

Mosser Glass: The Last Hand-Pressed Glass Company in the United States

CAMBRIDGE, OHIO (May 23, 2022) – The art of glass making once employed thousands upon thousands of people in a variety of roles across the United States. Today, that number has dwindled to almost a cottage industry. Mosser Glass in Cambridge, Ohio is now the last hand-pressed glass company in the country.

For more than 50 years Mosser Glass has manufactured quality hand-pressed glass products featuring Carnival, Vaseline and Opalescent glass lines, as well as hand-decorated pieces.

Mosser Glass products have even been featured on a variety of media from SciFi Channel's *How It's Made* to music videos and guest placement on talk shows. Mosser Glass is recognized as one of the nation's leaders in high quality pressed glass.

Early Beginnings

The origins of Mosser Glass go back more than half a century to the time when Orie Mosser was the plant manager of the Cambridge Glass Company (a manufacturer of glassware that formed in 1873 in Cambridge, Ohio). His son, Thomas, began working there as a teenager, learning the trade from bottom to top. When Cambridge Glass closed in 1954, Tom decided to continue in the glass business building a company of his own.

It took a while for a young man just starting in life to assemble the elements necessary to do that. He spent five years buying glass moulds, searching for affordable used equipment and saving money. In 1959, he was finally able to begin manufacturing glassware in an abandoned chicken coop. From humble beginnings, Tom was able to leave the coop within two years and form Variety Glass, producing glassware for the pharmaceutical industry.

From day one, Tom Mosser was committed to manufacturing quality glassware, and his dedication was rewarded with continuing success. In 1971, he established Mosser Glass with a product line that blends new designs with timeless classics acquired from Viking, L.G. Wright and of course, Cambridge Glass.

Family Tradition

Today, Mosser Glass employs more than 30 people in an efficient manufacturing process configured to provide the highest quality glassware for our customers. And the fine family tradition continues with family members continuing to operate the company – from Tom and Georgianna to their son Tim and daughters Sally and Mindy.

The Mosser family is proud of the legacy that Orie and Tom began. The Mosser legacy of blending beauty and fine craftsmanship is in every piece of glassware produced.

Factory Tours

Visitors may see the glass making process up close with free guided factory tours. Tour hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Tours will not be available during the first two full weeks of July, or the last two weeks of December. No reservation needed for parties smaller than 10, stop by for a tour any time! Larger groups should please contact us in advance. To learn more, visit MosserGlass.com.

The showroom and retail store feature a unique blend of traditional and modern glassware designs and gift items. Retail Store hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

For more information, contact the Cambridge/Guernsey County VCB office at 627 Wheeling Avenue, Suite 200 in downtown Cambridge, call 740-432-2022, email info@VisitGuernseyCounty.com, or log onto VisitGuernseyCounty.com.

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