



2026 VGCI Convention Registration Form

October 8-10, 2026

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“Follow The Yellow Glass Road” to our 27th Annual VGCI Convention in Wichita, Kansas, October 8-10, 2026. The site of the convention will be the Holiday Inn Wichita East I-35, 549 S Rock Rd, Wichita, Kansas, 67207. Hotel reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly at 316-686-7131 and referencing the code “VGC.” Or, you can click here [LINK](#) to make your reservation on-line. Our information should automatically come up, but be sure you change the dates to coincide with your trip and number of guests per room. Our group rate is \$129 for a standard double or king room. This rate includes breakfast (two breakfasts per room daily) and will be honored from Monday, October 5th through Sunday October 11th should you want to extend your stay. *Make your reservation as soon as possible* but definitely by September 23, 2026, the last date this rate is guaranteed. If you have any questions or problems, please contact Bob Harry at 407-933-7468 or Nancy Tompkins at 814-880-5232.

For Reservation Purposes: *If you are planning to attend the optional tour, you will want to arrive at the hotel on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, as the bus will be leaving early on Thursday morning for the optional trip. As to checking out, please plan to check out on Sunday as we will be having dinner and a speaker on Saturday evening.*

Displays: There will be \$100 awards for displays again this year for Best Single Piece, Best Theme, Most Educational, and Best Visual. As we did last year, an additional category of Most Closely Aligned with the Theme “Follow The Yellow Glass Road” has been added. Each category will receive an award. One award per display, one award per person (i.e., you can’t win in more than one category). *Please consider setting up a display. We have plenty of room and everyone wants to see your favorite pieces!*

Swap & Shop: One of the best chances you will get to buy or sell glass, Swap & Shop is also a great way to meet and network with fellow VGCI members and perhaps find a piece for your collection that you may not find anywhere else. Swap & Shop is conducted from room-to-room. Participating rooms may list their room number on the easel at our registration table. Rooms are open for shopping at the seller’s discretion.

Meals: Meals will be provided as follows: Included in your registration fee are three evening meals, one each Thursday (opening reception), Friday and Saturday. The times for each meal will be printed in your Welcome Packet that you will receive upon hotel arrival. *There is no discount on convention fees if you decide not to participate in any or all of the meals.* Breakfast is included in your room rate for up to two people per room each day of your stay within the dates indicated above. Each room has a small refrigerator and microwave should you need to bring your own food due to dietary restrictions.

Optional Tour: Plan to join us on Thursday for a fabulous optional motor coach trip! We will be visiting the National Depression Glass Association (NDGA) National Glass Museum in Wellington, Kansas, and the EW Marland Mansion in Ponca City, Oklahoma. The museum features American-made glassware and our visit will include the dedication of two glass cabinets sponsored by VGCI honoring charter member Bob Peper. The visit to the Marland Mansion will include a tour of the 1920’s oil baron’s home. Admission to BOTH venues is included with your ticket, as well as a lunch stop for a delicious-looking Mexican buffet. This optional motor coach trip is available on a first-come first-served basis and is priced at only \$79. We hope you can join us for this fun trip and important cabinet dedication.

Silent Auction: This is a wonderful opportunity for members to make tax deductible donations of glass for auction to benefit VGCI. If you want to place pieces in the auction but do not wish to donate 100% of the proceeds, VGCI will require 20% of the final auction price as a fee. Auction sheets will be available where auction items are displayed and help will be available. If you cannot attend but would like to donate or if you are flying and prefer to ship your auction (or display) items, the hotel will receive packages shipped directly to them no sooner than Monday, October 5th with the understanding that they cannot be held liable for anything detrimental that could occur. Please contact Nancy at 814-880-5232 for shipping address and specific instructions.

Convention Piece: We are pleased to be offering as a convention piece at this convention, a 4” x 2.5” vaseline two-piece covered trinket box. We chose the sunflower motif because the Kansas state flower is the sunflower. These trinket boxes were made in the Czech Republic by Glass Pesnicak. This piece will be a lovely and useful addition to your vaseline glass collection! The cost will be \$69. The piece will be available for pickup at the convention. The supply is limited and when they are gone, they are gone. The sooner you get your reservation in, the better. *If you cannot attend but would still like to make a purchase, please send this registration form to Tom Foozer along with a*

check for the amount owed plus shipping payable to VGCI. Orders will be processed with priority to convention attendees and then to non-attendees based on envelope postmark. You may purchase one per member.



Game Time: Wizard of Oz Costume B-I-N-G-O! *Bingo has been a HUGE success, so we are offering it again!* Plus, since we had so much fun last year with the Halloween-themed costumes, we thought we would incorporate costumes again this year based on a Wizard of Oz theme. Participation is optional, but there will be a prize for best costume. I'm sure our Bingo callers, Mike DiGennaro and Nicole Gomez, will be in costume! To participate in Bingo (costumed or not), be prepared with a wrapped gift of **yellow vaseline glass** with a value around \$40. Bring a gift with you or shop for something during your room-to-room travels. Check the agenda in the packet you receive on arrival for details. Observers are always welcome too!

Fun! The true measure of success of any convention is how much you enjoyed yourself. **YOU** are the key ingredient in making this happen! Join us as we celebrate our 27th Annual Convention of friends, fun, food, and vaseline glass! We are anxious to gather with everyone and meet new friends too!

Cancellation Policy: In the unfortunate event that you must cancel, please notify us by September 8, 2026. Funds will be returned minus a \$15 processing fee. Any cancellations after September 8th will be forfeited to VGCI as a tax-deductible contribution. At that point, we are committed to paying for meals.

Transportation: The area is serviced by the Wichita Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport (ICT) located in Wichita, KS. The hotel DOES offer shuttle service to the airport upon request. The airport is located approximately 11 miles (15 minutes) from the hotel. If you are driving, parking is free at the hotel.

Registration Fees: The cost of registration includes three dinners (Thursday, Friday and Saturday), speakers and whatever other surprises we might have in store for you. *There is no reduction in the fee if you plan on attending only part of the convention.* All fees are per person.

You must be a current dues-paying member and have paid the convention registration fee to make a hotel reservation in our room block, attend any of our convention events (meals, speakers, trips, etc.) or purchase a convention piece. If your membership has lapsed and you are not current for 2026, you will find a note enclosed with this registration form. If you are not sure if you paid for a single or dual membership and are not sure of the membership status of your spouse or significant other, please contact Nancy Tompkins at 814-880-5232. Thank you!



Meals

If you have special dietary needs, let us know so we can attempt to work with the Chef to make appropriate meal choices. We will do our best to make it happen.

Regular Meal(s) Vegetarian Other _____

Displays

Let us know if you are planning to set up a display. Compete for a \$100 prize! Tables are 6' long x 3' wide.

Yes Not this year I'm bringing a favorite piece for the Best Single Piece category

Swap & Shop

I/We will be participating in the Swap & Shop by **selling glass** from my/our room.

Yes No Maybe

