

Dave's eyes how they twinkle.
His smile -- oh, how merry.
And the birds in his booth,
He'll try to sell some to Mary.

His droll little mouth
Was drawn up like a bow.
He'll try to sell you a bird
And you won't even know.

So as the banquet goes on,
And the meat tastes quite gamey.
Dave's still trying to sell birds
To friends Karl and Amy.

He has a bright face,
And his birds are all clean.
Now what's that he's doing?
Selling to Phil and Arlene.

He is crafty and sly.
A right jolly old elf.
And his birds are so nice,
I bought the rest for myself!

A wink of his eye
And a twist of his head.
He ran out of birds,
So he sold Mrazek instead.

He spoke not a word,
But went straight back to work.
He restocked his own table
Then turned with a jerk.

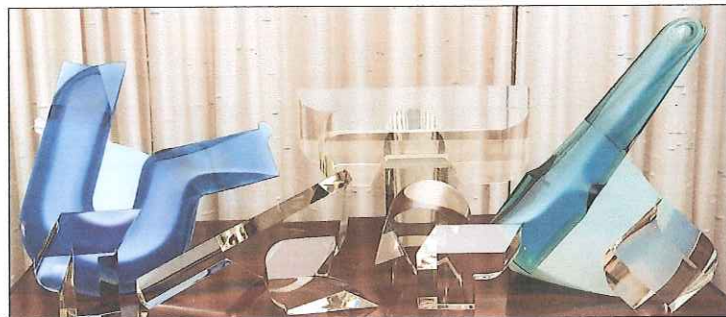
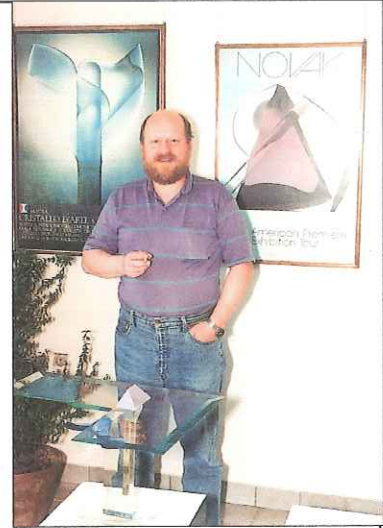
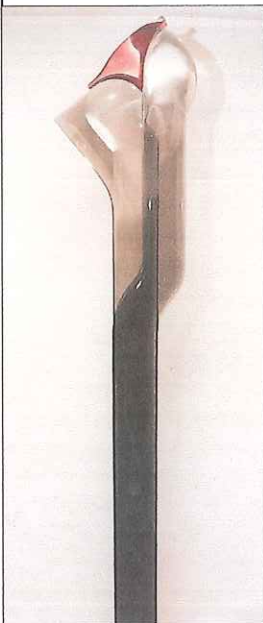
And pointing his finger
To the rest of the mob,
He sold some nice pottery
To Jerry and Bob.

Then he stood on his chair
At the end of the day.
"Your attention, please!"
"I have something to say."

And we heard him exclaim,
'Ere he sang out of tune,
"Let's all meet in Indy
On a weekend in June."

That's Glass !

Bob and I met Břetislav Novak Jr. in his home (where he has his studio and showroom) in Mala Skala, Czech Republic in 1997. He was becoming known in the US as a visionary glass sculptor. Whether his sculptures are single pieces or complex, they are made of pure glass, ground and highly polished. And they are precariously balanced. We asked him what would happen if someone paid a lot of money for a sculpture and then broke a piece. His reply: That's glass!



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Countdown to 2010 Convention—10, 9, 8,...3, 2,...

The Convention is almost here! Are you coming? Have you decided on other activities (hands-on making of glass and pottery, antique-ing, museums, baseball game, etc.)?

Our seminar speakers will give you information you can use and ideas for collecting. We will learn from Jiří Harcuba how pictures are engraved onto glass. (How does he get that detail?) This may be your only chance to see and meet this world-renowned glass artist.

The dealers and exhibits will provide you an opportunity to buy and to learn. The member-dealers research and study about their areas and interests, whether it be ceramics, or glass, or jewelry.

The Czech-Slovak dinner on Friday evening will give you a chance to meet other people interested in ABC collecting and people who have lived the culture and traditions of the area. There will be entertainment, laughter, singing, and authentic Czech-Slovak food.

The live auction, with over 180 lots, will provide you a chance to add-to, or start, a collection. Many of the items come from members' personal collections. Items include Art Nouveau, Art Deco, and Studio Art work.

The Saturday evening banquet will be fun and entertaining as the last official event. But if you are staying until Sunday, help the Board plan the next convention with your ideas and suggestions for improvement.

See you in Indy!

Elizabeth Meek, CCA Convention Coordinator