

## **Fenton Orange Tree**

The Orange Tree pattern was made in a large variety of shapes and colors by Fenton. Some of the shapes that can be found are; punch sets, water sets, table sets, berry sets, mugs, loving cups, hat pin holders, wine glasses, orange bowls, bowls, plates, powder jars, and compotes. There are also whimsy's that have been made from the various shapes. One could easily have a collection of just the Orange tree pattern with all of the variants of colors and shapes. The footed pieces as in the pitcher above are almost impossible to find without chips on the feet. Most of the damage was probably done in the process of removing the glass from the mold. The sharp angles of the feet, and the amount of glass used, make it very easy to chip a foot with any slight bump. Base glass colors are also come in a wide range, marigold and blue are the most common colors, amethysts and green are less common, red (in bowls and mugs), moonstone and white are rare, and when it comes to ice green and the opalescent pieces you have something quite hard to find. I have not even begun listing the variants of base glass color that can be found, I sometimes wonder whether colors like lavender, amberina, powder blue and some of the others were by design or just a byproduct of the lack of quality control in the measuring of the different components used, or the amount of time the glass was in the fire. In the early 1900's the components used in mass producing glass was done by eye, not by computers and sophisticated machinery as today.