

## RMDGS MINUTES

August 18, 2015

President Roberta Hankins called the meeting to order at Epiphany Lutheran Church at 7:30 PM. Sixteen members and four guests were present. Helga Day introduced a friend from Windsor Gardens, Beverly Thomas, who inherited glass and is interested in learning more about it. John Feltes introduced Eva Sandoval, Benji Kitagawa and Antoinette Kitagawa, family members.

The July secretary's minutes were approved. Treasurer, Jo Ellen Winther, reported the checking account balance of \$13428.69 and the savings account balance of \$10,558.46. One check of \$71.00 is outstanding. Vice-President, Sue Dawson indicated that refreshments and meeting programs were complete for the future.

The only item under old business was election of a president. Lois Gould saved the day when she volunteered to be president. Continuing are Sue Dawson, vice-president, Jo Ellen Winther, treasurer, and Martie Grubenhoff, secretary.

Under new business, Jo Ellen suggested door prize drawing prizes could be \$25 gift cards to restaurants, movies instead of glass items donated by members since the glass piece may not fit into the winner's collection. Other suggestions for gift cards included King Soopers (grocery gift cards), Brass Armadillo, Amazon. Jo Ellen offered to provide a selection of gift cards. The motion was made to have two door prizes: a donated piece of glass and a gift card. Keith seconded the motion which carried. Sue Dawson will provide the door prize for September. Ken Grubenhoff will provide the prize for November. None is needed for the October pot luck.

Keith Yahn brought up the show cases that the club used for displays at shows. There was a discussion about trying to sell them through Craig's List, notices to dealers at antique malls. Keith and Jo Ellen agreed to work on inventorying what the club has and selling the cases.

Martie Grubenhoff noted that she will be unavailable to serve as secretary in September. Sue Dawson offered to act as secretary.

Roberta noted that club dues are due next month; they are \$12/person; \$24/family.

The informative program on dichromatic (two color) glass produced using the elements neodymium and didymium was presented by John Faltes. The color of the glass is determined by the lighting conditions. Under incandescent light, the color is lavender; under florescent light the color becomes blue. The color is referred to by different names depending on the company which produced it:

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Moser who was first to produce it called it alexandrite; Cambridge - heatherbloom; Fostoria - Wisteria; Tiffin - twilight. Tiffin pieces made in that color from Duncan and Miller molds were called dawn. The color came into being about 1930. The mineral which was discovered about 1860 is mined mostly in China and China currently produces some of the neodymium glass. Sweden, Czechoslovakia, Bohemia and Italy also make it today. John showed off examples of stemware, vases, and other pieces.

Following John's presentation, Sue Dawson spoiled members with very tasty treats from her gourmet kitchen.

Harold Keller presented the mini program on Fostoria's Seascape made between 1954-58. The line included mostly accessory pieces, but no dinnerware. The two colors found are coral sand and seascape blue with listings for seascape opalescent (a clear glass with white opalescence) and a green. Harold has not seen a piece of green. Pieces included bowls, footed cake salver, footed bowls, creamer, sugar and crescent shaped tray, a mayo dish, square bowl, mint tray, 3-part relish and handled preserve.

Among the show and tell items:

Steve Bass: ruby robins mug by Imperial; a Cambridge Rosepoint cocktail shaker; a pressed glass creamer from Golden Eagle Dry Goods; an old postcard; a pitcher with silver/platinum overlay; a 3 piece Near cut pattern glass table set including a covered butter, covered sugar and creamer. It was also noted that Steve earned blue ribbons for his jams and jellies and for glass pieces which he made.

Roberta Hankins: from the NDGA convention: a Cambridge Caprice bowl; Hall China teapot; Fenton heart relish with lavender edge originally sold the Fenton gift shop; a turquoise Fenton piece with gold Charlton decoration; a Frakoma ashtray saying Merry Christmas from Denise and Jane, 1980; a crimped Candlewick bowl not listed in Myrna Garrison's book; a Fenton Lincoln Inn cobalt bowl; and a Fenton aqua decanter; a Canterbury Twilight vase.

Beverly Thomas: Poppy Florentine #1; her mother had four sets of dishes  
John Feltes noted that there is glass identification on Facebook.

CJ Adams: a number of pieces of Hocking Ring pattern; a beater for a mayo jar.

Guest Eve Kitagawa won the Outback gift card; Benji Kitagawa won the Fostoria crystal and royal blue glass cigarette holder door prize.