





Midwest Glass Chatter September 2010

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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: Anne Szopa, 11199 U.S. Highway 35, Economy, IN 47339

Meeting Minutes, September 12th, 2010

The September club meeting was held at Minnetrista in Muncie, Indiana. President Dave Rittenhouse opened the meeting and welcomed 6 members.

Dave mentioned that he and Kay would host hospitality in their hotel room at the January Muncie Show. The hotel conference rooms are reserved if people want to use them.

Anne Szopa was not present to give a Treasurer's report. Anne was away on a trip to Hawaii.

Mike Mosier told us that Ted Penix was in the hospital. Ted has cellulitis in his right leg. A "Get Well" card was passed around for everyone to sign and wish him a speedy recovery.

Joe Coulson said that the annual Portland tractor show had several sales tables with fruit jars on them. The event occurred August 25–29. He indicated that club member Tom Nixon had a sales table.

See you all at the next club meeting.

Joe Coulson, Secretary

Jars & Collectors by Junne Barnett

While looking through Jerry McCann's Fruit Jar Annual, I noticed the similarity of some of the jar names and names of the collectors. And this story started in my brain, so I hope you enjoy it...

While Norman is in the Care Center of the Masonic Home in Franklin, Indiana, and I am living with my SUN (play on words), I have little HOUSEKEEPING to do. Therefore, I DOLITTLE.

Although Mason Bright has a name that is on fruit jars, he has had a Ball while acquiring a large collection of BALL jars. And Don Burkett has long been known as "Mr. Mason", because MASON jars were his favorite kind of jars to collect

Roy Brown became KING of the "mail order jars" through his large number of customers who ordered jars from his mailing list. HOOSI-ER, Greg Spurgeon is the LEADER of jars sold on eBay. He doesn't sell just a jar or two, but has been known to sell whole collections of some well known collectors. Then there is ADAM Koch, a BUCKEYE, who thought jars were O.K., but bottles were his choice of collecting. It seems now that he has some MAGIC way of locating and purchasing unusual fruit jars. At this time the

ECONOMY has put a "slow down" on some of the collections, however, let a rare and unusual jar become known, and there will be several jar collectors who will act as fast as LIGHTNING, hoping to be the one to acquire it.

Some collectors have a FAVORITE jar, while others use COMMON SENSE and buy whatever fits their budget. I'm sure Mike Mosier of Indiana has a CRYSTAL jar, because he also has a wife named Crystal. Another fruit jar collector who has a wife with the name of a fruit jar is Larry Munson of Shelby, Montana. His wife is named HAZEL, and she is his WESTERN PRIDE. That's what you might call keeping it in the FAMILY.

Jars & Collectors, cont'd

With a stretch of imagination we could also include Tom & Deena CANiff of Ohio, and Jerry McCANn of Chicago. I hope they don't mind me changing their names a bit. We know of collectors in England, Germany, Australia and probably other countries around the GLOBE. And there was the Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors Expo that was in DENVER.

Norman Barnett had a large case with locking, sliding glass doors as a SAFETY—PROTECTOR for his collection. He thought his idea was PERFECTION. As no one in our family was interested in the collection it is being dispersed for us by Dan CORKer. Some of the real early jars / bottles were sealed with a cork and sealing wax, which made them AIRTIGHT. Among the jelly collectors there are many QUEEN BEES.

This article was started in the summer while I was spending my time at the Masonic Care Center with Norman, my HERO. He read what I had written so far and passed judgment saying, "It was ALL RIGHT and probably the BEST that I could do."

I'm sure there must be other related names, but at this time I am at a stand still in my thinking.

It's been a few months now, and although my thinking is not at its BEST, it will have to be O.K. as I complete the article that Norm and I talked about. Others who have jar related names are perhaps Tom Fink, and a FINKE & Nasse jar. And from CANADA we have John Barclay. As well as other collectors whom we know who are DANDY, and are all over the GLOBE.

One of Norm's favorite things to talk about was the "Genealogy of Jars", such as who made them, where they were sold, who bought them and then most of all: which collectors owned them first, who bought them and resold them, and whose collection they are in now. It was interesting to talk about, but somehow we never got around to doing more than just talk about it. Perhaps that is a good project for some of you dedicated jar collectors.

Well, it is time for me to SCHRAM and get supper ready. If I had MY CHOICE, I'd rather go out and eat a steak, but as CHEF I will stir up some MAGIC, and perhaps it will be the LADIES FAVOR-ITE.

Once again, may I say that bottle / jar people are the Greatest. As one of Norman's favorite sayings, "I'm glad you had the pleasure of meeting me"... only this time it is "I AM SO GLAD WE HAD THE PLEASURE OF MEETING SO MANY WONDERFUL PEOPLE."

-Junne Barnett

Home Canning

There was no store to run to On the corner down the block; Once we began our canning, We'd work around the clock.

In the huge old farmhouse kirchen With its spicy, fragrant air From great preserving kettles Of strawberry, peach, and pear.

Sis washed half gallon fruit jars, 'Cause she had the smallest hands; I never knew why glass jars Were spoken of as cans.

Grandmother chose crahapples That were uniform in size, And every year at the county fair Her pickles won first prize.

When all the jars were full at last, To the cellar I would carry What seemed to me a thousand quarts-Every kind of fruit and berry,

Tart, tangy, red tomatoes, Juice, jam, and jellies, too, Marmalades so clear and sweet. Just to name a very few.

The cellar shelves were laden With our whole year's supply Of all the good, delicious things Which we never had to buy.

By Cawrence J. Watters
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Show and Tell

Club members were asked to bring "unusual" fruit jars or bottles (whittled, bubbles, inclusions, etc.).

Jean Harbron shared a clear half gallon #900-1 Economy Trademark (4 underlines, closed end) (base: Kerr Glass Mfg. Co. Portland Ore Pat June 9 1903) (with a large pot stone in the side); a clear quart #303 Ball (script, undropped A) Special (round, unlisted in clear); a clear pint #2245 Newmark Special Extra Mason Jar with fleur de lis (made by Latchford); and an uncommon clear pint #309 Ball (script, undropped A) Special (reverse: Made In U.S.A) (base: concentric circles) (square jar with 9 gripper ribs).

Dick Cole displayed an amethyst half gallon #1875

Mason's Patent Nov 30TH 1858 (reverse: tudor rose) (correct pickle pusher insert) (extra glob of glass on emblem side). Dick also showed us a rare #2259 Brinkerhoff No. 3 jar which Dave recently cleaned for him.

Dave Rittenhouse displayed an aqua pint #1123 Globe (nicely whittled and lots of bubbles); an aqua quart #2183 Millville Atmospheric Fruit Jar (squared shoulders, whittled); an aqua midget pint #1964 Mason's (keystone in circle) Patent Nov 30TH 1858 (whittled); an aqua half gallon #1787 Mason's Patent Nov 30[™] 1858 (extremely crude, lots of lumps in the glass, and neck not even with the shoulder!); and an amber quart #2168 wax sealer (base: M.F.J.Co., nicely whittled and bubbles).

Dave also displayed an aqua five gallon carboy bottle. A carboy is a large glass bottle protected by basketwork or a wooden box, used especially for holding corrosive liquids. This bottle was a recent purchase. The carboy had its original cork closure. This ground mouth bottle was made by Whitall Tatum Company sometime around 1900.

Mike Mosier brought a Ball blue quart #317-1 Ball (script, dropped A) Sure Seal 2 (green swirls in the glass, glob on the side); a clear quart #1501 Trademark Lightning Registered U.S. Patent Office (lots of seed bubbles, and a fold or depression in the glass where the opened bail wire could rest?); and an amber quart rolled lip corker with extreme swirls in the glass.

Joe Coulson shared a clear Ball No. 10 glass topseal lid with a 1941 penny embedded in it. This lid was originally in Phil Robinson's museum collection. Joe also shared a #349 Ball Ideal with a very large pot stone in the front.



Clear quart Ball Special Unlisted in clear



Clear quart Trademark Lightning with lots of bubbles, and a shoulder depression for bail?



Extremely crude Mason's Patent Nov 30TH 1858 Lettering almost invisible



Ball blue Ball Sure Seal 2 Quart with green swirled neck And glob on side of jar



Amethyst "Tudor Rose" Quart with glob on side of jar

Show and Tell Pictures



Clear Ball No. 10 top seal lid With 1941 penny embedded



Crudely swirled light amber jar





Clear half gallon

Kerr Economy

With large pot stone





Ball blue quart

Bicentennial Ball Ideal

With very large pot stone



Closeup of closure on the large W.T.CO. carboy



Base of carboy is embossed with W.T.CO.

MAFJ&BC January 9, 2011 Show & Sale Muncie, Indiana

The Show and Sale on Sunday, January 9, 2011 will be the culmination of several days of fruit jar-related happenings. Some people will start arriving at the Signature Inn, 3400 N. Chadam Lane, Muncie (765-284-4200) as early as Thursday to get their rooms set up and start room-hopping. If you haven't been room-hopping, you don't know what you have missed. Dealers set their jars up in their rooms and you can hop from room to room in the motel, looking for that special find. Thursday and Friday nights will be the prime time for action in the rooms. You must make your reservations by December 9 to get a room. The Fruit Jar Get-Together and Auction also will be held at the Signature Inn.

Events

Saturday, January 8, 2011

JELLY JAMMERS MEETING

At 10:00am in the Conference Room on the second floor of the Signature Inn. Buy, sell and show jelly jars and related items. Everyone is welcome.

FRUIT JAR GET-TOGETHER

At 1:30pm in the Conference Room on the second floor of the Signature Inn. Collectors from all over the United States and Canada show off their latest finds, and put jars up for auction.

FRUIT JAR AUCTION

Immediately following the Get-Together, the jars put up for auction will be sold off to the highest bidder. Here's a chance to find some jars that you won't find on a table the next day.



A jarrific place to share and learn

Send articles and info here: Joe Coulson, Editor 10515 Collingswood Ln. Fishers, IN 46037-9598 Email: JCoulson@LeaderJar.com

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We're on the Web! www.fruitjar.org



Dave Rittenhouse holds up the original cork closure that was still in this five gallon carboy when he recently purchased it. This item probably dates to the late 19th or early 20th century. It was made by Whitall Tatum Co.

Announcements

- Our club is a member and supporter of the Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors (the national bottle club). They have a website: http://www.fohbc.com
- The Ball Jar Collectors Community Center (BJCCC) is located at this site: http://balljarcollectorscommunitycenter.yuku.com/

