

FENTON FINDERS OF GREATER KANSAS CITY



The meeting of the Fenton Finders of Greater Kansas City will be NOVEMBER 13TH, 2021 at the Sterling Full Gospel Church located at 3007 S. Sterling Ave., Independence, MO. The meeting will start at 7:00PM.

Connie Duncan spent some time inspecting the show and tell glass that was being set up before the meeting started. No doubt she was gathering her thoughts for the review of Gala 2021 that was the first item on Dan Madura's agenda for the October meeting. How wonderful it was to get together with friends that we had not seen in such a long time and delightful to meet new friends who attended the Gala for the first time. We did decide that the Gala was a success, while there were some problems, for example, the hotel had staffing issues as many in the service industry do at this time and the Gala committee was also short of help, but we still managed to get everything done as did the hotel. Mostly everyone agreed that they had a great time and many of the new ideas that Dan came up with, like moving glass sales next to the hospitality room worked better than we could have hoped so many on the Gala committee are already planning on how to make Gala 2022 even better.

And now a word from our Vice-President, Connie Duncan



The Gala for 2021 is over and I would say everyone had a fantastic time. As Jackie stated in the last newsletter, we missed some of our Fenton friends this year and hope they

are doing well. We had several new Fenton Finders attend and do hope they will all return. Thank you to everyone for coming and making the 2021 Gala a success.

The big display was the highlight of my Gala. I have worked on every Gala since the beginning but not the big display. I will say with some direction from Richard and Dan the big display was much easier than I thought. I was lucky to have great volunteers who shared their glass to those that helped build the display. Randy and Debbie made it very special with their knowledge of Fenton. A big thank you to those that help build the risers. I want to thank Claudia and Dan Hegwald for helping get the glass up on the display. Thanks go out to Richard, Melvin, Tom Limback, Vic Lemon and Steve and Rita Ellwein.

This next year we will have a change in the auction. Bernie Johnston has decided to step down from this position. We would like to thank Bernie for all his hard work over the last several years. This job is not just done at the Gala. Bernie takes pictures for those that can't and lines up the pieces in order and puts all this information into a catalog form. I will be taking over the auction and was fortunate enough to have Steve and Rita Ellwein come and ask what they could do to help the Gala committee. After finding out Steve had computer skills, they will be helping me with the 2022 auction. Steve and Rita will line the auction up and do the catalog and I will set up the auction at the Gala. Please welcome Steve and Rita to the auction group.

We have so many wonderful helpers with the Gala and could always use an extra helping hands.

This is my last article for this year, and I am wishing everyone a very Happy Holiday season and Happy hunting for that special piece of Fenton.

Thank you, Connie.

Connie was good enough to make a motion at the meeting that we send \$250.00 each to four charities that we like to support at this time of year, Harvester's, Rodney McDonald's House, Uplift and City Union Mission. We all voted yes on that motion.

The October meeting was also the meeting in which we nominate people for two positions on the board, this year the positions of vice-president and secretary are open. Connie Duncan was nominated for the position of vice-president, which she currently holds (this will be her second term) and Jackie Oglesby was nominated for secretary, a position that she currently holds (and has held since 2004). Both accepted the nominations, and we will vote in November. All members can vote using the ballot in this newsletter, please remember if you wish to vote for another person for one of these positions you may, your candidate must be a current paid up member of the club and must be available to fulfill the duties of the position, the vice-president will run all meetings if the president is unable to, they

must be able to be a part of the Gala committee and attend Gala committee meetings, at this time the vice president handles the auction and the big display, they also handle finding glass for the club to sale at the Gala. The secretary is responsible for taking and reading notes of every meeting, they are also part of the Gala committee and takes notes for the Gala meetings, and at this time they also organized and runs the hospitality room at the Gala. Perhaps the most challenging and enjoyable part of the secretary's job is writing the newsletter which has been very challenging during the pandemic. So please if you are writing in a candidate for either position make sure they are willing to do the jobs that they will need to do. The following is a little bit of information about our candidates.



Connie Duncan for vice-president

I was nominated at the last meeting for the position of Vice President and have held this office for the last two years. I love antique shopping, auctions, and anything else to do with Fenton and have been collecting, buying and selling for several years. I have attended many of the National Conventions in Ohio and West Virginia. At one time I was a Fenton dealer. My collection contains plum opalescent, blue overlay, Charleton, early Fenton pieces and various other pieces. It has been a pleasure working on the board with Dan, Jackie and Janet and also the Gala committee. This is the first year that I oversaw the Big Display and with the help of Bernie Johnston I took over the Gala auction. I have also contacted other clubs and individuals who are producing glass made from Fenton moulds so that our club can have glass produced to sell to help support the Gala. We have been working on making some changes that we feel will make this a stronger club, one of those changes is working to make our Facebook page better and more informative. I would like to continue as your club's vice-president to continue to make our club better and stronger. Thank you for your vote.

Connie Duncan



Jackie Oglesby for secretary

I have been collecting Fenton for 40 years, while I love almost everything Fenton my favorite glass is the glass Fenton produced in the 1920's and 30's. I have served the club as secretary since 2004 and ran the hospitality room at the Gala every year that we have had the Gala except for the very first one. When I became secretary, the newsletter was one page long and our membership list was also one page long. Since then, the membership list has grown as has the newsletter with the help of our members. I hope to continue to improve the newsletter if

reelected and help to continue to improve the Gala with other committee members. Thank you for your vote.

Jackie Oglesby

If you wish to vote by email please send your votes to Dan Madura at dmadura26@gmail.com and Janet Wilke at kenwilke@cox.net. Your vote must be sent to both Dan and Janet to be counted and you must include your name and home address in the body of your email for your vote to be counted. To confirm that the email has come from a member the email must be sent from the email address that we have on record for our member.

Vice-President

Connie Duncan _____

Write in candidate _____

Secretary

Jackie Oglesby _____

Write in candidate _____

Name_____

Address_____

Signature_____

Please either cut this out or make a copy with all needed information and mail to Janet Wilke, Treasurer, FFOGKC PO Box 67071 Topeka KS 66667-0071



Finds From the Road

It's Always a Gift to Learn New Things

By Anne Blackmore

Toward the end of summer, Max and I were out for the day, doing a little antiquing. We stopped at a shop about an hour from our home. This is an interesting place, with differing levels of quality merchandise in the different rooms.

We generally find nice things here, and today was no different. We'd already sent several pieces of Fenton and Viking up to the counter with the very helpful floor staff. Then, Max stopped and asked me about a glass Santa figurine. I got really excited! Here was a tall, red satin glass Santa decanter. What a great surprise to see this piece here.

Most of you know Max and I are pretty active Fenton collectors. But, there is always something new to learn about Fenton!

When we helped lead the Glass ID seminar at the National Fenton Glass Society convention in Vienna, W. Va. this summer, a member brought in a wonderful decanter in the shape of a standing Santa Claus. He is a very experienced collector who likes to bring in very rare items to share with the group. Only a couple others in the room had previously seen this interesting decanter, but otherwise it was a learning opportunity for the rest of us. We learned it was produced by Fenton in both red and green satin for an unnamed liquor company in the 1970s.

Neither Max nor I had ever seen one before that evening in Vienna, but here in a shop in Indiana stood the very same mould shape! Of course, it was in a case, so we flagged down a floor person to help us. Once we could hold and feel it, it was quite apparent, it was the same as the Santa decanter we saw at Glass ID. It had a round base, with a Christmas message on it, then the Santa figure standing on the base. There is a chimney behind Santa, and the chimney serves as the opening of the decanter.

Glass ID is a great learning experience regardless of your collector level. There will always be a new piece of glass or new bit of information shared that will expand your own knowledge base. Where else could you have seen a Cased Lilac Apple Tree Vase?

Our Santa decanter was quickly sold to a collector as a gift for her husband. He collects advertising pieces made by Fenton, and like so many of us, loves the more unusual pieces. This Santa decanter truly belonged with him. We will most certainly be on the lookout for a green one!

Thank you all for the warm welcome you gave our Basset Hound, Hunter. He had a great time in Kansas City! As the holidays approach, we wish all of you, health, happiness, and Happy Hunting, dear friends!

Thank you, Anne. Glass id is one of the most important and enjoyable seminars that we have at the Gala. Every year we see something that we have never seen before or have seen only in books. It is a learning experience that always bring a smile to our faces as we learn something new. Now is the time for people to start looking at their glass to see what they want to bring to glass id or as they are out shopping. Funny story, we picked up 3 pieces of glass last year just to bring to glass id, as Anne and Max were talking about one of our pieces a member turned to us and asked, do you want to sell? Sure, a second piece was sold the next day and we only took home one of the pieces that we brought in for glass id.

Yes, it is that time of the year, your dues are due. If you have any question about if you owe for the year 2022, please contact Janet Wilke, kenwilke@cox.net or Jackie Oglesby, stogles@yahoo.com and they will give you the information. If you receive a paper copy of the newsletter your renewal date will appear next to your name on the address label, if for example your label shows Smith, J. 10/21. It is time to renew for 2022. If you believe that you have already paid but the label still shows 10/21, please contact the same people to get the information corrected. Anyone who is now receiving a paper copy of the newsletter who would rather have the email version please contact Jackie Oglesby and that will be taken care of. We thank you for helping us keep our costs down. Dues for an individual membership is \$5.00 and a family membership is \$7.50. Please send your check made out to FFOGKC to the following address. Thank you.

Send renewals to:

Janet Wilke Treasurer

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Our program for the November meeting will be a group program, Colors of the Holiday. Bring in glass that reminds you of the holidays, this can be the holiday of your choice, red and green is easy for Christmas, orange, black, and amber is good for the fall holidays like Halloween and Thanksgiving. What colors remind you of these holidays or other holidays? The news channels are full of information on how our holidays are going to be bad because of the supply chain issues. This is one thing a Fenton collectors need not worry about because we can always find a great piece of

Fenton to gift our love ones (or maybe ourselves if we have been good boys and girls) so get out there and start hunting your next great piece of Fenton and we will see you at the November meeting and don't forget to bring in your glass for show and tell. Connie Duncan will be bringing in treats so be sure to come and enjoy. Stay safe and be happy and keep collecting Fenton.

A last look at some of our show and tell glass for October.



A couple of huge Russian vases and a Burmese Ginger Jar that looks a lot like Chinese Yellow for show and tell



Melvin Lampton taking some time before the meeting started to check out show and tell glass

Jackie Oglesby



the meeting is not yet ready to start, everyone is checking out glass



the "Honeycomb Dish" made for David R. Babb, a bee keeper in Illinois who also designed this rare and hard to find piece of Fenton



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