

ICGA Convention Auction 2005

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Indianapolis, Indiana. "Fantastic glass brings big rewards. We are going to have fun." Auctioneer Jim Seeck made that comment before the International Carnival Glass Club Convention Auction on July 16. Phil Hessenius, an active collector and club member from Arizona, was selling his outstanding collection at the Radisson Airport Hotel. We did have fun when we saw an ice green Northwood Dandelion water tankard, the only one known, bring \$32,000, the top price of the auction. Years ago, this tankard won a blue ribbon at the Wisconsin State Fair. In the same pattern a white water tankard realized \$7500 while a bid of \$7000 claimed an ice blue water tankard with six tumblers. A green Northwood Springtime water set, pitcher and four tumblers, realized \$950.

A bidder had fun acquiring an emerald green six-piece Imperial Four-Seventy-Four punch set, bowl on stand and four cups, for \$16,000. The seller found this set in a little antique shop on a winding mountain road in Arizona. A purple punch set with four cups in the same pattern was gone for \$4250. A purple eight-piece punch set, Northwood Acorn Burrs, commanded \$1200. It was fun to hear interesting stories about certain pieces. A green 10 inch ruffled bowl with collar base, Northwood Wishbone, brought \$1300. It was bought by Hessenius at the estate sale of a Scottsdale, Arizona, doctor. The doctor had boxes of Carnival glass stored in a shed. A green stippled Fenton Three Fruits ruffled bowl with spatula feet sold for \$3900. Enthusiasm for a 9 inch purple bowl, Dugan Apple Blossom Twigs, yielded a bid of \$800.

It was fun to see the lovely Northwood bowls. A fantastic marigold with pumpkin iridescence bowl, stippled Northwood Strawberry with ribbed back and piecrust edge, realized \$1300. Crossing the block for \$1000 was an aqua opalescent Northwood Peacocks ruffled bowl with ribbed back. An ice blue Northwood Peacocks pie crust edge bowl with ribbed back went for \$1150. Northwood Embroidered Mums ruffled bowls with ribbed back in electric blue, ice blue, purple, and marigold were gone for \$900, \$400, \$325, and \$225, respectively. Rose Show ruffled bowls in green and aqua opalescent commanded \$950 and \$750.

It was fun to see rare items. It took \$2600 to acquire a rare Australian Kookaburra ruffled float bowl. A Northwood Peacock at the Fountain fruit bowl commanded \$1300. Hammered down for \$1050 was an ice blue Northwood Poinsettia & Lattice ruffled and footed bowl. Eight hundred and fifty dollars was paid for a blue Imperial Heavy Grape ruffled bowl. A green Millersburg Peacocks master berry bowl with radium finish commanded \$800. A purple Northwood Wishbone epergne was gone for \$725. Stippled and banded Northwood Grape and Cable banana boats in blue and green realized \$750 and \$575, respectively. A bid of \$425 claimed a 7 inch red Fenton Leaf Chain ruffled bowl.

A bid of \$3500 claimed a 9 inch green plate, stippled Northwood Grape & Cable Variant. Also bought at the above-mentioned estate sale was a 9 inch amber plate, Imperial Grape, which brought \$2200. Other plates included a 9 inch marigold Northwood Hearts & Flowers and 9 inch blue Rose Show plate that were hammered down for \$1350 each; 9 inch green Northwood Good Luck plate with ribbed back and 9 inch marigold Northwood Poppy Show, \$1050 each. An extremely flat 9 inch purple plate, Fenton Grape and Cable with ball feet, brought \$400. Chop plates included a purple Imperial Heavy Grape for \$1300 and a purple Dugan Wishbone and Spades for \$1000. .

It was fun to see eight-year-old Nathan Dunham coached by his grandmother, Linda Dunham, add to his collection when he acquired a green ice cream sauce for \$450 and a stippled blue with blue iridescence ice cream sauce for \$155, both Northwood Peacock and Urn. Nathan from Jacksonville, Illinois, has attended five conventions starting when he was four years old.

The blue master ice cream bowl in the same pattern went to a different bidder for \$800. Interesting colors showed up in this collection. The final bid for an unusual smoky lavender swirl punch bowl on base, stippled Northwood Grape and Cable, was \$1600. A sapphire ruffled bowl, Northwood Grape and Cable Variant with ribbed back, sold for \$1200. A 9 inch stippled horehound Three Fruits plate with ribbed back and super iridescence brought \$850. A bid of \$950 took a 12 inch vaseline vase, Northwood Thin Rib, while an 11 inch olive green vase, same pattern, received little interest at \$20. A black amethyst stippled and banded Northwood Grape and Cable banana boat sailed away for \$475. A lavender dome foot bowl, Dugan Double Stem Rose, with three-in-one edge sold for \$275. It took \$1250 to claim an ice blue Millersburg Sunflower ruffled bowl with spatula feet. A 10 inch ruffled lime green bowl, Northwood Wild Strawberry with Basketweave back, was gone for \$1050. A peach opalescent dome foot ruffled bowl, Dugan Soutache, went for \$175. Northwood baskets included a sapphire that made \$900; renninger blue, \$400; aqua opalescent-butterscotch, \$350; and amethyst, \$205. An unusual bluish tint to a teal green stippled Northwood Grape and Cable bonbon made it desirable for \$260. A frosty white Northwood Fine Cut & Roses rose bowl realized \$140.

It was fun to see a number of small items sell. A marigold Fenton Butterfly ornament flew away for \$2100. Singing Birds mugs, blue stippled and aqua opalescent, brought \$525 and \$1050, respectively. Small compotes included a lime green opalescent Fenton Holly goblet-shaped one for \$450 and a green Hearts & Flowers for \$1150. A bid of \$375 took a blue Northwood Double Loop creamer. A lime green Northwood Leaf & Beads rose bowl sold for \$1800 while the same in ice blue went for \$600. An ice blue Northwood Drapery rose bowl was gone for \$350. A pair of purple Northwood Grape and Cable candlesticks made \$275. A pair of Fenton Florentine #349 10 inch ice green candlesticks brought \$195 while two Vineland Florentine #349 10 inch purple candlesticks realized \$135. Northwood Fruits & Flowers bonbons in ice green and ice blue sold for \$425 and \$325. An amethyst advertising handgrip plate, Ogden Furniture & Carpet, went for \$1200 while a purple swan salt, souvenir of Devil's Lake, N.D., brought \$95. It took \$205 to claim a marigold Jacobean Ranger tumble-up. Dugan Amaryllis tricornered mini compotes sold \$425 for marigold and \$325 for purple.

Vases, all identified as sapphire in color, presented different appearances. Northwood's Thin Rib 10 inch vase was gone for \$1350 while \$500 was paid for a 12 inch vase with marigold overlay, same pattern. Other vases included a 10 inch Northwood Leaf Columns that made \$825; 11 inch Four Pillars, \$1600. Northwood Tree Trunk vases sold 11 inch frosty white, \$1300, 11 inch aqua opalescent, \$1000, 13 inch blue, \$850 and 9 inch sapphire, \$600. A bid of \$1500 took a 9 inch emerald green Northwood Diamond Point vase. A cute little purple vase, Imperial Thumbprint and Ovals, brought \$1100. A 19 inch purple funeral vase, Imperial Morning Glory, commanded \$600. An absentee bidder bought a miniature 6 inch vase, smoke Imperial Morning Glory, for \$400. Northwood Corn Vases with stalk base in black amethyst and green brought \$875 and \$550. One in marigold with a plain base was gone for \$700.

When asked about Carnival glass prices at auctions other than conventions Seeck commented, "Good things sell no matter where they are at." At this auction, we had fun.

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