

basket with milk glass rim from the Fenton Gift Shop, a Black Big Cookies Hat Basket from the 1930's, the Autumn Night Vase from the 2007 collection, a #184 Amber 6" vase with flower etching. There was also an Amber Ming Tulip Bowl and matching Cornucopia Candlestick and a Black with Jade Green footed Elizabeth sherbet, ca. 1930's.

For show and tell we had the Monet Vase, a door prize won at the Gala this year, (envy don't raise your ugly head) a cobalt blue pitcher and 4 glasses with a wreath of cherries made for L. G. Wright (may be Fenton) a Sheffield Pattern Mermaid Blue Bowl with Silver tone Etching, Ruby Big Cookies Hat Basket, a Black Basket Weave Footed Bowl, a #7688 QB vase, Blue Hydrangeas on Black, a Black Hat Vase with purple flowers painted on it, a footed bowl with Halo pattern etch on it, a 2007 Mulberry Vase with etching.

This will be the last newsletter of the year and I always try to do some kind of a Christmas picture that (hopefully) everyone will enjoy. This year features a Ruby nymph and flower form bowl from the 1930's along with a couple of Ruby Lincoln Inn Sherbets also from the 1930s as well as a Ruby Santa fairy light from 2000.

Hopefully everyone will have a good holiday and that those who can will join us for our Christmas dinner on the 15th of Dec. at the Home Town Buffet on Bannister Road. There will be lots of food and fun as well as dirty bingo - the rules will be explained when we start to play - everyone just has to remember that the prize is not won until the end of the game.

Bernie was proud to announce that some of the glass that we have ordered for the next two years has been made and the reports are that they turned out quite well.

It was also decided to add Children's Mercy Hospital to the list of recipients of our annual donations. For new members I will explain that the club decided that after the Gala started being a success - in other words we were able to pay our bills and have money left over - the members wanted to donate some of that money to worthy causes. So far we have given donations of a total of \$500.00 each to the Salvation Army, Dream Factory, Ronald McDonald's House and Harvester every year since we started the Gala. Now Children's Mercy Hospital will be added to that list. That is something to be proud of.

We have also taken two bus trips to West Virginia with the club paying for the bus for our members as well as our yearly Christmas Party. We are always looking for ways to increase the knowledge and the enjoyment of collecting for our members.

There is a new book out on Fenton Glass by Debbie and Randy Coe, A Centennial of Glass Making. Bernie Johnston took orders for it as he can order the books for a lot less money if he can get 6 or more books ordered. We pay the price he does so we benefit from his labors. If you are interested let him know, there were 6 ordered at the meeting and he intended to get a couple extra for anyone who wants one. He plans to order early in January.

As everyone knows we had elections at the November meeting. There is a new vice president as Nick Duncan stood up and accepted that position. For those who do not know Nick, he is a young man who has collected Fenton Art Glass for most of his life. So while he is young in years he is old in experience. Most of our members do know Nick and he has promised to contribute a article so that those who do not know him will be able to get to know him a little better. As expected you will be stuck with me for another two years as secretary. Hopefully there is someone out there who will soon want to try their hand as secretary/newsletter writer. This can be rather a fun job to have - it has to be as the pay isn't all that good. I know that there is someone out there who has a different point of view or a new concept for our newsletter - let me know if you would like to add something to a future newsletter or to try the job on for size.

Now as promised at the Gala here are two much requested recipes:

Sandy Wheeler's Family Raisins Nut Cookie Recipe

2 cups Raisins	1 cup butter
1 cup water	1 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. Baking soda	3 eggs well beaten
2 cups sugar	

Add water to raisins and boil on stove for 5 minutes. Cool; then stir in baking soda and let stand. Cream sugar and butter until fluffy, add vanilla and eggs; then stir in raisins with liquid.

4 cups flour	1 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. baking soda	1/4 tsp. nutmeg
1/2 tsp. salt	1 cup nuts

Sift above ingredients together and add to raisin mixture. Mix well, add nuts last and bake in oven at 350 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes.

And now last but for sure not least:

Bev McKeehan's Hersheys Double Chocolate Mint Dessert

1 cup all-purpose flour
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup butter or oleo (softened)
4 eggs
16-oz can Hersheys syrup (1 1/2 cups)

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease rectangular pan, 13x9x2. In large mixing bowl, beat the flour, sugar, butter, eggs and syrup until smooth. Pour into prepared pan, bake 25 to 30 minutes or until top springs back when lightly touched. (Top may still appear wet) Cool completely in pan. Spread mint cream layer (recipe below) on cake. Chill well. Pour chocolate topping (recipe below) over dessert, cover and chill well.

Mint Cream Layer

In small mixing bowl combine
2 cups confectioners sugar,
1/2 cup oleo or butter (softened)
1 tablespoon water,
1/2 teaspoon mint extract
3 drops green food coloring.
Beat until smooth.

Chocolate Topping

In small microwave safe bowl melt 1 1/2 cup semi-sweet choc chips 8 tablespoons butter on high (100%) for 1 to 1 1/2 minutes or until chips are melted and mix is smooth when stirred.

Hopefully you will all enjoy these treats, thank you Sandy and Bev for sharing your recipes with us.

Just to make sure that everyone knows there will be no meeting in January as this is the month we always let pass without a meeting or newsletter as we are hopeful that the worse of winter's bad weather will be in January. And that there will be good weather in February or at least it will not be so bad that we have to cancel the meeting. So, until February of 2008 there will not be another newsletter. Hopefully we will have a lot of members come to our Christmas dinner on the 15th of December to help us celebrate the holidays. Remember that as this is a club function and the club picks up the check so all you have to do is come and enjoy the meal and of course play dirty bingo.

Until then have a Merry Christmas shopping for Fenton for your Christmas gifts - for yourself of course - and have a happy and safe New Year.

Jackie Oglesby Secretary

