

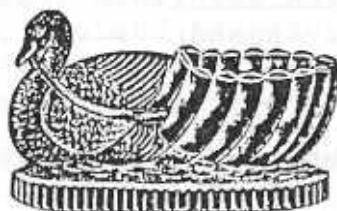
FOR SALE

Introducing our

SWAN CART

Produced by the FENTON ART GLASS COMPANY for

BITTERSWEET GLASS



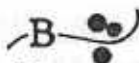
The SWAN CART mold originated in the 1890's at the Mosaic Glass Company of Postoria, Ohio. Their 1891 advertisement shows it was made in crystal or amber and labeled as a toothpick holder, salt dip, or cologne bottle holder (Glass Collector's Digest, February/March 1992, page 78).

In the 1960's and 70's, the Joe St. Clair glass factory in Elwood, Indiana reproduced the mold in colors including Chocolate, Light Merigold Carnival, Cobalt Carnival and Amberina. Except for the Amberina color which had "St. Clair" on the underside, all pieces were unmarked. We acquired the mold in 1990 when the Joe St. Clair factory closed. The St. Clairs are well known for their paperweights, lamps, and small pressed items including toothpick holders and animal covered dishes.

In February of 1992, the FENTON ART GLASS COMPANY of Willaimstown, West Virginia made the SWAN CART in Red Carnival. Due to problems with the mold operation, only 199 were made and it is unlikely we will try again. Each SWAN CART is marked twice. Inside the basket is Fenton's script "F" in an oval and on the underside is our "B" for BITTERSWEET with a curved line and three berries. Fenton of course is famous for their high quality and spectacular colors. We are proud to have them as the makers of this piece.

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