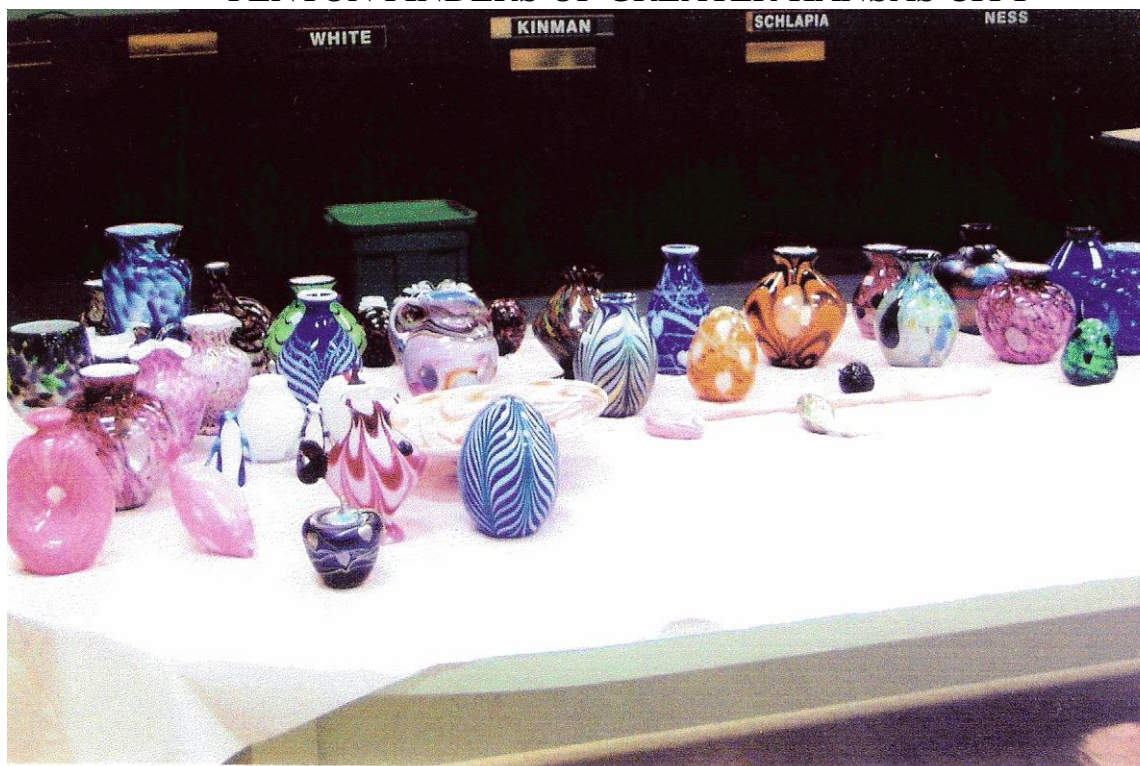


FENTON FINDERS OF GREATER KANSAS CITY



The meeting of the Fenton Finders of Greater Kansas City will be Saturday Mar. 11, 2006 at the Raytown City Hall, 10000 E. 59th Raytown, Missouri. The meeting will start at 7:00 P.M.

We send our sympathy to Sara Speaight on the loss of her sister. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

What a nice program on Fetty in February. There are so many examples of his wonderful free hand glass. We had window vases, eggs, fishes, penguins, hanging hearts and pulled feather vases, doughnut vases, a strawberry, a apple, a cane, a pitcher, a chalice, a elephant on a ball, and a glass pipe as well as a wonderful example of a Dave Fetty progressive. So many to enjoy and not one from the line and not one duplicated. I know that I was not the only one surprised that no one brought one of the connoisseur pieces that Dave is known for. There were no duplicate pieces. It seems that Dave's creatively knows no bounds. It just confirms that Dave Fetty is able to make plenty of beautiful glass without the help of a production line to entice the collector.

Our show and tell was very nice as well with some nice examples of glass from the 1920's and 30's, a pair of Celeste Blue Cut back Candlesticks, a Jade Green serving tray, a Black Georgian water set, a Persian Pearl oval bowl, Mandarin Red Peacock Vase, a Mongolian Green 3 in 1 crimp bowl, a necklace (the dolphin handle) made from a broken Jade Green compote, a example of a "French Opalescent Dot and Mitre" vase made for L. G. Wright, and of more recent vintage one of the new elephant shape boxes that Fenton came out with in 2005 and a Burmese Candlelight that Bill Chadd had painted. Bernie Johnston brought in a stain glass window that he had made to show us as well. A very nice show and tell.

The program for our March meeting will be Mary Gregory presented by Sandy Wheeler. Mary Gregory glass is an old style of glass decoration that was first introduced in Europe as a cheap version of cameo glass or as the poor man's cameo glass. There are some very beautiful examples of this glass around that features, as Fenton does, children playing, as well as graceful ladies and gentlemen and fairies and flowers. It is made by applying a heavy coat of enamel paint to the surface of the glass until you get a 3D effect. Fenton started producing Mary Gregory in 1991 with a egg (5140 E7) that was a part of the first offering of Collectible Eggs. Does anyone have one of these eggs? It would be a nice to see this one.

Fenton continued the production of glass in 1992 with four Mary Gregory bells. In 1993 the Sentiments Collection catalog included a limited edition ruby bell (7463 RQ) designed by Martha Reynolds. This proved to be so popular with collectors that Fenton increased the number of pieces of Mary Gregory as well as the time of production the following year. All were made of press ruby glass. The pieces made for 1996-99 years were limited numbered editions and made of blown cranberry glass. More recently Fenton has been making Mary Gregory on cobalt blue glass as well as other popular colors. Because of customer demand, Fenton continues to produce this historic form of glass to collectors' delight.

The Gala committee has informed us that this year special guests will be Shelley Fenton Ash and Ron and Pam Dick. Shelley will be telling us a lot about her relationship with QVC and how she help developed the wonderful partnership that Fenton has with QVC. We are looking forward to this insider take on Fenton and QVC as well as having Shelley Fenton Ash with us for the first time. I've put in some information about Shelley here for anyone who is not familiar with the Fenton family. This is from Fenton's on line newsletter.

Shelley is a member of Fenton's third generation management team and the youngest daughter of the late Bill Fenton. She joined Fenton's Sales Department in January of 1982 after graduating from West Virginia University with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing. Much of Shelley's time is spent developing the Fenton catalogs, which includes graphic design as well as composing shots with our photographer. She also serves on a committee that oversees the development of new products. Shelley and her husband, Danny, who owns an indoor air quality company, have three children -- Amanda, Alex, and Ellie. Time with her family is most precious to Shelley, but she also enjoys being involved with the work she loves.

More Info-

QVC product coordinator

Has worked on development of QVC product with her Dad, since the beginning in 1988

In the beginning, QVC buyer, Whitney Smith contacted Shelley about QVC and Fenton. They had previously met through the Franklin Mint.

Ron and Pam Dick will also be joining us again. Pam Dick is a well known designer for Fenton and will have information for us about Fenton's designers to help with our big display on Fenton's designer glass. She has been with Fenton for many years and has help Fenton out with collector clubs as well as designing some wonderful glass. Ron Dick is a third generation Fenton presser. He will be sharing a lot of his knowledge (or at least the little bit that we are able to take in).

Steve Duncan is getting ready to get the auction list together so everyone who wants to place their glass in the Gala Auction needs to get their list ready. He will need the list no later than May 13th. Remember that last year Steve had to turn some people away because they turned in their list too late. This can be a fun way to thin your collection down and get some money when you do - with the minimum amount of work.

Bernie Johnston told the club about the special souvenir piece that the club will be making for the Gala - it seems to get harder every year to find a good piece of glass to present to our members and still keep the prices down so that everyone can afford to collect the piece as well as love it. This year we will be having a very good looking Alley Cat made in blue with a white rose painted on it - of course if you are a purist there will be one available without painting. The price has yet to be determined. Hopefully I will be able to provide that information to you in the next newsletter. This year we will have to add shipping to the price of our glass. The price of shipping has gone up so much that we will have to include that to the price if you need it shipped. Of course if you pick up the glass at the Gala there will be no added charge. And of course, you are able to make your reservations for the Gala now by calling the Embassy Suites at 816-891-7788. Ask for the Gala rate and remember the dates are Sept. 21, 22, and 23.

There will be more information about the Gala and what will be going on there this year in future newsletters. There are a lot of plans being made to make it the best Gala that we have had so far. So you need to set some time aside to come and check us out if you have not come before or rejoin us so that we can have even more fun. For now there is more information about the bus trip that needs to be passed on to you.

The time is getting close for us to leave for West Virginia. You need to make your hotel reservations if you have not done so. The number for the Best Western in Lexington Kentucky is 859-293-2202; check in date is 04/19/06. The Hampton Inn in Marietta phone number is 740-373-5353, check in date is 4/20/06 - check out is 4/22/06, and last but not least the Wingate Inn, 317-279-2500, check in date is 4/22/06. Please make your reservation now as soon the rates will be going up. We also have openings on the bus as some of our members have had to change their plans and are not able to make the trip with us so if you want to go and have not

signed up because the bus was full; you now have the chance to go with us. If you know someone who is not a member who wishes to go with us please let them know that there are openings on the bus and the fee for their seat will be a bargain price of only \$100.00. They will need to contact Bernie Johnston, Sandy Wheeler, or Connie Duncan. Their numbers are below.

Bernie will have the bus list at our meeting Saturday night so that you can confirm that you are on the list. Please make sure that you check on that. If you are unable to come to the meeting Saturday call Bernie at 913-294-5728, Sandy at 913-592-2292, or Connie at 913-585-3729 to confirm that your name is on the list. If you know someone who is going on the trip with us but is not a member please contact them and let them know that they need to confirm that they are on the list for the bus trip. I will include the addresses for pick up for the trip in the next newsletter and try to get the location in the parking lots were we need to meet as well. Remember when you start packing to leave some room in the luggage for that special piece of glass that you will find on the trip. We can't always depend on Richard to pack the bus for us.

Sandy Wheeler has informed me that the menu for our meal at DaVinci's in Parkersburg West Virginia has been set. We will have the choice of 3 items, The Mona Lisa(spaghetti) with a salad and garlic bread, a Roast Beef Sandwich with a cup of French Onion Soup, and a Small Grilled Chicken Salad with Garlic Bread. Please contact Sandy with your choice for the meal as she needs to let DaVinci's know - her telephone # is listed in the above paragraph. The price of our meal will be \$11.00 per person and that includes drink, tax and gratuity. That money will be collected on the bus. As a experience DaVinci's patron I can assure everyone who has not eaten here that it is well worth the trip. I have no doubt that everyone will want to eat more than one meal there - sorry that is all we have time for.

Again it is time for us to renew memberships. Most everyone has already, so that is good. Please check your address label and make sure that I have updated your information. The date on the newsletter should read 2/07 if you have renewed - or 2/08 if you have renewed for 2 years. If this is not correct please contact Janet Wilke at 785-272-4771 and she will call me and yell for messing things up again. She keeps trying to make me live up to her and I keep trying but falling short. Oh well, one can only try. If you still need to renew please send a check to Janet Wilke made out to FFGKC for \$5.00 for a single membership and \$7.50 for a family member-ship. Send your check to FFGKC at PO Box 67071, Topeka, Ks 66667. Thanks. Of course if you wish to wait there will be a new rooster coming out in May. Your last newsletter will be in April if you have not renewed you membership at that time.

Stanley Wood has moved so you will need to update your rooster. His new address is: Address left out intentionally.

Bob Grissom has told us about the upcoming Carnival Glass Convention at the Embassy Suites that will take place on the last weekend of April,. This is a wonderful event and not to be missed. They always have a wonderful display of

old glass as well as glass for sale from rooms. Be sure to give it a look if you get the chance. There will be seminars and special speakers as well as a wonderful auction. Remember carnival glass - old carnival glass is rare and hard to come by. You will see glass that you will not be able to find in the local antique mall or on ebay.

Ann Fenton also has a big event coming up. Her new store will have a grand opening with Mike Fenton for a family signing event. Mike will be there on April 22, 2006 at 11 AM to 2PM. If you are unable to come on the bus trip with us you need to go to her grand opening at A Fenton Art Glass Superstore. The address is 1-44 & N Hwy Exit 67. If you need directions or more information call 1-888-818-6861 or visit her on the web at www.FentonsCollectibles.com Her new store will be a superstore for Fenton Glass so you won't want to miss this grand opening if you can help it. Why, oh why does everything happen at once? I really wanted to go to this opening but will be on the bus on the way home from West Virginia. Will someone please let me know how well everything went and take some pictures that can be shared with the rest of the club that didn't get to go.

Well, I'll let you go for now. Remember to bring your glass for show and tell and come see some beautiful Mary Gregory glass. You will need to check with Bernie, Sandy, or Connie to make sure that your name is on the bus list. Come and have some fun and learn a little bit at the Raytown City Hall on March 11th.

Jackie Oglesby
Secretary

