

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 January 31. All jar/bottle related collectors are welcome. Send to MAFJBC, Attn: James Durr, 500 W. Ohio St., Fortville, IN 46040

Meeting Minutes, January 10th, 2015

The January meeting was replaced by the annual Fruit Jar Get-Together at the Baymont Inn in Muncie, Indiana in the second floor conference room. Club President Dick Cole opened the meeting and welcomed a room full of people which overflowed into the hallway!

Dick asked the crowd to observe a moment of silence for fellow collectors who had passed away in the past year: Steve Mertz, John Hathaway, and Dick Watson.

Dick discussed the details for Show Day. He went over the messy traffic conditions of downtown Muncie (roads closed, parking lots changed). A new hotel and parking garage is being built next door to the convention center. Dave Rittenhouse mentioned that dealers would only have access through the loading dock area. He will have helpers on-hand to assist on Show Day.

Dick reminded everyone that club membership dues need to be sent in before January 31st. The cost remains \$15 per year per family.

Dick asked everyone to acknowledge Dave Rittenhouse for his effort in putting on a successful Show, and to Kay Rittenhouse for her work running the admissions table and

providing food and the little things behind the scenes.

Dan Corker mentioned that he talked to Junne Barnett. Junne has a new phone number.

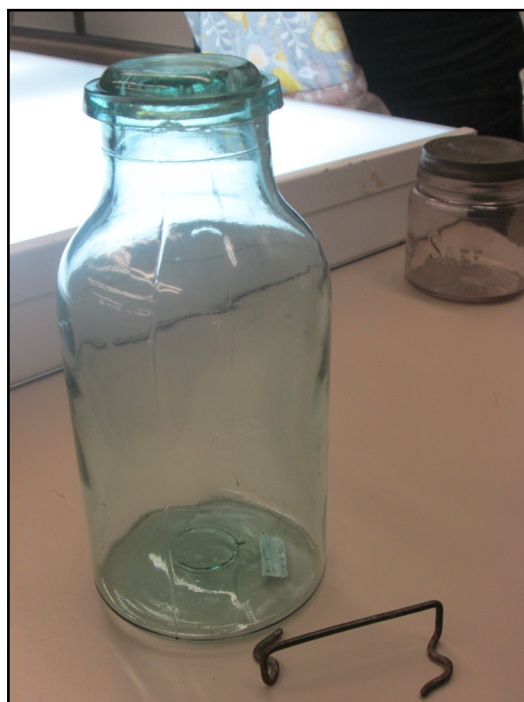
Larry Munson mentioned that he talked to Don Burkett. Don recently had pneumonia and is in a rehabilitation center. Larry has Don's direct phone number.

Dick went over the auction details. The auction takes place after a short break after Show and Tell. During Show

and Tell each person can mention the one or two items that they are putting in the auction. Dick Bere keeps track of the auction item entries and sales.

Dave Rittenhouse announced that the 2016 January Muncie Show will be the second weekend in January again. He will investigate the possibility of using the new hotel next to the convention center.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Coulson, Secretary



Ron Ashby needs help identify this aqua QT with glass lid and wire clamp

Show and Tell, cont'd

Dick Cole started the Show and Tell by displaying advertising for zinc alloy termite shields from American Zinc Products, a division of Ball Brothers Company, Inc. Ball was diversified in the products that they made.



Dick also displayed a potato sack with the Ball logo. In this case another company with the same name was trying to profit from the more famous Ball name. The real Ball Brothers sent a letter to them to cease and desist or legal action would follow. A copy of the letter is in the Minnetrista archives!

John Puzzo shared a one gallon glass jar with a wooden jacket and asked the attendees what they thought it was. The consensus was that the item was a kerosene oil can. These were common items in the late 1800's when kerosene was used in homes for lighting and heating. The glass jar was embossed on the top with "F. C. Wilson & Co / Chicago" (star on base). John thought it might be a Shaker measuring jug according to a note from Point Pleasant Creek church in Texas.

Don Kelley donated two binders of Ball Blue books to the auction with proceeds to go to the club. These later sold for \$90.

Chuck Erb donated three

quart jars of preserved Iowa venison to the auction with proceeds to go to the club. Along with the jars came a couple of DVDs that Chuck had recorded from past jar club shows. These later sold for \$35, \$35 and \$50.

Eli Tribett shared an aqua PT #1450 profile Lafayette. This jar had come from a pit with many broken Ball Perfect Mason jars. Eli also shared an aqua QT #2425 The Puritan with original gaffers blowover. This jar may have been dug on the glass company site.

Jean Harbron displayed an SCA QT #1635-1 made in 1910 in Anderson, Indiana. Jean also displayed an SCA QT #1635 Mason (lasso loop). This jar was very special to Jean because it came from her friend Don Burkett.

Colleen Dixon brought an aqua tall skinny PT Lightning.

Mike Jordan mentioned that he has a collection of over 1000 go-withs. He brought 30 of them for a display at the Jar Show on Sunday. Mike displayed a squatty half pint Ball jar in a blue color; a new in original packaging Ball Infuser; and a true green QT Jardin jar.

Mike James brought a rare original 1891 telephone directory of Muncie Indiana. Glass companies listed in the directory included Ball Bros, R. Hemingray, C.H. Over, and Port Glass Works. All of the entries fit on one newspaper-size piece of paper.

Mike also shared a cornflower blue QT Standard made by William McCully.

William Heiter displayed a nice yellow amber QT Mason's (cross) Patent Nov. 30th 1858.

Greg Spurgeon brought a nice progression set of Hemingray jars. Greg showed an aqua QT Webster's Patent Feb. 16. 1864; an aqua QT Patent Apld For; an aqua QT Patent June 27 1865; and an aqua QT Patented June.27.1865.

Jesse Turner displayed a light yellow QT Mason's Patent Nov 30th 1858; a deep green QT Mason's Patent Nov 30th 1858; and a deep aqua QT #747-1 R.M. Dalbey.

Larry Munson brought a deep blue PT jar from Russia. Larry has a goal of finding a jar from each country. He also shared an aqua QT with embossing in German on one side and Czech on another.

Ron Ashby brought a jar that he needed help identifying. It was an aqua quart with a glass lid and a wire closure. Ron also brought a quart Spratt's tin can with a brass label on the side; a clear PT Safe with a tin lid (base: Safe Glass Co Upland Ind); and an amazing original full wooden shipping box of Easy Trade Mark Vacuum Jars (the original shiny lids were stamped "PAT JULY 11.93") (box was found in the attic of a house in Denver, Colorado) (the box contained original rubber seals, clamps, lids, and cardboard inserts).

Joe Merkel shared a clear HG Mason's Patent Nov 30th 1858 (with two reversed N's) (tapered down patent base); an aqua midget PT Mason's

Patent Nov 30th 1858 (in a circle); and an amber olive QT Mason's Patent Nov 30th 1858.

Jim Sears displayed an aqua HG Mason "Mason" (figure of disk immerser) Disk Immerser. Joe Merkel then set his own example of this jar side by side with Jim's.

Tom shared an aqua QT Ludlow (glass lid and iron cage clamp); a green PT Ludlow (metal lid and metal propeller clamp); a QT tin can Ludlow's (propeller clamp); and a "Ludlow & Co's Improved / Patent Pending/ Cincinnati" lead lid (Tom has not yet seen this on an actual can).

Rick Lease displayed a clear QT Patent Sept. 18. 1860 (Hemingray) (it came in pieces and he used epoxy to put it together); and a clear QT Eureka 11 Pat'd Dec 27th 1864.

Jeff Klingler shared a carnival glass QT Ball (undropped 'a') Perfect Mason. This is Jeff's favorite jar in his collection. The jar was given to Jeff by Don Burkett.

Joe Coulson displayed a milky glass QT Harp Mason. The jar had a solar powered lid with an LED light in it; and a sensor that caused the light to come on when it was dark outside. Joe encouraged collectors to report these modern jars because in the future lids can become separated from jars and advertising may be lost.

Dave Rittenhouse displayed a rare soda bottle with a large Ball logo.

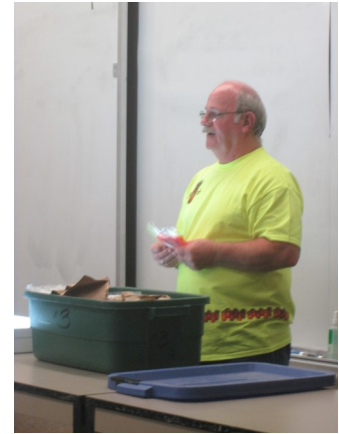
Show and Tell Pictures



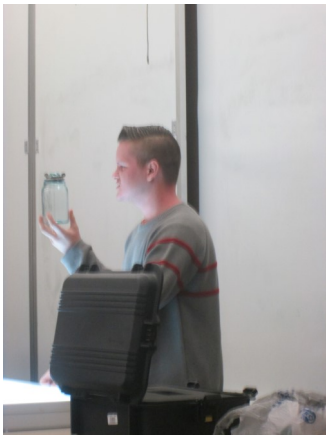
Show and Tell is a good time to ask questions about jars



The consensus among attendees was that this was a kerosene oil can.



Chuck Erb donated three quart jars of Iowa venison for the club



Eli Tribbett displayed a great pint profile Lafayette



Jean Harbron displayed a couple of jars made by Pennsylvania Glass Co. which were made in Anderson, IN



An aqua quart The Puritan jar with blow-over still intact



An aqua pint profile Lafayette with original closure



This company was asked to "cease and desist" using the same logo as the Ball Bros. fruit jar company



Colleen Dixon shared an unusual sample size aqua Lightning jar

Show and Tell Pictures, cont'd



A new Ball infuser go-with in its original packaging



A Ball half pint in a blue color



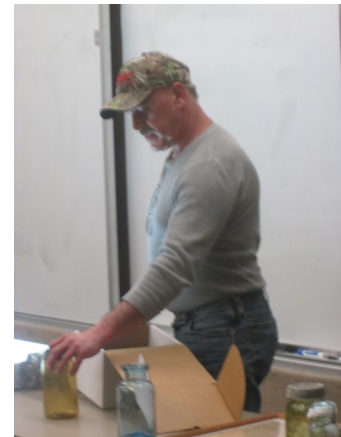
A green "Jardin" quart. This jar is currently available in several colors



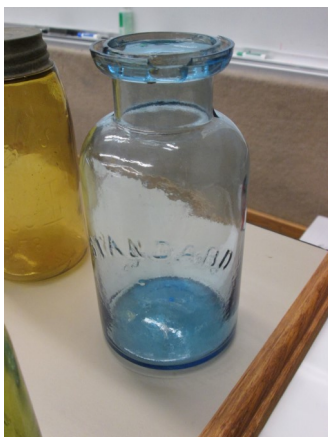
Mike James showed an issue of Life Magazine about Ball Bros.



Mike James showed this 1891 telephone directory for Muncie, IN which included Ball Bros. phone number



William Heiter showed a yellow amber QT Hero Cross jar



Mike James showed this cornflower blue QT Standard

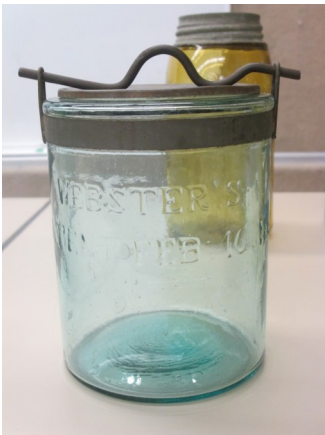


William Heiter showed this amber QT Mason's (Hero Cross) Patent Nov 30th 1858

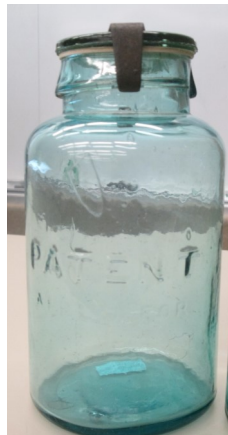


Greg Spurgeon displayed an aqua QT Webster's Patent jar with original closure

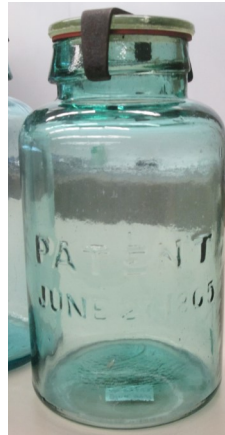
Show and Tell Pictures, cont'd



Aqua QT Webster's Patent
Feb. 16. 1864



Aqua QT Patent Apld
For (Hemingray)



Aqua QT Patent June 27
1865 (Hemingray)



Aqua QT Patented
June.27.1865 (Hemingray)



Aqua tall pint
Trade Mark
Lightning



Dark green QT
Mason's Patent Nov
30th 1858



Yellow amber QT
Mason's Patent Nov
30th 1858



Deep aqua QT R.M. Dalbey
(embossed around neck)



Aqua QT with German
embossing on one side



The same Aqua QT with Czech
embossing on opposite side

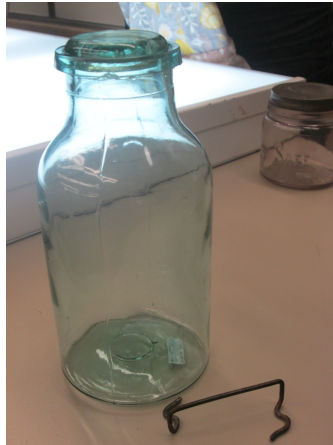


Blue quart Russian "tea" jar

Show and Tell Pictures, cont'd



Ron Ashby showed a jar with an unusual closure



An aqua QT jar with an unusual glass lid and wire closure



A clear pint SAFE jar



A wooden shipping box containing one dozen original Easy Vacuum Jars



A "like new" metal cap "Pat July 11 93" on an Easy Vacuum Jar



A dark amber QT Mason's CFJCo Patent Nov 30th 1858



An aqua midget PT Mason's Patent Nov 30th 1858 (in circle)



A clear HG Mason's Patent Nov 30th 1858 (reversed N's)



An amber olive QT Mason's Patent Nov 30th 1858

Show and Tell Pictures, cont'd



Quart tin can with propeller closure,
"Ludlow's Infallible"



Lead closure for tin can, "Ludlow & Co's Im-
proved / Patent Pending / Cincinnati"



Clear QT Eureka 11 Pat^d
Dec 27th 1864



Green PT Ludlow's (propeller closure) and aqua QT
Ludlow's (iron cage closure)



Clear QT Patent Sept. 18.
1860 glued back together



Jeff Klinger's favorite jar—a carnival glass QT
Ball Perfect Mason from Don Burkett



Show and Tell is an important part of
the Get-Together that everyone enjoys



An SCA QT Mason (lasso loop) with octagon shaped neck, and
its matching unembossed jar—both made in Anderson, IN



Show Displays



Mike Jordan won all three awards (People's Choice, Dealer's Choice, Most Educational) with his display of "Fruit Jar Go-Withs"



Mike Mosier displayed several Ball company go-withs in this display "My Favorite Things"



The Jelly Jammers club shared many jelly glasses in this display "Some of My Favorite Things"

Show Displays, cont'd



Joe Coulson had this display of "Fruit Jar Shipping Boxes"



A wonderful array of colorful closures for Lafayette, B.B. Wilcox, Lightning, Globe, A. Stone & Others



Probably the most complete collection of Fruit Tablet Jars ever assembled was on display

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[HTTP://WWW.FRUITJAR.ORG](http://www.fruitjar.org)



Jim Sears and Joe Merkel displayed their examples of the "Mason" (figure of disk immerser) Disk Immerser jar side by side. The jar on the left has a bluish hue and the jar on the right has a greenish hue. It was a real treat to see two examples of this rare jar.

Announcements

- Upcoming club meetings:
 - Sunday, **March 1st**, 1:30pm meet at Minnetrista, theme is to bring jars with a wire closure other than a Lightning style closure
 - Sunday, **April 12th**, 1:30pm meet at Minnetrista, theme is to bring jars with glass lids
 - Sunday, **May 3rd**, 1:30pm meet at Minnetrista, theme is to bring jars with non-screw type closures
- Our club is a member of the Federation of Historical Bottle Clubs (FOHBC). The FOHBC has many resources and interesting articles on their website as well as a list of bottle shows: <http://www.fohbc.org/shows>
- Rob Parkison, Marty Troxell and Eli Tribbett have created a Facebook group called "Ball Jar Collectors". They would like to invite others to join the many active jar discussions there: <http://www.facebook.com>
- North American Glass's next online auction opens Feb. 9th. There are 13 different categories including fruit jars, bottles, flasks, stoneware, tins, and more. A full preview of the 525 lots may now be viewed at the link below: <http://www.gregspurgeon.com/auction>
- The Jar Doctor has an updated website showcasing their cleaning equipment and supplies: <http://jardoctor.com>
- Don't forget to keep up with the Jelly Jammers on their website. They keep adding photos of many interesting jelly glasses: <http://jellyjammers.org>

