

Michigan Depression Glass Society Meeting Guide

5:30-6pm	Meeting Setup At approximately 5:30pm, the doors are opened and set-up begins. Assistance is needed to help set up chairs and prepare the room for the meeting, as well as put things away after. If you sell glass that evening, you must help!
6-7pm	Buy/Sell Time Beginning at 6pm, and not before that time, club members can unwrap and display glass for sale on one-half of a round table. Only American-made glass produced before 1970 is allowed to be sold. Glass should be clean and priced. Any damage should be noted on the tag. Glass is NOT allowed to be packed away during the meeting as the noise distracts from presentations. The June buy/sell time is a flea market where items other than glass are also allowed. Everyone is welcome to shop. Coffee Preparation Each month, two people help prepare the coffee – one pot of regular, one pot of decaf, and hot water for tea. The process is very easy and instructions are provided. <i>Sign up to be a coffee host/hostess at a future meeting.</i> Library Feel free to browse the club's library of glass reference books, but please don't remove them more than a few feet from the book area. Members may check out books to take home, which must be returned the following month. To check out a book, please fill out the card located in the back pocket. You must leave a deposit (either cash or check, preferably check – it won't be deposited as long as you return the book) for the value of the book. Your deposit is returned to you when you return the book. All books must be returned at the June meeting, and books may not be checked out at that meeting.
7pm	Meeting – Table Setting Portion At 7pm, the President calls the meeting to order. Please refrain from talking during the meeting and presentations, and turn your cell phone off or put it on vibrate! After brief business is conducted (reading of the previous meeting's minutes, treasurer's report, announcements) the evening's table setting is introduced. Each month, a member brings in their collection of glass in a particular pattern. They set a round table with place setting pieces, then use a rectangular table to show the accompanying serving pieces in the pattern. In addition to showing each piece they have, the presenter will usually provide a brief history of the glass company who made it, discuss any interesting facts about the pattern, and tell how/why they started collecting it. <i>If you would like to present a table setting of your dishes, please see Maureen Armstrong. Don't worry about "not having enough". We can request that other members bring pieces in the pattern to help fill in your presentation. Table linens and silverware can be provided by the club, or you can bring your own.</i>
Varies	Cookie Break A 20 minute break is taken to enjoy coffee and cookies. Please return to your seat afterwards so the meeting can promptly resume. <i>You can sign up to bring in treats to the next meeting, or just bring something on a whim.</i>

Varies

Meeting – Program Portion

After the cookie break, the meeting is called back to order. It is now time for the program. Typically, this is something where everyone brings in an item related to a particular theme – glass made by a certain company, glass of a certain color, similar objects (pitchers, candlesticks, butter dishes, etc.). A list of programs for the year is available. You can also check our website (MichiganDepressionGlass.com) for information on upcoming programs. We occasionally have guest presenters as well.

Please bring in a piece of glass or two that goes along with the theme of the evening. Make sure you include a small card with your name, along with the pattern and company if you know that information. If you don't know and would like help identifying the piece, write that down.

Once a year, we have a “parallel” program that features a member’s collection of something other than glass. In the past, we’ve learned about lady head vases, Jell-O, ice cream scoops, The Dearborn Inn, silver, and more.

Let one of the board members know if you have a collection you'd like to share.

After the program, the meeting closes with the drawings of the evening:

3 Free Tickets: All members must sign-in and wear their name badges at meetings. One member is randomly selected of those who signed in that evening. If the member is wearing their name badge, they win 3 free tickets for the drawing. If the person is not wearing their badge, another name is drawn.

Glass or 50-50 Drawing: A piece of glass given away during even months, and a 50-50 is held on odd months. Tickets are 3 for \$1. Anyone is welcome to purchase tickets – you don't have to be a member.

Membership Participation: Each **member** who brought in a piece of glass to display during the program gets ONE ticket to win a piece of glass, which is separate from the above drawing. If you brought in multiple pieces, you still only get one ticket.

Special Meetings

September Anniversary Dinner

On the Monday after Labor Day, we have our annual catered anniversary dinner. Tickets are required, and must be purchased in advance. All members and guests are welcome to attend.

Bring a place setting (dinner plate, salad plate, etc.) in a depression or era glass pattern to eat off of, along with silverware and a napkin. If you don't have a place setting to eat off of, let a board member know.

The program for the evening is *Find of the Summer*. Everyone brings in a piece of glass that they consider to be their best find – either something they got at a very good price, or a piece they have been searching for. Each **member** who brings in a find gets ONE drawing ticket to win a luncheon set at the end of the evening.

**December
Holiday
Party and
Auction**

The first Monday of December is our catered holiday party. Tickets are required, and must be purchased in advance. All members and guests are welcome to attend.

Bring a depression or era glass candlestick, candle(s) and lighter. After a candle lighting ceremony, we enjoy a delicious buffet dinner.

After dinner, an auction is held. Each **member** may sell up to 2 lots of glass, which must be in good condition with no damage. **Anyone** can bid. You must pay for each purchase separately. Cash is accepted, or checks may be written (for each item purchased), payable to "cash". The club does not take a percentage of the final sale.

Each **member** who attends the dinner receives ONE drawing ticket for a chance to win a luncheon set. There is a separate prize and drawing for guests. Drawing tickets are also sold for other items as well, typically a holiday-inspired quilt.

If you are a guest at a meeting, please....

- Sign in.
- Introduce yourself to the President, or another board member. We'd love to know how you found out about us, and what you collect.
- Talk to our members, and ask questions about our club and the glass we collect.
- Have fun!

If you are a member at a meeting, please....

- Sign in and wear your name badge.
- Get a drawing ticket if you brought in glass to display for the program.
- Put your name badge back at the end of the evening and help put the chairs away.

Other Club Information

- Our website is MichiganDepressionGlass.com
- We are on Facebook: [Facebook.com/MiDepressionGlass](https://www.facebook.com/MiDepressionGlass)
- We meet monthly, except there are no meetings in July or August.
- Regular meetings are held at the Livonia Senior Center – 15218 Farmington Road in Livonia, Michigan (southeast corner of 5 Mile and Farmington Road)
- Anniversary and Holiday dinners are typically held at Park Place in Dearborn.
- If Livonia Public Schools are closed the day of a meeting, we will not meet.
- Our annual show is always the first full weekend of November.
- At our show and meetings, we only allow American-made glassware that was introduced prior to 1970.
- We always are in need of volunteers to help out at the meetings, as well as the show. See a board member and let us know your talents and how you can help.