# CARNIVAL GLASS ACTION!

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**Texas Carnival Glass Club** 





Those happy HOACGA convention smiles: Bill and Jane Kenney; Jane and Carlton Tarkenton; Gale Eichorst and Loretta Nielsen, and Tom and Joan Steskal.

### 2 More HOACGA smiles



Wed., July 23 to Fr ly 25

**National Stretch Glass Society 40th Anniversary Convention** at Marietta. Ohio. Hotel reservations at the Comfort Inn, 1-800-424-6423. Auction by Burns Auction on Friday includes Fenton vintage and contemporary glass.

### august .

Wed., August 27 to Sat., August 30 **World Wide Carnival Glass Association Convention** and Auction at 9:30 a.m., Sat., of the Bergman Collection. reservations: 301-797-2500. Auctioneer Tom Burns. For Convention at the Jim Wroda Auction House, Ashville, N.Y. more info: Connie O'Connor at glassconnie@comcast.net (Lake Chatauqua) with lodging at available hotels. See www.wwwcga.com for more information.

### Fri., Aug. 1 and Sat., Aug. 2

Part Two Auction of the Carole and Billy Richards Sr. **Collection** with preview and sale of lots 1 to 150 on Friday and 151 to the end on Saturday. Auctions start at 9:30 a.m., Embassy Suites Pittsburgh Airport, Coraopolis, Wed., Feb. 4 to Sat., Feb. 7 PA. 15108, ask for the Tom Burns Auction room rate at 412-269-9070.

### september

Thurs., Sept. 4 to Sat., Sept. 6 **New England Carnival Glass Association Convention** 

with auction at 4 p.m. Saturday, Tom Burns Auctions in charge. Hotel Reservations at Double Tree by Hilton, Leominster, Mass., 978-534-9000. Call by Aug. 5 to ensure \$97 per night room rate when registering under NECC.

Thurs., Sept. 11 to Sat., Sept. 13 Special HOACGA Fall get together and the auction Saturday of the Poucher Collection at Embassy Suites Hotel in Kansas City, Mo. Seeck Auctions in charge. See page 6 for more information.

Wed., Sept. 25 to Sat., Sept. 27 **Northern California Carnival Glass Club Convention** and Auction at Holiday Inn Fresno Airport, Fresno, Cal., for more information see club link on Page 20. Burns Auction in charge.

### coming

Sat., Oct. 4

calendar

Millersburg Glass Auction at 10:30 a.m. on the Millersburg, Ohio Courthouse Steps. Jim Wroda Auctioneer.

Wed., Oct. 8 to Fri., Oct. 10

Air Capital Carnival Glass Club Convention at the Best Western Wichita Airport Inn and Convention Center. Convention only. See Club website for more information.

Thur., Oct. 23 to Fri., Oct. 25

Mid-Atlantic Carnival Glass Jamboree at Ramada

Plaza Hotel 1718 Underpass Way Hagerstown, Md. Hotel

Thurs. Oct. 30 to Sat. Nov. 1 **Great Lakes Carnival Glass Club Convention and** 

**Auction** on Saturday, Burns Auction Service in charge. Ramada Inn, Lansing, MI. Reservations at 515-627-3211 using code "Carnival Glass" for convention rate.

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### **ASK A COLLECTOR**





It was just six months ago that the Texas Carnival Glass Club members introduced their new website to the carnival glass world. a message. It appears the site and It features information, education, access link are findable. links to related sites, pretty pictures

and so much more. If you haven't looked, perhaps you should by simply going to "texascarnivalglass.

com."

One of several goals for the site was to make it easy for people to contact our club with questions about carnival glass. Our ultimate goal is to attract additional members to the hobby. We thought ease of access to the club might just lead toward that goal. To facilitate this access, our resources page leads off with encouragement to

"ask us" if you have

a question. And at the bottom of every web page there are site links, one of which is "Ask a Collector."

In the short time the website has been available, we have learned a lot that we otherwise would have missed. Contacts don't come daily, but a new one seems to come in every couple of weeks. So far they have been from people who have no obvious contact with the carnival

glass world. They simply search the internet looking for carnival information and end up sending us

Most inquiries have been from people who have inherited carnival

We respond with information in all cases. With some contacts, we have a fair amount of communication...perhaps even a visit to their home. With others a simple response is all they need. We have done identification and value

The Texas club's new

website feature



A curious writer to Ask a Collector learned they had a blue Holly plate and a Scroll Embossed bowl, both which were later sold for \$100 each through TCGC connections.

glass, found some in their attic, have a friend with glass that wants to know if it can be sold, or simply have had some for a while. Some inquiries are item specific. Things like "in what colors did Fenton make non-iridized Christmas compotes? Or how rare is a certain Millersburg Peacock bowl? Do I have old carnival glass or new carnival glass?" And so on.



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Charter Member of the Texas Carníval Glass Club

Carnival Glass Club

mourns the recent death of

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our club's charter members Ruth (Sissy) Green.

Goldie Ruth (Sissy) Tidwell Green passed away Saturday, June 14, 2014 in Brownwood, Texas. Her family and her many friends knew her as Sissy. Ruth was born in the family farmhouse in Comanche County on March 19, 1920, to Charles Hendricks and Goldie Atherton Tidwell. Ruth was a typical farm girl who learned to ride horses, attend to farm animals, work in the garden, gather hen eggs, and milk cows.

Ruth married her high school sweetheart, Doyle Clarence Green, on June 30, 1939. They lived a very active life and settled down

in Cleburne. They shared 52 years of joyful marriage and celebrated their 50th anniversary with a spectacular party.

Ruth had many hobbies which included lending a helping hand to people in need, fishing with her husband, camping with her family, gardening, cooking, needlework and collecting carnival glass. Ruth was a charter member of the Texas Carnival Glass Club, which she helped form in 1979. Ruth and Doyle collected carnival glass for many years, during which they amassed quite a collection and forged many lasting friendships. She was a Life Member of TCGC and remained active up to the time of her passing.

Ruth leaves behind a special friend, Bobby Flanagan, spouse of her late niece Earline. When Bob and Sandy Sage attended their first Texas Carnival Glass Convention, they wondered who the man was that always traveled with four women. They learned early on that it was Bobby Flanagan with his wife Earline (deceased), his sisterin-law Carol, his mother-in-law

Nina (deceased) and his wife's aunt, Sissy (Ruth). Bob and Sandy, along with all our members who knew them, were lucky to become friends with this gracious, fun, and helpful group of five and cherish the memories of time spent with them over the years at our quarterly meetings and conventions.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents and her beloved husband, Doyle on Feb. 6, 1991.

Ruth resided at Loree's Home Place in Keene for a few years where she received great care by the staff. When her care became more critical, she was moved to Oak Ridge Manor in Brownwood, where she received excellent care.

She was a great lady with a great smile and a great passion for beautiful carnival glass. We are so grateful we knew this special friend known as Sissy.

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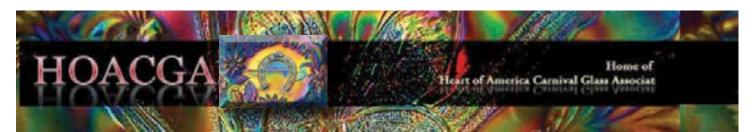
For the owner we sold a beautiful Dragon's Tongue bowl for \$2,000, an extraordinary Border Plants one-sideup plate for \$800, a Holly plate and a Scroll Embossed bowl for \$100 each. Not only was the glass beautiful, but the seller was stunned at the price achieved. Other examples of what we are finding are: approximately 60 pieces in a San Antonio home; 20 pieces in an Austin home; 50 or 60 pieces in a Houston home; a beautiful green Acorn Burrs punch set in a Jackson, Mississippi; a large number of pieces in Whitehouse, Texas; 50 or 60 mixed-vintage pieces in Madisonville Texas (successfully sold through a local antique dealer), and so on.

It is interesting to note that we always had contact information on our old website. But we simply did not get inquiries of this type. Now that we have made it clear that we will do our best to assist, the contacts just keep coming. We may or may not be growing the hobby, but we are getting great reviews for helping folks understand what they have and/or answering their questions. It is fair to say that the "Ask a Collector" function is working just fine.

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### **SPECIAL NOTICE Bob Grissom**

Seeck Auctions will be offering the outstanding carnival glass collection of Jackie Poucher this coming September in Kansas City. HOACGA has made plans for a special event in conjunction with this outstanding auction. MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THIS SPECIAL TIME, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 11 to 13.

It will be at the Embassy Suites Airport Hotel, Kansas City, MO., the same hotel as the HOACGA Convention. Shuttle service is available from the airport to the hotel. For reservations call 816-891-7788. The room rate is the same as the convention rate, \$115/day. Use the group code "HCG". Reservation cutoff date is August 29. The cooked to order Breakfast and "Managers Reception" (happy hour) are included in your room rate. Reservations may be made by going to this link: http:// embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/M/ MKCPDES-HCG-20140911/index.jhtml ?WT.mc id=POG

### NO regisration is needed for the HOACGA event.

We know that many collectors will be coming to the auction, so rather than making the tiring trip on a Friday, checking-in to the Hotel, getting into your room, having something to eat and then viewing the glass. HOACGA invites you to come in on a Thursday, this will give you a chance to have a relaxing evening and chance to visit with friends and enjoy the "Manager's Reception."

We have scheduled some non-carnival entertainment for your enjoyment on Thursday evening. We are sure that "Elvis" will pay us a visit (something we know you will enjoy). This will give you a chance to spend a leisurely evening, being entertained and visiting with carnival glass friends. Then on Friday we will have an educational carnival glass talk.

Friday morning Bud Martin will present an educational talk, probably on Northwood. Before the auction viewing starts on Friday Galen & Kathi Johnson will present a discussion, with Jackie's help. about some of the pieces in the auction. Then it is on to the viewing and ready for the auction, You, You'll, Ya'll Yousguys or Youens will have plenty of time to preview this exciting collection and plan your "strategy" for the auction.

JACKIE, SEECK AUCTIONS and HOACGA would like for you to come, have an enjoyable visit with friends, be entertained by "Elvis" (wear your blue suede shoes if you would like), be subjected to some information about carnival glass, a visit to the happy hour with friends and an opportunity to add some extraordinary glass to your collection. •

### **HOACGA** September Event

Date: Thurs., Sept. 11 to Sat., Sept. 13 Place: Embassy Suites Kansas City International Airport Hotel, 7640 NW Tiffany Springs Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri, 64153

**Reservations**: \$115 per night, plus tax Use group code "HCG" to get this

special rate. Phone: 816-891-7788 **CUT-OFF DATE for special rate** is August 29.

### Schedule:

Thursday late afternoon:

Manager's Reception

### **Evening Entertainment**

Miss those blue suede shoes? Then enjoy a night with our own Missouri version of Elvis.

### **Friday morning:**

Educational talk with Bud Martin

### Friday late afternoon:

Manager's Reception

#### Friday evening:

Seeck Auctions preview of the **Jackie Poucher Auction** 

### **Saturday morning:**

Auction at 9:30 a.m. with preview starting earlier.



Selections from

The Poucher Collection



No. 5 Blue Goddess of Harvest A rare bowl, her crimped edge amethyst and this aqua opal color. ruffled marigold sisters are also up for sale



No. 9 Northwood Rose Show plate, rare in



No. 23 Rose Columns experimental vase, amethyst

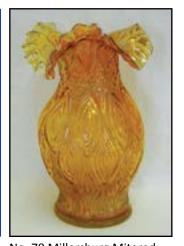


No. 29 Imperial Cone and Tie tumbler, purple





No. 30 Grape and Cable No. 30 Frolicking Bears water hatpin holder, aqua opal pitcher, green. A matching tumbler is also for sale, and a clear tumbler in the pattern.



No. 70 Millersburg Mitered Ovals vase, marigold. An amethyst and green vase also are for sale.



No. 65 Fenton Indiana Soldiers and Sailors Monument bowl, blue.



No. 74 Peacock at Fountain punch set, ice blue



No. 193 Cambridge Inverted Feather tankard pitcher, marigold

# LOOKING... REALLY LOOKING

**By Phillip Burton** 

Collectors of the Northwood *Grape* pattern (G&C) may not know that their punch sets can contain as many as six versions of the cup pattern, maybe more. It seems that ole Harry tweaked the cup molds quite a bit.

Poor little cups – those overlooked bridesmaids surrounding the bowl playing a strictly supporting role to the more impressive "bride." Yet they were obviously important to Harry Northwood because the pattern of this single shape received so many updates. I decided to make them important too, and my ongoing study reveals some surprises.

Since I was old enough to hold the cups. I've known of two separate treatments of the pattern. At six, I called the first *The Fancy One* and the second *The Plain One*. Then, last year, a dealer told me he knew of three versions, and that was the last straw mark. I decided to give this notion a concentrated examination, and the only way to do it was to look - really look starting with the 40 cups in my collection.

I took my cue from the elegant Marion Hartung realizing that the absolute. best way to learn a pattern is

### **AT-A-GLANCE ID**

**HIGH MOUNT:** Leaves and grapes *across* the cable:

**TENSILE:** Leaves and grapes below the cable:

to draw it. Drawing the images, even simple sketching, forces us to look longer and more closely. Without it, for example, we'd still be accepting the Northwood Peacocks as being "on the fence." I love the way Mrs. Hartung gracefully corrected that mistake in her clever description in the first book. Had she and Dick

Bulla not drawn the patterns, we might have missed this and similar revelations. They did a lot of the looking for us.

Separating my 40 cups into the *Fancy* group and *Plain* group of my childhood, I confirmed that two patterns are quickly identifiable according to their relationships to the cable. In the Fancy One or "High **Mount,"** the vines, leaves and grapes are carved in a frieze right across the cable. In contrast, the *Plain One* or "Tensile" has its grapes and leaves all hanging below the cable with vine and tendril only dancing across it. **Tensile** cups also have slimmer handles than the **High** 

These two *Northwood Grape* patterns are the two

basic, unique designs, and all variants I have studied are either **Tensile** or **High Mount**.

In the drawings that follow, the frieze starts just to the right of the handle with the pattern opened clockwise all the way around again to the left of the

Rather than use "pattern and variant," it is clearer here to use "T-1, T-2, T3, and T-4" for the four Tensile versions, and "HM-1 and HM-2" for the two High **Mount** versions. Keep in mind that this is a record from a family collection with additional observations from

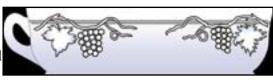
> many photos, but it may not be comprehensive. If you have **Northwood** *Grape* punch sets, I welcome your feedback: Dynography@ AOL.com.



Until I can examine the cup itself, this **T-1** example remains partial speculation. It comes from an article written

in 1980 by John and Lucile Britt for the HOACGA Educational Series I, page 87\*, in which they describe

the pattern as having two bunches of grapes and two leaves only.

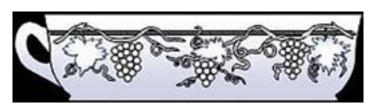


My drawing is an approximation of what thev described and what I can see in the photo. Only one side of the cup is pictured revealing the right side of the above pattern, so I used it to make similar alterations to the pattern on the left that I could not see - sort of like charting the dark side of the moon. Notice how

the patterns mirror each other. This may be the great grandfather of the series, the treatment from which the next three variants were developed. The following three simply add on to this first version indicating frequent upgrades by carving additional pattern into existing molds and producing the latest updated versions for any new molds.

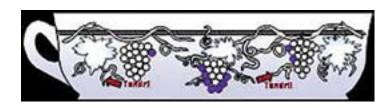
I think of **T-2** as "the dancing vines" particularly because of the burst of tendrils from behind the newly added small center leaf and cluster of grapes, which appears to have been added to the **T-1** negative space.

Note the addition of several more tendrils



throughout to balance the added center pattern, vet there is still a lot of open space. Nothing but vine and tendril cross the cable and everything else drapes below. We are now up to three bunches and three leaves.

**T-3** begins to fill in the negative space. Little tendrils extend into two of the more prominent negative spaces, and the addition of ten grapes (shown in purple) fills out the pattern a bit by fattening the clusters, especially the center one – still the same number of leaves and bunches as T-2 but a more embellished version.



**T-4** continues the process by adding two leaves to **T-3** that cover over much of the tendril design establishing a pattern with five leaves and three grape clusters. This version is the second example shown in the Britt article. The frieze is now fully loaded, and not much more could be added without crowding, overlapping or carving above the cable. Suddenly, there is a completely unique pattern to consider. I get the impression that Harry Northwood worked for an evermore-opulent look with the richest effect possible, one that would dazzle no matter what side of the cup was showing. The two **High Mount** versions accomplish this with even more weight and elegance.



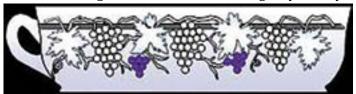
High Mount-1 has larger leaves and clusters, and all attach right across the cable extending downward covering a bit more of the sides than that seen in the **Tensile** versions. There are four leaves and three clusters in **HM-1**.

**High Mount** cups have fatter handles than **Tensile** 



versions

As if nothing more could be added, eagle-eye Harry



puts two small clusters below the second and third leaves creating the variant **HM-2** where he really pushes the pattern to the max.

I present these from simple to complex, but this may not necessarily represent the chronological order of release (although I think it probably does). We know that variants followed the originals as did stippling and banding, but who can say if High Mount or Tensile came first? I can find no history on the 1910 pattern beyond the lauding of its success and the extensive number of shapes and colors produced; and from photos of punch sets, I can find no correlation of cup pattern to the three bowl sizes. Some sets come with **High Mount**, others with **Tensile**, others are mixed.

In Wheeling Glass 1829-1939 by Baker, Eige, McCluskey, Measell, Spillman and Wilson, page 136, the *Northwood Grape* master punch is shown in all its spectacular beauty surrounded by twelve cups in the same pattern; yet, lo and behold, of the ten that can be clearly seen, nine are matching **High Mount** versions, and one lone **Tensile** cup sits to the far left on the front row. Was it added to fill out the dozen? Was it part of the original set packed at the Wheeling factory? Who knows? The example on page 90 of the Britt article for HOACGA shows a master set with what appears to be **Tensile** cups only.

To tease us further, the mix-and-match sales tradition at Woolworth and Kress allowed customers to assemble their own punch sets pairing contrasting base colors for bowl and base stand as well as different colors of cups – something my great aunt did in 1912 when she selected our Fenton *Wreath of Roses* punch set, so, the mixing of the Northwood cup variations could very well have started at the original point of sale.

Because pattern is the direct surviving record of the designer's vision and intent, there is much to study. Pattern invites all kinds of questions that, for me,

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### Facebook page enriches awareness of Carnival Glass and Texas Club

By Cale Wilcox, Facebook page editor

The TCGC Facebook page was founded in May 2013 with the intent to spread the word about carnival glass, events in carnival glass occurring in Texas, a place to submit photos, and to help increase the awareness of the club in general.

It was also decided that this could be a means to attract more people to the club and help increase the number of people who belong to the Texas Carnival Glass Club.

This page was set up by Cale Wilcox and Sandy Sage. They are the administrators of the site and help to keep photos updated, answer questions, and post events that may be happening at any given time within the carnival glass community. The way the Facebook page is setup anyone can post photos, questions, and comments to the "wall."

Since starting the page a little over a year ago, we are up to 160 "likes" from various people around the U.S. and other countries. It has proven an effective way to showcase just what the Texas Carnival Glass Club is all about. Each quarterly meeting and annual convention is posted as an event

on the page to get the information out to current members and non-members. We have had one convention since the start of the page, and it was amazing to see the responses to the page with all

the postings that were made over that four-day period. Our intent was to showcase each event held during the convention to let anyone who was not in attendance feel as if they are at the convention.

The postings of the room

of the room displays were a phenomenal hit on the page. Our hope is that this will help drive up the interest in not only the

Texas Club, but all the clubs around the country.

The Facebook page can be found by searching for Texas Carnival Glass Club. The club will be pulled up in the search, and you will be automatically taken to the home page. You can scroll down through current and previous posts and look

at posts by other individuals. Our goal is to keep the site updated with frequent pictures of glass and events that are happening. The page can also be found via the website by clicking on the Facebook icon. This will automatically take you to the page without having to search for the club. I would encourage you to "like" the club and post on the page to keep the momentum up and going. For questions you can contact Cale Wilcox or Sandy Sage, and we would be happy to help in any way. We look forward to reaching that next milestone of 200 "likes." For those who have "liked" or visited the page, we thank you and encourage you to spread the word to your friends.

Current carnival glass sites on Facebook include the clubs lised on page 21 and Carnival Glass Buy/Sell/Trade, Carnival Glass Interest, Carnival Glass Community, Carnival Glass Addicts, Carnival Glass from Europe, Carnival Glass Wiki, Sheffield Glass, Carnival Glass Action, Carnival Glass Identification and Values, King's Carnival Glass, Fryman Carnival Glass, Carnival Glass and Antiques, Carnival Glass Australia Buy/Swap/Trade and Carnival Glass Showcase.

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are often more engaging than the documentation of color or shape. For the *G&C* cups, Northwood produced two unique patterns, not a single pattern with variants, but two separate patterns each with its own distinct descendants. Is there another single shape in Carnival that received so many variations in one thematic pattern? This fascinates me

What could the stories be behind the decisions to embellish the pattern so many times? Which set did Harry Northwood choose for his own parlor? Was the designer of the Tensile and the High Mount versions the same person, or were there two different artists? How many more versions are out there?

Looking- really looking- is worthwhile because it distills evidence into understanding. Looking at a pattern while asking, "What is really here; what is the artist's intent?" takes us deeper into the soul of our collections. Looking tells us that the Northwood peacocks are actually on a branch; there are no octagons to be found in the *Octagon* pattern; those might be lotuses, not water lilies, on that Fenton bowl: the Fenton *Floral and Grape* pitchers *do* have neckbands; and there are no Dogwood flowers ("bracts" actually) depicted in Carnival, and so on as we simply continue to look.

Why is this important? If pattern deserves value in Carnival

Glass history, then the work of the artists who created the designs merits the highest consideration. To accept hearsay is often to miss what is actually right there in front of us, or to paraphrase Mrs. Hartung: Don't take my word for it, look – really look – and continue to refine the information.



In 1980, John and Lucile Britt showed the elusive T-1 (left) and the T-4 (right) versions of the Northwood Grape punch cups in an article for the HOAC-GA Educational Series I, page 87. Photo: HOACGA Twinkle, twinkle little star...

By Steve Hazlett

... How I wonder

where you are?

The scarce Little Stars pattern

by the Millersburg Glass Company

that has come into its own. From my

research there are usually less than

The Little Stars pattern is a

Stars, a popular pattern also created

by Millersburg Glass Company. The

with "many stars" in the glassware.

pattern with only seven thin shaped

stars included. In the carnival glass

world there are quite few patterns

glassware and in the names of the

patterns. I like to think that stars

were basically popular due to the

with stars included in both the

totally unrelated pattern to Many

Many Stars pattern is compiled

As Little Stars has a much busier

20 pieces of this pattern sold per

year at auction.

sparkly lights in the skies. Also stars were very patriotic emblems in the day.

Little Stars pieces can be found in rare six inch sauces. Most of the pieces are found in scarce seven. eight and nine inch bowl sizes. They are also available in a rare ten inch bowl, and a rare seven and one half inch plate. The shapes found are ruffled, the three in one edge and the hardest to find is the ice cream shape in the bowls. The most found colors are the usual green, amethyst and marigold. However the marigold is the hardest of those colors to find. Other colors are usually rare colors for Millersburg Glass Company. They are blue, clambroth and Vaseline. I have heard of a teal color reported.

As far as the pattern goes, I noticed that it starts with a stippled center with seven petals, each petal contains what looks like to me a vine with leaves growing from the center stippling. Outside the petal area it is stippled like in a shape of a leaf with

a thin six point star at the top of the leaf shape. At the top of the bowl, between the star leaf shapes and the rim of the bowl are seven leaf like flowers. Seven seems to be the lucky number for this pattern. The backside pattern is the wide panel pattern, with a base that includes a twenty eight rayed star. It can come in Satin or Radium finishes.

I looked at this pattern awhile, before describing it. I marvel, at how the artisans made this glass. How they took the time to create each and every pattern, making the moulds, and then stamping out the finished product. Deciding which color glass works with this pattern, applying different edges and salts that put the finishing touches on it. Each piece of carnival glass is a work of art in its own way, as each piece is made a little differently. My collection has three Little Stars bowls, marigold, amethyst and green which I have pictured. Every collection can be enhanced with a Little Stars. •



# Window shopping at convention results in rare opportunity

a little over a year ago at the HOACGA

It was

By Cale Wilcox convention. and I was walking around looking

at all the displays and glass, when I spotted a rare piece of

glass that I immediately fell in love with. As it would be, the room was locked and no one was in sight.

My room was not far from their room, so I staved close and kept a look out for the collectors to return. After what seemed like an hour I iust decided to give up

and catch them when I could. That afternoon I finally saw the door open and made a beeline to the room. I walked in and introduced myself and could not wait to look at the piece of glass I had spied through the window. There sitting near the television was a stunning and rare Fenton chop plate. I knew it was rare but quickly realized just how rare! Peering through the dark window I could barely make out the price of the plate. Once in the room I quickly realized there was an extra zero attached to the price. "Gulp." It was love at first sight. However. I had never thought about paying that price for a piece of glass. Was it gorgeous? Yes. Did I want it? Yes. Could I afford it? No! Therein lay the problem.

The collector who was selling the piece was so gracious and explained that she owned the only two known marigold pieces that existed. She had purchased the second one as a possible upgrade to her current collection. It was already stunning. I could not imagine how beautiful the other one had to be. After drooling over the plate for the next few days, I just knew it was not in the cards at that

time. After arriving back home to Texas, I thought about this gorgeous piece of glass a great deal. Finally I decided that maybe I should try some negotiating and see what kind of "deal" could be had.

Facebook, and I

decided to send

was too chicken

to call her to be

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responded that

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her a message. (I

Mind you...this was more than

six months after the convention; so I was praying that she still had the piece. We had become friends through

collectors go through when a new piece of glass arrives at our homes.

What a fabulous birthday present this was!!!! It was more beautiful than I had remembered, and the iridescence was just stunning. By now, I know all of you are asking yourself what rare Fenton chop plate I could be referring to...that is unless you have already looked at the picture. It was a marigold Fantail chop plate. I feel so blessed to have this in my collection, but I was even more



Sets of curved feathery rays, above, mark the Fenton Fantail, a common bowl but uncommon as a chop plate. Cale fell in love with this marigold plate, one of only two known and owned by Karen Engle, until last year. There are also two known blue chop plates, according to www.ddoty.com information website.

was sent, and I awaited the arrival of the piece of glass. Just by chance it arrived on my birthday. Well, I was nervous to open the box but at the same time very excited as well. Was it as pretty as I had remembered? Did it get damaged in shipping? Of course, I thought all the crazy thoughts that each and every one of us crazy

blessed meeting a fabulous collector Karen Engle. Karen, this piece will be cherished, and it's sheer beauty and elegance reminds me of you. Again, thank you for this wonderful opportunity to cherish and take care of this wonderful piece of carnival glass at this time in its existence. It is very well loved.

### By Bob Grissom

# PEACOCK AND DAHLIA







The peacock was one of the more popular carnival glass pattern motifs. Fenton, Millersburg and Northwood used the peacock as a part of the pattern on many of the items they produced. Only Fenton combined the dahlia with the peacock and used it on only one of its patterns. The peacock was probably used because of its many colors in its plumage, which went along with the different color variations in the carnival glass iridescence.

The pattern was named by Marion Hartung in her second book, page 127, which was published in 1965. Colors listed are blue and marigold.

The Margaret and Kenn Whitmyer book Fenton Art Glass identifies it as Fenton's #1645 pattern circa 1912. Colors listed are marigold, green, cobalt blue, aqua, Vaseline and white.

*The Standard Encyclopedia of Carnival Glass* by Bill Edwards and Mike Carwile lists the colors as marigold, cobalt blue, Vaseline, aqua, and white.

Carnival Glass the Magic and Mystery by Glen and Stephen Thistlewood shows an amethyst 8-inch ice cream shape bowl and does not list any other colors.

Dave Doty's website, ddoty.com, lists the known bowl colors that have sold at auction as amethyst, blue, green, marigold, teal, Vaseline and yellow.

Some of the above referenced information lists white as a color, none have been sold at auction. A white piece would be very

Only one mold was used to make all of the Peacock and Dahlia pieces. They are found in 7 and 8 inch plates and six-ruffled or ice cream shape bowls. Some pieces were made with a different bottom plate in the mold, because they have the Berry and Leaf circle pattern on the back, otherwise the back is plain (smooth).

I have a 7.25 inch marigold plate, a 6.5 inch green and a marigold ice cream shape bowl, a 7.25 inch aqua and a marigold six-ruffled bowl. Only the plate has the Berry and Leaf Circle pattern on the backside. I do not know whether the Berry and Leaf Circle pattern appears on both the plates and bowls.

Some auction information that covers the past 20 years lists 22 plates, all marigold, and 92 bowls being sold. The bowl breakdown is: 40 marigold, 19 blue, 17 aqua, eight Vaseline, four lime green, three amethyst and three green. Some of these pieces may have been sold more than once so this does not represent the actual amount of plates and bowls.

The Fenton patterns Peacock and Dahlia and Peacock and Grape are similar patterns. The Peacock and Grape only comes with a collar base or spatula footed in 8-inch bowls and 9-inch plates.

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