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## **2010: Museum of American Glass in WV**

As co-chairman of the 2009-2010 "*Match the Money and the Museum is Ours!*" fund drive for the Museum of American Glass in WV, I asked all of our friends and clientele to seriously consider supporting this important capital campaign. Read Our Success Story below.

The Museum of American Glass in West Virginia is thrilled to announce that it has exceeded its \$45,000.00 goal in the six-month long "Match The Money and The Museum is Ours" building campaign fund drive. The \$60,803.10 total amount raised surpassed our original goal by more than \$15,000.00! This is a most remarkable achievement in today's tough economic climate, attesting to the museum's strong network of supporters and volunteers.

When combined with the \$45,000.00 matching funds from an extremely generous anonymous private donor, we have been able to retire the Museum's building mortgage and now MAGWV owns its home free and clear of any debt. A public mortgage note burning ceremony is planned for the near future.

In keeping with the theme of remaining debt free, the extra money raised during the fund drive will become the seed money to earn yet another dollar for dollar match. The museum is submitting/has submitted a proposal to the State of West Virginia for renovation funds earmarked for the second floor archival storage area. Our current archives include the nationally significant American Flint Glass Workers Union papers, along with a large quantity of additional materials critical to the history of the manufacturing and use of American glass.

The Museum's unique combination of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century artifacts, ephemera, and original source materials not only provides vital insight into the history of American glass, but also contributes greatly to a fundamental understanding of American material culture in general.

MAG could not exist and flourish without the generous support of donors like you. On behalf of the museum's Board of Directors, Dean Six and I would like to express our sincere gratitude for your donation to the recent fundraiser, and we are pleased to present you with the enclosed certificate in recognition of your greatly appreciated participation.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to visit the museum, or if you have not visited recently, we invite you to drop by soon so that you can experience firsthand the fruits of your support, the efforts of our volunteers, and the massive accomplishments of the "little museum that could."

I am very happy to report success and I extend my sincere thanks to everyone who helped make this possible. ~ Jeffrey S. Evans