

FENTON FINDERS OF GREATER KANSAS CITY



The meeting of the Fenton Finders of Greater Kansas City will be on Saturday, December 9th, 2006 at the Hometown Buffet at 4601 E. Bannister Rd. at 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Please come to the Hometown Buffet and help us celebrate another great year of collecting Fenton. This is a club function and so the club will pick up the tab. You will be able to have a great meal at the same time be able to visit with everyone and have a lot of fun. This is a once in a year opportunity to just relax with everyone and visit.

For those of you who reside on the Kansas side Bannister Rd. is 95th St. If you take I-435 to Bannister Road head west on Bannister Road. On the south side of the road you will see a large Home Depot. Home Town Buffet is located in the same parking lot. If you go past the entrance to Hwy. 71 you have gone too far. Be prepared to eat lots and have lots of fun. See you there.

We had a great program in November on Westmoreland Glass. Harold and Doris Mayes very kindly brought in some of their great glass and gave us a wonderful overview of Westmoreland. I will report on this program more in the next newsletter.

The picture above features Fenton's Nativity set. This was the first set they produced from 1997 to 2000. You had the option of buying the numbered limited edition sets or to wait and get one that was not numbered at a later time. Since then they improved on their techniques but this remains my favorite version of their Nativity. It was produced for a short period and came out in four different sets each year that included the Holy family, the wise men, the Gloria Angel with a donkey and camel, and the last was the Shepherds and lamb. One set was produced each year. If you wanted to you could also invest, if I remember correctly, another \$20.00 for a brass star to set over the scene. They improved on the mold and the painting in later editions. It is no longer in the line. But it is a great reminder of the reason we celebrate Christmas every year.

Because this is the last newsletter of the year it will be short but I will try to give you some information that you need. First a reminder about the Christmas party at the Hometown Buffet on Dec. 9th, at 3.:00 PM. Second because we don't want anyone to have to travel in bad weather we will not have a meeting in Jan. and there will be no newsletter. However check out the mail box around Feb. 3rd or 5th and there should be a newsletter. Hopefully we all will be bringing in new and old Fenton Art Glass for Show and Tell that we were able to collect or were gifted with

on Christmas. Bernie Johnston, our Vice-President, is looking for people who would like to do a program in Feb. and March. Please contact him if you would like to volunteer. It is a fun project and a great chance to not only educate other members but educate yourself more about your own collection.

For those of you who like to keep informed on club news we have a new President and Treasurer. Well at least we have a newly reelected President and Treasurer. Richard Speaight and Janet Wilke were reelected to their positions and we all thank them for their willingness to do all the work that these positions demand.

It was great at the meeting to see so many people renewing their memberships early. It makes Janet and mine job so much easier when that happens. For your information at this time the dues are still \$5.00 for individual membership and \$7.50 for family. If you are unable to make it to the Christmas Party Dec. 9th please send your check to Janet Wilke, PO Box 67071, Topeka, Ks 66667. For the new members who joined at the Gala or right after, your dues will not need to be renewed until 2008 but for the rest of us they are due by Feb.2007. I try to put the date you need to renew on the address label of your newsletter. Janet Wilke and I will get together and update those numbers before the Feb. newsletter so don't worry if it doesn't show up on this one.

Richard let us know that Dave Fetty will be our featured guest at the 2007 Gala. He will be bringing his special guest - Ada Kay Fetty who will keep him inline and make sure that he is on time for the seminars. The theme for the big display has not been decided as yet but I will let you know as soon as we have a decision made.

To continue the ABC's of Glassmaking we will be starting with the G's

GOIN' TO THE HOUSE - going home for the day
GET A BOSS - gotta go

H

HANDLER - skilled worker who puts on handles
HEAD OF SHOP - presser on press shops or blower on blow shop
HEAD SHOP WARE - large ware, receives a larger pay scale
HOG HEAD - over zealous worker
HOG EYE - large blister

I

INCENTIVE - extra money after move is made
IRON BLOCK - used by blower to shape glass
IRON ON WARE - residue from mould
IRON MOULD - most moulds are made from iron J
JOINT MARK - usually down two sides (seam)

K

KETTLE - holds excess glass
KNOCK-OFF - finish turn early

L

LAP MARK - continuous surface indentation on the outside surface usually a straight, horizontal line in the bottom 2/3 of the piece (mould)
LIVER EDGE - brownish coloration on edge
LEHR MARK - lehr chain marks on the bottom of ware

LAY -OVER MARK - a layover looks similar to a lap but is caused by the presser cutting the glass and laying the glass over a shear mark to hide it. It will always be found on the outside of pressed ware

Hopefully the weather will be good and we will be able to have a great Christmas Party. Until then here's hoping that everyone will have a joyful and safe holiday season. May all your dreams and hopes come true.

Jackie Oglesby, Secretary

