

## FENTON FINDERS OF GREATER KANSAS CITY



**The meeting of the Fenton Finders of Greater Kansas City will be APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 at the Sterling Full Gospel Church located at 3007 S. Sterling Ave., Independence, MO. The meeting will start at 7:00PM. Masks will be mandatory so that members will be safe.**

Our thoughts and prayers go to Max and Anne Blackmore. Max's father passed away in early March. Please accept our condolences at this sad time.

Happy Spring!

It is always so great to see nature come back to life in the spring, especially this year in the age of COVID-19. I look forward to the uplifting feeling I get when I see my irises and peonies bloom. Well enough about spring. Let's start talking about this fall. **The GALA!!** I have had so many wonderful conversations with the folks that have started booking into the hotel. Everyone has been cooped up for so long that they can't wait to see everyone.



We had our first Gala committee meeting before last month's meeting. It was so much fun beginning the planning process. Last week, I was thrilled to have my first meeting with our host hotel, Embassy Suites. The first order of business was discussions on how COVID-19 affected their business. It was pretty major, and I heard some heartbreaking stories. One of those stories was about HOACGA (Heart of America Carnival Glass Association). They had to cancel with the hotel for two of their conventions in a row because they fall in April. They felt terrible since HOACGA has been going to that hotel since the 80's when it opened. We spoke about what things currently look like at the hotel versus normal. We

were pretty confident that with the vaccinated percentage of population going up and the infection rate going down, things would start slowly getting back to normal and restrictions lifted. I will be talking with the hotel weekly and getting updates. We will keep everyone in the loop. After that conversation, I was confident that the Gala will go on!

The hotel bookings have been extraordinarily strong. If you plan on selling glass and wish to be on the second floor, I would get that booking done soon. The second floor is already 2/3 full. I have had to increase the number of rooms available to us on Wednesday night. Many are planning to come early! Here is the information to book your room:

Online:

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(816) 891-7788 Ask for the Fenton Finders Gala rate.

If you are going to sell glass and want the second floor, you MUST contact me so I can get you in the correct room.

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We had a wonderful program featuring hobnail opalescent at our March meeting. I'm sure Jackie will share some pictures below. I would like to give a big thank you to Craig Ricklefs for not only giving us a peek at his extensive collection, but also hosting our meeting at his church. Craig brought enough glass to fill the big display table at the Gala. It was a sight to behold.

## **Get vaccinated!**

That is one sure way to get us back to normal!

Typing with a sore arm (I got my second vaccine shot yesterday!),

Dan Madura

President

Thank you, Dan. I am happy to report that my arm is also sore as this is being typed, for the same reason as yours. Hopefully, everyone who is reading the newsletter will be able to complain about the same problem soon. Better yet, hopefully, everyone who wishes to resume a normal life will be vaccinated soon.



## Finds from the Road Orange You Glad I Said Tangerine?

By Anne Blackmore

Typically, in January, Max and I make a journey to Florida. We have a route we run, visiting various shops, flea markets, and we have the joy of visiting friends from Milwaukee who now live in Florida full-time. Due to a family commitment, we were unable to go to Florida this year, so this is a story from our archives.

Max and I have a strong appreciation for stretch glass and watch for great pieces of stretch when we are out antiquing. One of the most popular and desirable stretch glass colors is Fenton's Tangerine. This medium orange color, in combination with the stretch glass finish, is also one of the most rare.

Tangerine is a heat-sensitive glass. When it was pressed, it was a pale, yellow-orange. As it became exposed more to heat and re-worked, it would darken and become more orange. Sometimes, edges exposed to a lot of heat became an opaque orange.

A few years ago, at the Stretch Glass Society Convention, an auction was held where a Fenton #251, 12-inch Tangerine Stretch bud vase was sold. People in the room, many of whom were longtime stretch glass collectors, had never seen this mould shape in this color. The vase generated a lot of excitement! Max and I even thought we would bid on it, we liked it so well.

When the vase came up for bid, our maximum was quickly left in the dust, and yet the bidding just kept going and going! It finally closed at \$425.00. We were stunned and disappointed all at once.

Patience can be the key to glass collecting though. A short time later, we were in central Illinois at a small antique shop, when we turned and were literally face-to-face with the Fenton #251 bud vase in Tangerine stretch glass. It was marked simply "Orange Vase." And the price tag? The price of two sodas at McDonald's. I probably don't need to tell you we took *that* vase home with us!

Happy Spring, and happy hunting, my friends!





Thank you, Anne.

As Dan reported in his article on page one, we had a wonderful program on Opalescent Hobnail Glass. Craig Ricklefs, who was so very generous to share just part of his collection with was also very generous in sharing his knowledge of Hobnail glass. Craig, who is pictured with part of his collection on page one also brought in several of his books that he used to research his collection. He started collecting hobnail when he was a very young man who accompany his parents to auctions and estate sales. He reported that his family started giving him gifts of hobnail glass for Christmas and birthdays when he was in his teens. It is clear that his love of this glass has remained true. He brought in samples of Anchor Hocking, Hobbs, and many other glass makers as well as Fenton and showed us the differences in the glass. If you look on page one there is a sugar and creamer on a tray in French Opalescent on the table. One member looking at it was thinking the creamer was not Fenton because the top seems to have a slightly different crimp than the one pictured in his book and also because there were hobs on the bottom and Fenton did not put hobs on the bottom of their glass. Craig quite easily found the reference to this set that showed that Fenton did indeed make this piece with hobs on the bottom. It makes it a rare piece of Fenton. We are hoping that Craig will bring this piece to the Gala for glass id so we can get another, better look at it. There was so much beautiful glass to look at during the meeting that I, for one, was sorry to get the meeting started and wished that we could spend more time just looking at the glass and asking Craig more about his collection. He has done a lot of work not just collecting the glass but doing the research needed to know and understand what he is collecting. If we had planned better maybe, we could have gone to Craig's house for the meeting so that we could see his whole collection. Maybe it is a good thing we did not as it would have been very late before he could have got some of us to leave. For our members enjoyment we have posted just a few of the pictures of the wonderful glass that Craig brought in for our enjoyment and education. Thank you, Craig, it was a wonderful well-planned program.

Dan talked about our Gala meeting and his meeting with the hotel in his article on page one and two. We have already made many plans for this year's Gala and all of the committee feels (and hopes) that with the number of vaccinations going up we will be able to have a normal Gala. That said until September we will not know for certain what if any restrictions will have to be followed. Right now, we believe that the hospitality room will be fairly normal. There may be fewer chairs available. But we are planning on having the Barbeque dinner on Thursday night as always before glass id. That means for any of our members who wish to bring a dish to share with the club now is the time to plan. It is also time to plan a small display table. These are always a challenge to plan and research. They are also one of the delights of all glass conventions. We are planning to do Gala Displays, A 20 Year Retrospect for our big display as we were planning last year. This will be a review of all the glass that we have featured on the big displays for the last 20 Galas. The list of the big displays will be included in

the May issue of the newsletter to make it easier to get the list of your glass together. All the information you will need to get a list together of the glass that you want to share with us will be included in May's newsletter. A short review would be to think about the first and second twenty-five years, Kelsey Murphy glass, Opalescent Hobnail, water sets, guest sets, and Fenton artists. The complete list will be in May's newsletter along with contract information. Thank you for all the hard work this will take to make these list. There are still many unknowns at the present, but we will try to keep you updated on everything that is happening. We were surprised at how fast the rooms for Wednesday were book and glad that Dan was able to secure more rooms for us, but these are still very limited so if you wish to come in early please book your room early and let Dan know if you are selling glass. There are many people who end up wishing that they came in a day early so that they can have their rooms set up for glass sells or so that they can do some shopping and sightseeing.

Our April group program will be on All things Easter, flower theme glass, baskets and animals all relating to Easter. That leaves a lot of things that can be brought in so we should have a lot of glass to enjoy in our meeting. This should be a fun meeting so be sure to join us but do not forget to bring in glass for show and tell as well. Until then take care and enjoy the warmer weather. And get vaccinated! See you soon.

Jackie Oglesby

Secretary

