

FENTON FINDERS OF GREATER KANSAS CITY



We have decided to cancel the August meeting due to concerns on the uptick in Covid-19. We also wanted to give our members a little extra time to prepare for the Gala without the stress of planning another meeting. Missing the Gala last year means there is much more to do this year.

We shared some sad memories and some happy memories at our July meeting. Glass that brought a smile to our faces and/or a tear to our eye, sometimes both as we shared stories connected to the item's members brought in. I feel free to share one my own with all, the Favrene Daisy Vase that was produced in 1997 was a piece that I brought in. When I brought it, this was the most expensive piece of Fenton that I had ever purchased. I only hoped my husband, Jim, would not be too upset with me as he was not a glass person. When I got it home and showed it to him with some concern that he would be upset at the price I paid he reached out and took the vase from me and said this is mine and placed it where he could enjoy viewing it. He never asked what it cost but from that point on he would check to see if any more Favrene pieces were available. Jim died in 2005 suddenly and with no warning that he had any health issues. Looking at the Favrene glass, especially the Daisy vase was too painful for me, so they were packed up. A few years later, after I had moved to a new home and was slowly unpacking my glass, I came across the Daisy Vase and it did make me cry, but I

was also smiling as I remembered him saying, this is mine. The man who could care less about glass. Now it is displayed where I can see it every day and everyday it brings a smile to my face.

And now a word from our President, Dan Madura.

Hello everyone!

I am very excited that we will all see everyone very soon! The gala is just weeks away. I am sure everyone is wondering about the whole COVID surge and how that may affect the gala. Kansas City has put mask mandates back into effect for all ages 5 and older regardless of vaccination status. So how does that affect us? I had a conversation with our contacts at the hotel this past week. Masks are only required in the public areas of the hotel. This does not include meeting spaces and rooms. This does not affect breakfast and happy hour! Yeah! They are treating it as a restaurant. You must wear your mask getting your drinks and food, but you can take them off at the table. Even though this mandate expires on August 28th, it could be extended if things do not improve. The best way to keep up to date is by checking in on our Facebook page. Jackie will have more details in her section of the newsletter.



We are going to have a very large turnout this year. Rooms and registrations have booked much earlier than in past galas. If you have not booked your room or sent in your registration, here are some deadlines to keep in mind:

- To get the "Early" registration rate of \$30, you must book by August 14th. It goes up to \$35 on August 15th.
- The deadline to reserve the 2021 Gala Exclusive Apple has passed.
- To get the gala rate of \$129/night at the hotel, you must book by September 1st. After that you will pay whatever the going rate the hotel is charging at that time.

To book online:

https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/es/reservation/book.htm?inputModule=HOTEL&ctyhocn=MKCPDES&groupCode=CESFEN&arrival=20210922&departure=20210926&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT

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Call Direct:

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

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

Call/Text: (816) 560-3738

Email: dmadura26@gmail.com

Our August club meeting.....

We have decided to cancel our August meeting. We want to make sure that everyone stays safe and healthy and gets some much-deserved rest leading up to the gala. The program we had scheduled, Connie and Jackie's trip to the NFGS convention, will be presented in October along with everyone's finds at the gala, an October meeting tradition.

Stay safe out there and we will see you at the gala!

Dan Madura

President

Thank you, Dan.



Finds From the Road

Gettin' by With a Little Help from My Friends

By Anne Blackmore

By now, most of us have realized there are many ways to add wonderful pieces to our collections. We go to antique malls, flea markets, glass shows, conventions, and Gala. We entertain ourselves shopping online. But how often do we use networking? Do we let our friends and dealers know what we like and are seeking?

Networking is a superb tool for building a collection. When you are out hunting for yourself, you see lots of things that may be just what someone else is looking for. There is hardly a shopping trip we take I don't end up contacting someone about a piece we've found. Imagine if you had a group of people watching out for you as well!

Just recently, we had networking really pay off for us. Another dealer friend of ours, who calls us every so often for info on Fenton, rang us up asking about the

"Stella" sugar and cream set produced by Fenton in the 1930s. According to *Early Fenton Rarities 1907-1938* by Thomas K. Smith, it was made in French Opal spiral optic, and it is also known in coin spot and green opalescent.

Shelly Yergensen, in her book *Collectible Sugars & Creamers, Volume Two: Fenton - Heisey*, has a photo of the Stella sugar and creamer in Jade and Black, shows a 1930 Montgomery Ward catalog listing for the Jade and Black set (priced at an expensive \$1.39), and features the Jade and Black creamer on the cover. Because Fenton neither named nor numbered this sugar and creamer set, Yergensen was responsible for naming this set "Stella."

Our friend had found a Jade and Black set, and said he just wanted general info about it. I shared what I knew, then asked what he wanted for the set. He thanked me for the information, and told me a price, saying he had hoped I would want it for my Jade collection, because he had figured I would love it.

The Stella set in Jade and Black is truly elusive. About six or seven years ago, I was able to purchase a creamer from eBay, but have not been able to find a matching Jade and Black sugar in all the time that has passed. I have seen one full set and have had a report of a second. I saw another creamer sell on eBay for an extraordinary amount.

I found out after the Stella set arrived, our friend thought of me right away when he found the set, and he knew it needed to be in my Jade collection - networking at its finest.

So, enjoy all those methods of adding to your collection, but always share with your collecting friends and your glass dealers what your passions are and what special pieces you are hunting. The more eyes on your prize, the greater the chances of your prize coming home.

Happy Hunting, dear friends! We're looking forward to seeing you all in September!

Thank you, Anne, see you in September.

As we get ready for the Gala there is still many things left to do. For everyone who is kind enough to bring something to share in the hospitality room please bring your item in a disposal container, if possible, if not please make sure that your name is on the container. We have lots of serving utensils so unless your item needs something special leave yours at home. The club provides the BBQ, beans, bar-be-que sauce, pickles, cole slaw, fresh fruit, bread, cheese dip, drinks, all the paper plates and plastic forks and spoons. They also provide a cake so any salads, veggies, and of course wonderful desserts will be more than welcome – our workers may have to taste test everything – it is a hard thing to do but it must be done. This year there will also be hand sanitizer and plastic gloves provided at the door for the convenience of our members.



Pair Point Cup Plates



Louise Piper painted Topaz

Cactus Pitcher for show and tell



More show and tell

Don't forget to pack your glass for show and tell. This is a fun program where we get to see many items of glass that we have never seen before and with luck our experts will be able to id the maker of the glass. This program can also be called, stump the experts. There have been a few times when our experts have tried their best to id a nice piece of glass only to ask if anyone who is watching has any idea who made the glass. This is fun. There have been hundreds of glass companies producing glass just in the United States so of course it is impossible for one person to know everything about every piece of glass made but our experts have a very good record of being able to if not id a piece of glass at least being able to suggest where information may be found on a piece so when they are stumped it always makes us feel like our members are doing their jobs in going out and hunting new and rarely seen pieces of glass. Please, if you have a piece of Fenton that is rarely seen bring it in to share with others, you may know what it is, but others may not know, and our experts just may be able to give you some information about the glass that you did not know.

As Dan wrote in his article, please be sure to check our Facebook page to keep up-to-date information on the Gala and on any restrictions or procedures that must be follow because of Covid -19. If you have not joined us on Facebook just log in and search for Fenton Finders of Greater Kansas City.

With everything that is going on it is easy to forget that in our October meeting we will be nominating people for the office of Vice-President and Secretary. The vote will be in November. Please if you are interested in running for either of these offices send in your resumes with a picture to Jackie Oglesby at stogles@yahoo.com or mail them to Jackie Oglesby 10903 Elmwood Dr Kansas City MO 64137. To run for office, you need to be a member in good standing and be able to attend most of our monthly meetings. Please include some information about yourself and why you want to run for the office you are interested in and as well as what you think you can offer for the club and a little about the glass that interest you the most. The duties of the Vice-President include running the meetings when the President is not available, keeping our Facebook page up to date, searching out places where we can get glass produced, attending meetings of the Gala committee as well filling in wherever needed at the Gala. The Secretary has it easier, they need to attend regular meetings or arrange for someone to cover for them if unable to attend take notes and keep records of meetings, attend Gala meetings, and keep records, write the newsletter, and fill in wherever is needed at the Gala. This is your chance to help improve our club. All will be placed in our November newsletter that will be sent out early enough that our members should be able to send in a vote by either email or snail mail before the November meeting when we will vote on officers.

October 1st will be upon us soon which mean it is time to renew your membership. The registration form for the Gala includes a spot where you can

renew easily but if you cannot attend the Gala here is a form that you can cut out and use. Please send in all the information so that we can confirm and or correct our information along with a check for \$5.00 for individual and \$7.50 for a family membership.

Name_____

Address_____

Telephone_____

Email_____

Please send this to the address below to renew membership

Fenton Finders of Greater Kansas City, Janet Wilke, Treasurer, P O Box 67071 Topeka, KS 66667-0071

Thank you.

Please take care and plan on attending the Gala in September. We have lots of things planned besides having lots of fun and seeing a lot of beautiful Fenton glass. So be careful because we want to see everyone in September, just remember to keep the best glass for me!

Jackie Oglesby

Secretary

