

## HANSEN IRIDESCENT CARNIVAL GLASS

When Ronald and Robert Hansen first started to iridize glass, they worked together experimenting on their formulas for iridizing at Bridgeport, Mich. Their iridescence already was perfected before Degenhart items were iridized at the melting point of the glass.

Below are some of the Degenhart items iridized:

1. Elephant Head toothpick or match holder, AME, Dk Irid.
2. Star & Dewdrop, AME, Dk. Irid.
3. Texas pattern, AME, Dk Irid.
4. Daisy & Button, AME, Dk Irid.
5. Bird with Seed salt dip, AME, Dk Irid.
6. Robin & Cherry salt & pepper, AME, Dk Irid.
7. Min. Stylized pitcher in crystal, Mg Irid.
8. Swung vase, Texas pattern without handles for sugar bowl, AME, Dk Irid.
9. Swung vase, Michigan pattern, Mg Irid.
10. Elephant toothpick or match holder, Dk glass with blue aurene type Irid.
11. Stork Childs Mug, Dk glass, Aurene type Irid.
12. Forget-Me-Not Band toothpick, Aurene type Irid.

Collectors sometimes were under the impression that the Hansen brothers made the glass that they iridized, but this is not true.

All Hansen pieces were blanks made by many companies. Ron and Bob worked in the same manner that Harry Northwood and the Fenton brothers did many years ago.

NOTE: When Northwood and Fenton first started, they used blanks made by many companies, decorating, etching and later iridizing prior to going into business on a production basis.

After working together for several years, Ron and Bob decided to work separately. Ron had his shop in Mackinaw City, Michigan and Bob did his work at Bridgeport, Mich.

In my estimation, each had found success in his own right, in his own lifetime. Together or separate, they were now famous as artists in iridizing over the United States and Europe.

Many of their first collector items were not signed, but all had the well-known Hansen pontil mark.

Due to Ron Hansen's illness, I have been unable to get a list of the items he made after he and Bob separated. I hope to be able to add this to the brochure which will be published in early 1975.

I remember Ron told me once that a finished iridescent item was only as good as the artist's knowledge of iridescence while finishing off a piece of glass after spraying at the glory hole, that basic good lead glass tends to make a beautiful glass when iridized and that too much iron in the spraying solution resulted in spotty rusty effects.

Bob started signing his first pieces with R. G. H. but later signed all his items with Robert Hansen.

In a note from Bob's wife Helen, I quote, "Rose, we have iridized quite an assortment. There were many, many items but most were limited from six to twenty-four. We never reached three hundred on any one item made."

Today, some of the Hansen whimsies iridized in the late 60's are valued over \$1,000. Any collector owning Hansen creations are very lucky. They are the very best.

Following is a listing of Robert Hansen items. Further lists will be available in 1975, to add to your encyclopedia.

#### ROBERT HANSEN IRIDESCENT GLASS LIST

A - amethyst C - cobalt R - ruby red AM - amberina M - marigold  
G - green B - blue

##### Novelties and Misc.

Hobnail Town Pump & Trough G  
Owl paperweight C,A,R,Ice blue  
Frog " small B  
Frog " large A,G  
Turtle " small B  
Owl tree ring holder B,G  
Santa Claus fairy lamp R  
Eyewinker fairy lamp R  
Inverted Strawberry hat M,B,A  
Stork and Peacock mug (childs) A,C  
Sleeping Swan dish B  
Blown owl, R,B  
Argonaut Shell dish AM  
Bird on Nest large B  
Bird with Seed/Nest C  
Bird salt large R  
Embossed Rose fairy lamp B,R  
Robin mug A  
Moon & Star Epergne (2 pc) R,B  
" " " Candle holders R,B  
" " " Sugar shaker R  
Large covered turtle (2 pc) M  
Chicken on nest small R,B  
" " " large R,B  
Bird salt small C

##### Tumblers

Eyewinker R  
Inverted Strawberry B,A  
Maple leaf, C,AM  
Moon & Star R,B  
Hobstar & Fan C,A  
Honeycomb C  
Rose (ice tea) R

##### Cruets

Moon & Star R,B  
Daisy & Button A,Ice blue  
Cape Cod, M,G  
Nearcut (Hobstar) M,G  
Tiffany type Bl

##### Spooners

Eagle A,G  
Cherry R  
Moon & Star R  
Maple leaf C,AM  
Daisy & Button C,R  
Mirror & Rose, C,R  
Eyewinker footed R

##### Baskets

Inverted Strawberry B,A  
Daisy & Button A

Toothpicks  
 Rabbit R,B,A  
 Eyewinker R  
 Moon & Star R,B  
 Daisy & Button C,A,Elec. Blue  
 Forget-me-not C,R,M,Pink ice,Blue  
 ice  
 Beaded Heart C  
 Maple leaf C,AM  
 Gypsy Kettle C  
 Michigan C,Pink ice  
 Elephant C,A  
 Turkey R,A  
 Owl B,M,Teal blue  
 Double "S" R  
 Wreathed Cherry R  
 Inverted Strawberry AM  
 Northwood basket C  
 Bird C  
 Drape C  
 Heisey Panels, Dk, Mg  
 Virginia Panels Dk  
 S Repeat R  
 Tree Trunk R

Rose Bowls  
 Priscilla R  
 Daisy & Button C,AM  
 Hobnail R  
 Grape C

Bottles  
 Violin C,M.B.G  
 Banjo B,G  
 Owl R,B  
 Fish B  
 Benjamin Franklin B  
 Union B  
 Dr. Chandlers bitters  
 Ball & Claw bitters  
 McGivers bitters

Vases  
 Small Tiffany type B,A  
 (or 10 assorted styles)  
 Large Tiffany type B,A  
 Leaf (decorated)  
 Grape G

Sugar & Creamers  
 Cherry R  
 Grape R  
 Moon & Star, R,B

Salt & Peppers  
 Moon & Star, R,B  
 Hobnail A  
 Three Face Ice blue  
 Bird C

We are happy to include this old price list from Bob:

IRIDESCENT GLASS  
 by  
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PRICE LIST

Effective Date February, 1970

Daisy and Button Basket	Amethyst	\$50.00
Daisy and Button Cruet	Amethyst	50.00
Hobnail Town Pump	Green	35.00
Hobnail Trough	Green	20.00
Eyewinker Footed Vase	Red	35.00
Cherry Spooner	Red	35.00
Moon and Star Sugar Shaker	Red	35.00
Sleeping Swan Dish	Blue	35.00
Priscilla Rose Bowl	Red	35.00
Daisy and Button Rose Bowl	Amberina, Cobalt	35.00
Turkey Toothpick	Red, Amethyst	20.00
Elephant Toothpick	Cobalt, Amethyst	20.00

Michigan Toothpick	Cobalt and Pink Ice	20.00
Gypsy Kettle Toothpick	Cobalt	20.00
Beaded Heart Toothpick	Cobalt	20.00
Tree Trunk Toothpick	Red	20.00
Forget-me-not Toothpick	Cobalt, Pink Ice, Red, Ice Blue	20.00
Daisy and Button Toothpick	Amethyst	20.00
Hobnail Shoe	Red	20.00
Daisy and Button Shoe (kitten, bow)	Cobalt	20.00
Princess Shoe	Red	20.00
Owl Paperweight	Cobalt, Amethyst, Red, Ice Blue, Marigold	20.00
Frog Paperweight	Blue	20.00
Turtle Paperweight	Blue	20.00
Frog Paperweight, large	Blue	25.00

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Every item permanently marked and fully signed.  
All items subject to availability.  
Minimum Order, \$50.00.