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Depression Glass



By Lynne Adams Barze'

Author, writer, poet

the "When", the 'Why', & the 'Wow'.

The Great Depression, for which Depression Glass is named, was the time from October 1929 through the year 1939. This period was not called that because the time was great as in 'grand', but because it encompassed so much time, places, and states, along with millions of Americans.

It started with the financially disastrous crash of the New York Stock Exchange in October, 1929. Then in 1933 North America was hit with a terrific drought throughout the Midwest United States and portions of Canada. Crops died and animals starved. The inability of farmers to provide food for the markets began to effect the economy in the large cities as well as the farmlands. One in every five people were unemployed. It was a struggle for the ones who were employed, most receiving lessened salaries, to take care of themselves and their families.

Unfortunately, it would ultimately take our entry into WWII to pull America out of the Depression Era. It meant sending millions of young men to war as the United States' fighting forces while those who couldn't enlist went to work in reopened factories to build and sew what the fighting forces needed. But recovery didn't happen overnight.

So, ingenuity and survival instincts of American Glass Making Companies put something else into play. Indiana, Imperial, Anchor Hocking, Jeanette and U.S. Glass, to name a few, were determined to keep our country viable in the industrial minded world.

In the 1930's families were still having their meals together, at home. People served and ate on glass, bone china, and crystal, not plastic or paper. Styrofoam was still decades from being presented to the general public as a means of carrying dinner home.

Another thing that was still prevalent in the early part of the 20th century was a trousseau. A young girl planning marriage would be given a hope chest. This chest was usually made of cedar and about four feet wide, three feet deep and about two feet from front to rear. The young woman would use the chest to hold all of the items she collected to use in her first home. These items included linens, nighties, and glassware.

So American glass companies decided to make their everyday utilitarian glass more eye catching. They added color – pink, blue, amethyst, red, amber and even black – each color getting a different name from the manufacturer who developed its hue.

And then they decided to make it all available, not at an extra cost, but in what most people had to have after all. The companies offered cups, saucers, plates, glasses, and cereal bowls in soap powder, cereal boxes, and even through TV Yellow and S&H Green stamps.

Packages usually had premium points coupons printed on them that were saved and traded for important serving pieces or even flatware. Some glass place settings were offered as premiums at movie theaters and carnivals so that a beau would plan date nights with his betroth around certain nights to attain the dishes she needed to complete her every day dinnerware set for the hope chest.

Since these everyday items were given away free in popular, practical ways they were primarily taken for granted. No one ever thought they would go away. They were acquired in products that were common place in American life. So no one thought they would ever cease to be useful or change. But they did.



According to study.com, Baby Boomers are a designated group of people who were born between 1946 and through 1964. They grew up seeing decorative mass produced patterns like Old Café, Cabbage Rose, Miss America, Oyster & Pearl, Sandwich, Iris & Her-ringbone, Moderntone, Waffle, and Bubble, just to mention a few. They were displayed in their grandmothers' china cabinets and kitchen cupboards.

During the 1960's these practical giveaways began to disappear from inside of product packages, along with some of those products as well.

As pieces of these naturally breakable glass products got broken, leached by calcium, or discolored with dish washer use, the undamaged pieces, of what resulted in incomplete settings, were eventually pushed to the back of the kitchen cabinets. Then, when the parents of the boomers became owners of those happy memories of their own parents' colorfully set tables, the hunt began to replace the missing pieces.

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According to the reference book "Depression Glass, A Collector's Guide, 3rd edition" by Doris Yeske, the machine made inexpensive glass became more and more important to the 1980's collectors who knew the history about the era of the glass' namesake.

And so the obsession for collecting this glass of childhood memories began.

The peak time for Depression Glass sales and popularity was the 1990's. In the 1980's, with interest growing, organizations and clubs began to spring up across the United States as both women and men grew interested in "Preserving Yesterday's Memories" through items associated with America's history. This effort became the very motto of my own antiques and collectibles mall, Barze' Place, which we opened in May of 2004.

Gene Florence's "Collector's Encyclopedia of Depression Glass" lists more than 140 different patterns that the beloved glass was offered in. The glass was rarely marked as you are used to seeing with ceramic and porcelain collectables. In the world of glass, the collector has to take the responsibility of knowing which companies made what patterns and in how many colors. That was how most companies were and still are identified.

Today, some of the most sought after Depression Glass patterns are being carelessly replicated by glass manufacturers in other countries. By knowing the correct colors, sizes, measurements and pieces originally offered, today's collectors can prevent embarrass-

ment and financial waste. Not all patterns came in every utilitarian piece. Even the erroneous placement of a butterfly or elimination of a flower can negate the value of a piece. Reproductions have no value to collections beyond their current retail price.

A wise collector will acquire a book on their favorite collectible. Though most of these books are not being published any longer and all but a few American glass manufacturers have closed shop, previously owned books can be found through the internet and at used bookstores. They are important for identification and general knowledge of what you seek.

During the early years of this millennium, with the increase in availability due to internet sales and fakes flooding the market, Depression Glass began to lose its value. Older '19th Century Glass' and '40's, 50's, 60's Glass' and elegant china, which have their own connoisseurs, have endured the same results.

However, the hobby of preserving that which can never be obtained in mass quantities with the same quality as in the past never truly goes away.

Popularity of collectibles is cyclical. As the millennials age and develop an appreciation for the goods 'Made in America' which are still usable and viable in their lifetime, the importance of 'retro' styling will bring back value to these beautiful items.

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Music historians say jazz originated in New Orleans during the latter half of the 19th century. As a port city in Louisiana, New Orleans welcomed people from all over the world, including West Africa. These immigrants brought the sounds of their native countries to the streets of New Orleans. When slavery was abolished after the American Civil War, many former slaves found jobs as musicians and shared the rhythm and blues of African roots. In addition, church hymns, field chants and Cuban-inspired rhythms were included in these musical stylings. These styles combined to form what would become “ragtime” and later “jazz” music. Jazz style is emphasized by swing and blues notes, complex chords, call and response vocals, and improvisation. The Tri-State Jazz Society says jazz continued to evolve and around 1945

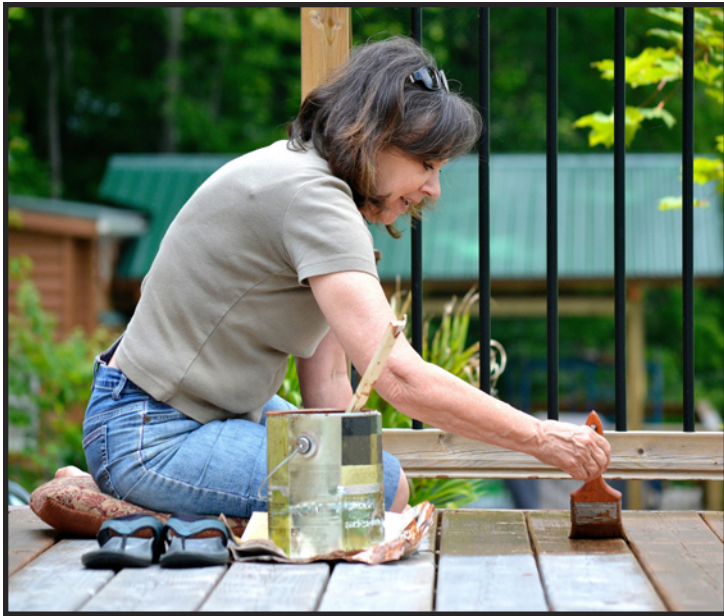


“modern” jazz was created. Over the years, there have been many great jazz musicians, from Scott Joplin to Lou Watters to Duke Ellington to Billy Holliday to Louis Armstrong.



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Home renovations can improve a home in many different ways. Modifications to kitchens and bathrooms have long been popular projects, but are they the most popular renovations? According to data from Realm, which analyzed the top 10 most popular projects from roughly 2.8 million listings and permit filings in the United States in 2022, certain projects are more popular than others.



Nationally, the most common home renovations include interior painting, exterior painting, finishing a basement, installing or replacing windows, and bathroom remodeling. Houzz polls have unveiled that renovating kitchens and bathrooms, new windows and porches, balcony and deck projects are among the most popular.



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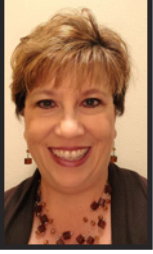
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Container Plants



By: Teresa Covington

MSU Pearl River County Extension Service-
Master Gardener

My name is Teresa Covington, and I'm addicted to plants! It started when I was 12 and was given an arrowhead plant. I found out I could propagate the plant and make more plants, how wonderful! I gave the new plants to family members and told them how to take care of them. Using a spoon from the kitchen and digging soil from the yard, I worked with my plants.

Flash forward to today, and I don't even know how many containers of plants I have. I enjoy my flower beds and vegetable garden, but my containers are special to me. With containers you can grow plants that your zone will not support by protecting them or providing conditions needed. I like tropical plants that will not survive our winter, so I grow them in containers and protect them when needed. A new plant can be monitored for water needs and to see if it can handle true full sun or shade and can be moved if needed.




Using the design technique thriller, filler and spiller, I make a lot of different combinations. By propagating some of my plants and protecting them in winter, I can save money. Every spring I bring my plants

out, trim any dead parts, fertilize and make up my containers. I change plants around every year, so my containers are never the same. My best advice would be to make sure that all plants in a container have the same water and light needs. Combinations are unlimited.



In 2020, I took the MSU Master Gardener training classes. Through the Master Gardener program I have gained a wealth of additional information on plant identification, new propagation techniques, pest control, and so much more. To join this great group of people, call the Pearl River County Extension office at 601-403-2280.





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A senior expo is a great way to find out information about products and services offered to seniors in your local area. Senior

Expos are designed to connect you to businesses that offer everything from home modifications to personal alarm systems to assisted living facilities and more.

In Pearl River County, there are many organizations, companies, government agencies, care homes, and other related facilities ready to help senior citizens in many ways. The WRJW Senior Citizen Fair and Expo shows the seniors what is out there for them. The venue makes the information readily available, especially for services that seniors may need, but do not know exist.

During the expo, seniors are able to speak with representatives about specific services, have their blood pressure measured, and receive literature on health and safety topics and more. A typical trip to WRJW Senior Fair and Expo involves visiting the booths, speaking with knowledgeable representatives, collecting brochures and other items from the exhibitors, socializing with other seniors, enjoying refreshments, trying for door prizes, and enjoying speakers and other entertainment.

McDonald Funeral Home in Picayune has participated in every WRJW Senior Citizen Fair and Expo.

CEO Steve McDonald explained why McDonald Funeral Home looks forward to the yearly event.

“It’s a great opportunity for us and every business to get to know the seniors in our community. We thoroughly enjoy the time at the expo that allows us to see our customers who currently have insurance with us and those who may be interested in using our services in the future. The expo provides us with a chance to see so many friends, customers, potential customers, and meet people. We will love being a part of it.”



McDonald Funeral Home will continue its tradition of giving away four \$100.00 cash prizes as part of the many door prizes that are part of the expo.

The WRJW Senior Citizen Fair and Expo includes: nursing homes, legal services, insurance reps, in-home care services, hospice care, independent living facilities, home security, financial service providers, home health care providers, continuing care retirement communities, caregivers, assisted living facilities, home modification contractors, and with this year being an election year in Mississippi, it

will provide attendees an opportunity to speak with numerous candidates.

Caregivers can also benefit greatly from senior expo events. Caregivers may not know all of the services that are available, so it's really beneficial for those who are caring for seniors as they navigate the aging process. You can be surprised what services are out there.

Younger generations do not realize that aging has many benefits and is not something to be feared. In fact, to showcase the fun and unique benefits of becoming a senior citizen, the Senior Citizen Fair & Expo invites you to see what today's senior has available to them. Rather than weak and feeble, today's senior citizen just might surprise you.

Did you know:

- ◆ More than 10,000 "baby boomers" turn 65-years-old every day
- ◆ Senior citizens are the fastest growing demographic group on social media platforms.
- ◆ Recent studies show that more than half of all U.S. seniors are active online, and more than one-third are on Facebook and other social media websites.
- ◆ Older adults aged 85 and up are the fastest growing age group in the country. · There are more than 55,000 seniors over age 100, and by 2050 the number of "centenarians" is expected to top 600,000. This is roughly the population of Vermont.
- ◆ There are more than 11,400 senior centers across the country that together serve more than 1 million older adults every day. The average age of a senior center participant is 75.
- ◆ Nearly half of all seniors volunteer in some capacity.
- ◆ About 65 percent of all "baby boomers" say they plan to work past age 65.
- ◆ Studies show that physical activity can slow the elder aging process.
- ◆ A recent survey found that at least 70 percent of all seniors are still sexually active, and that they reported being just as satisfied, sometimes more satisfied, than when they were younger.



The WRJW Senior Citizen Fair & Expo will be held one day only, Saturday, June 3rd at the Picayune Memorial High School's Kelly Wise Gymnasium. Doors are open from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. There is no charge for admission or parking for this event.

In addition to products and services on display, there will be many free health screenings including blood pressure and spinal screenings. These free health screenings are a big help to the seniors who attend.

Stay for lunch! A concession stand, staffed by the Picayune Maroon Tide softball team, will be selling concessions for attendees to enjoy. This team partners with WRJW Radio each year to help set up the Senior Citizens Fair & Expo.

As a certified retirement community, WRJW knows that senior citizens are an important part of our town. In recognition of the outstanding seniors who serve our local area, WRJW established the Senior Citizen of the Year award that will be recognized at the expo. This person is selected from the list of nominees based on community service.

Don't miss this year's presentation of the WRJW Senior Citizen of the Year! Get a group of seniors together and come to the WRJW Senior Citizen Fair & Expo this year! Booth spaces fill up quickly. If you own a business that would like to participate in the annual WRJW Senior Citizen Fair & Expo, please contact WRJW Radio for more details. Please call 601-798-4835 or email info@wrjwradio.com.





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Dear Diary,

Hi there. It's me, Emma.

One of our neighborhood cats is a runner and a jumper. When he is in danger, he runs from it and leaps 6 or 7 feet into the air onto a nearby tree. I call him Jumper Cat.

This morning the kitchen door was slightly open so Jumper Cat tiptoed in and began nibbling breakfast from Emma's food bowl. Emma heard the intruder and quickly went after him, snarling and growling. Emma is a hunter, not a runner.

Caught by surprise, Jumper Cat darted away and leapt straight up onto what he thought was a tree but was actually the back kitchen door. He hit the door with a thud and slid down, slamming the door closed and trapping both cats in the kitchen. Immediately, the growling turned to screaming and the ruckus became a frenzy of wildcats yowling and soaring through every room in the house. They flew over the furniture and Jumper Cat ran sideways along the walls. I thought I was in the middle of a Chinese martial arts movie with angry ninjas flying about.

Jumper Cat became trapped again in a storage room and I found him dangling by his finger-claws from a curtain rod above a window. As soon as he saw me, however, he leapt into the center of the room

several feet from the curtain rod and the frenzy continued. He was finally able to squirm into a tight spot behind some boxes and, in the brief calm, I could hear him earnestly praying he would somehow be delivered from this horrible place. I was praying the same.

I thought I could help the situation a little by fully opening the back door, closing all other doors, and going after Jumper Cat with my broom. Bad idea. I did rout him out of his hiding place, but Emma was all over him again, and again the cats soared wildly through the house, Emma Cat across the floors and Jumper Cat bouncing off the walls.

Let's try that again. For my second act, I closed Emma in one room, and went alone with my broom to locate and extricate the intruder. I found Jumper Cat who yelled several nasty epithets at me, then ran frantically through the house and out the back door. Finally.

Emma and I looked around the house. Pictures were now hanging crooked on the walls and storage boxes were kicked over with box contents scattered all around. I assured Emma that she had done very well, and I asked her if she was ready to help straighten up this mess. She was, and we did.

Who does housework at 6:30 in the morning?

Purrs,
Emma



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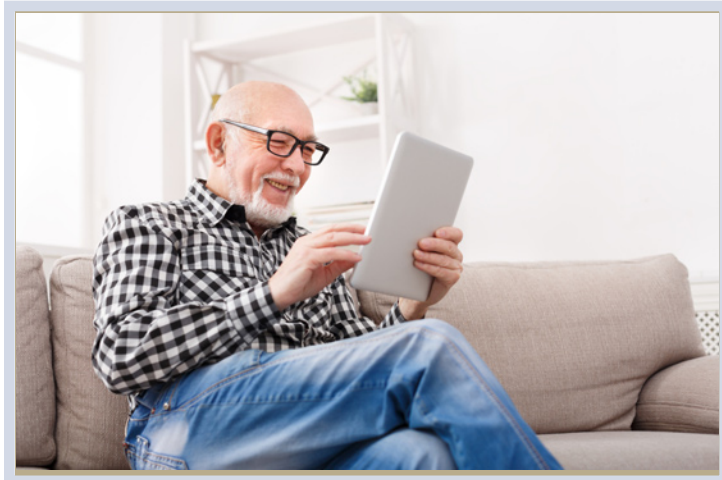


Virtual Vacation

By Mary Beth Magee
www.LOL4.net

Well, we've certainly had an abundance of travel problems lately, haven't we? Gas prices, airline issues, washed out roads and other weather-related issues have made getting from Here to There a challenge. And let's not even talk about health-related issues like COVID-19, flu, and nasty respiratory problems.

If travel is something you love to do but dread under current circumstances, I have a treat for you! You can travel as much as you like without leaving your home with just a few simple clicks. Websites offering virtual visits to amazing places can fill the gap until actual

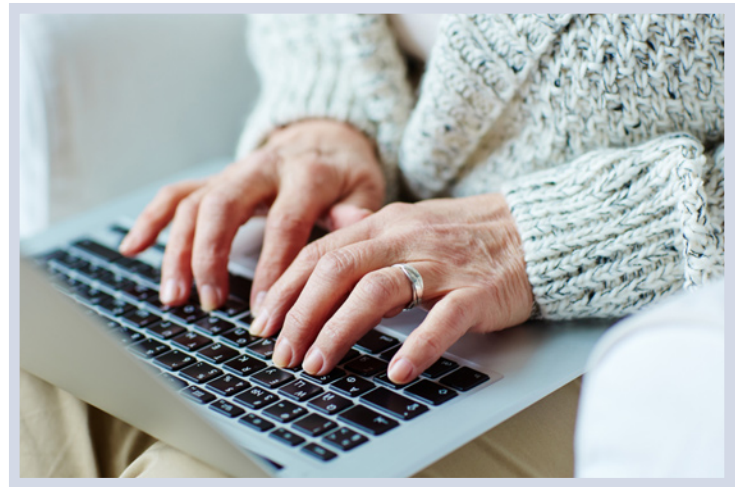


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Interested in nature? The National Park Service website lets you visit national parks as wild as Yellowstone and as elegant as beautiful Melrose in Natchez from the comfort of your armchair. Visit the site at <https://www.nps.gov> to choose the park of your dreams.

Many state parks offer online tours, too. Just search for "state parks in" whatever state interests you. There you go – cross country culture without the hassles of getting there.

Pearl River County's Crosby Arboretum op-



erates as part of the Mississippi State University family. Virtually visit it here: <https://www.msu.edu/crosbyarboretum>. A real gem of a spot! And there are other lovely arboretums across the country with web tours.

I have a secret, something a lot of people don't know about me. I am endlessly curious and just a little nosy! So, when I want to vacation virtually, I want to learn in the process. Atlas Obscura (<https://atlasobscura.com>) fills the bill on all counts. I subscribe to their newsletter and everyday I get information about new oddities around the world. They label themselves as "The Definitive Guide to the World's Hidden Wonders" and they live up to billing. From the exotic to the just plain weird, you'll learn about amazing places, history, foods, and habits.

Don't forget the opportunities on YouTube and Pinterest. On these sites, you'll find the things which fascinate other individuals and just may fascinate you as well.

Your public library offers lots of publications about exotic locales for those times when you're ready to tackle a short trip. Your library card is a passport to the world! If the book you want isn't in the local collection, ask about an interlibrary loan. One library can borrow from another to make the best use of book-buying funds.

Take a vacation trip at your convenience. No worries about conveyance schedules, lodging availability, fuel prices or unfamiliar water sources. The world is waiting – enjoy!

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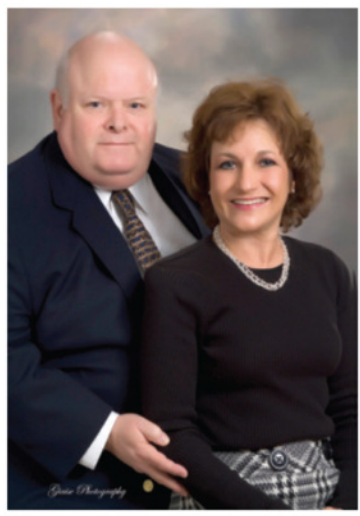
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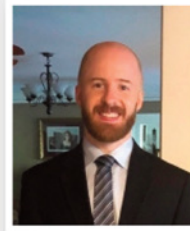


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Medicare Part D is a separate insurance plan that is offered through private insurance companies for those enrolled in Original Medicare (parts A and B). The availability varies by state. These plans cover prescription medications for outpatient services. 1}

Most prescription drug plans charge a monthly fee that differs from plan to plan and you pay this fee in addition to your Part B premium.

Pharmacy and prescription drug fraud is a consistent trend in Medicare. Criminals, ranging from health care providers to drug trafficking organizations, continue to commit prescription drug fraud because it is profitable. Unfortunately, there is a strong illegal market for prescription drugs – including controlled drugs such as opioids and expensive prescriptions.

Types of pharmacy/prescription drug fraud and scams are:

- A pharmacy intentionally provides you with less medication than you were prescribed.
- A pharmacy issues you expired medications.
- You are provided with and billed for an expensive compounded medication, including topical pain creams, when a traditional or less expensive prescription was ordered by your physician.
- A company offers you “free” or “discount” prescription drugs without a treating physician’s order and then bills Medicare.

- A pharmacy automatically refills a prescription you no longer need. You do not pick up the prescription, but the pharmacy still bills Medicare.
- An individual offers to pay for the use of your Medicare number to bill for prescription drugs or offers you cash or other compensation to pick up prescriptions on your behalf.

How to protect yourself from prescription drug/pharmacy fraud:

- Be sure your doctor has assessed your condition before prescribing you any medication.
- Do not give out your Medicare number or other personal information to unknown individuals requesting it for prescription drug services.

Review your Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) or Explanation of Benefits (EOB) charges for the following:

- Prescription drugs (including refills) that were never picked up, delivered, or even prescribed.
- Prescription drugs (occasionally controlled substances such as opioids) that were prescribed by a health care provider you have never seen.
- Amounts beyond the quantity you were prescribed.
- A different prescription drug (often a more expensive drug) than the one you were originally prescribed or a drug that is not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

If you want to avoid becoming a victim of pharmacy/prescription fraud or think you’ve been a victim, you should follow Senior Medicare Patrol’s message which is to Protect, Detect and Report! It’s also very important that you care about what is going on with your Medicare benefits. If you suspect pharmacy or prescription drug fraud, you must REPORT it.

Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP):

Call 1-877-272-8720 or visit www.stopmedicare-fraud.org.

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