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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 January 31. All jar/bottle related collectors are welcome. Send to MAFJBC, Attn: James Durr, 500 W. Ohio St., Fortville, IN 46040

Meeting Minutes, June 14th, 2015

The June club meeting was held in the Cantina at Minnetrista in Muncie, Indiana. Club President Dick Cole opened the meeting and welcomed 4 members: Dick Cole, Mike James, Lou Ebert, and Jim Durr.

The previous meeting minutes as reported in the May newsletter were accepted and approved.

Jim Durr gave the Treasurer's report for June. Several

membership dues have been received since the last club meeting. There were no expenses to report.

Dick Cole brought the club t-shirts which are available for sale for \$10 each. They are available in L, XL, XXL in blue or gray. Dick also brought show flyers. Anyone interested in show flyers that they can leave at other shows or locations should check with Dave Rittenhouse or Dick Cole (or

come to the next club meeting to pick some up).

The next club meeting will be held July 12th at 1:30pm at Minnetrista. The theme for Show and Tell will be "Wax Sealers."

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Coulson

[Editor's note: thanks go again to Jim Durr this month for providing notes and pictures—his help is greatly appreciated]

Show and Tell

The theme for the May club meeting was jars with "Errors and Reworked Molds."

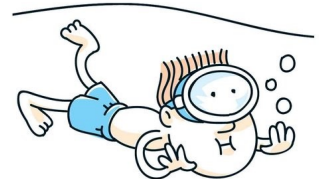
Lou Ebert displayed a series of three jars that evolved from one to the other. The first jar was an SCA quart (RB11 #2855) (base: Pat. Dec. 30, '02) (made by Safe Glass Co., Upland, Indiana) (advertised as "U-NO-ME" FRUIT JAR). The previous jar evolved into an SCA quart (RB11 #2526) SAFE (base: Made By The Safe Glass Co. Upland Ind Pat. Feb. 10, '03). That jar evolved into a clear quart (RB11 #902) Economy Trade Mark (reverse: ghosted SAFE). This jar was made

circa 1905–1909 in reworked SAFE molds by Hazel-Atlas Glass Co. for Kerr Glass Mfg. Co. after Safe Glass Co. agreed with Kerr to take the SAFE jars off of the market and Safe Glass Co. consolidated with the J.A. Landsberger Co. of San Francisco, California to form Hermetic Closure Co. The Minnetrista reprint of the 1908 Hazel-Atlas Glass Co. catalog shows several of the Hermetic jars that they made for the packer trade.

Dick brought what he calls the Ball Dyslexic Mason jar since it looks correct to him. He also brought a clear quart Ball Perfect Mason (re-

worked Drey Perfect Mason) clearly missing part of the tail of the 'y' (likely a partly plugged mold).

Mike James brought a Ball blue quart Ball Perfect Mason with pint size lettering. He also brought a Light Green quart Ball (3-L loop) Mason with an upside down 'S'. He brought a "The Marion Jar" that was missing the right leg of the R so it is a Marion JAP.



Show and Tell Pictures



SCA quart (base: Pat. Dec. 30, '02) – Made by Safe Glass Co., Upland, Indiana; advertised as “U-NO-ME” FRUIT JAR



SCA quart SAFE (base: Made By The Safe Glass Co. Upland Ind Pat. Feb. 10, '03)



Clear quart Economy Trade Mark (reverse: ghosted SAFE)



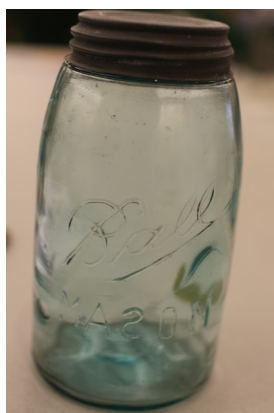
Light green quart Ball (3-L loop) Mason with upside down 's'



Ball blue quart Ball Perfect Mason with pint size lettering



Clear quart Ball Perfect Mason (re-worked Drey Perfect Mason) with part of the underline missing



Aqua quart Ball (3-L loop) Mason with backwards 's'

Remembering Don Burkett

Don Burkett's passing was mentioned in the club newsletter last month. Since that time several tributes to Don have been put in print in various places - see references at the end of this article. Don was a friendly face to the hobby for several decades. He and his wife Glennie traveled the circuit of bottle shows in the Midwest (and beyond) all of those years.

I met Don at the first Muncie jar show that I attended in 2004. Jean Harbron was leading me around as a new collector and introducing me to people. She said that Don

was one of the first people that she had to see.

Don was great with new collectors. I am sure his career in teaching shone through in his interaction with hobbyists. Don also had a clever sense of humor. He would often have the crowd in stitches at the annual Fruit Jar Get-Together's show and tell in Muncie. We will miss Don a bunch. —Joe Coulson

See also:

Antique Bottle & Glass Collector; June 2015

Findlay Antique Bottle

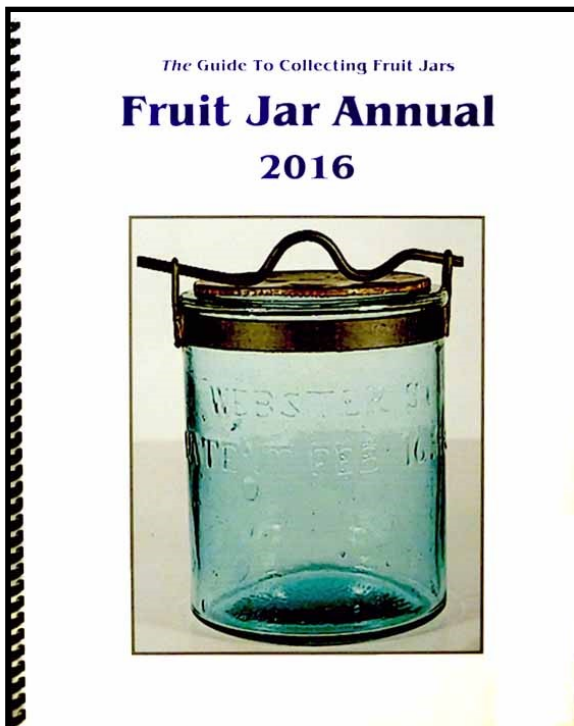


Club Blog; *Remembering Don Burkett*, <http://finbotclub.blogspot.com/2015/05/sad-news-don-burkett.html>

Legends of the Jar: Don

Burkett, by Bruce Schank; March 2010; Midwest Glass Chatter of the MAFJBC, and online: <http://www.balljars.net/Legend%20Articles.htm>

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Books are available from Greg Spurgeon's North American Glass website: <http://www.gregspurgeon.com/fja2016.html>



A Message from Your President by Dick Cole

I walked into a local florist shop in downtown Muncie, set a quart blue Ball jar on the counter and said "I would like a funeral arrangement of flowers put into this and delivered to Meeks Mortuary for Meredith Robinson's services." That didn't mean anything to the young clerk behind the counter, but one of the other women, who was arranging flowers behind her, said "The museum out on Wheeling."

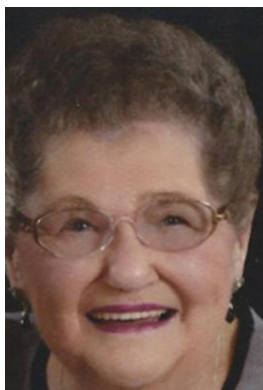
That shows how well-known the Robinson's museum was to the residents of Muncie. Of course, the museum and her husband Phil has been gone for several years now. But their memory continues. And Meredith and Phil both should be remembered and honored by the members of our club. They were among the founders of the club back in the 1970s. If it weren't for people like them, there would be no club today.

The floral arrangement that was sent had a card that read "In memory of one of our founders, from the members of the Midwest Antique Fruit Jar & Bottle Club." Shown on the right-hand side of this page is a photo of what you sent. Not surprisingly, I focused the camera more on the jar than I did on the flowers.

I know that Meredith did not collect fruit jars herself – she left that to Phil. She collected jellies instead. But she was a founder of our club, and besides, a jelly jar doesn't hold much of a floral arrangement. And at the services at the mortuary, there was another Ball jar, sitting on a table. Meredith's grandson had brought it in her memory.

Rest in Peace, Meredith, and enjoy being back together with Phil.

Here is her obituary from the Muncie StarPress:



Meredith L. Robinson, 87

MUNCIE - Meredith L. Robinson, 87, passed away on Saturday, June 20, 2015 at I.U. Health Ball memorial Hospital.

She was born on October 4, 1927 in Kempton, Indiana, the daughter of Guy and Blanche Cunningham and graduated from Scircleville High School.

Meredith was a homemaker and a pastor's wife. Along with her husband she owned and operated the only registered jar museum worldwide in Muncie for many years on North Wheeling Avenue known as Robinson Jar Museum. She was a member of Shawnee Heights Baptist Church and a founding member of the Midwest Antique Fruit Jar and Bottle Club.

Survivors include her three children, Christine Robinson, Philip L. Robinson Jr. (wife, Patricia) and Kenneth C. Robinson (wife, Michele); a grandson, Kevin Robinson; her sister, Guyla Kirby; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of nearly sixty-one years, Rev. Phillip L. Robinson in 2008; a daughter, Marilyn; and her parents.

Services will be 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 26, 2015 at The Meeks Mortuary and Crematory, Washington Street Chapel. Burial will follow in Kempton Cemetery, Kempton.

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**Southern
Region**

**July 31 -
August 2, 2015**



The **Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors**
presents the **2015 National Antique Bottle Show**

300 tables at the Chattanooga Convention Center Exhibit Hall
Host Hotel: Marriott Chattanooga at the Convention Center,

July 31: Banquet and the Battle of Chattanooga competition, **August 1:** Seminars, Dealer Setup/Early Admission,

Live Auction, **August 2:** General Admission - \$5

Information:
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Minnetrasta has a new exhibit titled “Celebrating Muncie’s history: Muncie Business & Industry”. In the exhibit are many items related to jar collecting, including quite a few items from Ball Brothers. Shown above is a rare cardboard shipping box for the very difficult to find Ball Thrifty Pressure Canner (circa 1937).

Announcements

- Upcoming club meetings:
 - Sunday, **July 12th**, 1:30pm meet at Minnetrista, theme is “Wax Sealers”
 - Sunday, **August 9th** (**tentative**), 1:30pm, Club Picnic and theme is “Recent Finds”
 - Sunday, **September 13th**, 1:30pm, Tentative—Field Trip to BSU Glick Glass Center
 - Sunday, **October 4th**, 1:30pm meet at Minnetrista, theme is “Jars Made in Indiana”
 - Sunday, **November 1st**, 1:30pm meet at Minnetrista, theme is “Mason’s Patent Jars”
 - Sunday, **December 6th**, 1:30pm meet at Minnetrista, Christmas Pitch-In Dinner
- Our club is a member of the Federation of Historical Bottle Clubs (FOHBC). The FOHBC has many resources and interesting articles on their website as well as a list of bottle shows:
<http://www.fohbc.org/shows>

