

FENTON FINDERS OF GREATER KANSAS CITY



The meeting of the Fenton Finders of Greater Kansas City will be Saturday, July 10th, 2010 at the Raytown City Hall, 10000 E. 59th, Raytown Missouri. The meeting will start at 7:00 P.M.

We had a delightful meeting in June with the display table full of wonderful Fenton pitchers. Most of them came from the early 1920's and 30's. It was fortunate that the amount of glass brought in for show and tell was low or Richard and Bernie would have been forced to add another table so that they could be displayed. Our display included a few examples of pitchers made for other companies as well as a rare example of a sample pitcher made for the Robert Barber collection.

We had a chance to taste some food that will be offered in the hospitably room at the Gala when Bernie brought in a sugar free cherry pie. There was a lot of positive response to this offering so Bernie agreed to bring 3 to the Gala. We always need the sugar free desserts for our members who need a little something sweet but cannot include sugar in their diets. Of course we also need all the home made sweets as well as salads, veggies, and other goodies that our members make at home and bring in for us to enjoy.

Jeff and Paula Snow have also volunteered to bring in all the chips that we will need for the Gala. They have always stepped up and donated all the chips that we need for the Gala and they do a really great job of choosing a great variety of chips that meet all our needs. It is not too early to think about what you can bring.

Thursday night will be our barbeque and everyone who has registered at the Gala will be able to have a great meal. The club provides all the meat, baked beans, as well as bread and the trimmings for the meal. Our members bring in all the extras that we enjoy with this meal so make your plans if you have a favorite dish that you would like to share with us.

Richard is looking through all the lists and pictures that he has received of the glass that people would like to be included in the big display. If you have any that you would like to include in the display let him know. He needs this information as soon as possible so that he can get the display organized. If you have anything made by Pilgrim Glass with Kelsey Murphy's signature he would like to include a few in our display so that we can have some of her early pieces to compare with what Fenton is producing.

Connie Duncan has spoken with Kelsey Murphy and has reported that while Kelsey has a lot of things going on this summer with many commitments, she is looking forward to the Gala and has plans to include a few pieces that will be for sale and if I understand correctly will not be in Fenton's line. This will be a chance for us to pick up a very rare piece of Kelsey Murphy glass.

It was suggested at the June meeting that since our meeting in September will be on the 11th, the Saturday before the Gala, that it might be a good idea to delay the meeting and incorporate it into the Gala. This would permit members who are unable to attend a regular meeting a chance to attend. After some discussion it was decided that it was a good idea and the Gala committee will discuss it and decide at a later date when the meeting will take place. With so many things going on at the Gala it is difficult to find the right time to add another function but hopefully you will agree that it will add interest and value to the Gala experience. We hope that our members who don't get a

chance to attend a regular meeting will enjoy attending a short meeting at the Gala.

Joy Livengood is working with the hotel making sure that our reservations are being taken care of. We have had a lot of early reservations so be sure to make your reservation soon. Also be sure to let us know that you will be selling glass from your room. We like to try to get all the rooms with glass for sale on the second floor. But this, like so many things, is first come first served. Joy will make sure the rooms on the second floor are assigned to the first ones to who let us know that they are selling glass. All you need to do is indicate that you are selling glass on the registration and Joy will do her magic. The contact information for Joy is in the Gala information packet that Janet Wilke sent out last month. If you are having any problem with the hotel Joy is the person to contact. Most often the only time you would need to contact her directly is if you need to cancel your reservation, she will then try to hook up someone who needs a room.

For all you lucky people who are attending the national conventions and are planning to do a display table, please don't forget how easy it is to leave your glass packed and use the same display for the Gala display tables. This is such an important part of the Gala. It adds so much to our education of Fenton both old and new.

There is a lot to do to prepare for the national conventions as well as the Gala and time is growing short. It always surprises me that the time for the national conventions come around so fast. There are so many things to remember to get done in a very short time. One thing you could add to the registration for the Gala is the dues for your membership. The renewal date for membership is October 1st so to make it easy on yourself you can, if you wish; write on your registration form that you are adding \$5 for an individual membership or \$7.50 for a family membership. That will save you from writing two checks or having to remember to do it right after the Gala.

At the same time be sure and order the White head Ruby alley cat. It is neat and limited. If you want to know what it looks like check out the alley cat we had last year only Ruby instead of Cobalt. We have not had a chance to get a picture of it yet but keep checking out our website, fentondinderskc.net and Bernie will have pictures as soon as possible.

For our meeting in July we will celebrate Independence Day with Red, White, and Blue glass. Be sure to bring your glass in to share with other members as well as glass for show and tell. Have a happy and safe 4th of July and be sure to attend the meeting in July.

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