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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, May 4th, 2014

The May meeting was held in Muncie, Indiana in the Cantina at Minnetrista. Club President Dick Cole opened the meeting and welcomed 10 members.

Jennifer Halvorson introduced her guest from West Virginia—Ron Zick. Ron is running a pressed glass workshop at Ball State University the week of May 5th.

Jim Durr provided the Treasurer's report for May. Income included a couple of membership dues renewals. The club continues to maintain a positive bank account balance.

Dave Rittenhouse indicated that he has come up with a list of meeting themes through October. The topics will be posted in the newsletter and on the club website very soon.

Dick Cole mentioned that the Fruit Jar Annual 2015 was added to the club library.

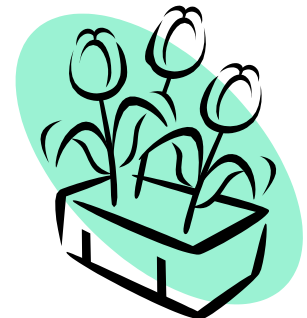
Dick said that he received a letter from Doug Leybourne about advertising in the new Red Book 11. The contents of our full page ad in Red Book 10 were reviewed. The club will place an ad in the new edition with some changes that will highlight our monthly meetings, newsletter, annual winter show and club library.

Dick told everyone about the current exhibit at Minnetrista titled *Expressions in Glass*. Many examples of contemporary glass are on display.

Dave brought up the idea of creating "business cards" for our club. These could be given out to people to spread the word about our club. Dave will investigate the options for having some made.

Here is a list of upcoming regional bottle shows:

July 27th 2014 (Sunday)
Altoona, Iowa - The Iowa Antique Bottle & Collectibles Show and Sale, in conjunction with the Beer, Soda & Bottle Mega Show, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Meadows Events Center, Prairie Meadows Racetrack & Casino, Altoona, Iowa, I-80 Exit #142; August 1st to 3rd 2014 (Saturday & Sunday)



Lexington, Kentucky - Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors presents the 2014 National Antique Bottle Show, at the Lexington Convention Center, 430 West Vine Street, Lexington, Kentucky.

The next club meeting will be June 1st at 1:30pm at the Charles Williams Memorial Library in Muncie, Indiana. The theme will be "bring your favorite Ball jar".

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Coulson, Secretary



The flowers were in bloom at Minnetrista for our May meeting

Show and Tell

The themes for the May Show and Tell were “art glass” and “recent purchases.”

Dick Cole brought a green art glass bottle with a swirled pattern. This was most likely a refrigerator bottle.

Mike James displayed a Ball-Foster Defect Manual, circa 1995–1996. He brought six copies to give away to members in attendance who wanted one. The manuals were created by people that worked in Mike’s department.

Mike also displayed several art glass items that were made on I.S. (Individual Section) machines in the 1970s. Mike showed two amber “swans”, one clear “swan”, and a green vase made from a blank mold. The foreman would get mad because each one meant a missing bottle. A worker would catch the “drop” from the machine and then blow the final shape by hand.

Mike shared a clear Owens-Illinois piece that was shaped like a belt with a belt buckle. He also shared clear paperweight with milkglass and blue swirls in it, and with the following blue writing: “75th Anniversary Automatic Bottle Machine / Pat. By M. J. Owens / 1903–1978 / (around a figure of Michael J. Owens bust)”.

Dave Rittenhouse displayed an aqua quart “The Valve Jar Co. Philadelphia Patent March 10th 1868 W.L. Imlay”, which he purchased at

a recent North American Glass auction. He was able to clean the jar, and put the correct closure on it.

Dave also showed an amber scroll flask bottle made by the Clevenger Brothers with the following embossing on one side: “The United States Celebrates 200 Years of Freedom 1776–1976 / (around figure of a fort) / Ft. Wayne 1794”/. The other side of the bottle is embossed “Bottle Sponsored By Fort Wayne, Indiana Historical Bottle Club / (around figure of a soldier on a horse) / Gen. Mad Anthony Wayne”. The bottle also had a paper label on it.

Ron Zick asked about bottle cleaning. Dave was able to answer in detail how bottle cleaning is successfully performed.

Joe Coulson brought several recent purchases. The first jar was an aqua quart wax sealer with a Hemingray mold number 7 on the base. He bought this jar at the Exit 76 antique mall in Edinburgh, Indiana. The second jar was a clear quart Kerr “Self Sealing” Mason with L.O. Morgan Special “1973” (lettering in script) on the reverse. This jar came from the Crossville, Tennessee flea market. It is the first reported example of this special run jar—most likely for the retirement of an employee. The third jar was a quart pottery Washington Fruit Jar Patented March 13th 1866. This jar was purchased at the Muncie Winter Show,

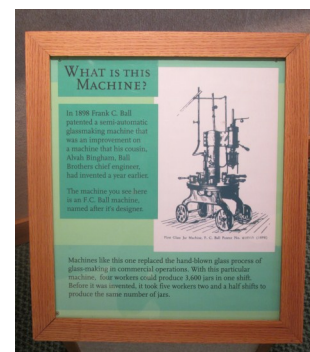
and it is the only known example. The jar has the same patent date, shape and closure as the Torrey’s Egyptian Fruit Jar.

Colleen Dixon displayed a variety of items with artistic designs. The first bottle was a Garrett’s American Wines Bottle (unknown maker; screw top; embossed with an eagle over a shield; grapes, berries and leaves embossed on it; a space for a label on front with GARRETT’S embossed on bottom of front; about 10” tall; two piece mold; oval bottle). The second bottle was a clear “Gibson Wine” (on base) (unknown maker; screw top; pheasant embossed on the top half of the bottle; “4/5 Quart Wine” on both sides; about 11 1/2” tall; two piece mold; oval bottle). The third bottle was clear and embossed with grapes and leaves on a grapevine (press on lid; six posts on a tapered bottom half; a circle on the bottom; about 10” tall; three piece mold). The fourth item was a clear short jelly glass with grapes and leaves on three sides (three piece mold; has knurled lip to hold a lid; 3 1/2” tall; footed; unknown maker). The fifth item was a clear tall jelly glass with roses and leaves embossed on both sides (footed; 6” tall; unknown maker). The sixth item was a clear and heavily embossed syrup pitcher (4 1/2” tall; unknown maker; tin lid attached).

Jennifer Halvorson mentioned that she had two pic-

es in the Minnetrista Juried Art Show. She made cast jars.

Jennifer brought a half pint Quilted Crystal Jar that she modified to allow a fork to rest through a pocket in the side of the jar. The part that stuck out was painted red to look like a tongue sticking out. The jar was painted white on the inside. The enamel paint had been fired on.



This Frank C. Ball semi-automatic glass blowing machine is currently on display at Minnetrista

Show and Tell Pictures



Paperweight celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Owens automatic bottle machine (1978)



Amber scroll flask made by Clevenger Bros. to commemorate the U.S. Bicentennial by the Fort Wayne, Indiana Historical Bottle Club



Short and tall jelly glasses with lots of artistic embossing



The Valve Jar Co. aqua quart



Heavily embossed with grapes



Garrett's wine bottle



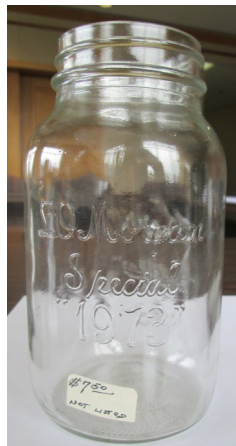
Bird embossing



Heavily embossed syrup pitcher



Front and back of a Kerr "Self Sealing" Mason L.O. Morgan Special "1973" (in script)



Front and top of a pottery Washington Fruit Jar Patented March 13th 1866



Show and Tell Pictures, cont'd



Green refrigerator bottle with swirls



Art glass jar with "tongue" sticking out and a fork resting in it



Art glass "swans" made and shaped from a blank mold drop



Green vase made from blank mold



Clear glass Owens-Illinois belt with belt buckle



Ball-Foster Defect Manual

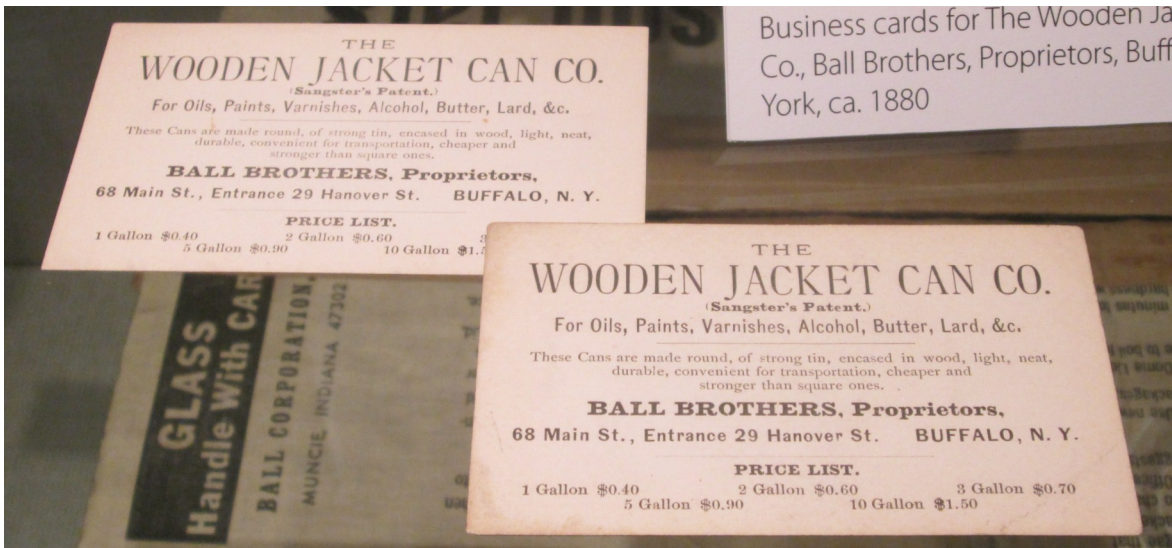


Base showing a Hemingray 7 base mold



Aqua quar wax seller made by Hemingray Glass Co.

Minnetrista Ball Exhibit Pictures



Business cards for The Wooden Jacket Can Co., Ball Brothers, Proprietors, Buffalo, New York, ca. 1880

Business cards for The Wooden Jacket Can Co., Ball Bros., Proprietors, Buffalo, New York, circa 1880



Stock Certificate from Ball Brothers' Glass Manufacturing Co., 1895



Blotter, Ball Brothers Glass Manufacturing Company, 1890s

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A miniature Atlas Strong Shoulder Mason jar used for advertising purposes by Atlas Glass Co., circa 1940. This item was on display in the Minnetrista museum upstairs.

Announcements

- Upcoming club meetings:
 - Sunday, **June 1st**, 1:30pm meet at the Charles Williams Memorial Library, the Show and Tell topic will be to bring "your favorite Ball jar".
 - Sunday, **July 13th**, 1:30pm meet at Minnetrista
- The 2014 FOHBC National Antique Bottle Show will be held in Lexington, Kentucky on August 1–3, 2014. <http://www.fohbc.org/shows>
- North American Glass currently has an auction open. There are 348 fruit jars for sale. You can view the listings online: <http://www.gregspurgeon.com/auction>
- Due to a Printer's mistake, some issues of the newsletter were printed in color last month. We only had to pay the black and white price.
- Red Book of Fruit Jars Edition 11 has been released. The new book became available at the Mansfield Bottle Show. Contact Doug Leybourne at: <http://redbookjars.com>

