

***“I have just inherited a collection of Heisey glass.
What do I do now?”***

We frequently hear from people who are asking that question. Here are some suggestions.

Heisey Club of California (HCC) is a chartered study club of Heisey Collectors of America, Inc. (HCA), a nonprofit organization that owns and operates the National Heisey Glass Museum in Newark, OH.

If you have inherited a collection from a parent or other family member who left a will or other instructions specifying what was to be done with their collection, you may need to consult an attorney to ensure you are properly carrying out their wishes.

In the spirit of the joy your relatives had from amassing and using their collection, you may wish to donate part or all of it. HCA (located in Newark, OH) might elect to sell it either in their museum shop or at HCA sponsored auctions to generate revenue for the museum. In Southern California, the Redlands Historical Glass Museum also accepts donations. Other nonprofit and charitable organizations may be open to receiving such a donation.

If you wish to sell some or all of the collection, we would be happy to distribute a written inventory to our club members along with your contact information. All further communication would be between yourself and potential buyers. HCC will not be involved in, or have any responsibility for, any resulting transactions. If you have inherited a large amount of glass, we suggest you start your written inventory with a few boxes at a time in order not to become overwhelmed.

A directory of dealers specializing in Heisey glass is available on the Heisey Museum website, <https://heiseymuseum.org/dealer-directory/>. Some of them may be interested in purchasing your collection.

Your pieces may do well in a well-advertised local auction or estate sale. With a written inventory, you could contact auction houses or estate sale companies that specialize in Heisey and/or antique glass; they can be found on the Internet. We cannot recommend specific businesses that might assist you in disposing of the collection.

There is also a “Heisey for Sale” Facebook site.

We do not provide valuations of glass.

You might also consider becoming a collector yourself. Heisey Club of California meets on the fourth Sunday of each month (January through October) and the second Sunday of December. You would be welcome to attend a meeting as a guest. If you are interested in attending a meeting, please use the “Contact Us” tab to send us an email.

We hope these suggestions may be of help.