

FENTON FINDERS OF GREATER KANSAS CITY



"The meeting of the Fenton .Finders of Greater Kansas City will be Saturday February 9th 2008 at the Raytown City Hall, 10000 E. 59th Raytown, Missouri. The meeting will start at 7:00 PM

Sorry to let our members know that Janet Wilke's brother and her aunt by marriage passed away recently. It has been a rough couple of months for Janet and her family. We are all sorry for your losses. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Welcome to a new year of collecting Fenton. There was good news for Fenton collectors everywhere when George Fenton announced that Fenton will remain open, at least for now. We all know that this is a hard time for our favorite glassmakers and we all hope that they will be able to continue to produce glass for us to collect. We know that it will be hard in this economy but with luck and hard work Fenton will be able to recover and continue their traditions of glassmaking.

We would like to celebrate with Dave and Linda Rash now, their granddaughter was first runner up in the Miss America Pageant in Las Vegas recently. Did you all catch her on TV? Wow.

There is some club business that must be taken care of before anything else. It's time to renew your membership. For our new members all you need to do is check the address label. If the date next to your name is 2/08 you need to renew your membership. Anyone who joined at the Gala and after is good until 2/09. If there is a mistake let me know at stogles@yahoo.com or let Janet Wilke know at kenwilke@networksplus.net and she will let me know so that it can be corrected. Dues are still \$5.00 for individual membership and \$7.50 for a family. A bargain for sure. If your membership is not renewed by April 1st, the April newsletter will be the last you get.

Bernie wants everyone to know that he has the books that were ordered for us and will bring them to the meeting in February so if you ordered one please come to the meeting so that you can pick your book up. The total amount due for the book is \$23.00. This is the total including shipping and handling, quite a bargain. If you are unable to attend please contact Bernie so that you can let him know when and how you will get your book. He has, at the time I last talked to him, one extra book so if you want one there is a chance that you will be able to get it at the meeting.

For everyone who made it to the Christmas party this year there was lots of fun and lots of good food. It was not a very big group as only about 19 of us made it there in the snow. But we had a lot of fun. Dirty bingo was again lots of fun with many people hoping to get the good pieces of glass but, as always, one person got the broken piece - which they kindly donated back to the club to be used again next year. Hopefully next year the weather will be better and we will be able to have our usual crowd of around 40 or more people at the dinner.

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday and everyone got their wish granted for Christmas. The weather has been unkind to us this year preventing many people from enjoying the club's big party, but spring can not be far away. We can look forward to another year of collecting Fenton and enjoying our other interests. We can hope that the weather will cooperate with us and allow everyone to get out of the house and leave off the heat or air conditioning as the case may be.

Bernie Johnston is planning to do the program for February on two collections; Colonial Scroll on Royal Purple and Woodland Bouquet on Amberina. This should be a very informative as well as interesting program. These two limited collections were produced not too long ago but since there were not very many produced they are hard to find. They are also something that I am not too familiar with, so I will let Bernie do all the work this time and try to include as much of the information as I can in the next newsletter. So Bernie will have to work really hard for us this month.

For the show and tell portion of our program we want to try to make it as much as we can dedicated to the only holiday that we have in the month of February, Valentines Day. Everyone needs to try to bring their heart shape, decorated or patterned glass for show and tell. There are some examples in the picture on the first page, a heart optic perfume bottle, a heart shape handled relish dish that was painted by Louise Piper, a hanging heart Ruby on Milk glass vase and a hanging heart Cruet made by Dave Fetty and purchased in Fenton's Special Room. Bring in any glass that you want to show off but if you have any glass that would relate to Valentines' day please bring it to show and tell.

We need to welcome two renewing members, Jim and Teri Moore, Caseyville, Il. 62232 and J. & D. Williams, Bartlett, Tn. 38133 and one new member, Larry Hart, Arvada, Col 80003

Of course Jim and Teri renewed at the Gala and I miss their renewal, so I am sending my apologies for that

The Gala committee has reported that the club has received all the glass that we need for the upcoming Gala and is very excited about the glass that we have had made. We hope everyone will share the excitement when the time comes to put the glass up for sale.

I've heard some news about the national convention, the Flea Market that was always held during the NFGS convention at the Washington County Fair Grounds is no longer going to go on. I know that it will be a big disappointment for everyone who enjoyed making that early morning run to the Fair Grounds on Friday morning when they opened hopping to find that rare and hard to find piece of Fenton.

The meeting on Feb. 9th marks the first time for our new vice president, Nick Duncan, to take office, so as many of us as possible needs to come out and support Nick in the new position he has accepted. Please remember to bring something for show and tell and remember that Bernie is bringing our books so we to bring enough money to pay him for the books as well as bringing a lot of glass for our program so lets show Bernie how much we appreciate all the hard work he is doing and has done in the last few years for the club.

Jackie Oglesby Secretary

