

# BLACK GOLD & GLASS

## Glasfax Conference 2012

### Sarnia, Ontario June 8-10



# PRELIMINARY AGENDA

## Friday, June 8

**1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Pre conference tours of Lambton County Museum (fee) and/or the Lethbridge glass collection.**

**7:00 p.m. – Registration & Hospitality Suite at the Quality Inn**

## Saturday, June 9

**8:45 a.m.– Welcome, Opening Comments and Driving Instructions**

**9:00 a.m. – 9:45 Keynote Speakers, Jamie McDougall, “Oil in the Beginning”**

**10:00 a.m.–10:45 Speaker, Robert Culver, “Miniature Oil and Kerosene Lamps”**

**11:00 a.m.–Box lunch distribution and leave for Oil Museum of Canada, Oil Springs, Ontario**

**12:30 p.m.–Museum presentation and a walking/driving tour.** The museum is a “National Historic Site” and preserves the site of the first commercial oil well in North America. View a fascinating video in the comfort of the theatre room. The outdoor exhibit buildings contain a wealth of petroleum industry artifacts, working exhibits, kerosene lamps, fascinating stories and intriguing photographs. Investigate gum beds, jerker lines, drilling rigs and derricks and experience the smell of oil. Take an audio enhanced driving tour past the original oil wells adjacent to the museum, Fairbank Oil Properties Ltd., one of the oldest and still producing, oilfields in the world.

**2:15 p.m. – Driving Tour, with audio assist, of Gum Bed Line and Gypsie Flats Road**

**2:30 p.m. – Leave Oil Springs and drive to Forest, Ontario to arrive no later than 3:00 p.m.**

**3:00 p.m. – Behind the scenes tour of Bonnie Doone Fused Glass Studio, Forest, Ontario  
Just across the street visit William Kettle Antiques; furniture, glass and collectibles.**

**6:15 p.m. – Cocktail Reception in the Sommerset South Ballroom, Quality Inn**

**7:15 p.m. – Conference Banquet and Speaker, Silent Auction**

**Speaker: Brad Gougeon, "Three Decades of American Milk Glass Manufacture, 1870-1900"**

**Silent Auction:** Please be sure to bring along a donation to the Silent Auction and then join in the fun as the bidding begins. All proceeds go to Glasfax District IV.

## Sunday, June 10

**8:30 a.m. – Buffet Breakfast and Speaker, Sid Lethbridge, “Scenic Inspirations – A Discussion of American Scenery Appearing on the Canadian Pattern”.**

**11:00 a.m.–Closing Remarks**

*Glasfax is a friendly association of Canadian glass enthusiasts, collectors and researchers interested in the history of glass in all its phases from raw materials to the finished article. At present there are three districts: District III covering the Greater Toronto Area, District IV covering London and southwestern Ontario and District X which includes members outside of these two metropolitan areas and our international members. For further information about Glasfax visit our website [www.glasfax.ca](http://www.glasfax.ca). For District IV information please contact Carroll Willer at 519-686-9963 or by email at [rcwiller@hotmail.com](mailto:rcwiller@hotmail.com).*

*The Members of Glasfax District IV are pleased to present*

## GLASFAX CONFERENCE 2012

**June 8 – 10, 2012 Sarnia, Ontario, Canada**

*We extend a special invitation to all those interested in glass and glass research to attend our biannual conference. Our program will focus on the developments of "Black Gold & Glass" and will include tours, informative presentations, good food and opportunities to share information and make new friends. We look forward to seeing you in Sarnia, Ontario in June 2012.*

### **Where is Sarnia, Ontario?**

Sarnia is a border city of 90,000 people, located at the base of Lake Huron and connected to the United States by the twin span "Blue Water Bridge". Just 45 minutes east of Sarnia you will find the National Historic Site of the first oil field in North America at Oil Springs.

### **Travel Times**

Toronto to Sarnia: 3.2 hours  
Detroit/Windsor to Sarnia: 1.7 hours  
Buffalo to Sarnia: 4.2 hours  
Port Huron to Sarnia: .75 hour

The host hotel will be the Quality Inn, which is located at 751 North Christina Street in Sarnia just 15 minutes from the Blue Water bridge.

### **Hotel Information**

A block of 30 rooms has been reserved at the Quality Inn. Please make your reservations no later than May 5, 2012, as the rooms will be released for general sale at that time. To receive the special conference rate of \$89.95 per night, please state you are with the Glasfax Conference. The Quality Inn can be reached at 1-800-669-7907 or 519-344-1157. Their web page is: <http://www.qualityinn.com>

### **Registration**

The registration fee is \$96.00 (CDN or US funds) and includes Friday evening social, Saturday lunch and banquet, Sunday breakfast, tours and presentations.

Please complete and return the registration form with payment to Judy Lethbridge, 2995 Delia Crescent, Bright's Grove, Ontario, Canada N0N 1C0 no later than May 26, 2012. Please make cheque payable to "Glasfax District IV". We are able to accept cheques drawn on U.S. accounts.

More detailed information, including maps, will be sent to registrants closer to the conference date. For further information contact Carroll Willer at 519-686-9963 or Sid Lethbridge in the evening at 519-869-2286 or by e-mail at [sid.lethbridge@sympatico.ca](mailto:sid.lethbridge@sympatico.ca).

Interested attendees are welcome to set up a self administered glass display at the Saturday evening banquet. Please indicate your interest on the registration form.

The conference program will not include a venue for buying and selling of glass, but attendees are welcome to sell glass from their own rooms.

## **GLASFAX CONFERENCE 2012 REGISTRATION**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Prov./State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Persons attending x \$96.00 (CDN or US) each: \$\_\_\_\_\_.

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# Other Things to “See & Do” in Sarnia!!!



1. **Lambton Heritage Museum** is home to Canada’s largest pressed glass collection and in addition it contains 25,000 artifacts and 10,000 photographs depicting the history of the Sarnia Lambton area.

2. **Victoria Playhouse Petrolia** offers professional theatre productions May through September, amid Victorian splendour, and housed in Victoria Hall, a designated National Historic Site.

3. **Blue Water Bridge**, majestic from a distance and interesting to visit the waters edge under the bridge.

4. **OLG Casino Point Edward**, at the foot of the Blue Water Bridge. Try your luck at 490 slot machines or ante up for your favourite table game.

5. **The Duc d'Orleans** offers daily cruises on St. Clair River, the dock is located in downtown Sarnia.

6. **Saw Mill Creek Golf Course** A par 71 ‘Links style’ 6,445 yard championship layout, the course offers playability and challenge to all levels of golfers.

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