

Oak Harbor Glass Company

The Oak Harbor Glass Company was built in 1918 on Houghton Street, next to the railroad tracks. The Glass company began etching glass in 1919.

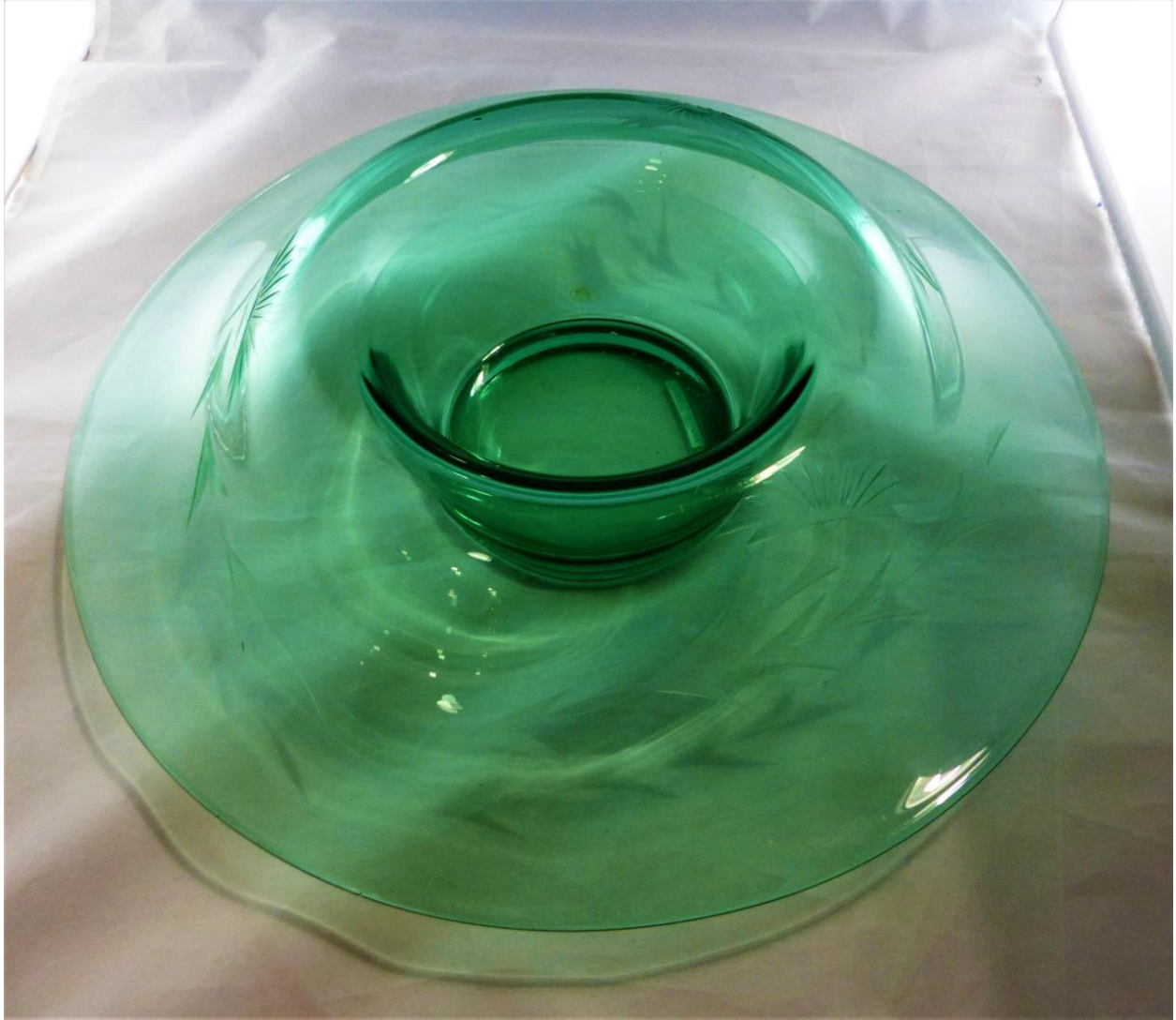
No glass was either blown or molded within the Glass company. Instead, the Oak Harbor Glass Company received undecorated glass from Libbey Glass in Toledo, Ohio; Heisey Glass in Newark, Ohio; Cambridge, Ohio; and Egg Harbor, New Jersey. The blank glass was then etched utilizing the copper wheel technique. There were 11 main designs. Crystals, pinks, greens, and blues are the most common colors of glass while amber-color is rare. Recently, amethyst colored stemmed glassware was discovered. The Glass company not only etched tableware but lamps and mirrors as well.

Once the pieces were completed, the glass was then shipped to towns within the mid-west and along the east coast.

The Oak Harbor Glass factory burned February 9th, 1928. The company relocated a few times before finally going out of business in the early 1930s.

The Oak Harbor Public Library, Local History and Museum Center currently has over 150 pieces of Oak Harbor etched glass on display. Including the very rare and newly discovered amethyst colored glass. To learn more about the Oak Harbor Glass Company and to see the Museum's collection stop by the Oak Harbor Public Library.

Shown are below are examples of Oak Harbor Glass.



Glass Compote, Oak Harbor etched glass, green color. Donated to the museum 2021.



Sugar Bowl, Oak Harbor etched glass, pink color. Donated to the museum 2020.

Stemmed Sherbet Glass, Oak Harbor etched glass, clear top with amber base. Donated to the museum 2019.