

## *Fenton Finders of Greater Kansas City*



The meeting of the Fenton Finders of Greater Kansas City will be SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 at the North Patrol Police Headquarters located at 11000 Prairie View Rd, KCMO. The meeting will start at 7:00 PM. This will be the first meeting of 2019.

We send our thoughts and prayers to Steve and Rita Eillwein, Steve's sister, Kathy passed away recently. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

### **Finds from the Road**



### **Falling in Love with Aquamarine**

By Anne Blackmore

Over the recent holidays, we went antiquing with some friends from out of town. They had never been to the large malls in southern Ohio, so we headed south.

At the first mall, not much spoke to us. In fact, we bought just one piece for \$1.00. When we arrived at the second mall, the hunt started off with some nice miscellaneous finds, some Heisey, some US Glass, but nothing spectacular.

About two-thirds through the aisles, our fate turned. Max made a mad dash about two booths over on the opposite side of the aisle, and picked up a Fenton Aquamarine #1635 pitcher, complete with diamond optic interior and a floral cutting around the neck. We could hardly catch our breath! It was in stunningly exquisite condition. And thankfully, the seller had no idea what it was. The tag read, "blue pitcher."

Fenton produced Aquamarine from the late 1920s through the mid-1930s. This #1635 pitcher is most often found with a Diamond optic and was frequently cut. It was also produced in Green Transparent, Jade, Orchid (a pale purple), Royal Blue, and Ruby. Most interestingly, it has a pontil mark on the bottom!

It is incredibly rare for Fenton pieces to have a pontil mark. Most know of the offhand pieces of the mid-1920s (and later modern offhand) have a pontil mark, but between Max and me, we can think of just a few Fenton pieces known to have a pontil mark. This manufacturing technique took more time, effort, and manpower. Thus, it was more expensive.

As lovers of old Fenton, this Aquamarine #1635 pitcher just made our hearts sing! We have very little in our collection in Aquamarine, but just added a piece.

Happy Valentine's Day, friends! Happy Hunting!

Thank you, Anne, and Happy Valentine's day to you and Max.



Now a word from our President, Jason Herman

Welcome to 2019! It's another exciting year for Fenton collectors. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and perhaps got a new piece or two to add to your collections. If you did, bring it to the meeting for Show and Tell, we love seeing everyone's goodies. Amanda and I have had some fun hunting thrift stores from here to Florida and boy did we find some goodies. We just hope the pieces can make it back from Florida with her parents. One nice Charleton vase from our last trip found its home in her mom's china cabinet down there. Don't forget, we are meeting in a new location this year. The North Patrol meeting room worked very well for the Christmas lunch and all who attended seemed to get their fill of good food and lots of Bingo fun.

While we have been taken it easy over the holidays and enjoying ourselves Bernie Johnston, our auction guru has been working hard to set up a youtube page for us. He has put

up pictures of the past Gala's big displays for us to remember and enjoy. It did not take long for us to find glass that we did not remember seeing on the displays and to enjoy the memories that the displays brought back to us. We want to thank Bernie for doing this for the club. It not only gives us a chance to review past displays it is a good record of the glass that was on display. Please check out this site and let us know what you think.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkjG78W1cJJbMkk4n2WFUFw>

What is going on with the picture on page one? The picture is a clue on our program for the month of February. We will be celebrating Valentine Day by doing a group program on Fenton hearts. The glass can be heart shape, hearts painted on, or hearts hand crafted into the glass by our favorite glassmakers like Dave Fetty. If it is Fenton and has hearts in it in some form, please bring in to the meeting so that we can all enjoy a happy Fenton Valentine's Day.

If you are receiving the newsletter by paper copy please be aware that you will get two mailings this month, one will be the newsletter and the second will be the 2019 roster. If you are receiving the newsletter by electronic means please there will also be two mailings, please save your roster on your computer to make it easier for you to find the numbers of Fenton friends. This newsletter will be short again this month because of this.

Please keep warm while you are hunting your Fenton treasures and join us if you can February 9<sup>th</sup> for our celebration of Fenton and Valentine's Day. Have a wonderful Valentine's Day and please keep warm and safe.

Thank you

Jackie Oglesby

Secretary

