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The Klinetob Steuben and Tiffany Collection

Houston, Texas is home to Judy and Darwin Klinetob where they have lived the large part of their 51 years of marriage. Their fine collection was inherited from Mr. Klinetob's parents.

This collection started out in the 1930's as the collection of Mr. Charlie Potter, Steuben's top salesman. The collection was sold to Mr. Klinetob's parents in the early 1950's. Mr. Klinetob and his parents were all good friends of Charlie Potter. Back then, the appreciation of old and colored Steuben was only beginning to be established and it was not quite the highly sought after collectible it is today. However, Mr. Klinetob's parents recognized the potential and, in their retirement drove throughout the Midwest in their quest for unique examples of Steuben and Tiffany. The collection grew to a total of 319 pieces, including 43 pieces of Tiffany.

"Calcite Charlie" Potter was known as "Calcite Charlie" because he was responsible for selling so much of Steuben's translucent white "calcite" glass. Not only was Charlie Potter Steuben's top salesman, but he was one of Frederick Carder's close friends. The Klinetob's collection has been on display in their Houston home, behind glass, for many years. Mr. Klinetob has given dozens of presentations on Steuben and Tiffany over the years, to antique clubs, glass enthusiasts, and other civic groups.

After selling some of the collection, the remainder will be sold this October and throughout 2007.

