

MIDWEST GLASS CHATTER

MIDWEST ANTIQUE FRUIT JAR & BOTTLE CLUB

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An Index to the Club Library is available online. Please contact Dick Cole about items which you would like to check out.

Membership

The Midwest Glass Chatter is a monthly publication and is a forum through which collectors can share information.

Membership cost is \$15.00 per year, per family, due each December 31. All jar/bottle related collectors are welcome. Send to MAFJBC, Attn: James Durr, 500 W. Ohio St., Fortville, IN 46040

Meeting Minutes, February 2nd, 2014

The February meeting was held in Muncie, Indiana in the Cantina at Minnetrista. Club President Dick Cole opened the meeting and welcomed 8 members.

Jim Durr provided the Treasurer's report for February. Income included January Show revenue and membership dues renewals. Expenses included the cost of the pottery award jars provided to the January Show displayers. The club continues to maintain a positive bank account balance.

Dick reviewed \$100 donation in memory of Anne Szopa to the Glick Center for Glass in Muncie. Jennifer Halvorson was able to provide information needed to submit a check.

Dick brought up the request made at the January Show to look into possible changes for where the show might be held. Although there may have been some issues there did not seem to be an overwhelming consensus that changes needed to be made. It was reiterated that the show chairman will continue to determine most details about the show, and at this point an investigation has not found any hotel that provides a better place to hold the room hopping and meetings at a better price nor is there an oppor-

tunity to save money on the convention center cost.

Dick indicated there was a Muncie Star Press article about Minnetrista that mentioned the Midwest Antique Fruit Jar and Bottle Club.

Here is a list of upcoming regional bottle shows: March 16th 2014 (Sunday) Flint, Michigan - 45th annual Flint Antique Bottle & Collectibles Club Show & Sale at Dom Polski Hall, 3415 N. Linden Road, Flint, Michigan; March 16th 2014 (Sunday) St. Louis, Missouri - 44th Annual Antique Bottle & Jar Show, St. Louis Antique Bottle Collectors Association, Orlando Gardens, 4300 Hoffmeister Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri; March 23rd 2014 (Sunday) Bloomington, Minnesota - 43rd Minnesota Antique Bottle, Advertising and Stoneware Show & Sale at the Knights Of Columbus Building, 1114 American Boulevard West,



Bloomington, Minnesota.

The next club meeting will be March 2nd at 1:30pm at Minnetrista in Muncie, Indiana. The theme will be "interesting product jars".

Future meetings: April 6th, Minnetrista, "Go-Withs"; May 4th, Minnetrista; June 1st, Club Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Coulson, Secretary

(notes provided by Jim Durr in Joe's absence)



Our Show is located at the Horizon Convention Center

Show and Tell Pictures



Emerald green pint Bulach (in diamond on glass lid); Made in Switzerland; brought by Colleen Dixon



Aqua half gallon Protector with original closure; brought by Colleen Dixon



Amber quart The Magic (star) Fruit Jar; brought by Dave Rittenhouse



Citron quart Mason's Patent Nov 30th 1858 (base: WCD); brought by David Rittenhouse



Rare milk glass Bicentennial Ball Ideal; This was a test piece given to Ball executives; Glass lids are not known in milk glass; brought by Dick Cole



A clear U.S. Bicentennial jar; A special run jar made for the employees of a glass company; brought by Dick Cole



Show and Tell Pictures, cont'd



Jennifer Halvorson made this jar which can hold a fork nicely



Purple quart RED (key) Mason's Patent Nov 30th 1858



The Ball (shoulder seal); brought by Monty Foust



Aqua quart wax sealer (base: Indianapolis Glass Works); brought by Monty Foust

New Ball Heritage Collection Jar Released—Ball Perfection

[The following excerpt comes from the Ball Fresh Preserving Store website: <http://freshpreservingstore.com>]

2013 marked the 100th anniversary of the development of a series of jars, designed by the Ball brothers, each intended to be better than the one before. 1913 saw the launch of the first true "Perfect Mason" jar followed in 1914 by the "PERFECTION". 2014 marks the second year of a multi-year limited edition series with the introduction of the Spring Green Jar. These vintage-inspired green jars maintain all of our modern standards for quality and reliability. Perfect for all of your home canning needs...or as a collectible item!

Features:

- Limited edition 100th anniversary of the "PERFECTION" jar by the Ball Brothers
- Vintage-inspired packaging and heritage green color jars with custom embossed front and back
- Maintains same quality, performance and structure as current Regular-Mouth pint and Wide-Mouth quart jars
- Unique color encourages incremental sales and use in trendy crafts and storage projects
- Second year of a multi-year limited edition series
- Made in USA



A Visit with Russ and Heidi Crupe

Jennifer and I made a vacation trip to Pennsylvania at the beginning of February. We were only 30 minutes away from where Punxsutawney Phil, the famous groundhog, made his appearance that weekend and proclaimed another 6 weeks of winter. We were also only a little more than 2 hours away from where Russ and Heidi Crupe live (near Washington, Pennsylvania), and we took them up on their invitation to come and visit sometime.

We started our visit by meeting Russ at the business he owns, NSA Security Agency. There were many glass

items on display. Russ works and lives in an area where there were many glass manufacturing companies over time. Russ has an extensive collection representing these glass companies, however his primary focus is Hazel-Atlas.

Next we made our way to Russ and Heidi's home. They recently finished an incredible display room for the main collection. You can enjoy a few pictures on this page and on the next.

Russ has been collecting Atlas jars and related memorabilia for a long time. He is known as "Mr. Atlas" among collectors. He has the best and most complete collection.

He is very happy to share his knowledge about the company history.

We enjoyed a wonderful

evening visiting with Russ and Heidi and thanked them for allowing us to see the collection.



Russ holds a salesman sample box for Atlas Mason Jars



Russ is surrounded by glass in his business office at NSA Security Agency



One of the NSA Security Agency fleet vehicles in the company parking lot



Even the lobby at NSA Security Agency contains many glass items on display



A framed original advertisement sign hangs above the entrance to the display room, "Headquarters for Atlas Fruit Jars—Double Tested for Strength"



Russ, "Mr. Atlas", standing in the middle of the room amongst the finest and most complete collection of Hazel-Atlas jars and related collectibles



The perimeter of the display room is wall-to-wall white shelves full of Atlas jars; an old-time company baseball jersey hangs on one end

Visit with Russ and Heidi Crupe, cont'd



One corner of the display room has a built-in desk and drawers, which is a nice place to study the materials in the collection



Jennifer, Russ and Heidi studying discussing the beautiful array of colors of Atlas jars—purples, greens, blues and amber



The attractive and professional display cases sitting along the center of the display room were shipped from Canada



These shelves represent the complete rainbow of Atlas Strong Shoulder Mason jars; there are quite a few color variations



A very rare collection of the Atlas coin banks can be seen in this display case; I had never seen most of these before



Wooden shipping boxes are very hard to come by and this example is in very good condition



Rare deep aqua pint
"Atlas Extra Wide E-Z Seal"



Rare clear quart HA gripper
ribs Atlas Strong Shoulder



Rare amber pint
"Atlas E-Z Seal"



Rare clear lid "The Hazel"

Columbus Ohio Bottle Show

Jennifer and I had a sales table at the Columbus, Ohio Bottle Show on Saturday, February 15th. We had arrived in Columbus late the night before under hazardous snowy weather conditions. On Show day the bad weather had gone away. Attendance at the show was very strong. Our sales were good throughout the day.

Fruit jars were well represented amongst the dealers. Jennifer and I wore our brand new "I Had a BALL in Muncie" t-shirts which had been made by Chuck Erb. We had fun chatting with everyone at the show. There were many collectors who stopped by to say "hi". The return trip home was much easier due to clear roads.



Jennifer running our sales table while I am out taking pictures



Dick Bere at his sales table



Phil Smith specializes in Frank, Tea & Spice



Greg Spurgeon with many scarce jars



Russ and Heidi Crupe making a purchase



Show co-chairs: Joe Hardin & Jamie Houdeshell



Adam Koch at his sales table



Fruit jar rock star Jeff Klingler



Richard Elwood at his sales table



Ed Kuskie
FOHBC Northeast Region Director

44th Annual

Antique Bottle & Jar Show



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Antique Bottle
Collectors
Association**

**ORLANDO GARDENS
4300 Hoffmeister Ave
St. Louis, Missouri**

**Sunday
March 16
2014**

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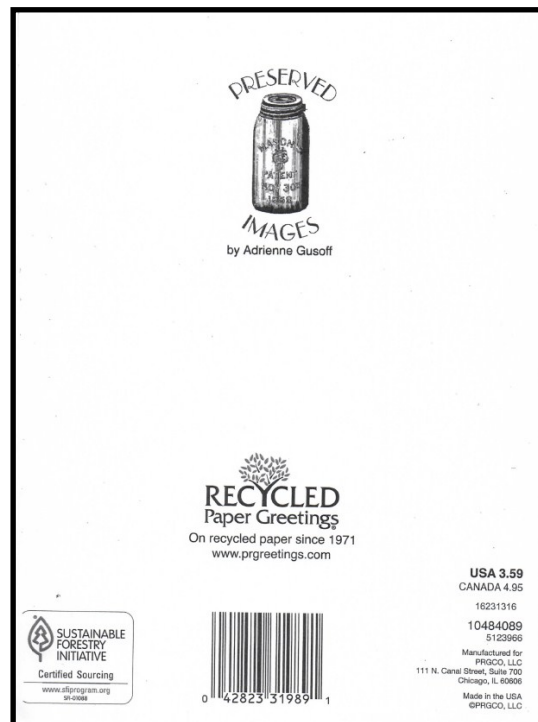
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Lou Ebert shared the back of this greeting card at the club meeting. Notice that it says “preserved images” by Adrienne Gusoff around an illustration of a Mason’s CFJCo Patent Nov. 30TH 1858 jar.

Announcements

- Upcoming club meetings:
 - Sunday, **March 2nd**, 1:30pm meet at Minnetrista; bring an interesting product jar
 - Sunday, **April 6th**, 1:30pm meet at Minnetrista; bring some “Go-Withs”
 - Sunday, **May 4th**, 1:30pm meet at Minnetrista
 - Sunday, **June 1st**, 1:30pm meet at Charles Williams Memorial Library
 - Sunday, **July 13th**, 1:30pm meet at Minnetrista
- The Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors website is a great resource. Our club is a proud member of the FOHBC. One of the useful tools on the Federation website is the bottle show listing: <http://www.fohbc.org/shows>
- The 2014 FOHBC National Antique Bottle Show will be held in Lexington, Kentucky on August 1–3, 2014.
- The next North American Glass auction opens March 24th: <http://www.gregspurgeon.com/auction>

