

## Minutes RMDGS 4/17/2018

President Lois Gould called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Twelve members and two guests, Frank and Audrey Blosser, were present.

Club treasurer, Jo Ellen Winther, reported a checking account balance of \$9,917.74; savings account balance of \$10,566.91. There was no activity in the accounts. Jo Ellen has paid the quarterly church rent.

In the absence of Vice President, Roberta Hankins, Martie Grubenhoff circulated a Program Calendar noting refreshment hosts were needed for several months. It was mentioned that since we voted to eliminate the October Pot Luck a program was needed for October. Since the meeting will follow Jodi Uthe's Front Range Glass Show, "member show finds" was suggested as a potential October program theme. Tom Cotter noted that Jodi has again offered the club a sale booth for club members at the September show.

Frank Blosser shared information on whale oil lamps and gas lamps used between 1820 and 1920. New patents were granted almost daily as new fuels evolved. Whales were almost wiped out by the quest for their blubber at the cost of \$1.50 per pound, quite expensive at the time. The oil was messy and the illumination was poor. Kerosene lamps followed. Other fuels included turpentine mixed with alcohol and an artificial gas mixture of hydrogen, methane and carbon monoxide. Gas lightening peaked in 1875 and began to decline after Thomas Edison introduced the electric light bulb in 1879.

Gas lamps were both single and double burner which gave a bit more illumination. A piece of rolled paper or a splint of wood was used to light the lamps. The paper or wood would be held in a "spill holder". Frank showed off a variety of oil lamps and spill holders.

Club members enjoyed a tasty assortment of treats provided by Marj Becker.

Following refreshments, members showed off a variety of lamps:

Harold Keller: Aladdin Alacite kerosene lamp which was a wedding gift to his parents in 1920 and Harold later electrified

A satin glass desk lamp by Aladdin; a black and crystal satin glass lamp with dog cigarette box and ash tray by Greensburg Glass Company, purchased from the Horton family of Kentucky who used to do our show

A Fostoria tall oil banquet lamp

Jo Ellen Winther: Van Briggles lamp with original shade; a unique night light with two lights, one with an aerolux figural light bulb purchased from Hooked on Glass

Joe DeMecurio: a pink Westmorland dolphin lamp. Joe noted he is collecting depression glass cocktail goblets and showed a goblet with a red thread in the stem either Morgantown or Bryce.

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Ken and Martie Grubenhoff showed a small blue milk glass oil lamp; a green satin "Saturn" lamp purchased from early club members Clarence and Lucille Hatch made by Houze Company; a green jade Cambridge Buddha lamp and a clear crystal cut glass lamp with prisms, possibly Fry.

### Show and Tell:

Lois Gould: a vaseline Bryce Daisy and Button pitcher; a Tepee pattern glass butter dish with amber stain. Lois also mentioned the Duncan and Miller convention this summer in conjunction with the EAPG convention July 27-29.

John Feltes: a Bristol vase; pink milk glass Westmorland nautilus shell vase; white milk glass Fenton hobnail rose bowl; a Pilgrim green glass vase; a 1904 St. Louis World's Fair piece; a small footed bride's bowl.

Keith Yahn: a green footed Scroll pattern glass piece, possibly Northwood

John Feltes won the door prize.

The meeting adjourned about 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martie Grubenhoff, Secretary