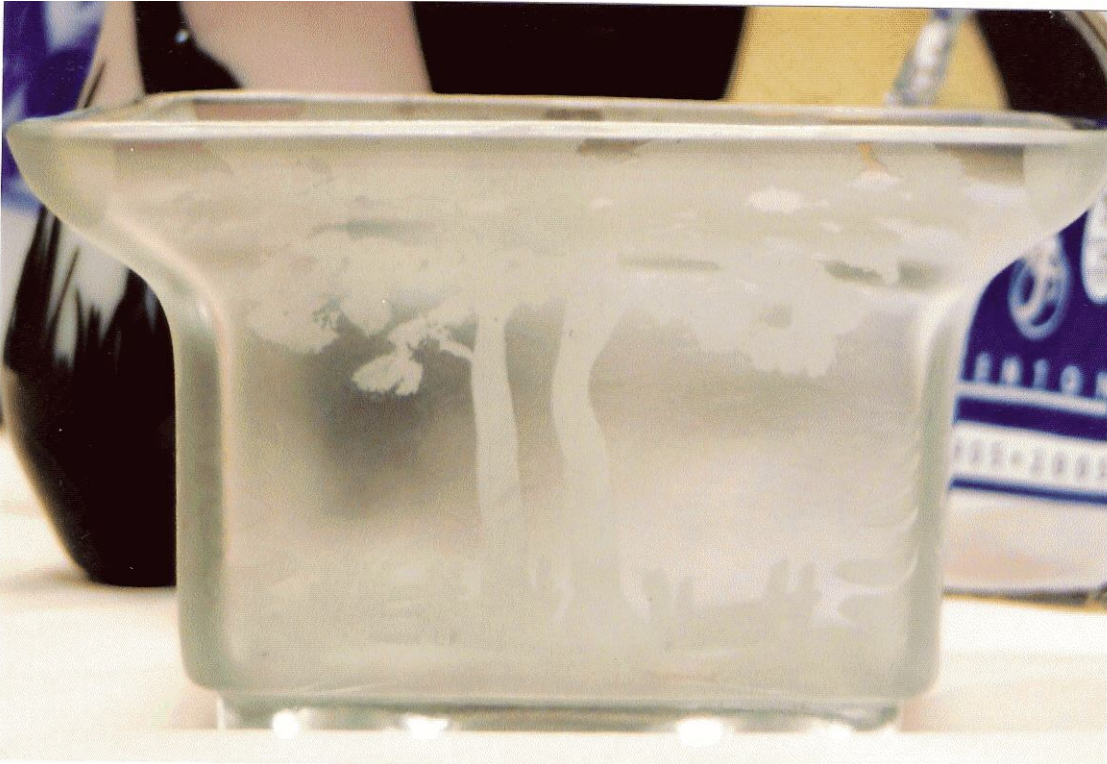


## FENTON FINDERS OF GREATER KANSAS CITY



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The meeting of the Fenton Finders of Greater Kansas City will be Saturday June 10TH, 2006 at the Raytown City Hall, 10000 E. 59th Raytown, Missouri. The meeting will start at 7:00 P.M.

We had a great review of the bus trip and many people expressed a interest in another trip in the future - however Bernie did not seem interested in planning another bus trip right away. He did thank everyone who had help plan and make arrangements for the trip and all the people on the bus who managed to be on time for the bus. It made for a very enjoyable trip.

Our program this month was Show and Tell. Many of our members who were on the bus trip brought in the treasures they found in West Virginia. We also managed to bring in some pieces found on Ebay and the Kansas City area. We had many pieces of cameo glass that our members purchased at Gibson Glass, lots of vases as well as a large cologne bottle, a sand carved egg and three cruets (a topaz, a ruby amberina, and Rosaline). We were all afraid that this would be the last chance that we would have to get cameo glass from Gibson due to the fact that the factory is closing. There were also 3 Rosaline heart relish dishes that were purchased from the Fenton Gift Shop, all with different decorations, a Topaz Hanging Heart Vase, a Fenton 100 year Logo, a large Peach Crest Cornucopia Vase, a pair of Fed. Blue Candlesticks from the late 1970's, a Fenton Mosaic Egg purchased from ebay, a couple of off hand pieces made by a Darren Goodwin - signed and dated - these were not Fenton but so very nice. A Cobalt Blue comport with hand painted roses, 3 Gibson Cruets, a Royal Purple Ginger Jar with the Colonial Scroll Designed -

made for QVC. A Fenton Favrene Koi Fish, also QVC (found in the Fenton Gift Shop). A hard to find Seagram etch decanter made by Fenton. A Custard Hanging HeartsCruet from the Barber collection that was found at the Williamstown Antique Mall, and a Fenton hippo found at the Fenton Gift shop as well as a white stretch glass compote made by US Glass - found on Ebay but id as Fenton by the seller. A Topaz iridized Hanging Heart Vase that had been made for QVC, a Peach Crest one horn epergne, a Dave Fetty Penguin, a Lotus Mist Green sleeping cat, and a Czech perfume bottle. Many, many beautiful items to study and enjoy.

As for the picture with the question, is it Fenton? Yes, this is the #1564-5 1/2" Square Bowl as pictured in Margaret & Kenn Whitmyer book, Fenton Art Glass 1907 - 1939 Identification & Value Guide. The pattern is Scenic and it was produce for only one year, 1938. This satin glass pattern is hard to find and somewhat expensive because of its scarcity and the attractiveness of the pattern. According to the Whitmyer's the cover bonbon is the hardest to find in this pattern, however in the years that I have been collecting Fenton I have only come across two pieces of the Scenic Pattern. So if you are walking thru an antique mall or flea market and happen to see one of these gems don't hesitate - call me up so that I can come and get it.

Gala update - Richard Speaight has announced that the theme of the big display will be hand decorated glass. The title will be Hand Painted by- - -. He is asking for everyone to make up a list of glass that they have that they would be willing to put in the display - the best examples of all those hard working Fenton decorators. He is going to put together a list of between 200 to 250 pieces of glass to go on the big display so if you have a favorite that you want him to showcase please get your list to him by the meeting in July, sooner would be better. This is a big project and he needs all of our help to get this display ready. He would like to include Louise Piper's glass on this display so if anyone has some that they would like to share with the rest of us please include that glass as well.

Have you decided what you are going to do for your individual display yet? It's been difficult this year but I know that it will come to me. This is a fun project and one in which you get to learn more about your own glass as well as educate others about the special collection that you have. It's always amazing to me that so many people are willing to spend the time and make the effort to do this. It's always one of the most exciting and interesting events of any convention. We have no judging, no special awards going to any table, everyone gets the same thing, a piece of glass that we hope that they will enjoy as a thank you for all the work that they do. So please start planning to add your name to the list of people who share their love of glass and their knowledge of Fenton by signing up for a display table at the Gala. The rules are simple, all glass must be clearly id so that we can learn from your display and you need to give a list of the glass on your display to our mighty vice-president Bernie Johnston so that we can be sure that no one wonders off with your

glass - very - very important. That's about it. Space is limited so sign up as soon as you register.

It's not too early to mention the hospitality room as well. As many of you know this is my area of special interest for the Gala. Think about all the wonderful things you would like to sample while you are enjoying the Gala and be sure to bring at least one of those things to share with the rest of us. Our hospitality room is always great in my opinion because of all the wonderful home made goodies that find their way into our rooms. It seems our people are some of the most talented, generous and sharing around. While promoting all these goodies keep in mind our members who need to watch their sugar intake for one reason or another and please include some sugar free desserts and main dishes so they can enjoy the good stuff with us. If you wish to make a monetary donation to the hospitality room please send it to our wonderful treasurer Janet Wilke, P O Box 67071, Topeka, Ks 66667 and let her know what the donation is for. As she can tell you I can always find a way to spend the money on some good food.

Last and not least be sure to make your reservation for the Gala at the Embassy Suites, 7640 NW Tiffany Springs Parkway, K.C.MO. The telephone number is 816-891-7788. They will need to know it is for the Gala so that you can get the special rate and please let them know that you need a table to sell glass from your room. Hopefully a lot of you will be selling glass from your rooms as this is a favorite activity for all Gala attendees - shopping the rooms.

The program for our next meeting is a deep dark secret known only to Richard and Virginia Olds. They would only commit to doing a program on glass produced before 2005 - or was that 2006? This should be a fun as well educating program for all so plan on being there or be square.

Hopefully everyone has had a wonderful and safe Memorial Day. It is a time to remember those who have and are giving their all so that we can enjoy our freedom. Thank you everyone who has ever served our nation - there is no way to repay you for your courage and selflessness. Always stand tall.

Jackie Oglesby Secretary