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It's Just Stuff

Heirloom by Fostoria, 1960-62 - \$34

The Fostoria Glass Society of Tennessee's Glass club presented a fine show and sale of Fenton, Fostoria, Cambridge, Depression, pattern glass, milk glass, Heisey, Imperial, Viking, and jadeite recently at the Nashville Fairgrounds. There were dealers from a dozen states. I was giddy! Although this is the glass I see in homes every day, it was invigorating to be with the buyers and to observe emerging trends.

Regarding 20th Century glass, cake platforms are more popular now than I've seen in 30 years. Their prices can exceed \$300. Those lingering over pink and blue pastel glass were pricing their own collections – not looking to buy more.



Typical family Bible, dated 1879 - \$90

As families gather for reunions this summer, many will bring out the **'family bible'** to recall recorded births and deaths of ancestors.

These oversized editions were usually bound in leatherette (pressed paper imitating leather) with a section for a family tree and pictures. My clients still remember their parents and grandparents buying the bible from a door to door salesman. Here's a timeline of Bible printing in the U.S.

1782 first English language Bible to be printed in America
 1791 first 'family' bible & first illustrated Bible printed in the U.S.
 After 1880 the Apocrypha were removed
 1901 American Standard Version



The Ladies



This month I had the pleasure of speaking to and appraising for the **Tennessee Municipal Electric Power Authority conference attendees**. They brought exquisite art glass poultry, an early 1900's mantle clock, costume jewelry, and a 1960's Martin Luther King, Jr. rally souvenir.

Young women in their twenties and 30's are still buying. They treasure their Mother's turquoise rings, dark colored glass and old hippie items. They don't care so much for little pink flower dishes, or silver that requires cleaning.

Ladies in their 40's and 50's are beginning to inherit their parent's belongings, and want to know the proper care for quilts, furniture and paper.

Women over 60 wonder what will happen to their things. They often start new collections or want to sell a few items. We explored the outlets for selling – the costs and consequences.

And we laughed.... about the delight and comfort of 'our things'.

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