



# It's a Secret! It's a Birthday Surprise!!!

To celebrate Frank M. Fenton's 85th birthday (December 1, 2000), Fenton Art Glass has created a very special numbered, limited edition piece of glass . . . but we're keeping all of this a secret from Frank . . . so please don't tell! You can order this piece now, but don't spill the secret!!



5487 RC  
\$85.00 US

(stand and *Glass Collector's Digest* issue included)

Our Red Carnival glass Holly 9½" plate captures the traditions of history and craftsmanship that have made Fenton known worldwide. The base of the plate carries the Fenton oval logo and reads as follows: **Frank M. Fenton, 85th Birthday, December 1, 2000.**

Frank is well-known to many glass collectors, and they can testify to his great affection for Carnival glass. The Holly pattern was first produced about 1909, shortly after the Fenton plant in Williamstown, West Virginia, was established. Examples of the Holly pattern are displayed in the Fenton Museum, which was started by Frank more than 25 years ago.

For today's collectors of Carnival glass, nothing can surpass Fenton's Red Carnival. Made with selenium and sprayed with special metallic salts to impart a rich iridescence, Fenton's Red Carnival glass is a jewel!

Here's how to order: Use the blank below and *place your order through an authorized Fenton dealer*. If you need to locate a Fenton dealer in your area, just call 1-800-249-4527 or 1-800-933-6766 or visit the Fenton website: [www.fentonartglass.com](http://www.fentonartglass.com)

**ORDER YOUR PLATE NOW!** Orders placed through authorized Fenton Dealers by October 25, 2000, will be put in a drawing for individually numbered plates #1- #84 (those selected will be notified by mail, and #85 will be given to Frank on his birthday!).

Packed with your plate, you will receive the December/January issue of *Glass Collector's Digest*, which will contain a biographical article about Frank M. Fenton written by Fenton's Associate Historian, Dr. James Measell.

Yes, I can keep a secret! The Fenton dealer noted below has my order for the Frank M. Fenton birthday plate. Enter me in the drawing for pieces numbered 1 through 84.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

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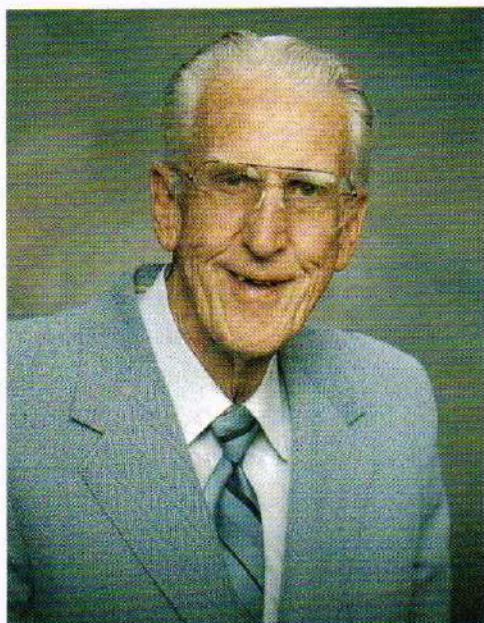
Fenton dealer name/acct. no. \_\_\_\_\_

(to be filled in by dealer)

Dealer, send to: Order Department, Fenton Art Glass, 700 Elizabeth St., Williamstown, WV 26187  
(orders must be received at Fenton by 11/5/00 to be eligible for the lottery drawing for #1 - #84)



**Help Celebrate Frank M. Fenton's  
85th Birthday  
with a "birthday card shower"!!**



On December 1, 2000, Frank M. Fenton will celebrate his 85th birthday. Frank began working at the Fenton Art Glass Company in the mid-1930s. After the death of their father, Frank L. Fenton, in 1948, Frank became company President and his brother Bill became Vice-President. For several decades, Frank was deeply involved in every area of Fenton glass. He was ultimately responsible for all aspects of glass production from color chemistry and product design to work scheduling and labor negotiations! Frank served as Chairman of the Board from 1978-1986 and then retired to the position of Historian.

For many years, Frank has been a great friend to glass collectors. He has given numerous talks and informative seminars at club conventions, and he has helped many clubs with convention souvenirs made by Fenton Art Glass. Dozens of books on American glass mention Frank in their "acknowledgements" sections, and he has been very generous in sharing his time and expertise with many aspiring authors and glass researchers.

You can help us celebrate Frank's birthday. We'd like to surprise him with a "birthday card shower" on the big day, Friday, December 1, 2000.

Please *do not* put Frank's name on the outside of the envelope!  
Send your card addressed as follows:

James Measell, Associate Historian  
Fenton Art Glass Company  
700 Elizabeth Street  
Williamstown, WV 26187

Fenton employees will decorate the office area with the birthday cards you send. Imagine Frank's surprise when he comes to the factory on December 1, 2000!

***Happy Birthday!***