

\$284.86...and the rest of the story

Company founders Frank L. Fenton and his brother John W. Fenton pooled their money (Frank's \$280 and John's \$4.86) to start Fenton Art Glass in early May 1905 in Martins Ferry, Ohio. Even at that time, however, these funds were not really sufficient to launch the glass decorating business they envisioned. They required space and equipment, they had to hire a few employees, and they needed glass to decorate.

They had a lawyer draw up the papers for a corporate charter, and this enabled them to sell shares of stock in their new business venture. An early ledger book in our archives lists the initial stockholders. Not surprisingly, several investors—such as foundry proprietor William Mann, store owner John Seidwitz, and some other local businessmen—were familiar with various glass enterprises in the local area.

Other investors came to learn about Fenton Art Glass through the following turn of events. Young Frank L. Fenton, then 25, thought it would be prudent to have a life insurance policy, so he visited insurance agents in Bridgeport, Ohio, and nearby Wheeling, West Virginia. The policy required a medical exam, so he made an appointment with a physician in Bridgeport. The doctor found Frank to be fit, but he did recommend a prescription medication of some kind. The prescription was filled at a drug store in Bridgeport. The insurance agents (George Crook and John McFedris), the doctor (J. O. Howells) and the druggist (J. C. Dent) all bought stock in the Fenton Art Glass Company! Mr. Dent was named President of the company for a short time, and he and Dr. Howells were members of the firm's Board of Directors for many years.

Yet another local investor in the Fenton firm was Rev. F. A. Domer, who was pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Bridgeport. Frank L. Fenton sang in the choir at this church, so he must have chatted with the pastor one day and ... but that's another story!



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A Century of Decorating Excellence



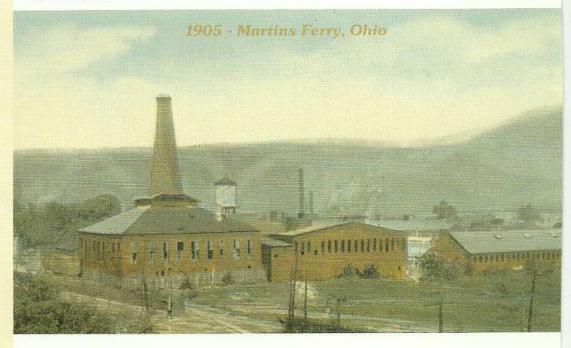
Frank L. Fenton

On May 4, 1905, Frank L. Fenton and his brother John combined their funds (Frank's \$280 and John's \$4.86) and deposited this sum in the Dollar Bank in Wheeling, West Virginia. The Fenton Art Glass Company was born!

Joined by brother Charles, who was also an experienced glass decorator, Frank and John rented space in the Haskins Glass Company's factory in Martins Ferry, Ohio.



John W. Fenton





Gold band tumbler, ca. 1905

They purchased glass from nearby manufacturers, and designed decorative motifs to be handpainted on the glass. Four young women—Carrie Howell, Lizzie Moore, Bertie Rhumbach, and Carrie Wood—were hired as decorators. Each of these women had done glass decorating at nearby plants, and their handpainting experience was surely an asset for the start of our company.

The initial Fenton products ranged from simple gold bands on tumblers to elaborate floral or geometric motifs on lemonade sets (tall pitchers and sets of tumblers).

MARTINS FERRY, O., 1905.

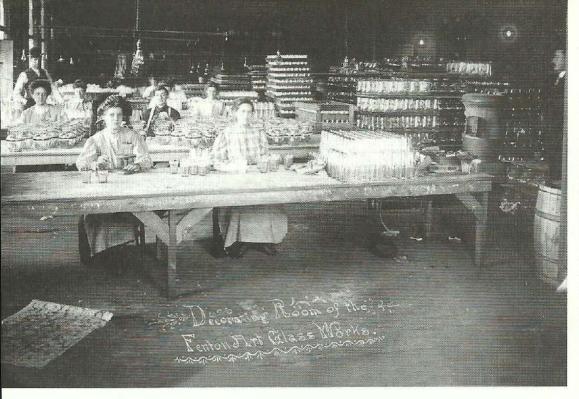
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The company letterhead described Fenton Art Glass as "decorators, enamelers, designers, (and) guilders of tableware, bar bottles, lemonade sets and novelties." Ledgers from 1905-06 record the firm's products, revealing that tumblers with gold bands were sold in quantity. The decorated lemonade sets had interesting names: *Harvard, Jewel, Marguerite, Tennyson, Whistler,* and *Yale.*

Cableware, Bar Bottles, Lemonade Sets and Novelties.



In early 1907, the Fenton decoratina department was headed by Charles Fenton (not in picture) and by foreman Gaspar Collins (at left, wearing hat and vest). Collins was responsible for supervising the decorators and laborers in his department. Others shown in this picture are Susan Barnett, Adda Burt, Lydia Burt, Edna Collins, John Collins, and Edith Patterson. The man just visible at the extreme right is company founder John W. Fenton.

Dear Fenton Customer:

More than a century ago, my grandfather, Frank L. Fenton, and my great uncle John Fenton were in their first year of business as glass decorators. They were creating handpainted motifs ranging from florals to geometric designs to appeal to their small but growing list of customers. Their efforts were the beginnings of the traditions of excellence in design and artistry that are now so firmly associated with Fenton glass.

As we developed our new products for 2006—the first year of our second century in business—all of us at Fenton Art Glass were especially mindful of the efforts of those who launched this enterprise in 1905. Today, as then, each article of Fenton glass reflects our pride in the craftsmanship of the designers and skilled artisans who make these products possible.

We regard the onset of our second century as both a continuation of the past and the start of the future. Our past is one of warm personal relationships and great appreciation for the value and beauty of our products. We are confident that our future will be the same.

George W Fenton

George W. Fenton President As the Fenton brothers were building a glass factory in Williamstown during the fall of 1906, they were certainly planning for decorating to be an integral part of their expanded business. Frank and John surely contributed design ideas, but

their attentions were also focused on other segments of the business and a much larger staff of employees.

In 1906-07, our decorated glassware, such as lemonade sets, often featured elaborate floral motifs, and some of these were surely designed by Frank L. Fenton. When we began to manufacture "iridescent ware" in late 1907 and subsequently, our decorators added to the allure of this product with interesting decorations.

> Banded Drape Pitcher, ca. 1910



Front row: Shelley Fenton Ash, Christine Fenton, Nancy Fenton, and Lynn Fenton Erb; Back row: Randy Fenton, Mike Fenton, George Fenton, Tom Fenton and Scott Fenton.

Frank M. Fenton 1915-2005

The death of Frank M. Fenton on August 9, 2005, brought his long association with Fenton Art Glass and the city of Williamstown to a close. Born in Williamstown on December 1, 1915, he graduated from high school across the Ohio River in Marietta, Ohio, in 1932. At 6-foot 7-inches tall, Frank was a distinctive figure, although he jokingly told people he was "only five foot nineteen."

At Marietta College, Frank was a key member of the crew team which won the inaugural Dad Vail Cup in 1934. As a basketball player, he was first-string center on the Marietta team which won the Ohio Conference championship in 1936.

He came to Fenton Art Glass in June, 1936, and, after working in maintenance and the payroll office, he became Assistant General Manager in the early 1940s. Upon the death of their father in 1948, Frank and his brother Bill became company President and Vice-President, respectively. Together, they led our organization through its time of greatest growth, establishing Fenton as America's premier producer of handmade colored art glass.

Frank was an avid student of art and design, and his knowledge of glass chemistry and technology helped our company overcome many production hurdles. Away from work, he enjoyed classical music and read widely. He was active in church work and in civic affairs, particularly regarding issues in education and the arts.

He retired to the position of Historian in 1986 and greatly enjoyed working in the Fenton Museum and helping all manner of glass collectors better understand their favorite pieces. He took great pleasure in recalling the history of those Fenton items he helped develop.

We will think of him often, and his memory will be in our hearts forever.



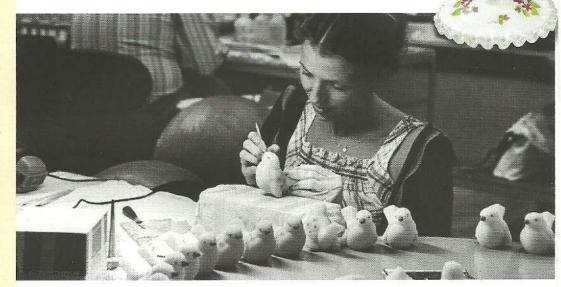
Frank M. Fenton



Louise Piper

Public tastes for decorated glassware began to change in the 1920s, and Fenton's decorating department, then under the direction of foreman Otto Goertler, was phased out during the difficult financial times of the 1930s.

Decorated glassware began to return to fashion in the 1950s, and Frank M. Fenton and his brother Bill, who had taken control of the company after their father's death in 1948, wanted to add decorating to Fenton's product mix. After quite a search for just the right person, Frank and Bill hired Louise Piper, a decorator from Westmoreland County, PA, who had many years of experience in this field. Within a few months, Louise had hired and trained a staff of decorators and had created several new handpainted designs, including Violets in the Snow and Apple Blossom.



Debbie Lorentz Kyle, ca. 1980

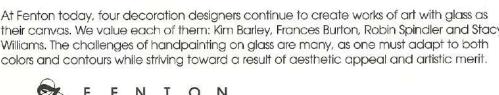
During the 1980s, several Fenton decorators (most of whom had been trained by Louise) became involved in decorating design. Linda Everson created a number of handpainted decorations for the Fenton line or series pieces as well as special items for the Connoisseur Collection. Diane Johnson and Michael Dickinson also developed noteworthy designs, as did Dianna Barbour, Susan Bryan, Beverly Cumberledge, Kay Cunningham, Richard Delaney, Carol Evans, Gloria Finn, Sue Jackson, Susan Johnson, and Robin Spindler. Linda Everson, Dianna Barbour, Susan Bryan, and Diane Johnson are with our company today, and their talents and experience contribute to our tradition of decorating excellence.

Martha Reynolds was a decoration designer at Fenton Art Glass for more than a decade until her retirement in 2001. She loved to experiment with new materials and styles, and her creations ranged from the simple and contemporary to the

ornate look of Victorian glass. Martha was often honored with design awards, including the prestigious Vandenoever Award from the Society of Glass and Ceramic Decorators, and she was recognized several times by Collector Editions magazine.

Martha Reynolds

At Fenton today, four decoration designers continue to create works of art with glass as their canvas. We value each of them: Kim Barley, Frances Burton, Robin Spindler and Stacy Williams, The challenges of handpainting on glass are many, as one must adapt to both







Frances Burton

Frances Burton loved sketching and painting with watercolors long before she began working as a Fenton decorator in 1973. She enjoys her job as a designer because it gives her the freedom to create. Frances particularly enjoys painting scenery, and she describes her style as characterized by "big floral designs ... with just one type of flower." Much of her inspiration comes from her garden. "I love to grow flowers, and I get many ideas from them," she says. "It lets me see what they look like in nature and how they change as they grow." Frances has won many awards for her creations on Fenton glass, including several Awards of Excellence from *Collector Editions* magazine.

Kim Barley has flourished as an artist since joining Fenton's decorating department in 1979. Her designs have become more intricate and elaborate as she's gained experience. Kim says much of her inspiration comes from her love of water. Since becoming a designer in 1993, she has created many designs with aquatic themes. She also believes her art is heavily influenced by fashions. "Growing up, I loved to sketch. I wanted



Kim Barley



J. K. "Robin" Spindler

to be a fashion designer and was always drawing clothes," she grins. Kim often sketches designs on glass before beginning to paint because the marker can be erased if changes are needed. Kim's work has been recognized with awards from the Society of Glass and Ceramic Decorators as well as the National Association of Limited Edition Dealers (NALED).

Robin Spindler, who is known as "J. K. Spindler" to those who collect Fenton glass, says she is the "serious one" among the four-person Fenton decoration design group. She came to Fenton in 1979 after her family encouraged her to pursue a love for art and painting. Robin's unique designs are always of the highest caliber, and she says much of her inspiration comes from nature. Robin often studies the different shapes and colors in her garden. She is amazed at the different lines and textures there. Her talent has been recognized with many awards, including a Discovery Award for Technical Excellence and, most recently, the Vandenoever Award and the Judges' Award from the Society of Glass and Ceramic Decorators. She also has Awards of Excellence from Collector Editions magazine and special recognition by the National Association of Limited Edition Dealers (NALED).

Stacy Williams started at Fenton as a decorator in 1993 after attending the Columbus College of Art and Design to pursue her love of painting. She became a decorating designer in 2000. Stacy likes "fun patterns" and loves to design landscapes and seascapes. Her brush deftly sweeps on broad strokes of paint but turns gentle when she creates the minute. details, "Sometimes I look at a piece of glass and I just know what I want to paint," she says, "it just hits me." However, she admits she is sometimes challenged with trying to find the perfect design, and she will scour art history books for inspiration. Stacy's work has been recognized with an award from the Society of Glass and Ceramic Decorators.



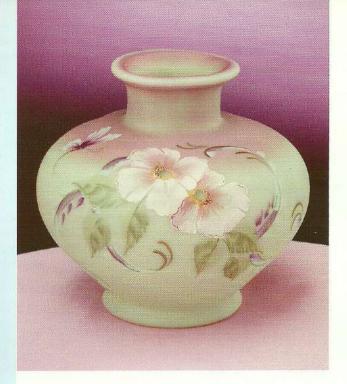
Stacy Williams



Connoisseur Collection 2006

Presenting the Artistry of Fenton Art Glass

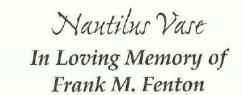
From its inception in 1983, the Connoisseur Collection fulfills our commitment to creating rare and unusual glass treatments. Enjoy the first installment of our selections for 2006. More pieces will be available during the second half of the year.



Hibiscus Garden

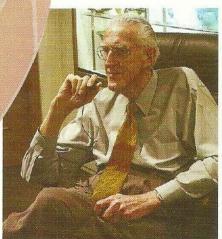
The soft green and warm pink of our Latus Mist Burmese glass is the perfect complement to Robin Spindler's depiction of lush hibiscus blossoms and a stylized butterfly. Accents in 22k gold blend beautifully with Robin's sheer purples and the metallic green leaves. The mould for this vase was designed by renowned glass artist Dan Dailey.

6470 GT Vase, 7" (limit: 1950)



Our classic Burmese glass captures the beauty of a magnificent seashell in this tribute to Frank M. Fenton. Stacy Williams has re-interpreted the seashell motif that Frank inspired for his much-loved Burmese selections in 1985 and 1986.

This vase will be inscribed with a Frank M. Fenton Memorial backstamp.



Frank M. Fenton 1915 - 2005

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5062 BT Nautilus Vase, 7½" (limit: 1950) Frank M. Fenton Memorial Backstamp Photo courtesy of Nell Unger/FAGC

Caribbean Day

Glass artisan Dave Fetty developed a special process to create this spectacular vase, capturing the essence of the sea and sky of the Caribbean. Multiple layers of crystal and powdered glass in white, blue and green are carefully combined by Dave to produce this dramatic result when the piece is blown in a paste mould to eliminate seams. No two will be exactly allke ... but all will be beautiful!



4861 DB Vase, 7½" (limit: 1500)

Mother's Love

Frances Burton has created a touching tableau of a mother giraffe overseeing her playful child. This delightful companion to the "Elephant Walk" design for 2005 adds yet another dimension to sandcarved artistry. Shimmering metallic paints complement the red gold brilliance of Marigold iridescence, bringing the African landscape to life.

7374 EU
Pitcher, 11"
Inscribed with the
signatures of nine
Fenton family members
(limit: 1500)

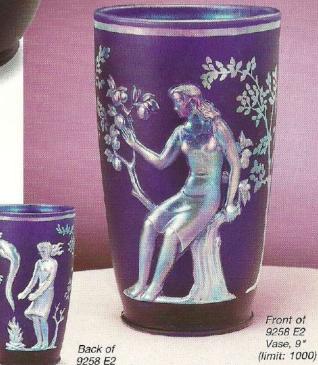
8199 B6 Vase, 7½" (limit: 750)

Moonstruck Bluebells

The soft touch of Aubergine Velvet frames Kim Barley's dramatic rendition of drowsy Bluebells. The rich depth and shading of the design is created by multiple layers of paint and is complemented by the elegantly arched French curl handle.

Seasons Vase Summer & Winter

In response to many requests to complete the Seasons set in Favrene, we are offering the Summer & Winter vase. The two Seasons moulds were acquired in the 1960s. They were first made by the Verlys of America Company to replicate the appeal of fine French glass with deeply embossed designs. The Spring and Autumn vase in Favrene was offered by Fenton in 1998.



Carnival Glass

Fenton Art Glass launched America's first Carnival glass treatments in 1907, and they have remained a Fenton hallmark. Collectors worldwide search for our finest examples of this "iridescent ware" that first put Fenton on the map.

Once again we bring you the most popular of our signature iridescent treatments in a medley of collectible colors—Red Carnival, Amethyst Carnival and the difficult Marigold Carnival. As always, we present pieces not made previously in these Carnival colors or shapes.

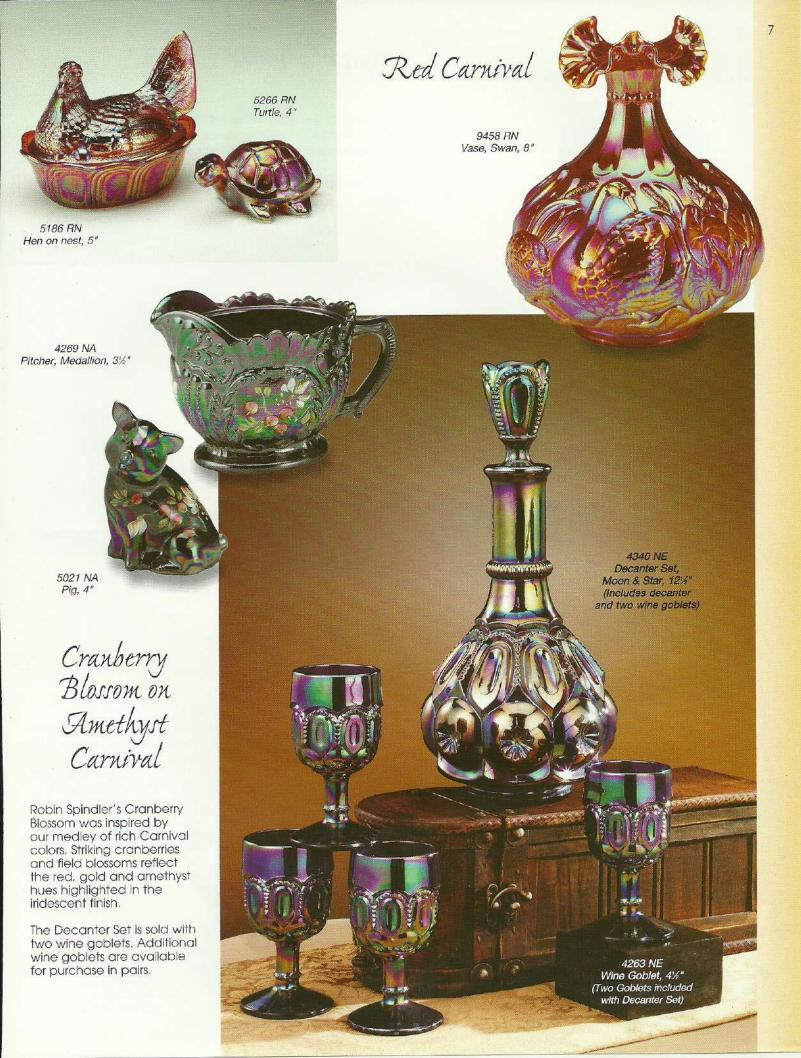


6605 NA Lamp, Ruffled Shade, 17"



Amethyst Carnival





Designer Purses

What better place for life's little treasures than a stylish handbag? Our new Designer Purses are perfect for whatever memories you need to tuck away!

Each purse complements the Designer Hats offered in 2005.

0583 AS 5 Pc. Designer Purse Assortment

6477 8U Purse. 31 "Bye-Bye Butterfly" Cobalt Blue Stacy Williams

Each Designer Purse is offered in a strictly limited edition of 2500 pieces, bears a "designed by" logo with the signature of the designer and the signature of the artist who completes it.

6477 8J Purse, 3" "Posy Parade" Fern Green CC Hardman

6477 9H Purse, 3" "Pretty in Pink" Rosemilk Kim Barley

6477 8K Purse, 3" "Wildflowers" Violet Robin Spindler

Sculptor Suzi Whitaker designed the moulds used to make these splendid additions to the Fenton line, and our quintet of "designing women" (Kim Barley, Frances Burton, CC Hardman, Robin Spindler and Stacy Williams) have created handpainted motifs to grace each selection.

Each purse opens for use as a treasure box.

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6477 9A Purse, 3" "Poppy Passion" Autumn Gold Frances Burton



Four Seasons Bells

Fenton celebrates nature's rhythms and the changes brought by the seasons with four delightful bells. Our design team of Kim Barley, Frances Burton, Robin Spindler and Stacy Williams chose to continue with some of their favorite "children" in this wonderful group. The vivid glass colors ... so distinctively Fenton ... are the perfect complements to our team's Mary Gregory-style decorations ... sure to please one and all!



Shring 7463 Fl Bell, 6½" "Kitty Ride" Emerald Green (Kim Barley)





7668 FX Bell, 6½" "Batter Up!" Violet (Robin Spindler)

0584 AS 4 Pc. Four Seasons Bells Assortment



7668 FR Bell, 6½" "Bubba's Walk" Cobalt Blue (Stacy Williams)



Glass Messenger 2006 Subscriber Exclusives

Those who enjoy the Fenton quarterly Glass Messenger will fall in love with this year's Subscriber Exclusives! Designer Frances Burton's new Charleton Garden motif on a Beaded Melon Vase and companion Songbird recalls a popular decorating style from the 1940s, replete with 22k gold accents and lavish florals. The mould for the Beaded Melon vase dates to the 1940s, and the Songbird is one of sculptor Suzi Whitaker's newest creations. Each Glass Messenger Subscriber Exclusive is individually numbered and inscribed with the signature of a Fenton family member and the artist who completes it.

7693 ZG "Charleton Garden" Vase, Beaded Melon, 6" Inscribed with the signature of Mike Fenton 5363 ZG Sonabird, 33/4" Inscribed with the signature of Nancy Fenton

Subscriber Exclusives limited to sales through November 30, 2006



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FG086 Annual Subscription Subscription (4 issues includes FREE Rack Card binder with initial order) (pack of 20)



7374 EU Pitcher, 11 Inscribed with the signature of nine Fenton Family members (limit: 1500)

Family Signature Series

Since its inception in 1993, the Family Signature Series has been a favorite with Fenton collectors. As always, these pieces showcase many of the remarkable skills of our glassworkers and decorators. The color treatments and handpainted decorations surely underscore the "art" in Fenton Art Glass! Each piece is individually numbered and limited to sales through June 15, 2006 or the stated limit for the piece.

7480 QH Candy Box, 41/2" Inscribed with the signature of Lynn Fenton (limit: 1500)



5044 NA Kitten, 31 Inscribed with the signature of Shelley Fenton

4230 DT Basket, 9%" Inscribed with the signature of Tom Fenton

5980 JN Fairy Light, Ruffled 51% Inscribed with the signature of George Fenton







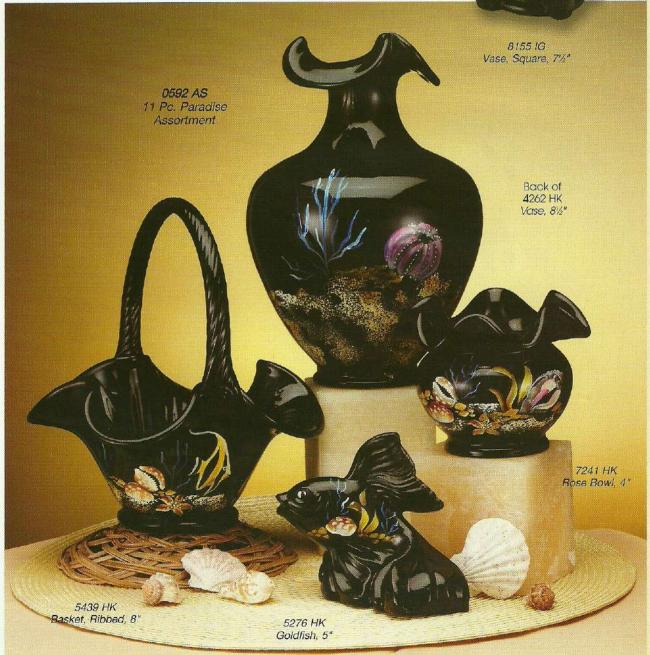


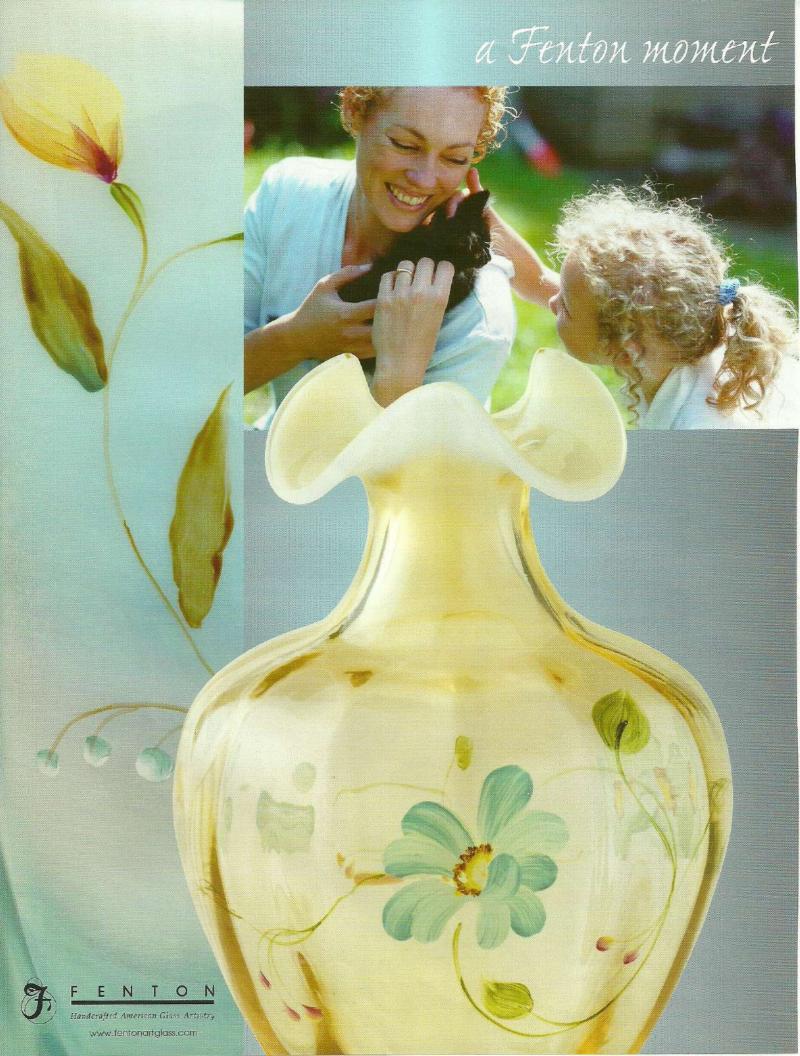


Paradise Collection



Robin Spindler's love of travel inspired this scenic collection. Each element is painstakingly handpointed with delicate shading so lifelike... they beg to be touched! The lush tropical flower and foliage carry us into Robin's world of exotic beauty.









11 Pc. Turquoise and Butterfly Minuet Assortment

0593 AS

8155 EF Vase, Square, 71/2"

5980 EF Fairy Light, 51/4"

5136 EF Elephant, 3½



5290 QA

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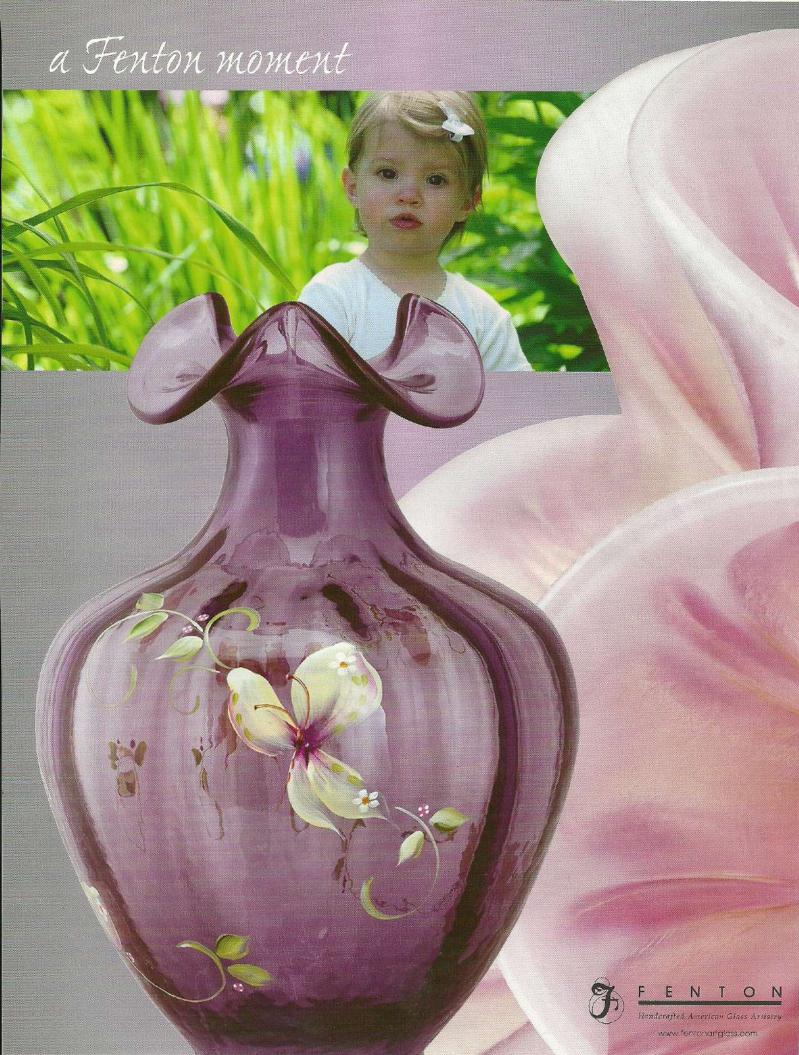
Frances Burton's fluid style is displayed perfectly in the delicate Butterfly Minuet motif, where beauty and whimsy combine in a fresh design. Rich white enamel is used to create stylized butterflies in an elaborate dance on a sky of Turquoise. Nature's fragility is captured forever.



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4694 EF Bell, 6"



Violet



Vivid Violet, a home decorating staple, is enhanced with five new selections. The Paneled Bowl captures sparkling lights as it waits to be filled with fruit or flowers as a charming centerpiece. Our elegant Swung Vase, cheery Rooster and new Ringholder from sculptor Suzi Whitaker join our favorite jewel tone.

0590 AS 14 Pc. Violet Assortment



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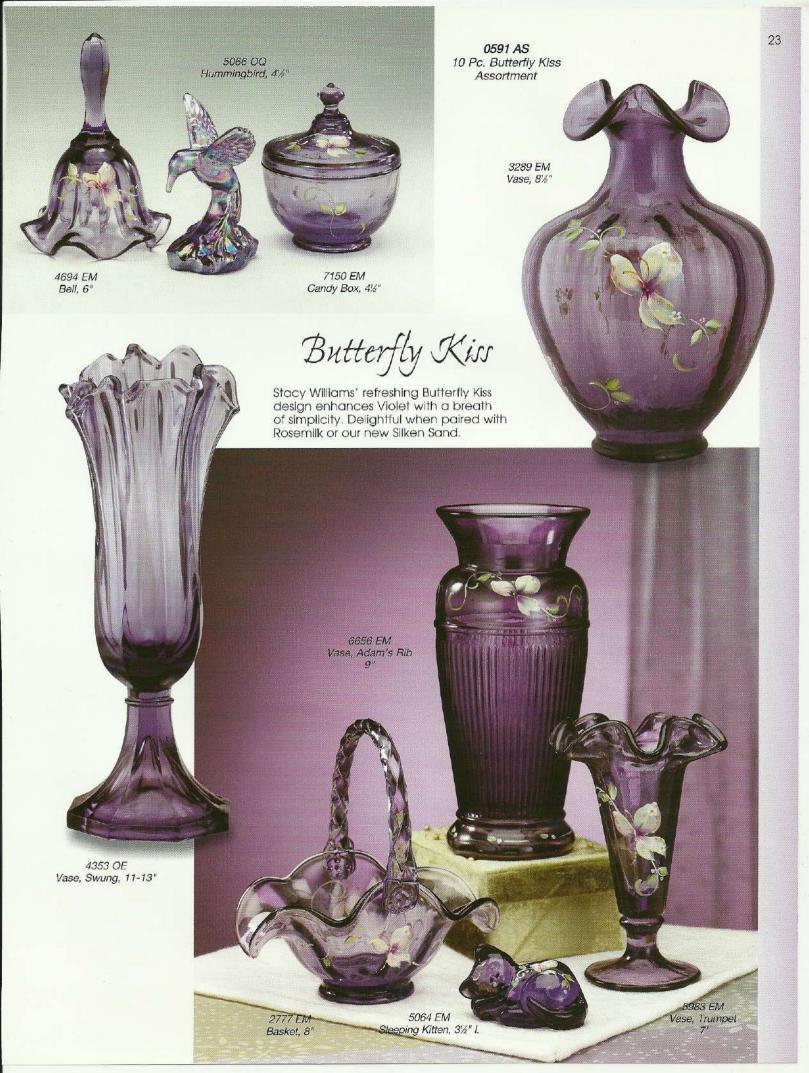
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4390 EM Lamp, Student, 19"

4332 OE Bowl, Paneled, 10½" dia.



5084 OE Rooster, 3½" I. 2077 OE Votive, Drapery Two-way, 4%"



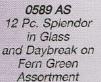
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6780 NG Candy Box, Paisley, 7"

8997 N3 Ringholder, 21/2"





Splendor in Glass

The sheer beauty of Opaline Green inspired Kim Barley's equally dreamy floral. This artistic combination of the glassblower's skill and artistic design creates a magical Splendor in Glass.

5944 NS Pitcher, 5½"

Kim Barley's refreshing Daybreak decoration brings a youthful breath of naivete to the trendy Fern Green. Delightful when paired with Rosemilk or Violet.

> 2777 QW Basket, 8**
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> Cat, C

4262 NS

Vase, 81/2"

7619 QW Rose Bowl

31/2"

7087 QW Candy Box, 5½"

5074 QW Cat, Grooming, 4"

4353 ZL Vase, Swung 11"-13" Daybreak on Fern Green









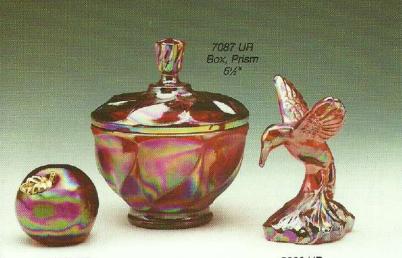


Autumn Gold

The fiery fury of Fenton's furnaces creates a "liquid gold" that when cooled is captured forever in the honeyed shades of Autumn Gold.







5088 UR Apple, 2½"

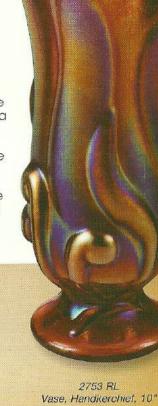
4357 RL Dolphin Comport

6½" dia.

5066 UR Hummingbird, 4½"

Ruby Amberina Stretch

The intense glow of Fenton's furnaces is captured forever in the shimmering iridescence and luster inherent in the magic of Ruby Amberina Stretch. First produced in the early 1920s, this glamorous art deco style continues to captivate, and red remains the statement color in home decor. Seven new Items add to the drama.



6539 RL Basket, 10"

7773 RL Vase, Swung, Empress 6"-7"



0597 AS 15 Pc. Ruby Amberina Stretch Assortment



Ivory Roses on Cranberry



6307 N7 Fairy Light, 5"

A Frances Burton classic. This timeless design of simple white roses and blue forget-me-nots remains a Fenton favorite. We have added five rich Cranberry shapes to this popular motif; a basket and vase in the Adam's Rib pattern are Joined by a pitcher, a Victorian melon vase, and a petite pillar lamp.



0598 AS 8 Pc. Ivory Roses on Cranberry Assortment

> 6656 N7 Vase,





8133 N7 Basket, Adam's Rib, 81/2"

4566 N7 Pitcher, 6"



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5355 N7 Vase Beaded Melon, 8"





Cranberry glass begins with pellets of pure gold which are dissolved in a mixture of two strong acids. This liquid is thoroughly mixed with dry ingredients (sand, soda ash and lime) as the first step in making Cranberry glass.

Celebrating the Glassblower

Few occupations can match the romance and beauty of the glassblower's art. Seemingly without effort, the glassblower shapes the gob of orange-red molten glass on his blowpipe before expanding it with a puff of his own breath.

At Fenton Art Glass, almost all of our blown glassware is made with cast iron moulds. However, our skilled glassblowers must shape and manipulate the molten glass on their blowpipes before using the proper mould. These operations require both patience and skill, and such qualities come only after many years of experience.

The blower must have the proper amount of glass for the piece to be made, and he must anticipate the final shape of the piece. This anticipation means distributing the molten glass on the blowpipe, creating a long shape for a tall vase or a short, slightly rounded shape for a rose bowl.

> The vivid red of Fenton Cranberry is created by a thin layer of gold ruby glass encased in pure crystal (shown at right).

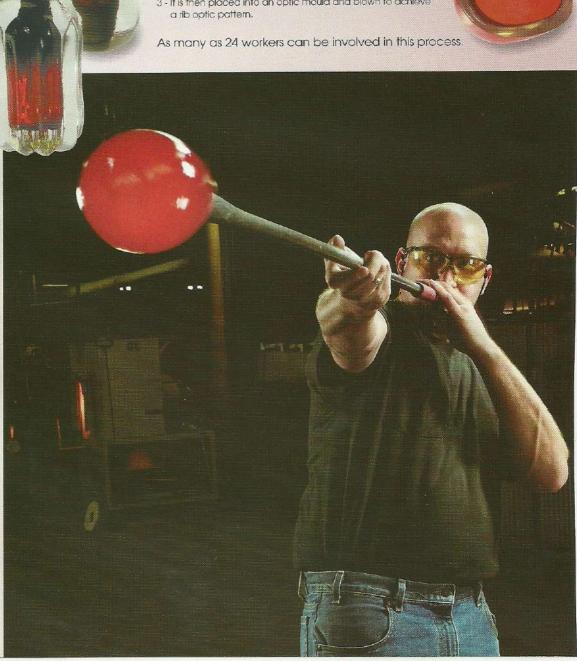
The "progressives" shown at left depict some of the steps in making our Cranberry glass.

- 1 A bud of gold ruby is gathered on a hollow blow pipe.
- 2 It is then encased in a layer of crystal glass.
- 3 It is then placed into an optic mould and blown to achieve a rib optic pattern.



Glassblower Mike Sine, Jr. who learned his trade at The Beaumont Company (Morgantown, West Virginia), has been employed at Fenton for 13 years. "My dad and I often worked side-by-side as members of the same shop, he recalls, "He was a good teacher, and I learned a lot from him." His father retired from Fenton Art Glass in 2003, and he sometimes helps with us with special projects and training.







Hature Company

A delightful assortment of figurines representing land, air and sea. This colorful collection of nature's most loved animals is an ideal way to introduce a young collector to Fenton glass.



Hats

The designing women of Fenton show their style with fabulous new chapeaus, pefect for every season. Stacy Williams' Rose Blossom design complements the first-ever Burmese creation while Kim Barley expressed her multi-faceted personality with the sultry Tropical Tango hat and the refreshing She Sells Sea Shells Aquamarine Hat. Each handpainted hat is signed with pride by the artist who completes it and is accompanied by a custom display stand.

0446 AS 6 Pc. Hat Assortment





Dewdrops

This huggable collection features a new Songbird, Pig, and a Hummingbird to add to the fun. Each figurine is handpainted with a Robin Spindler motif of a solitary daisy graced with a precious Swarovski crystal dewdrop on the leaf.

0449 AS 12 Pc. Dewdrops Assortment

Treasure Boxes

Store an assortment of life's special treasures—precious mementos and cherished memories—in a handcrafted functional Treasure Box. The handpainted Opal heart Treasure Box features the entry to a darling cottage, opening to reveal the words, "Home is where the heart is" with floral accents. A wonderful housewarming gift.



Ringholders

A charming new design from sculptor Suzi Whitaker. Available in a rainbow of colors to complement any décor. A precious little gift.

> 0603 AS 12 Pc. Ringholder Assortment



Box, 4

Baby Bunch

Perfect for the young or the young at heart, each baby animal figurine has a handpainted all-over floral motif inspired by children's pajamas. Enjoy a jaunty new Rooster as well as a new boasting Songbird designed by sculptor Suzi Whitaker.

> 0452 AS 15 Pc. Baby Bunch Assortment



Rooster, 31/2" I.

Elephant, Baby, 3%"



9596 KF

Votive, Two-way, 41/2"

(Aubergine)



9596 UR

(Ruby Amberina)

2077 ZL

(Fern Green)

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Educational Materials and Products

FENTON; Handcrafted American Glass Artistry Fenton glass as you've never seen it! To celebrate our 100th anniversary, ten members of the Fenton family accepted the challenge to choose the very best pieces made by Fenton in its 100-year history for celebration in a spectacular coffee table book. Breathtaking full-color images of the finest examples of glass craftsmanship, artfully presented with all-new commentary.

Glass Messenger

Fenton's Quarterly Newsletter

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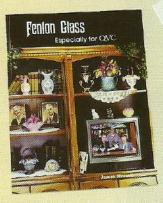
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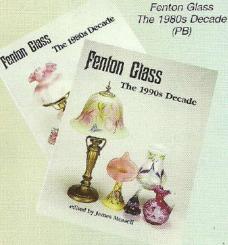
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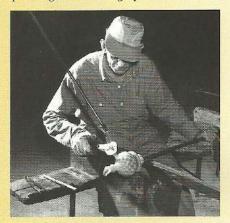




Frank O. Myers

About 1900, glassworker Frank O. Myers got his start at a glass factory in Indiana, Pennsylvania, the very same plant where our company's founder, Frank L. Fenton, had begun as a glass decorator in 1897.

A loyal member of American Flint Glass Workers Local Union No. 71, Myers became an apprentice, first learning to gather glass and, before long, mastering pressing and blowing operations.



Frank O. Myers, ca. 1953

By about 1910, Myers was a skilled finisher, able to reshape pieces, such as flaring and crimping the tops of vases in many different ways.

He was also adept at attaching handles to cruets or pitchers, including the large water pitchers then called "jugs." From time to time, his employer marketed glass baskets, and Myers was the fellow who put the handles on the baskets.

The glass plant at Indiana, Pa., was destroyed by fire in mid-1931, leaving many without jobs. Myers came to work at Fenton on February 1, 1932, transferring his union card to Local Union No. 22 of the AFGWU, which enrolled Fenton's skilled glassworkers.

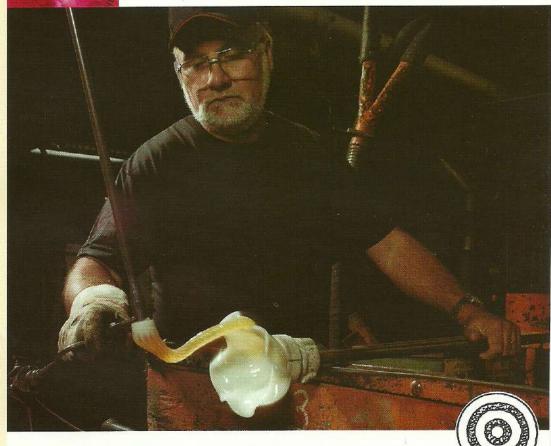
When Fenton decided to create baskets about 1939, Myers became our first basket handler. "He was very good at that job," Frank M. Fenton recalled. "And, he was very helpful in training other skilled glassworkers to become handlers. That was important to us in the early 1940s when several different baskets were in our line."



Celebrating the Handler

The skilled basket handler has a scant twenty-five seconds within which he must accomplish his tasks; attach a glowing ribbon of molten glass to one side of the basket; deftly twist the rapidly cooling glass; stick it to the other side; impress the base of each side of the handle with his handler's mark; and, finally, fashion the handle into a graceful arch.

In the 1950s, company President Frank M. Fenton and his brother Bill Fenton, who was Vice-President, decided that each Fenton basket handler ought to have a distinctive mark so that collectors could identify the artisan who had created their basket.



These marks, impressed at the base of each side of the handle, also help ensure a good bond between the handle and the basket. Each handler's mark is essentially circular in shape, but the designs within that circle are quite varied. Butch Wright's mark looks like a target with bullseye.

Handler Butch Wright
just marked his 31-year
anniversary as a Fenton
employee. His sharp eyes, steady hands
and experience with many different
baskets make him a valuable member
of our workforce. Perhaps you have
one of his baskets!

Working closely with each basket handler during production at Fenton is a glassworker called a "handle gatherer." This worker uses a four- or five-foot long steel rod called a punty to gather just the right amount of glass for a handle. Naturally, he needs to know whether the basket is a large one ... or one of our mini-baskets ... or just in between!

"I do a lot of looking over my shoulder as I reheat the glass," one handle gatherer remarked. "That way I have the handle ready just as soon as my basket handler is ready for it."

The handling operation takes less than half a minute, but it never fails to amaze the many visitors to Fenton who enjoy the "up close and personal" tours which take them in small groups to the Hot Metal area of our plant. There's nothing quite like seeing the team (called a shop) of more than two dozen glassworkers working together to make a fancy Cranberry basket!

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