

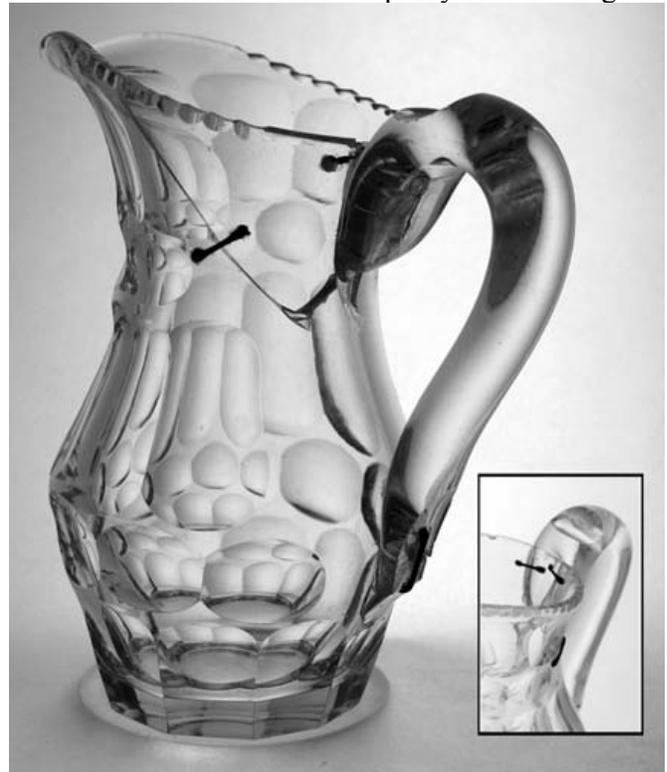


"Hawkes Signage Restoration Project" By Patricia M. MacDonald. We can now show you the "before" and "after" pictures of the restoration of the signs on the Hawkes Crystal Glass buildings in Corning, NY. In the December 2009 issue of **The Hobstar** an article focused attention on the poor condition of those signs. A later article in April 2010 recounted the ACGA Board of Directors' approval of a donation of \$3,000 toward the project to reestablish the prominence of the signs on the Market Street buildings in downtown Corning, NY.



"The Art of Glass Repair in the Brilliant Period," from Price and Cindy Chandler. A sturgeon's bladder, a piece of silver wire, an Archimedean drill...if

one adds an incantation or two, magic! Well, not really. But when glass was broken in the days of yore, the most rudimentary of glues and tools could transform the useless into the useful. And that's pretty close to magic.



"Affordable Cut Glass" By Rob Smith. Collecting cut glass might seem unaffordable, especially when you don't have much money. Many of us have been in or near this spot: starting a family, kids in college, between jobs, or retired with modest resources.

If Brilliant Cut Glass calls to you while things are really tight, it might be prudent to await better times. However, if you could occasionally spend the equivalent of a tank or two of gas, can you over time build a decent collection? The answer is very definitely YES.

"A letter from your 2011 Convention Chairman" by William Meek. I realize that July is a long way off but I do encourage all of you to make room reservations with the Hilton Hotel at Downtown Disney and to register with Kathy Emmerson. This will help the ACGA considerably in planning for various events at convention. When Kathy mails the Official forms in the spring this pre-registration rate will not be available.

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