

In Honor of Earl and JoAnne Autenreith

***Establishment of a Study Collection of Pittsburgh District Glass
at the Museum of American Glass in Weston***

*Organized by friends and members of the Lowell Innes Pittsburgh
Chapter of the National American Glass Club*

Earl and JoAnne Autenreith have had a strong commitment to Early Pittsburgh Glass and deep ties to the Museum of American Glass in Weston, WV for many many years. The project honoring Earl and JoAnne will establish the development of a “Study Collection of Pittsburgh District Glass” and will be housed in the Museum of American Glass in Weston, WV.

The passing of Earl Autenreith, President Lowell Innes Chapter, in February 2011 prompted members and friends of the Autenreiths into action embarking on a project to honor them and their love of early Pittsburgh glass. The Lowell Innes Club is small and the project envisioned is considerable and long term.

Friends of Earl and JoAnne seek your initial monetary support to secure a showcase at a cost of \$2,600 for MAG. Cash Contributions of any denomination will greatly assist this most worthy project. To date \$750 has been raised by members of the Lowell Innes Club for this project. In the fall several “silent auctions” are planned to assist in funding the case. Once the case is secured the project will seek donations to fund the acquisitions for the case. The project seeks monetary donations as well as “glass donations for the silent auction” to help fund the project.

In an effort to define the collection we turn to Lowell Innes. In 1949, Lowell Innes defined for the world the term Pittsburgh District Glass and this project seeks to follow the guidelines developed by Innes as honorary curator of an Exhibit at the Carnegie Museum. A catalog was developed and published for the exhibit that will become part of the Study Collection.

