

FENTON FINDERS OF GREATER KANSAS CITY



The meeting of the Fenton Finders of Greater Kansas City will be FEBRUARY 12TH, 2022 at the Sterling Full Gospel Church located at 3007 S. Sterling Ave., Independence, MO. The meeting will start at 7:00pm.

We wish to convey to John Williams and family how sorry we were to hear of his wife, Dorthy passing in November. John and Dorthy have been members for many years and have joined us for many Galas. We always enjoyed looking at and sometimes being able to take home some of their wonderful glass that they sold at the Gala and it was always a joy to visit with both Dorthy and John. Please keep John and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Norma Lampton has also been very much in our thoughts and prayers. We mentioned in the last newsletter that Norma had been in the hospital, but she did make it out and she and Melvin enjoyed the Christmas party in December but soon after that she had to return to the hospital. She is out now, and we hope that this time she will be able to stay away from the hospital and if possible, we will see her and Melvin at the February meeting. Do your best Norma, we need both you and Melvin to keep us on our toes at the meeting.

This newsletter will include the roster so please keep it posted on your computer to use when you wish to contact another member. If you receive a paper copy of the newsletter, please keep the part of the newsletter with the roster as a

reference. It does come in handy when there is a need to contact either another member or the president, vice-president, treasurer, or secretary of the club.

Pictured on page one are the three lucky winners of dirty bingo, Jason Herman on the left won, the broken piece of Fenton, a once very nice Amber Franklin Decanter, Dale Luke in the middle won a very nice Pulled Feather Ginger Jar made by John Fenton, and Judy Helmich on the right won a very nice Vaseline Opalescent Vase. We had lots of fun with almost thirty members attending, if we remember correctly one of our members joined us from Tennessee, she was visiting family in Kansas City and was able to join in the fun. John and Ann Fenton were also there, and John gifted everyone with a beautiful glass Christmas ornament that he had made. Thank you very much. We love ours. We are also looking forward to April 29th and 30th when John and Ann will be doing another Fenton Spring Bash in Republic Mo. Be sure to check out their website www.FentonGlassOnline.com for more information.

Now, a word from our Vice-president, Connie Duncan



Welcome to 2022, we are hoping it will be another exciting year for collecting Fenton.

I was not able to attend the Christmas party but heard it was a huge success. Did any of you find presents under the tree with that piece of Fenton you have been wanting?

I have been antique shopping at some of the local shops here in TX and was also able to attend an antique show in Harlingen. There I found Steve and Rita Ellwein. It was nice to visit Rita and Steve Ellwein's booth and see all the beautiful Fenton glass they had on display.

In looking through one booth I found a small Vaseline Stretch nut cup and/or open salt. It is part of a 7-piece set. Most sets are sold with six cups and a larger bowl. This nut cup is 2" tall and made in the early 1920's. Fenton mould number 923.

For updates about our club and the Gala be sure and check out our Facebook page and our website, fentonfinderskc.net. Until next time stay warm and happy hunting.

Connie
Thank you, Connie!



Finds From the Road

By Anne Blackmore

As you may remember from the December installment of Finds from the Road, Max and I were doing some antiquing close to home on a day near Thanksgiving, and we each found great things in the same booth at an indoor flea market. The first item was a Fenton #847 purple and white slag vase made in the 1980s, most likely in 1984, based on the evidence available.

But what was the other item we found? Do you like unusual Fenton? You're gonna like this piece! At first glance, it's a lovely Ruby four-inch hobnail vase. A nice, average, run-of-the-mill vase. But wait! There's more (and it's way cooler than Ginsu knives)! As Max's light caught it just right, he saw opaque spots in it - not so run-of-the-mill. As you might remember, we both said at the same time, "We need to get the key!"

After Max showed the lady with the key how to open the antique cases, he was able to pull out his red hobnail vase, and found it was indeed pock-marked with opaque blotches and weird swirls. There was not one thing average about this vase. As he continued to look it over for damage and more weirdness, he flipped it all the way over... and there was the gem. The engraved numeric code and date indicating it was a Fenton SAMPLE! Hubba-hubba! We had never found one of those out in the wild before!! Without even looking at the price tag, I whispered to Max, "We'll take it!" He smiled a huge smile.

So, if this is a sample, what was Fenton seeking to create? The numeric code was 349B1 and the date code was 6-19-68. While most of us will never know what that numeric code will mean, the date is pretty self-explanatory, June 19, 1968. What color was this leading up to? Our best guess is this is a prelude to Patriot Red, an opaque, heat-sensitive red color used in many of Fenton's United States 1976 Bicentennial Line pieces. These pieces included a large covered footed comport, an eagle-top bell, an eagle paperweight, and a plate. So, as early as 1968, Fenton

chemists were working on developing the opaque red that would become Patriot Red, a modern version of the 1930s Mandarin Red.

Happy St. Valentine's Day, dear friends, and may you find what you love and love what you find!

Thank you, Anne!

For those who were not able to attend the Christmas party and get the email newsletter here are a few pictures of our dinner.







Many thanks go to Dan Madura and Janet Wilke as well as many other unnamed who made this such a fun experience for all who attended. Hopefully we can all make it again next year.

So, we are beginning another year of collecting Fenton and avoiding the pandemic. Hopefully, we are all vaccinated and being safe and we are also out there finding glass. There is so much to do that it would be a shame to get sick and miss out. We have heard that there are some good auctions coming up and we don't want to miss them.

The Gala committee has lots of plans made already, the auction for the Gala is complete and Steve Ellwein and Connie Duncan are completing the listing so the pictures and list should be up on the website soon. Dan Madura will be working on updating our website, adding even more features, information on this should be included in the next newsletter.

Speaking of the Gala, is it too soon to be making plans for your small display table? No, we say, of course, we have already planned one table and then decided to do another one. We think it is fun playing with our glass to see what works. It is also a good way to learn more about your glass and to share that information with other members. How many of us started collecting something because we saw beautiful examples of the glass on a small table display and realized that we have seen something that we never knew we wanted but knew we had to have? So, start planning on your table, we have at least 18 tables to fill up with wonderful glass.

Our meeting in February will feature a program on Mandarin Red Glass provided by Jackie Oglesby and treats provided by Dan Madura. There will be lots of room for show and tell glass so be sure to bring in your new finds or Christmas

treasures. Please take the time to check the roster and confirm your information is correct. If it is not or if it needs to be updated, please notify Janet Wilke or myself, Jackie Oglesby and it will be corrected. Our contact information is in the roster.

If we don't see you at the meeting have a wonderful Valentine's Day and hopefully, we will see you soon.

Jackie Oglesby

Secretary