

About Gordon and Darlene Cochran

Gordon and Darlene Cochran are from the Washington State area and here is their story about why this National Heisey Glass Museum Challenge Campaign is so important.

Gordon and Darlene made a trip back to Ohio in 1986. Gordon was collecting cars, and they went to Hershey to buy car parts. Darlene talked Gordon into going to the Heisey museum. It was a Monday and the museum was closed. They knocked anyway since they were so far away from home. Louise Ream opened the door. The Cochrans asked if they could just take a peak and four hours later they were back on the road. Louise gave them a guided tour through the museum. This was the Cochran's introduction to Heisey and was a very favorable one. They were "hooked on Heisey."

They would send in bids to Apple Tree Auction for what they wanted and then they just put in \$5 dollar bids for everything else. The Cochrans had Christmas every time there was a Heisey auction. They loved getting those boxes in the mail. This was their first learning experience with Heisey.

Then, they started attending the Heisey convention and it just seemed that they could not get enough Heisey. The Cochrans became dealers around that time and have been going strong ever since.

Gordon was on the HCA Board from 1993 to 1997. He would have liked to run for another term, but being an active Board member takes a lot of time and Gordon was not retired. During his time on the Board, he was in charge of the convention. Bob Page of Replacements, Ltd. agreed to bring china and silver to match up with Heisey's stemware and patterns. It made a wonderful display. That was one of Gordon's highlights on serving on the Board.

The Cochrans also joined the Northwest Heisey Collectors Club in 1986, and have been HCA voting members since the beginning.

Gordon and Darlene have had such fun collecting and meeting new friends from all over the country. They want to help secure Heisey glass for future generations. The Cochrans also feel sustaining the Heisey Glass Museum through growing the National Heisey Glass Museum Endowment Fund will showcase for years to come the elegance and fine workmanship of a past generation of glass makers.