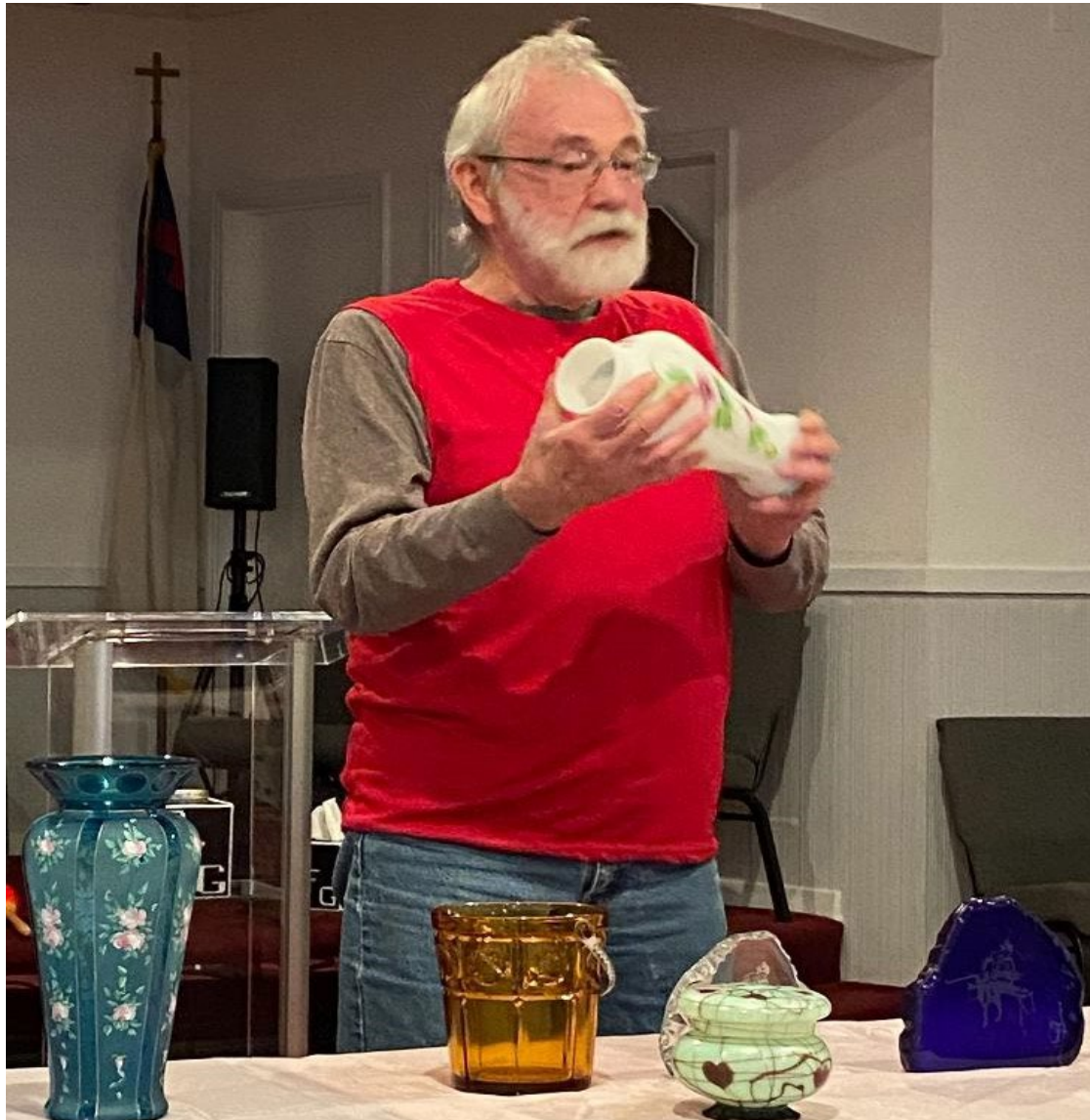


FENTON FINDERS OF GREATER KANSAS CITY



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

The above picture features Tom Limback holding the gorgeous vase painted by CC Hardman at the Gala this year. Tom won the vase at the whimsy auction and brought it to the October meeting to show everyone and let everyone know how firing the vase in his oven worked for him. In front of him are some of the beautiful pieces other members got at the Gala and brought into the meeting to show off.

Hello everyone!

Christmas Party already? What?

Here we are planning our annual Christmas party. I have quite a few things to share with you in this newsletter:

Our annual FFOGKC Christmas get together and dinner.

This will be held on December 10th at 1 pm at Sterling Full Gospel Church, 3007 S Sterling Ave, Independence, MO 64052. We always have a wonderful time. The highlight is dirty bingo where you can win some really nice Fenton pieces... and also, the infamous boobey prize. There are also many door prizes given out during the event. No one goes home empty handed! It's a lot of fun and we would like to see a great turn out this year. We had a wonderful time last year. Our new caterer, Sugar and Spice Catering out of Parkville, MO really put out some great food. Here is the menu again this year:

- Roasted turkey and ham
- Mashed potatoes, stuffing and gravy
- Southern style green beans (the good stuff with bacon!)
- Salad with your choice of Italian or homemade ranch dressing
- Cranberry sauce, rolls and butter
- Ice tea and water, coffee

Everyone attending is encouraged to bring your favorite holiday dessert to share. I will be bringing homemade Christmas cookies as usual. This is all served buffet style attended by the Sugar and Spice staff. We don't have to do a thing except eat and have fun!

Because this is catered, we need to know the head count so they can prepare the feast. I will need an RSVP for all that plan to attend. There is no charge for FFOGKC members. If anyone would like to bring a guest, they are very welcomed. One hitch, there will be a \$25 charge for non-members.

RSVP's must be sent to me either by email or phone by DECEMBER 1st!

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I need to know how many members and how many non-members. For non-members, you can pay by cash, check or credit card at the event, but we still need an RSVP.



It was so great to see such a great turn out from some of our out-of-town members last year that we don't get to see that often. It would be nice to repeat that this year.

Nominations for President and Treasurer

At our last meeting, we voted to extend the nomination period another month. This was partly due to me not seeking another term due to personal commitments and workload. No one was stepping up to the presidency nomination. Janet Wilke graciously decided to run for another term as treasurer. We decided to give it more time to seek someone to run for president. Many conversations have been had since then with board members. It was decided that the president's responsibilities are too great and needed to be redistributed among new volunteers, Gala committee and board members. Because of these conversations, I have reconsidered and have decided to run for another term.

Restructuring and redistribution of responsibilities for the board of directors

As stated above, there is a need to rethink board positions and responsibilities. One of this club's biggest events is our yearly Gala. This takes a lot of advance planning and many dedicated volunteers to run it. We had a great core of Gala committee members and volunteers to handle the workload in the past. Many members have retired from this event and the workload has been distributed to fewer members and volunteers. This has put a great strain on the event and their personal lives.

During 2023, we are going to explore rewriting the bylaws to allow for a Gala committee coordinator, which would be a board level position. We would redistribute some of the duties away from the president and some of the other board members to this new board position. They would be the chair of the Gala Committee, which is currently the president. We are going to be methodical about this and offer many opportunities for input. This would go for a vote of the membership, possibly at a special club membership meeting at the 2023 Gala. Exact timelines will be forthcoming, but we want to get the new bylaws in place by October 1st, 2023, so nominations could fill this position by January 1st, 2024.

Meeting and Newsletter Frequency

There will be two motions brought to the meeting in November:

- Shall the meeting frequency be changed to the following:
 - February

- April
- June
- August
- October
- December (Christmas Party)
- Discussion points: Many of our members are not able to travel as well as in the past. Some drive in from great distances. More planning time to make educational presentations more impactful. Others points for or against.
- Shall the newsletter frequency be changed to the following to mirror the meeting frequency:
 - February
 - April
 - June
 - August
 - October
 - December
- Discussion points: This would decrease the rapidly rising costs of sending out the newsletter. It would be less of a strain on the secretary and contributors. This could allow more time for additional content. Others points for or against.

The 2024 Gala contract has been written!

Can you believe we are already thinking about 2024? 2023 hasn't even happened yet! We even heard that the hotel is due for a remodel in 2024! It probably won't happen until after the Gala in October. Something to look forward to!

Well, that's quite a bit from me this month. I need a nap after writing this one. Exciting things are happening. I wish a happy and healthy year for you, your family, and all the glass clubs out there.

Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas!

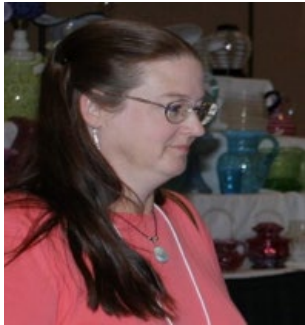
Dan Madura

President

Thank you, Dan, and thank you for running for president again. We believe that most if not all of our members agree that you have brought about many positive changes for the club, and we would have hated to see you leave your position after such a short run.

It was decided at our October meeting to hold nominations in November. So, our vote for President and Treasurer will take place in our December meeting which will be the Christmas Party. We still have a lot to decide in our November meeting,

will someone else want to step up and run for President? Dan has done a wonderful job so we are glad that he decided to run again, but that doesn't mean that someone else cannot run against him. We will also discuss and vote on our meeting times. Will it be better to have meetings just on the even months and if we do will we change the number of newsletters as well? That would indeed make it easier to get the newsletter together and reduce the cost of sending out the paper copies. It is a lot to talk about and decide. As Dan mention there are pros and cons to making this change. Please come to the meeting in November to help us make these decisions.



Finds from the Road

It's Not Easy Bein' Green

By Anne Blackmore

A few weeks ago, Max and I were out junkin' in southern Indiana and on into northern Kentucky. We only get this way a couple of times during the year, so this was going to be a busy day!

We hit a couple of places in Indiana on our way south and did well. Lots of Fenton, Viking, and Cooperative Flint. We hit a big outdoor sale for the benefit of a local humane society and found a beautiful Viking bullseye glimmer for a mere pennies and a marvelous piece of 1950s pastel hobnail Fenton.

Just south of Louisville, there is a great, pretty large indoor flea market. These are some nifty places. Vendors may sell just about anything from antiques to car parts. We have found useful things for our home, clothing, and of course, some absolutely amazing glass!

As we traversed the aisles at this vendor market, we were glad we had grabbed a cart! I found some old McKee custard square range shakers, we found some Fenton critters and a couple of denim shirts for Max, and then Max took a couple giant steps directly in front of me, cutting me off hard. He made a fast "snatch and grab" maneuver and came back to me at the cart, grinning from ear to ear! There in his hand was Fenton's 1950s emerald green diamond-shaped base for their ivy balls. Oh. My.

After I stopped gushing and cooing, I went into the booth he just came from and really started looking around. Finally, down really low, behind an Anchor Hocking Early American Pres-cut candlestick, there it sat - a Fenton ivy ball, plain Emerald Green with no decoration. And it fit into the diamond-shaped base just as it should. Here was a seller who had a truly hard-to-find glass set, and no idea of what the pieces were, how to assemble them, or their value.

According to *Fenton Art Glass Patterns 1939 -1980*, by Margaret and Kenn Whitmyer, in 1953, Fenton introduced their Green Opalescent and Cranberry Opalescent rib optic ivy balls. The cranberry was sold with a milk glass diamond-shaped base, while the Green Opalescent was sold with either a milk glass or emerald green diamond-shaped base. There is no mention of a plain emerald green ivy ball anywhere throughout the volume.

But, as I talked about this interesting set with Jackie Oglesby, she suggested we check *Fenton Glass Made for Other Companies 1907-1980* by Carrie and Gerald Domitz. She was absolutely correct! Listed under "The Rainbow Art Company" there are two photographs of the Emerald Green #705 ivy ball and matching base. The Rainbow Art Company was located in Huntington, W.Va. and purchased glass from Fenton in the 1950s. They were mostly recognized as a decorating firm, but also sold some of the glass they purchased undecorated. They not only purchased the ivy ball and base, but the Leaf Tiers bowl and cake stand in several colors, the Apple Tree vase in several colors, and green snowcrest pieces without the optic pattern. Yellow Overlay was another favorite color of The Rainbow Art Company. Thank you very much for your tip, Jackie!

Needless to say, with Max's deep green diamond-shaped tray, and my deep green ivy ball, we had created a beautiful set! And we were very excited because not only had we worked together to accomplish such a lovely pairing, but it was unbelievably inexpensive. I've already shared the seller did not have any idea of what he had, but his pricing for both pieces combined was less than the cost of one McDonald's large sandwich. We laughed all the way to the check-out counter.

When you find one part of a multiple-part piece, always be sure to check the surrounding area for the remaining piece. Remember, you have at least a fifty-fifty chance of finding the other part if you look, but a zero-percent chance of finding it if you don't take time to search for it.

As Thanksgiving approaches, we wish you all happiness and blessings! Happy hunting, dear friends!

Thank you, Anne. Ivy bowls with their diamond shape bases are a favorite of mine. And they are getting harder and harder to find. I have never been lucky or persistent enough to find just the base, but they are something that I look for every time that I hunt Fenton. It is easy to find the ivy ball all by itself, but I have never found the base without the ball. I feel the challenge and will try to use my skills as a Fenton hunter to find at least one.

Our November meeting will have a lot going on, there will be nominations, discussions, and votes on how many meetings to have every year, how many newsletters to send out as well as discussions on other changes that could be coming to our club. That means if you have an opinion on any of these things you need to try to be at our November meeting so that you can express your opinion and place your vote. It is your club and how we run it is up to you.

We will have a group program on red and green glass this month which should mean we will have a full table of beautiful Fenton Glass to enjoy. There are so many different colors of green and red that Fenton has produced over the years. Let's see how many we can come up with and not use a book as a reference, let's see, there is Spruce Green, Jade Green, Kitchen Green, Heritage Green Overlay, Mongolian Green, Emerald Green, Pastel Green, Transparent Green, Florentine Green, Green Stretch, Chameleon Green, Green Opalescent, Green Carnival, Apple Green, Emerald Crest, Lime Green Opalescent, Emerald Snowcrest, and Ivy Overlay. There are of course more but my brain is fried, just how many different Greens will show up at our meeting? Red glass is perhaps more limited in the different names that Fenton used but here is a short list, we are sure that you can come up with more, there is of course, Ruby, Ruby Stretch, Red Carnival, Mandarin Red, Karnak Red, Red Lacquer, Ruby Opalescent, Ruby Satin, Wildrose Overlay and Wildrose Overlay Satin, Flame Crest, Patriot Red, Red Sunset Carnival, Plated Amberina should be included in this collection as it does show very Red, and also Cranberry and Cranberry Opalescent, Cranberry tends to be more pink than red but there are many examples of Cranberry that have a lot of Red in them so we are including them in this program, how many did we miss? A lot, so please be sure to bring some examples of red and green glass so that we can enjoy as many kinds of Fenton Red and Green glass as possible. Don't forget to bring glass for show and tell. Amanda Herman will be bringing treats so please join us for this important meeting, we have much to decide and a lot of glass to enjoy. Thanksgiving will be after the meeting, so we want to take a minute to wish everyone a joyful and safe holiday with friends and family. Until then stay safe and keep hunting Fenton.

Jackie Oglesby

Secretary