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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: Joe Coulson, 10515 Collingswood Ln, Fishers, IN 46037

Next Club Show

January 2008

Details To Be Announced

Meeting Minutes June 3, 2007

The June meeting was held in the Cantina room at Minnetrista in Muncie, Ind. President Dave Rittenhouse opened the meeting and welcomed 15 members. The May meeting minutes were accepted as reported in last month's newsletter, and a copy was placed in the Secretary's book.

Dave verified that the club's membership in the Federation does include insurance coverage for our Shows. This will save the club about \$200 a year.

Dick Cole announced that he has retired from Minnetrista. Everyone congratulated him and wished him the best in his retirement. Dick served as Curator of Business and Industrial History for the museum and was the resident expert on fruit jars.

Dave Rittenhouse passed

Show and Tell

Club members brought many items to share at our June meeting. The theme for this month was "Pottery Jars".

Jean Harbron started us off by showing a half pint #100 "As You Like It" Trademark Horse-Radish; a pint #2933 The Weir Pat'd Mar

around July Show flyers, so that everyone would have plenty to hand out before the July Show. Kay Rittenhouse said that she had received lots of calls about how happy people were with The Signature Inn. A few people mentioned how it brought back the feeling of "Indy Style" room hopping. Joe Coulson said that he had been contacted by a staff writer at the Chicago Tribune—the person may mention our show in an article about summer antique happenings in the Midwest.

Jean and Dave have been working hard to identify meeting themes well in advance. Our August meeting will be the annual picnic at Phil and Meredith Robinson's home and jar museum. Bring something that you acquired at the July Show for show and tell. Also bring a lawn chair and



side dish or dessert!

The July meeting will be replaced by the July Show and Fruit Jar Get-Together. The Show will once again make use of The Signature Inn for accommodations. Most of the hotel's first floor rooms are booked by show attendees. You can reach the hotel at 765-284-4200.

Kay Rittenhouse is recovering from knee surgery. Give her some words of encouragement next time you see her!

See you all at the July Show.

Joe Coulson, Secretary

1st 1892 (around the lid); and an unmarked brown glaze wax sealer which had been passed down in the family and was obtained from a cousin.

Ann Szopa displayed a #2621 Sherwood Patent Applied For (on clear glass lid, Weir style) Sherwood Bros.

Pottery New Brighton, Pa (impressed in oval on heel of jar) Waukesha Club Cheese (on front); a quart #2933 The Weir Pat'd Mar 1st 1892 (on lid) (lid and upper part of jar are brown, lower part is white); and a #2622 unmarked white stoneware (black glass lid: Pat. Apld For

Show and Tell, cont'd

(in reverse) (a Sherwood style jar which may have originally contained apple butter). The following picture shows the difference between the Sherwood-style closure on the left and the Weir-style closure on the right. The main difference is the shape (and lever action) of the protruding metal piece in the middle.



Sue Wilson presented a white stoneware #1600 Macomb Pottery Co. (on base) with recessed bottom to allow stacking of jars; and a quart #1603 Macomb Pottery Co. Pat. Jan 24, 1899 Macomb, Ill (on base) (white stoneware jar and metal screw cap). One jar is stackable (shown in the following picture on the left) and the other jar is not. Sue said that she just had to buy two jars to "try out" the stacking feature!



John Elwood displayed a complete range of sizes of the #2933 The Weir Pat'd Mar 1st 1892 (around the lid). The sizes were half pint, pint, quart, and an unlisted half gallon.



Joe Coulson brought a newly discovered fifth variation of the #2811 Torrey's Egyptian Patented March 13th 1866 Fruit Jar. The "Goss & Peake" lettering on the bottom of this jar provided Tom Caniff with the vital clue to uncover some of the history of this jar (look for the full story in the June 2007 Fruit Jar News).

Norman Barnett (and Junne was there too!) displayed several early wax seal fruit jars. He brought four different examples of the #98 Robert Arthur's Patent 2nd January 1855 Arthur Burnham & Gilroy, Philadelphia (all on base or heel in oval).



Meredith Robinson displayed a Trade Mark (in shield) Cruikshank Bros. Co. Preserves, Jellies, Fruit Butters Allegheny, PA.; a Robertson's Preserves; a #2933 The Weir Pat'd Mar 1st 1892 (on lid) with original product label: Raspberry and Currant Ferndell Brand Jam; a #2933 The Weir Pat'd Mar 1st 1892 (on lid) with original product label: Apple Butter from Ridgewood Orchard Made from an old time Virginia Recipe Ridgewood Fruit

Growers Winchester, Virginia.



Dave Rittenhouse (and Kay) shared a quart wax sealer (gray stoneware with some nice cobalt blue streaks); a pint unlisted Jones Anti-Exmoistine; a Before and After Cream Cheese (Sherwood-style closure); and an unusual shape redware jar with a Weir-style closure;



Phil Robinson shared a #2935-1 (Weir lid) Brandt's Pure Horse Radish Cleveland Ohio; an unlisted HG (cork closure) Cowden + Wilcox; a HG #1603 Macomb Pottery Co. Pat. Jan 24 1899 Macomb, Ill. (on base) (stackable); a #1545 W. B. Lowry Roseville, O. (wax sealer); an unlisted stoneware Everlasting Jar Patd Feb ?; a #2672 Smucker Apple Butter Orrville, Ohio (on lid, Weir-style); a HG #2754 Stone Mason Fruit Jar Union Stone-ware Co. Red Wing, Minn (metal screw cap); a 2/3 PT #1603-2 Patent Pending M. P.Co. Macomb Ill (on base) (metal screw cap); a PT #1602 Macomb Pottery Co Pat Jan 24, 1899 (on base) (metal screw cap); a HP #2760 Sulzberger's Pure Horse Radish "As You Like It" (Weir-style); an unlisted pint (similar to



Ann Szopa shared this wonderful Waukesha Club Cheese (with Sherwood-style closure)



Show and Tell, cont'd

#2947) Western Stoneware Co. Monmouth Ill (on the base); an unlisted quart Fisher Patent (orange brown); and a quart T + Co (similar to Peoria pottery).

Lou Ebert displayed a Blacking Bottle (side debossed), 12oz., cork stopper, 6" tall. This bottle had belonged to his grandmother,

who used it as a flower vase. Lou also showed a 4/5 QT screw top bottle with label "Original Steinhager Urquell, distilled and bottled by Urquell Gmbh. & Co. OHG., Steinhagen / Westfalen, Germany." Steinhager is a dry gin.

Lou brought several miscellaneous glass shards and

items found on the ground at the site of the gas well and regulator house of the Marion Fruit Jar & Bottle Company's main factory at 32nd Street and Nebraska Street in Marion, Ind. These were found in early May of 2007 laying on the surface after the ground had recently been cleared by a bulldozer. All of the material on the site has been removed, and the ground has just been leveled and seeded as of June 1, 2007.

The fruit jar shards were from bottoms of jars that were originally H.F.J.Co. (cross Mason's Patent Nov. 30th 1858 jars (base Pat Nov 26 67). The shards were: base HG mold numbers 542, 50(?), (?87; base QT mold numbers 398, 647; base PT mold numbers 84, 135.



Other shards found: a shard from a Mason jar with part of the shoulder, threaded finish, and blow-over; 3 shards from machine-made one gallon Dandy oil cans (a bottom with a 7/8" valve mark; a complete finish with part of the shoulder; and approx. one half of a finish); and a cast iron shard (appears to be most of the base of a pint jar, where side wall is about 5/8" thick and base about 1/2" thick—an unusual type of jar).

Lou also found a 6 1/2"

Lou showed this Steinhager Urquell (dry gin) stoneware bottle and Blacking Bottle



Show and Tell, cont'd

long curved segment of a 3 3/4" by 3 3/4" fire brick material. It has a coating of melted glass on all four sides, the ends have been broken off (could this be part of a glass melting tank?).

Lou displayed a copy of plate 24 of the 1905 Sanborn Insurance maps of Marion, Ind. showing: Hayes Bros. & Co. (white liners); Marion Clay Pot Co. (glass melting pots, etc.); Estep Glass Co. (window glass); Marion Fruit Jar & Bottle Co. and a tracing of the north part of lot 114 of Webster & Winchel's 1888 addition to Marion, Ind. as of 2007.



Lou also shared a photocopy of an 1889 advertisement of the Marion Fruit Jar & Bottle Co., showing a cut of a H.F.J. Co. (cross) Mason's Patent Nov. 30th 1858 jar and a groove ring jar (from page 36 of "Marion Illustrated"). Lou brought another advertisement for EASY(sic.)-PAK MASON JARS. Round or Square Type, Quart Size only" (jar #2165).

Dick Cole brought a quart #1601 Macomb Pottery Co Pat Jan 24, 1899 (on base) (metal screw cap). Dick also brought some very special jars to share with us. He collects jars made for A. W. Brinkerhoff for an 1876 fruit jar pat-

ent. When he first got started collecting jars many years ago, he acquired a Brinkerhoff jar for a very cheap price at an auction. He later realized what a scarce jar he had and that it was an unusual find. This excitement led him to pursue these jars over the years. Dick showed us six different jars (we were lucky to see this many in one place at one time!). Brinkerhoff gave all of the jars numbers (with 11 being the highest known).

Dick brought the jars in for show and tell because he recently acquired a number 1, and an example has not been

reported until now! The jars are: No 11 Jelly (displayed); No 10 (displayed); No 9 (not reported); No 8 (only one known); No 7 (not reported); No 6 (not reported); No 5 Honey jar (displayed); No 4 (displayed); No 3 (displayed—Phil's); No 2 (reported); No 1 (displayed, and not reported until now!).

There were fun jar discussions at the meeting!



Dick Cole also displayed related Brinkerhoff patented items, including a glass ink well and brass corn husker!



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2007 FOHBC NATIONAL BOTTLE SHOW



AUGUST 17 - 19, 2007

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Joe Coulson displayed this Torrey's Egyptian Patented March 13th 1866 Fruit Jar. This is the first reported example with an Egyptian design on the jar. Joe was able to purchase two examples of this jar, which surfaced from the same estate.

Announcements

- Your newsletter editor is a bit behind on publishing the newsletter, but is getting caught up this week. The July newsletter will very closely follow the June newsletter, so that we don't miss any monthly issues and get back on our regular schedule.
- Future club meetings (our schedule is the first Sunday of the month): The August 5th meeting will be the Annual MAFJBC Picnic held at Phil and Meredith Robinson's yard at 1201 W. Cowing Dr., Muncie, Ind. (phone: 765-282-9707). Members need to bring lawn chairs and a side dish or a dessert. The club will provide the main dish, drinks and table service.
- Meeting themes are being posted in advance on the club website: <http://www.fruitjar.org>

