's Inn Motel and was pretty sure we would have our convention there.

We had our first convention in April 1989 at Day's Inn Motel in Lenexa, Kansas just before the HOACGA convention. We had no members or money. Annetta and I put money in the club to get it started. We had an auction of donated and consigned glass, and we were paid back for the money we put in the club. We started taking members, and we were off and running. The first newsletter came out in September 1989.

Our second convention was held at Howard Johnson, Lenexa, Kansas. The third convention was held at Knights Inn Marietta, Ohio. The fourth convention was held at the Ramada Inn Joplin, Missouri.

Next year will be our fifth convention. Our goal is to bring people together who enjoy the same glass we do, so we can meet and see each others glass. We want to have fun and not be tied down by so many rules that take the fun out of the club like we've seen happen to other clubs.

It was a big undertaking to start a club. It has been a rewarding experience, meeting a lot of super nice people either over the phone or in person, I'm sure Annetta will agree with me.

I thought maybe some of you would like to know how we started the club and why.

Wilma