



1977 PAC Winner

Dr. Dominick Labino

Dr. Labino's association with glass extends over a period of forty-three years, having served four glass-manufacturing firms in various glass technology, research and development capacities. He started his career by working in various technical capacities for Owens-Illinois, a container glass manufacturer.

He was one of the pioneers in the fiberglass field where his ingenuity helped develop the fiberglass manufacturing process. He served as Vice-President and Director of Research and Development for Glass Fibers, Inc. His achievements continued as this firm merged with L-O-F Glass Fibers and subsequently became part of Johns-Manville.

Dr. Labino holds 57 patents dealing with glass composition, furnace design, and glass fiber forming and processing. Three of his inventions involving glass fibers were utilized in the Gemini and Apollo spacecrafts.

Dr. Labino began to work with glass as an art form in 1962 by doing free hand blowing of glass in his workshop near Grand Rapids, Ohio. Here, he has been able to fully utilize his artistic talents in combination with his genius of the chemical and physical properties of glass to achieve colored glass creations that are uniquely his own.

Dr. Labino is world-renowned for his glass art works, which have won major awards. Many of these works are on display in museums throughout the world.