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NATIONAL DEPRESSION GLASS MUSEUM PURCHASES PERMANENT HOME

WELLINGTON, KS – The National Depression Glass Association made Wellington their official museum home by purchasing the building their collection currently occupies in Wellington’s Downtown Historic District at 107 North Washington.

The museum relocated to this location in July of 2019 under dire circumstances as the exterior façade of their previous location collapsed unexpectedly. Thankfully, none of the glass collection was damaged, but all of the pieces had to be carefully wrapped and display cases transferred quite suddenly.

A popular tourist destination, the museum houses the only collection of its kind in the world and is devoted to the education, documentation, care and preservation of depression era glass. “Our collection has surpassed 10,000 unique pieces, all American made, ranging from Victorian through Mid-Century Modern,” said Pam Meyer, President of the National Depression Glass Association (NDGA).

Built in 1884, the building itself has had a colorful history. Initially home to Stephan A. Crane’s “Wellington Bookstore”, other businesses sold a variety of dry goods including a cobbler with an “immense stock of Men’s Boot’s & Shoes”. In 1899, F.B Snyder petitioned for a druggist’s permit to sell “intoxicating liquors” which required a special hearing before the probate judge of Sumner County. Billiards, a printing operation and a furniture store all occupied the upstairs prior to 1922.

The Association’s future plans for the building include installing new public restrooms, creating areas for processing glass donations and second floor organization of non-display glassware. “Our annual convention will be here in July and with vendors attending from all over the country,” explained Meyer. “We are looking forward to showing off our new permanent home!”

The National Depression Glass Association Museum is open Thursday/Friday from 11am-4pm and Saturday 10am-2pm as well as by appointment. Bus tours and school field trips are welcome. For more information visit www.ndga.net or call 620-326-6400.

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