## ISLAND MOULD & WEISHAR ENTERPRISES CARNIVAL GLASS

FROM SOUVENIRS TO MOON & STAR
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#### WEISHAR FAMILY FOUR GENERATIONS IN GLASS

- John J. Weishar, moved from Guernsey County, OH in 1900 to Ohio County, WV to work for Central Glass Works.
- Joseph Dewey Weishar, 1899-1965, was a mould maker at Central Glass Works, and founded Island Mould in 1939 by
  purchasing the mould shop equipment for \$15,000 when Central Glass Works closed. The original site was a three-car
  garage on Wheeling Island. In 1947 they relocated and the current site has 50,000 square feet of manufacturing space. He
  was a WWI veteran.
- Joseph John Weishar (Joe), 1921-1989, worked at Central Glass Works as a teen, joined his father when Island Mould was founded, inherited the company in 1965, and was renowned for his mould making ability. He was a WWII veteran. His moulds included carnival glass souvenirs and Moon and Stars pattern glass.
- Tom and John joined the business in the 1970s and inherited the company in 1989. Tom is company president and shop
  foreman. John is company vice president, mould maker, and business manager. Island Mould has several buildings on their
  campus, including a wonderful museum with glass for which they made the moulds. Tom and John give tours to glass groups
  and individuals.
- The Weishars transformed mould making from hand chipped with a chisel and hammer to a highly automated and mechanized process, while maintaining highest quality, exact specificity, and offering new options, such as enlarging or miniaturizing.

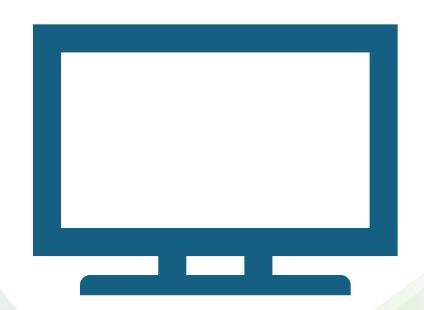
#### John Dewey and Joseph J. Weishar





#### ISLAND MOULD ON TV

- HOW IT'S MADE
- WEST VIRIGINIA PUBLIC TELEVISION



#### Current Island Mould Generation

**Thomas J. Weishar, President** 



John J. Weishar, Vice President



## Tom Weishar giving a tour with my husband looking on



## ISLAND MOULD MAKES LIGHT FIXTURES

- US Supreme Court
- Several Texas County Courthouses
- Highways
- Airplanes
- Indoor overhead and wall sconce shades
- and all types of commercial and industrial glass, including solar panels and pharmaceuticals



#### IMPERIAL SHOJI HANGING LAMP

Tom and John donated the funds to the National Imperial Glass Museum to acquire this lamp in honor of their father, Joe Weishar, who made the mould.



## ISLAND MOULD MADE, MODIFIED, AND REPAIRED GLASS MOULDS FOR

IMPERIAL CAMBRIDGE WESTMORELAND LG WRIGHT

LE SMITH FOSTORIA FENTON MOSSER

And numerous other customers, including museums and glass clubs

#### WESTMORELAND





#### LESMITH





#### THE MOON AND STAR STORY



#### **ADAM'S PALACE**

- Adams & Company, Pittsburgh
- Introduced in 1888
- AKA Moon and Star
- Mostly colorless
- Rare in colors and ruby stained

#### LG WRIGHT MOON AND STAR

- Pattern #44
- Introduced in 1937
- Longest running pattern, until the end
- Most extensive pattern, more than 50 articles
- Crystal and colors, limited carnival
- Not marked
- Most moulds made by Island Mould
- Better get your cash upfront
- Weishar Enterprises owns all L G Wright Moon & Star moulds

# **LESMITH**

- Island Mould made many moulds for L E Smith, including Moon and Star
- The mould making process includes drawings, models, machining, lathing, chipping the mould, polishing the mould, trial runs – very collaborative
- Mould makers "The True Glass Artisans"
- Joe Weishar, with help from his sons, made moulds for L E Smith
- Smith reproductions or reissuances of glass were usually marked
- Smith made over 100 articles in Moon and Star in various colors and treatments, including carnival
- Weishar Enterprises owns the Smith Moon and Star moulds

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#### WEISHAR ENTERPRISES MOON AND STAR

- The beginning miniatures
- Keeping Dad at home in 1988
- Introduced the half-size water set in 1989, added other miniatures over time
- Weishar Enterprises marks
- Introduced the Moon & Star Collectible line of full-sized items in 1993, from original moulds altered to include the Weishar signature
- Innovative marketing new uses
- John is president of the Moon and Star club and maintains their website
- John can look at a piece of Moon and Star and tell you when the mould was made, which glass factory made the piece, and lots of other details!
- Weishar Enterprises made Moon and Star one of the hottest glass collectibles









































## CONTEMPORARY CARNIVAL SOUVENIRS

#### E WARD RUSSELL

Founder and Father of Carnival Glass Clubs

Pioneer of Carnival Glass Souvenirs

Founder and First President of National Imperial Glass Collectors Society, 50 years ago

Strong partnership with Island Mould and Imperial for early souvenirs

Was this the impetus for the founding of the Imperial Society?

## Ward Russell's Personal Souvenirs

Monument Series Plates

Story Book Mugs (Heisey by Imperial)

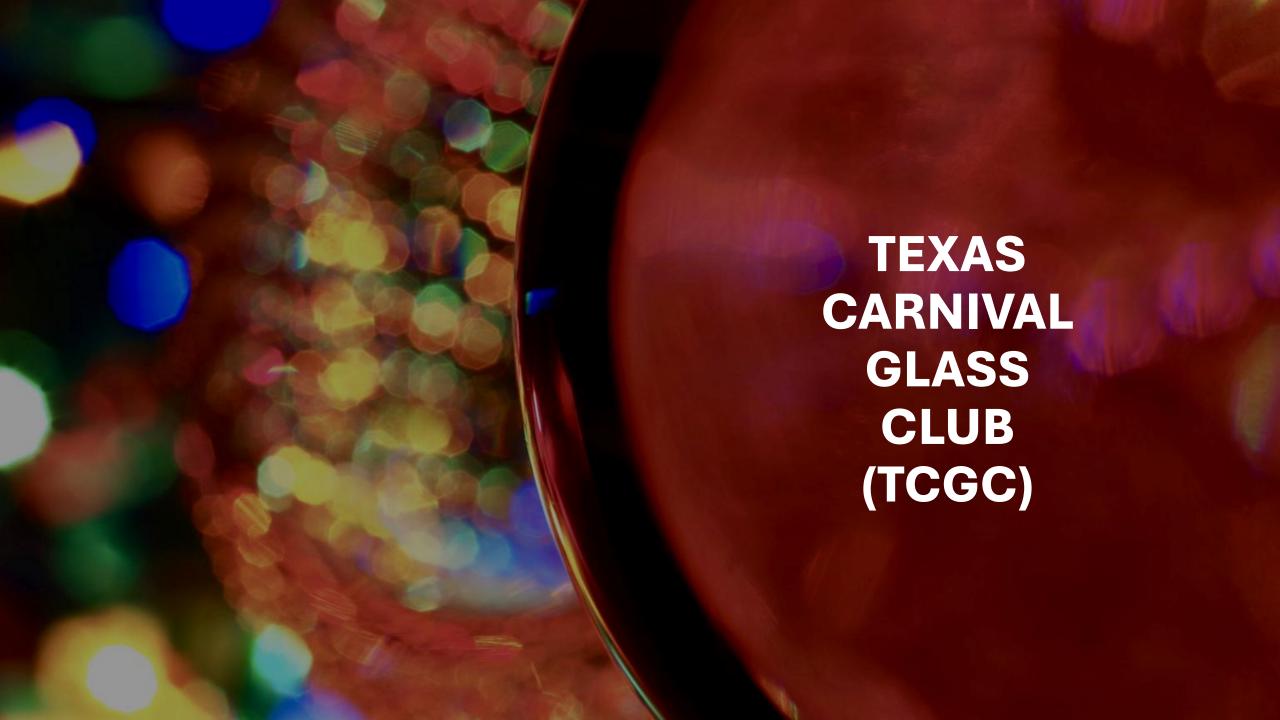


#### ONE OF FIFTY SIX









#### **RESOURCES**

carnivalglassclubs.org/clubsouvenirs

Hooked on Carnival website and email (especially 2/25)

David Doty's Carnival Glass website

Visits to Island Mould

Interviews with John Weishar

weishar.com

Imperial Glass Encyclopedia