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## SocietyNews

### Member Testimonial

A key benefit of SGCDpro membership is the Society's network of resources to assist members facing regulatory or legislative challenges. The following testimonial is provided by longtime member Henry Cornell of M. Cornell Importers:

"Thanks again for the introduction to Dennis Raglin of Carlton Fields, to help me fend off a ridiculous-yet-very-real 60-day notice I received earlier this year from attorneys representing the State of California.

This is a great example of how invaluable SGCD is to members of the glass and ceramic community, both small and large. We face many common challenges, and it's great to have a Bonafide source of support and guidance when our professional life hits a bump in the road.

As discussed on the phone, my entire incident involved 1 shipment of 12 ceramic mugs, valued at \$5.00 each. Yes, a total \$60 value for the shipment..... The "plaintiff" decided to test only one sample purchased at a California retail store. The result of the test was 2.03 ppm, when the P65 threshold is 1.00ppm. Dancing on the head of a pin.....

Common sense and practicality was immediately tossed aside by the plaintiff.

Thankfully, with Dennis' guidance, we provided counter-test evidence of much larger batches of samples. We emphasized the fact that the one sample they tested does not represent a true representative group of samples. The plaintiff verbally acknowledged our comments. Nearly 6 months have passed since I received the notice. We diplomatically yet consistently reach out to them to officially drop all claims. However, instead of providing the written conclusion, they opted to just go silent.

What has impressed me throughout the process is the professionalism and endless patience in which I've been represented. Because my situation was pretty standard, garden variety, I benefitted from fast conclusions and clear action plans which saved a lot of time and expense. ***That's a big benefit of SGCD membership. It's easy for emotions to get the better of a defendant.***

Dennis' calm approach has proven to be as valuable as the knowledge and experience that frames it. I don't wish this experience on any SGCD member, but having resources in place like SGCD can often provide a bright guiding light in a moment of confusion."

### Deco '27 Set for Columbus, Program Taking Shape

During its recent meeting in Columbus, OH, the SGCDpro Board finalized a schedule for Deco '27, including exhibits, annual meeting, technical sessions, and business presentations. Deco '27 will be held April 27-29 at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Columbus. This new Columbus location sits in the heart of the vibrant Arena District, home to the NHL Columbus Blue Jackets.

### Deco '27 Exhibits Feature New Format, Networking Opportunities

Deco '27 in Columbus will feature a new format for exhibits and networking events. Exhibits will take a new tabletop format with all meals on Wednesday, April 28, occurring within the hall. Tables are available on a first-come basis with priority given to those companies who reserved a space at the Deco 26 show. A table and two chairs will be included in the price of your space and electricity is available from the hotel at an additional cost. Because there will

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be no show decorator, exhibitors should advise SGCDpro of any special needs.

Exhibitors will set up their tables beginning at 7:00 a.m. on April 28th with the hall opening at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast. Additional exhibit hours will be held during lunch and after the presentations from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. with a reception in the exhibit hall.

We are confident this new format will offer more meaningful interactions between exhibitors and decorator attendees.

### Call for Speakers: Deco '27

Conference Chair and SGCDpro Vice President Cam Simmons has issued a call for presentations for Deco '27 in Columbus. If your company would like to showcase new technology or decorating techniques, contact Executive Director Myra Warne at (740) 588-9882. Technical presentations will be held on Wednesday, April 28th, and business topics will be presented on Thursday, April 29th.

### Membership Renewals

Membership renewal invoices for 2027 will be mailed in late October. Dues structure for 2027 is as follows: Corporate Membership (includes four company



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## President's Perspective



Dear Fellow Member:

I hope this latest issue of our Newsletter finds you all enjoying a pleasant late Summer. Traditionally the "calm before the storm", many have been preparing for the start of school and Fall sports, and trying to finish home projects before Autumn arrives. The staff, officers and Board of SGCDpro have also been busy preparing for the coming year. The Board met August 4th at the Hyatt Regency Columbus, which will host Deco '27 (April 27-29). Much effort was directed towards enhancing the networking experience for all. I am excited to announce that the exhibit portion will transition to a tabletop format, simplifying exhibitor set-up, and together with a blended exhibition-presentation schedule, is designed to maximize networking opportunities for exhibitors and attendees alike.

Tabletop exhibits will consist of a skirted table and two chairs, and Exhibitors may purchase more than one space. The cost to exhibit remains the same (\$2250); however, there will be no additional charges for the table or chairs. Electrical hookups are available for a small fee on a first-come basis. Exhibitors who reserved a spot at Deco '26 have already received the new floorplan by email, and it will soon be available online at [www.sgcd.org](http://www.sgcd.org) for viewing and download.

As DECO'27 Program Chair, Vice President Cam Simmons is coordinating the technical and business sessions with input from the Board. Dan Simkins of ATiD will return with an update on the use

of AI in manufacturing and production, while Dale Bobula of MTA will provide the latest on the ever-shifting landscape of logistics and tariffs. Presentations on digital printing, testing, spray coating, legislative issues, andlehr maintenance and control are planned. If you are interested in giving a presentation, please contact Myra Warne at 740-588-9882 or by email at [info@sgcd.org](mailto:info@sgcd.org).

Finally, I am pleased to announce that SGCDpro has agreed to become a partner association with Printing United (<https://www.printingunited.com/>). In addition to reciprocal booth space, Printing United and SGCDpro have agreed to promote one another's conferences. Past President Paul Bolduc will represent the Society at the upcoming Printing United show September 23-26 in Las Vegas. SGCDpro members can register for a free show pass at [www.sgcd.org](http://www.sgcd.org), so stop by our booth (N7464) if you are out in Vegas!

As we transition into a busy Fall season, I want to thank each of you for your support of SGCDpro. Together, our industry is stronger.

Sincerely,  
Wes King  
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### SGCDpro Partners with Printing United

SGCDpro and Printing United have agreed to a partner agreement which includes reciprocal booth spaces in the Deco and Printing United expositions and marketing support for each group's conference. Past President Paul Bolduc will staff the SGCDpro booth (N7464) at Printing United in Las Vegas. Look for additional show information in Deco News and on the SGCDpro website and make sure you visit SGCDpro at booth N7464.

## IndustryNews

### Gerresheimer to Cut NJ Jobs

According to *Glass International*, Gerresheimer has filed a WARN notice with the New Jersey Department of Workforce Development indicating 139 jobs from the Vineland plant will be moved to facilities in North Carolina and Mexico. Affected workers can apply for available jobs at those facilities. Production in Vineland is scheduled to cease by the end of 2027. The plant produces glass vials.

### Solar Array to Power Georgia Plant

Georgia based Arglass has installed a 10,000-panel solar array to provide power to its Valdosta, GA facility, including the company's VF-1 furnace. Financing was provided by Cherry Street Energy which owns, operates, and maintains the system.

### PPAI Releases Study

The Promotional Products Association International (PPAI) released a study identifying trends and predictions for the promotional products industry for 2026. The findings are broken into five categories including demand, tariff volatility, and a shift toward retail type products. Tariff volatility is noted as the single biggest concern. For complete details, visit [www.ppai.org](http://www.ppai.org).

### Denby Pottery Closes

After more than 200 years in business, Denby fired its last load of pottery in June, citing rising labor and energy costs. Denby subsidiaries in the US, China, and Korea are continuing normal operations. Denby opened in Derbyshire in 1809.

## Legislation and Policy

### US/Canada Trade Talks Collapse

According to *The Hill* (8/22/26), Canadian Prime Minister walked away from negotiations over President Trump's 50% tariffs on Friday evening, triggering 50% tariffs threatened by the President. Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney calls the tariffs a direct violation of the USMCA agreement and vows to match the tariffs. <https://thehill.com/policy/international/6044914-carney-suspends-us-trade-talks-tariffs/>

### Container Rates Continue to Rise

According to *American Shipper*, Transpacific container rates continue to climb with Asia to East Coast rates reaching \$9400 per FEU and West Coast rates reaching \$7400, with increased demand cited as the reason for the jump in cost.

### President Extends Jones Act Waiver

As reported in *The Hill*, President Trump has again extended the Jones Act waiver by 90 days, allowing foreign flagged ships to move products between US ports. The move, which represents an effort to lower fuel prices, has had little impact on gasoline prices thus far and domestic shippers have taken issue with the move.

### New Food Processing Definition Risks Higher Costs

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) reports the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in conjunction with the US Department of Agriculture have submitted the nation's first definition of "ultra processed" foods for final review. NAM expressed concerns that labeling which may present food as anything other than safe may cause confusion and lead to increased prices and urges that food policy be grounded in rigorous scientific research.

### NAM Urges SEC to Rescind 2024 Climate Rule

In June, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) proposed repeal of the 2024 rule requiring publicly traded companies to report their greenhouse gas emissions, management of climate related risks, and the financial impact of weather events and other climate related risks. The 865-page rule has been challenged in court by business groups. NAM cautioned the agency in 2022 that compliance would be costly and overly burdensome.

### Trump Imposes New Tariffs

Having lost the tariff battle in the US Supreme Court, President Trump turned to section 301 tariffs to impose tariffs of 10% plus on nearly 100% of imports. The tariffs cover imports from China, Mexico, Europe, India, and Vietnam, and numerous other countries. They were imposed under the Trade Act of 1974.

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### Consumers Warned About Oven Glass

Consumer Reports has warned of exploding glass doors on glass front ovens. The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) reportedly received nearly 400 complaints between January 2025 and March 2026, with 40 injuries reported. More than half of the complaints involve Frigidaire branded products. While the issue has been known for several years, no recall has been issued to date.

### Proposition 65 Changes Proposed

Executive Director Myra Warne participated in a virtual Proposition 65 hearing/workshop on July 30th. Dennis Raglin of Carlton Fields provided a brief summary of issues related to SGCDpro members:

- Makes clear that warning must be on the label as well as online – display page, hyperlink, or pop-up.
- Specifies the duty to warn on internet includes everyone in chain. Says they “must” comply, but seems problematic – a packager, importer and distributor is not selling the product to consumers and have no internet sales to consumers if they are B2B. They are already required to put warning on label or package – or to provide written notice of need for warnings to the business buying from them (retailer usually). Treats apps the same as any website where warning is required.
- The proposed revisions related to the QR code warning is not surprising. It fits OEHHA’s pattern of neutering any warning method that does not include the name of chemicals. Some

companies have already been using the QR code. It is authorized in the regs. 25602(a)(2) uses the term “electronic device or process that automatically provides the warning to the purchaser prior to or during the purchase...”

- This proposed change to the QR code regulation simply continues OEHHA’s quest to ensure a consumer sees immediately there is a chemical in the product. The change here would make the QR code simply another version of “long-form lite.”

### NAM Sues to Block State PFAS Labeling Mandate

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) has sued to block New Mexico’s implementation of a law requiring labeling for products made with PFAS.

“New Mexico’s PFAS product labeling mandate compels manufacturers to spread the state’s unsupported message that any amount of any PFAS is dangerous, while unlawfully expanding state regulatory power to dictate manufacturing operations across the country,” said NAM Chief Legal Officer & Corporate Secretary Linda Kelly. “This novel labeling mandate is blatantly unconstitutional twice over, compelling manufacturers to speak in violation of the First Amendment and regulating conduct outside New Mexico’s borders in violation of the dormant Commerce Clause. Enforcement of this mandate should be permanently enjoined.

The NAM joined the American Chemistry Council, the Alliance for Automotive Innovation, the American Coatings Association, the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers, the National Electrical Manufacturers Association, the National Federation of Independent Business, the New Mexico Retail Association and the Power Tool Institute in filing the lawsuit in the District of New Mexico.

# DECO '27 Features New Exhibit Format, Networking Opportunities

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