

## Sharing Glass

Richard Heldenbrand offered a beautiful pattern to share with all of us: Tiffin's Palais Versailles.



Here's what Richard had to say.....

Gregg Jones gave me some broken stems in Palais Versailles about 3 years ago. Normally stems cannot be used for jewelry as they are too thin. These stems were very thick and I was able to use for jewelry.

Last week I found an estate sale with Palais Versailles stems for sale. We got there as second person through the door. We bought

12 water goblets, 12 tall sherbets and 1 wine. One water was chipped beyond repair and will be used for jewelry. They made mainly stems and tumbler with limited other pieces.

Replacements had this to say.....

"This beautiful pattern was inspired the majesty of the Versailles Palace near Paris, France. The 17th century palace itself is one of the most enduring symbols of France, and was originally commissioned by King Louis XIV. Today, the house and the grounds are a state museum for the French people. The Tiffin Glass Company designed Palais Versailles to be a regal, majestic crystal stemware whose inspiration is directly attributed to grandeur of Louis XIV's creation. Each of the heavy stems in the pattern feature a multifaceted diamond cut. A tear drop air bubble in the center of each stem adds an out-of-the-ordinary design touch to an already distinctive pattern.

Sitting atop each stem is a smooth bowl that is accented in the French Imperial style with rich, ornate gold trim and olive cuts. In the center of each of these noble cuts there is a regal gold design featuring a vase overrunning with flowers. Palais Versailles required more than 60 workers to complete a single goblet. After each goblet was blown and decorated, 12 inspectors checked the goblet for imperfections."



Detail of bubble in stem

Thanks, Richard, for sharing this lovely glass with all of us.

Remember to keep this column going, we need input from our members. So go search your glass cabinet for a treasure to share. Snap a few pictures and write down something that you learned about your glass and email it to the webmaster at [gldgctroy@gmail.com](mailto:gldgctroy@gmail.com) (please put attention webmaster in subject)