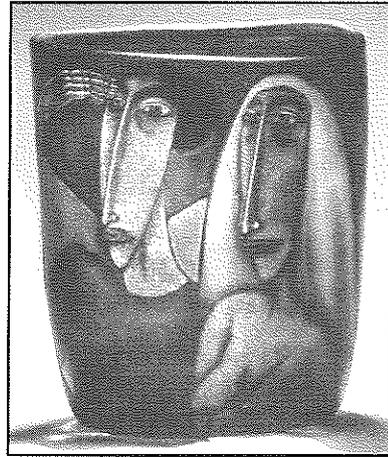


SGT NEWS



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GLASS SELLERS' AWARD



'The Marriage'... a recent example of Clare Henshaw's work.

Final judging for this year's Glass Sellers' Award has been completed. Of the original 49 entrants, eight were shortlisted and invited to meet the judges.

Maria Amidu, Stephen Bradley, Anna Dickinson, Clare Henshaw, Sara McDonald, Annette Meech, David Reekie and Malcolm Sutcliffe all attended the final judging in London on August 25th. The finalists had produced exquisite work, including bowls, wine glasses, decanters and a cameo urn using different techniques, so a decision as to who should take the £1000 award was not easily reached. However, it was eventually decided to make Clare Henshaw the winner for her engraved bowl.

She will be presented with a cheque and an inscribed crystal trophy by the Lord Mayor of London at the annual Ladies' Banquet of the Glass Sellers on October 27th. The 1993 Award will be in the field of science, technology and engineering. Anyone interested in entering should contact the Society for further details.

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NEWS FROM THE LOCAL SECTIONS

The following meetings are planned around the UK over the coming weeks. Non-members are welcome to attend. Further details are available from the relevant local section secretary.

LONDON

No meeting is planned for December but on Tuesday January 19th, Dr D C Watts will talk on 'Crystal and coloured from sand and ashes'. This joint meeting with the Glass Circle will be held at Borax House in central London.

MIDLANDS

On Thursday December 3rd, the Midlands Section will stage its Christmas party, with entertainment provided by the Stourbridge Operatic Society Group. And on Monday January 4th, 'Decorating glass' is the title of a presentation by Jeremy Loughton of Johnson Matthey Colour Ltd. Venue for both meetings is Pedmore House, Stourbridge.

NORTH EAST

Nostalgia takes centre stage on Tuesday December 8th, when a panel of local speakers will discuss North East glass history.

NORTH WEST

'Developments in refractories' is the theme of a presentation by David Jarvis of A P Green Ltd on Monday January 4th. This is a joint meeting with the Institute of Ceramics.

YORKSHIRE

On Friday December 4th, the section's popular annual dinner and dance will be held at Cutler's Hall, Sheffield. No January meeting is scheduled.

COMMITTED TO DEVELOPMENT

The objectives of the Society to advance the study, theory and practice of glass technology have, to a large extent, been led by the various technical committees. Early meetings brought together members with common goals who went on to form informal groups that were charged by the Council with the task of carrying out research topics and drafting specifications in their areas of specialisation. By 1930 the SGT's Council had created Standing Committees to formalise the important work being accomplished in glass standards, refractories and furnaces.

Today there are eight committees addressing: Basic science; chemical analysis; chemical durability; engineering; furnaces; hand-made glassware; physical properties; and refractories. As well as continuing their liaison with ICG and BSI committees and producing reports, present-day activities have been expanded to include meetings such as the Hand Made Glassware's October symposium on lead and the November clinic on defects led by the Furnace Committee.



SOCIETY MEETING

'Advances in amorphous state chemistry' is the theme of a Society meeting to be held at the Scientific Societies Lecture Theatre, London on Tuesday December 1st.

IN PRINT

The December 1992 edition of *Glass Technology* will contain papers on the determination of selenium and the development of phosphate low temperature sealing glasses. *Physics and Chemistry of Glasses* features papers on charge carrier transportation in chalcogenides, copper ion transport in molybdate-tungstates, structural models of metaphosphates and sulphide/iodide systems, sol-gel synthesis of glass powder precursors and infrared studies of germanate glasses.

Both journals include the annual author and subject indexes of all papers and abstracts published in 1992 and the title pages for the bound volumes. The range of material published throughout the year reflects the active development of glass and the Society's role in its promotion.

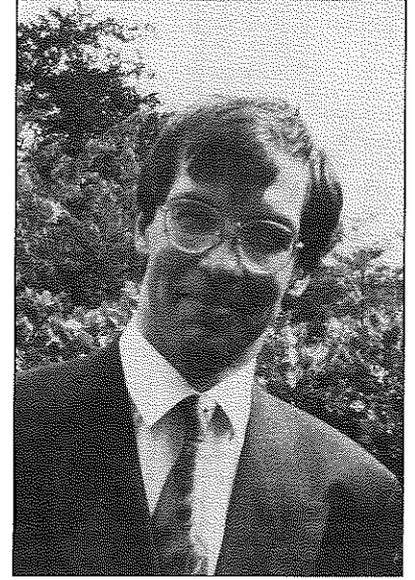


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EDITOR DESIGNATE JOINS STAFF

David Moore has joined the SGT as editor designate and will take over from Derek Hawksworth on his retirement. Born and raised in Huddersfield, David has returned to Yorkshire after studying and working in London for the last 10 years.

Following a degree in materials science and engineering from Queen Mary College, University of London, he was appointed technical editor for the launch of *Engineered Materials Abstracts from Materials Information* the on-line database and abstracts publishing service run by the then Institute of Metals and *ASM International*, best known for producing



Metals Abstracts. He was subsequently promoted to co-ordinating editor of *EMA* and business editor of *Polymers Ceramics and Composites Alerts*. In 1989 he took up the position of production editor of *The Aeronautical Journal* and editorial assistant on Aerospace publications of The Royal Aeronautical Society.

He is married to Helen, who works as a staff support officer at Pinderfields Hospital, Wakefield.

THE SIMPSON FUNDS

This month's historical picture shows Guy and (Dr) Doris Simpson with two four-legged friends (and footwear from a three-legged friend?) in their garden in Castleford. Guy, who had kept the family tradition by working for John Lumb's (see *Glass Technology* December 1985, pp 228-30) was a lifelong supporter of the Society.

It was in 1954 that Guy donated £50 to the Society, to be invested and the interest used "on some project to be decided by the President for the time being". A further donation of £50 in 1957 was used to buy shares in Marks & Spencer (now worth £3959) and to mark the Diamond Jubilee of the SGT in 1976, Doris donated a further £1000 in memory of Guy, who had died in 1973. The SGT's projection equipment was bought with some of the income from the fund and in most years, a prize is given for students of glass at Sheffield University.

Doris died in 1984 and the SGT was one of her beneficiaries, receiving approximately £100,000 in investments and cash. The income from the fund has been used for many purposes; members' meeting fees have been subsidised, books have been donated to the Frank Wood Library and on two occasions, a prize has been given for a paper of high quality published in *Glass Technology*. Much of the income is being husbanded as a reserve and to fund special projects that will benefit the Society.

The most interesting project was an attempt to set up a Glass Industry Archive; so far there has not been a large response although the office has accumulated a small amount of interesting material. (One glass company did send its archive but changes in circumstances meant that it had to be returned.)

