



AN INVITATION FROM KATHY CONN TURNER

SOCIETY PRESIDENT

My husband and I came to our first convention for the glass. After that, it was the friends and the glass. Each convention has enriched my life in making new friends, enjoying old friends more, and sharing our passion for Imperial glass, the people who made it, and what it meant to American culture and home life.

I urge you to come to convention this year, running from April 30 – May 3. Because this is the Society's 50th convention and our nation's 250th birthday, this should be a convention like no other. We're keeping traditions while enjoying new experiences. Convention activities on Friday and Saturday will be at the Ebberts Farm venue we enjoyed so much last year.

The convention begins on Thursday at the Museum with picking up your registration packets, seeing the Museum, and lots of visiting before and during the Ice Cream Social, our traditional favorite kick-off event. Afterward, you are invited to join us for Dutch-treat dinner at West Texas Roadhouse in St Clairsville.

Friday we will celebrate the Society's Golden Anniversary. It will be an Imperial Homecoming! There will be the Former Employee's Roundtable, Bring and Brag, General Membership Meeting, and a Former President's Panel. There will be displays charting the history of the Society. After a long absence, we are bringing back Table Displays, so please plan to do a breathtaking display for all to enjoy! We plan to use Zoom so that members who cannot attend will be able to join us – it will be good to see folks we have missed. Friday evening is our banquet with Tom Felt of the Museum of American Glass in West Virginia scheduled as our speaker. Tom spoke at our 25th convention, so it is nice to have him back! We also plan to have a small auction of outstanding Imperial glass.

Saturday will be a totally new experience! The Society is presenting "An All-American Festival," open to the public. Since Imperial was the "House of Americana Glass," it is fitting that we go all out to celebrate America 250! It will be family-friendly with food, entertainment, music, vendors, games, and yes, the opportunity to buy and sell glass!

Saturday evening is party time! We will be having a "Night at the Races," since Saturday is the running of the Kentucky Derby. We hope everyone will dress as if attending the real derby (including hats!) We will enjoy a barbeque dinner, watch and cheer on our favorite(s) at the Derby, and play racing related games. Be sure to bring your glass horses for our racing game.

Because the weekend is a party, we are not charging a registration fee. The hotel is nice and very reasonably priced. We will be having fund raisers to defray the cost of the convention and hopefully raise money for the Museum. If you would like to be a convention sponsor, let me know by text at (512)657-8575.

We will have shirts for you to pre-order, and there will be commemorative souvenirs for sale during convention.

While in town, I hope you visit other glass museums and tours, shop, and enjoy the many attractions in the area.

Again, please come. It won't be the same without you! And bring your family so they can see the Museum, the glass, and your friends. Let's make this a convention to remember!

Happy 50th Anniversary Everyone!

Convention begins Thursday with **HOME COMING DAY!** The Museum will be filled with members sharing memories, enjoying displays and welcoming new friends! We will have our Ice Cream Social and then share a meal at the West Texas Steakhouse in Saint Clairsville.

Friday and Saturday all events will again be held at the Ebberts Farm Event Center. The venue was the site of last year's Lucile Kennedy auction and is down the street from the Comfort Inn, our Convention Hotel.

Friday morning will begin at 8am with Setup of the Tablescape Competition! Please bring a card table and set up a table for 2! Pick your theme and decorate accordingly! The only rule is you **MUST** use at least one piece of Imperial! All participants will receive a prize and we will award a People's Choice winner! Questions should be directed to Karen Marano at (304) 573-9557 or karenmarano2@gmail.com.

Convention will be called to order at 9am and will be a day filled with Memories and Imperial lore. We hope to see as many Past Imperial Presidents, Board Members, Trustees, Former Employees and Members as possible! Please bring your best treasures to share at Bring and Brag!!!

Friday night is our **50th Imperial Banquet**, catered by Melhman's. The attire is semi-formal and the evening's speaker will be Tom Felt, Curator of the American Museum of Glass. There will also be three Museum fundraisers: a 50/50 raffle, a Silent Auction and an In-Person Auction of select, **very special** glass. If you have a rare or unique piece you would like to donate to the auction, please contact Wayne Walker at (440) 413-4492.

Saturday is our **Imperial Festival** featuring a **HUGE GLASS SALE** so load up your glass(or whatever you would like to sell,) reserve a booth, rent your tables and sell, sell, sell! Setup begins at 7am! There will also be a Designer Purse Sale(with ALL proceeds going to the Museum,) Children's Games, Food Trucks, Carriage Rides, a Cake Walk, a Radio Station Remote Broadcast, a Book Signing, a Glass Identification Table, Musical Performances, a Glass Decorating Demonstration by CC Hardman and much more! This event is being heavily advertised on TV, radio, social media and print publications and ends at 3pm.

Saturday night is our **Night at The Races!** We will be having a Ladies and Mens Derby Hat Competition, so start planning your outfits and pack your favorite Imperial Horse or Animal for the Imperial Derby!! Doors open at 5pm for Social Hour and Derby wagering! At 6pm we will have a BBQ themed dinner and we will watch the 152nd Ky Derby at 6:57pm! Then the fun begins as we race the Imperial Derby!

Sunday the Imperial Museum will be open and we will be having a Special Gift Shop Sale and a Glass Fest on the lawn! Another opportunity to buy and sell Glass!!!

Don't miss ordering you our 50th Anniversary Imperial Blue Polos or T-Shirts with our Logo on the left breast. If you are not coming to convention, you can still order them and have them shipped!

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Kathy at lsjgirl@yahoo.com or (512) 657-8575

Michele Victor

Vice President and Convention Chairperson

2026 Imperial Convention

“50 Golden Years! Celebrate with Us”

HOTEL INFORMATION: Comfort Inn and Suites

52509 National Road East Saint Clairsville, Ohio 43950. PH: (740) 233-4210

King Rooms \$79.00/ 2 Queen Room \$84.00 + tax. You Must Mention Imperial when calling!

Thursday, April 30, 2026

All Events at the Imperial Museum

Imperial Homecoming Day!!!!

- 9am Registration Begins/Museum Opens
- 4pm Ice Cream Social & Fellowship
- 6:30pm Informal Dinner at West Texas Steakhouse(on your own)

Friday, May 1, 2026

All Events at Ebberts Market

- 7am Tablescape Set-Up
- 9am Bring & Brag, Membership Meeting, Former Employees, Nominations and Elections
- Noon Lunch on your own
- 1-4pm Imperial thru the decades w/Table Displays
Past Presidents Roundtable

- 6pm Imperial's 50th Golden Banquet at Ebberts Market
Convention Speaker: Tom Felt, MAG
Presentations
Auction

Saturday, May 2, 2026

All Events at Ebberts Market

- 7am Sale Setup
- 9-3pm Imperial Presents: An All American Festival & Picnic

Members are encouraged to Sell Glass-10x10 Spaces will be free to Members & \$10 for Non Members. Table rental is \$30. Chairs Free. We will have a Glass Sale,

Childrens Games, Live Music Performances, Carriage Rides, Food Trucks, a Designer Purse Sale-100% of proceeds to the Imperial Museum, a Cake Walk, a Book Signing, Glass Displays, Glass Painting Demonstration by CC Hartman, 50/50, and a Glass identification Table.

5pm Imperial Presents: A Night at the Races

******Please come dressed for the Imperial Derby! We will have a Ladies Imperial Derby Hat Competition, a Men's Dapper Dan Outfit Contest & a Best Dressed Couple Contest! This evening will be full of games and wagering! Arrive early at 5 to select your horse and whether you will be the Owner, Trainer or Jockey. Enjoy a social hour (BYOB) and place your bids on the Silent Auction Items and the horses!***

6pm BBQ Dinner

6:58pm Official Running of the 152nd Ky Derby (LIVE)

7:30pm Running of the "Imperial Derby " Fundraiser with Imperial Horses

8pm Silent Auction and 50/50 Winners Announced

Sunday, May 3, 2026

All Events at the Imperial Museum

10am The Imperial Museum will be open for a Special Gift Shop Sale!

10-2pm GLASS FEST-Members are encouraged to set up on the Lawn and sell their glass!!

2026 Imperial Glass Convention Registration Form

Name: _____ Membership #: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone#: _____ Email: _____

Thurs-Sunday Convention Registration: FREE FREE
Friday's 50th Golden Banquet \$40.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Saturday Festival

Booth Rental (Member) FREE FREE
Booth Rental (Non Member) \$10.00 _____ = \$ _____
Table Rental \$30.00(FIRST) \$ _____
 Additional Tables \$20.00 x _____ = \$ _____

50th Anniversary Gear

Polo- Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____, XL _____ \$35.00 x _____ = \$ _____
Polo- 1XL _____ 2XL _____, 3XL _____ \$40.00 x _____ = \$ _____
V-Neck T-Shirt- Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ XL _____ \$25.00 x _____ = \$ _____
V-Neck T-Shirt- 1XL _____ 2XL _____, 3XL _____ \$30.00 x _____ = \$ _____

2026-2027 Dues

Primary Membership \$30.00 x _____ = \$ _____
Associate Member-Same Address \$10.00 x _____ = \$ _____
Youth \$10.00 x _____ = \$ _____
Patron \$50.00 x _____ = \$ _____
Presidents Club \$100.00 x _____ = \$ _____
Sponsors Club \$250.00x _____ = \$ _____
Benefactor \$500.00x _____ = \$ _____

TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

<p>Please Complete This Form, Make Check Payable to NIGCS, And Mail by April 1st To:</p>	<p>Convention Pre-Registration c/o Michele Victor 4612 Homewood Drive. Mentor, OH 44060</p>
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CAN'T COME IN PERSON?

Please join us on Friday, May 1 via Zoom. Please fill out the following and return it to us and we will send the link via email. You can also use this form to order a polo or t-shirt, pay dues or make a donation.

Name: _____ Membership #: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone#: _____ Email: _____

50th Anniversary Gear (Must Include Shipping)

Polo- Small ___ Medium ___ Large ____, XL_____	\$35.00 x _____ =	\$ _____
Polo- 1XL ___ 2XL ____, 3XL_____	\$40.00 x _____ =	\$ _____
V-Neck T-Shirt- Small ___ Medium __ Large __ XL___	\$25.00 x _____ =	\$ _____
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Shipping (Up to 2 Shirts)	\$10.00	\$ _____
Shipping (3 or more Shirts)	\$16.00	\$ _____

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