

FENTON FINDERS OF GREATER KANSAS CITY



The meeting of the Fenton Finders of Greater Kansas City will be AUGUST 13TH, 2022 at the Sterling Full Gospel Church located at 3007 S. Sterling Ave., Independence, MO. The meeting will start at 7:00 PM.

Please check the last few pages of the newsletter for the Gala information sheet and registration form. You must register for the Gala. Making a reservation at the hotel will not register you for the Gala. Thank you.

Tom Limback presented another wonderful program on Fenton's hobnails overlays in our July meeting. As he wrote in his article in July's newsletter these overlays have the outstanding colors that Fenton is famous for producing. While we have seen many individual pieces in the past in stores and in rooms with glass for sale in conventions, we have always overlooked them, we have never seen them together and they do make a wonderful display. We are rather sad that we overlooked these pieces in the past. Now is the time to start hunting these pieces

down. Per Tom the Honey Amber and the Wild Rose and Coral Overlay pieces bring the most money and can be more difficult to find.

We were very sorry to hear that FAGCA was forced to cancel their convention and can only hope that NFGS will not have the same problem. At this time there is no reason that we can see that we will have any problems at the Gala but would remind everyone to take care and get vaccinated and boosted. It is safe, fast and gives us all protection against the worse effects of this illness.

The August meeting will be the last meeting before the Gala, it should have a lot of last-minute information for everyone so please try to make the meeting. It should also be fun as well as a little bit educational as always.

And now a word from our President, Dan Madura and Vice-President, Connie Duncan.

45 Days, 18 Hours, 34 Minutes!!

A joint Gala update from Dan and Connie:

As of the writing of this article, 7/31, the countdown clock to the beginning of the Gala, starting on 9/15, on our website is ticking away!

If you were not able to make it to the National Conventions, please join us at the Gala. It is always wonderful to make new friends and visit with old friends. We always have lots of Fenton to look at and learn about and lots of fun.

We have been asked about the club glass sale's offering for this year's Gala and it is a big secret! The offerings will be unveiled in Room 221 on the first day of the Gala. We will give you one hint: They are really cute.

The hotel bookings have been extraordinarily strong for the Gala this year. Recently, some have tried to book a room at the Gala rate and were told by the hotel that our room block was sold out. This was true. We have had to increase our room block twice now. All is up and running again to book the Gala rate.

Please remember to register! We have been comparing hotel bookings to registrations and not everyone who has booked a room registered. It is very important to complete this, especially if you want to attend the luncheon and dinner. We need to get those numbers to the hotel a week before the Gala. We will not be able to accommodate last minute additions of luncheons and dinners.

Some key dates to remember:

- August 15th: The registration rate will increase by \$5, from \$35 to \$40.
- August 24th: The Gala rate of \$132/per night, will no longer be available. After that date, you can still book a room, but you will be at the going hotel rate at that time of booking.

The best way to get up to the minute information is by going to our website.

www.fentonfiderskc.net

There you can:

- Find a link to book your room
- Register online
- See auction pictures and information
- Get contact information if you want to sell glass out of your room
- Get contacts on how to volunteer
- Find daily events
- How to go about offering an individual table display in the big glass display room
- Find instructions and forms to mail in registrations and phone numbers for hotel reservations
- Many more details

Online registration has been VERY popular. Thanks to all who have tried it out. We have had many compliments on how easy it was to register. Registering online is very secure, probably more so than mailing in your registration.

Individual table displays are still available. These are the tables that line the walls in the big glass display room (Salon E). This is an opportunity to show attendees your special collections. These will be walked and discussed at our Friday morning seminar. Many interesting and educational discussions occur at the seminar.

We are so looking forward to seeing everyone at the Gala!

Dan Madura, President

Connie Duncan, Vice President

We have the menus for the luncheon and dinner banquet:

Luncheon

Mixed Green Salad

With Sliced Cucumbers, Cherry Tomatoes, Julienne Carrots and Croutons
Dressing choices: Ranch, Balsamic, and Raspberry Vinaigrette.

Bourbon Street Chicken Breast

Roasted Chicken Breast topped with Chopped Bacon, Cheddar Cheese, and Bourbon Cream Sauce, with Roasted Potatoes.

Caramel Dutch Apple Pie or Strawberry Shortcake

The strawberry shortcake received rave reviews last year. We are trying to bring it back. If it is not available, it will be the apple pie.

Bread service, water, and iced tea

Dinner

Spinach Salad

With Dried Cranberries, Candied Walnuts and Feta Cheese tossed with a Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing.

72 Hour Braised Beef Short Rib

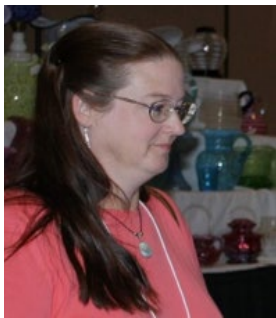
Braised Short Rib with Demi Glaze (brown sauce), Loaded Mashed Potatoes, and County Style Green Beans.

New York Cheesecake AND Ultimate Chocolate Cake with Mousse Filling

These two deserts will be alternately set. Feel free to switch or share. They both sounded yummy, so this is a way to do both!

Bread service, water, iced tea, and coffee.

Thank you, Connie, and Dan. Both the lunch and dinner sound wonderful. We hope that the hotel can provide the strawberry shortcake but as we recall the caramel Dutch apple pie is pretty good too.



Finds from the Road

By Anne Blackmore

In early June, Max and I were set up at the Old Morgantown Glass Show and Sale in Morgantown, W. Va. While this is a small show, it is definitely a high-quality show with top notch dealers who carry high-end and hard-to-find glass. We really like the Morgantown Show!

Friday during the set-up, things were progressing smoothly for us, so we each took breaks to walk around and see what the other dealers were offering. Max found some very interesting black plinths he will need to research, and he also found me a Tiffin blue opalescent satin Roses candlestick, which means I now have a very nice, matched pair!

After one of my walks, I came back to our space and had Max come back to a dealer's booth with me. This particular dealer near us had a Fenton #66 lemon tray. This lemon tray was made in several stretch glass colors and was also made in Jade. But here it was in *Black*. I quietly asked Max if he had ever seen it in

Black; he had not. Neither had I. I had the Jade version already, and we had a non-iridized Wisteria #66 lemon tray in our collection as well. I made another couple of quick phone calls to two good friends who favor old glass, and neither of them had ever seen or heard of the #66 in Black. So, we bought it for the very reasonable price the dealer offered us.

Upon arriving home and scouring our Fenton books from the early era, we did not find any evidence of a Black #66 lemon tray. Of course, we were quite excited! The first thought is always, "Well, Fenton must not have made this," or "Maybe it was a sample." But Fenton only took record of their inventory and production at the end of the calendar year. Theoretically, they could have made 100,000 of these little Black lemon trays in July of 1932, but if they were all sold by September 1932, and none was in their inventory in December 1932, no Black lemon trays would show up as ever being produced. While this seems a poor system to me, I was not there to give my input at the time.

In reality though, little pieces of cut lemon would not have looked very pretty on a Black tray, so my hunch is Fenton may have tried the tray in Black, their powers that be did not like it, and they did not make very many. While black was a very sharp and exotic color for art glass, every other glass company was busy making transparent green, pink, yellow, light blue, and even light amber kitchen glassware to brighten the moods of housewives in the Depression Era. And black just was not what housewives wanted in their kitchens.

Needless to say, we are delighted to add another curious and strange piece to our collection, especially since the dealer really had no idea of just how curious this little tray may be and gave us a wonderful price on it!

The Fenton Gala is getting so close now, and we are excited to see everyone very soon! In the meantime, happy hunting, dear friends!

Thank you, Anne, we are looking forward to seeing you and Max in September. Don't forget to bring some of your special glass for us to take home.

Glass for the 2022 Gala display



Here are three more pieces of Fenton that could be in the big display, in picture number one, a Roses on Custard Fairy light, a Log Cabin on Custard ginger jar, and a nice Hanging Heart on Custard barber bottle. The second picture is a one of a kind decorated large Burmese vase. Will these pieces be in the big display? Maybe, maybe not. Only Tom and Craig know, they could use more pieces of custard and Burmese to place in the display if you have some please contact them and let them know what you have and can bring to the Gala for the display. Tom's email address is telimback@aol.com and Craig's is craig.chryslerpowered@hotmail.com. Thank you. These guys are doing a lot of work for us and any help they can get will make their life so much easier and the display even better. Thank you.

Have you got your small display table ready yet? Hopefully we will have all 18 tables full, when you see the big display it just always takes your breath away to see so many beautiful and rare pieces of glass on display in one place. After spending time studying the big display, it will be time to look around the room and see all the small display tables at which point everyone pulls their cameras out to take pictures and ooh and awe over all the wonderful displays of so many kinds of Fenton glass, some new, some old, some in-between. Without fail these small display tables contain some really unique displays and we always find something new and interesting glass on these tables. Some of them you will remember even after years of studying small table displays at the Gala as well as at other conventions. One year there was one display of Fenton's Halloween glass that we just loved and have never seen again. One year there was a great display of Fenton's fawns. The wonderful display of candlesticks that Max and Anne Blackmore brought in last year will be remembered for many years as will the display of Appletree vases that were on a table next to the candlesticks. As many of you know we love the glass from the 1920's and 1930's and it is always with pleasure that we look back at the many wonderful displays of Fenton's older glass, but we are equally impressed with all the wonderful displays of newer glass such as the Halloween glass, a beautiful display of Fenton's Angels and Bride dolls as well as the wonderful displays of Michael Dickinson and Martha Reynolds glass and so many more. So much glass and so little time and not enough words to describe them. Please plan to set up a small table display and add to our memories. If you need an out for your display, please indicate that when you sign up for a table we only have a few tables with an outlet available.

Don't forget to plan on bringing something for our hospitality room if you are able. There will be two rooms as always for treat and refreshments, right next to the glass sales room. So, it will be easy to go in and find some nice glass to take home with you to remember the Gala and then go to the next room for some free refreshments and a place to get off your feet and rest and do a little gossiping. If you are planning on bringing a treat to share with us, please try to bring it in a disposable container. If unable to do so, please put your name on your container somewhere so that it will be easier to return it to you. Do not worry about utensils, we have a large supply of serving utensils.

Have you registered for the Gala yet? As Connie and Dan mentioned in their article the price of registration will go up on August 15th so get those registrations in! The best way to do it if you can, is to do it online. We tried it out and were very please with how easy and safe it was.

We still need help to set up the Gala in every department, the big glass display is a major job to set up and tear down and these people can use the help. As always, we need help in the hospitality room. Glass sales, and the auction set up, and people who can spot and walk the glass are always needed. We can tell you that while it is work it is also fun to get more involved with what is going on and there are a lot of wonderful people that you get a chance to know better when you get to work with them. To find out how to volunteer check out our website, www.fentonskc.net, your help will be welcomed.

The program for the August meeting will be truly different for us this year, it will be the first group program that we will have this year and it will feature a program on convention glass. This is something that we do all the time at the October meeting after the Gala and then only on glass that we find at the Gala but this program will be on glass that we have found at any convention that we have been lucky enough to attend. National or local. That does include the Gala as well as FAGCA and NFGS. We have already picked out three pieces of glass to bring to the meeting and only one of them was found at the Gala. Hopefully everyone will enjoy our story about finding and acquiring these treasures. It should be lots of fun and we will be able to see some great glass. Be sure to bring in some glass that convention glass and tell us your story. Don't forget to bring in some glass for show and tell as well, we know it has been hot, but we also know that a dedicated Fenton collector will hunt for Fenton be it cold or be it hot. Janet Wilke will be bringing in the treats. Her treats are always good. Until then stay cool and keep safe and keep hunting Fenton.

If you have not already registered for the Gala please use the attached form to do so, it can also be done online, that information can be found on our website fentonfinderskc.net. It is easy and safe. Please keep in mind that reserving a room at the hotel does not register you for the Gala and all the functions that we have. If you are unable to print out the registration form please contact me at stogles@yahoo.com or 816-304-8263 and I will send you a paper copy. Thank you. See you soon!

Jackie Oglesby

Secretary

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Be sure to tell them you are with "Fenton Glass" to get the Gala Rate, good through August 24, 2022

Go to fentonfinderskc.net to register online if you prefer.

Thursday Friday Saturday
Sept. 15th, 16th, & 17th, 2022

We have lots of fun! We provide great value for a little bit of money!
Free Barbecue & so much more in our Outstanding Hospitality Suites!

Thursday, September 15

Registration will be 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. You will pick up your registration packet at that time. Each person attending a Gala function will be charged a one-time registration fee of \$35.00 for "Early" registration and \$40.00 after August 15th. Children aged 12 and under are registered for free.

Authentic Kansas City Barbecue Party (Badge Required) in the Hospitality Suites 219/220 from 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm.

Glass ID (Badge Required) is at 7:00 p.m., Our glass ID experts Anne and Max Blackmore, with the help of some of our knowledgeable members will answer questions and solve mysteries on glass that you own but are unsure of. Be sure to bring your glass to be identified.

Preview Our Display, "Fenton Glass that Glows!" (Badge Required) is provided by the members of Fenton Finders of Greater Kansas City. This display will feature an array of Fenton Art Glass that will fluoresce under a black light. That includes topaz, some green, original Burmese, custard, Ivory crest, many other colors, and some that are very surprising!

Friday, September 16

The morning seminar (Badge Required) will be a review by Anne and Max Blackmore with the help of some of our knowledgeable members of the **Individual Display Tables**.

The luncheon (Badge Required) speaker is going to be **CC Hardman**. She will discuss and demonstrate painting on Fenton Art Glass. CC was a decorator & designer at Fenton Art Glass Company, Inc. for almost 7 years toward the end of their glass making. After less than two years there, she became a trainer. She took special art classes in high school and designed note cards for Hospice Foundation for a fund raiser. Currently, she works full time with Randy Clark Auctions and hand paints as time allows. In all, she has been painting on Fenton Art Glass for 22 years. She has even been a cake decorator. That is a greatly varied experience in artistry!

Friday evening is the **Seminar (Badge Required)** on the **"Fenton Glass that Glows!"** The Seminar will be followed by **Viewing of the Auction Glass**. An auction of good quality Fenton glass will be offered. An auction list and pictures are available on our website fentonfinderskc.net and on the website of **Jim Wroda** of **Matthew Wroda Auction Services**.

Saturday, September 17

Morning will be viewing of the Auction Glass from 8:00 am to 9:00 am with the Auction at 9:00 am.

No Badge Required. The Public is welcome to attend the Auction.

After the auction, all glass displays will be taken down.

Saturday evening at 6:00 pm is the Banquet (Badge Required).

Door Prize Drawings will be held for many pieces of high quality Fenton Art Glass. (Winning will be limited to one per household.) After the Banquet is the **Whimsey Auction**.

Glass for Sale in your Room

You are encouraged to sell Fenton Glass from your room. We plan lots of time for "shopping the rooms." The hotel has tables available for \$25.00 (plus tax) each for length of stay. Please bring your own table covers and/or skirting unless you would prefer the hotel to furnish white tablecloths. The tables are 30 inches wide by 72 inches long. Let **Dan Madura** know what tables you will need so he can coordinate with the hotel.

Individuals Displays

You are encouraged to set up a display table. Full table displays are requested with identification requested as education is one of the keys to enjoying our glass passion. Choose your own theme. Please indicate on your registration form if we should reserve a display table for you as our available space permits only a limited number of display tables. Tables are 30 inches wide by 72 inches long. You may bring your own table covers and skirting or the hotel will provide them. Set up will be Friday at 7:00 am to 9:00 am in main Display room. For security purposes, plan to turn in a list of your display glass before your display is set up.

We will have **Silent Auctions** for a few items and our **Sixth Annual Raffle**.

We will also have **Pop Up Auctions** at various times throughout the Gala.

For an opportunity to purchase, you need to be at the Gala and registered!

Check Our Website for Announcements & Pictures. fentonfinderskc.net

!!! Important Hotel Information !!!

If you need to cancel your hotel room reservation, please call our Gala Committee member who coordinates with the Hotel, **Dan Madura**, so that we won't lose a **Gala Rate blocked room**. He can be reached at (816) 560-3738 or dmadura.ffogkc@gmail.com. Rooms on the Second Floor (to sell glass) are **First Come, First Serve**. You still call the hotel for your room reservation first. The Hotel has blocked rooms for us on the 2nd Floor and the 3rd Floor. We cannot guarantee the room of your choice! **Please note: This is a non-smoking hotel.**

Embassy Suites – This is such a great hotel for the Gala! There is a free shuttle to and from the airport. At the airport, just pick up the Embassy Suites phone (in the Baggage Pickup area) to call the shuttle. All rooms are two room suites with a king size bed or two double beds and the sofa folds out for another bed. There is a Hot Breakfast from 6:30am to 9:30am every weekday, 6:30am to 10:30am on weekends. And to top it off, a free "Manager's Reception" Cocktail Party every evening from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

For Additional Questions? Dan Madura (816) 560-3738
or email dmadura.ffogkc@gmail.com

Gala 2022

Fenton Finders of Greater Kansas City Registration Form

Or go to fentonfinderskc.com to register online, if you prefer.

Name _____
(The way you want your name tag to be.)

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone # (____) _____

Email Address _____

"Early" Registration Fee (until August 14, 2022) # _____ @ \$35.00 \$ _____

or Registration Fee (August 15, 2022 & after) # _____ @ \$40.00 \$ _____

Friday, Sept. 16, 2022, Luncheon 12:00 pm # _____ @ \$26.00 \$ _____

Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022, Banquet 6:00 pm # _____ @ \$36.00 \$ _____

Dues: Single \$5.00 or Family (at 1 address) \$7.50 \$ _____

Donation to Hospitality Room (optional)..... \$ _____

Total Enclosed\$ _____

Will you be bringing a display? Yes _____ No _____

Will you be bringing glass for sale? Yes _____ No _____

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