



Fenton Grape and Cable Brides Basket

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Glass Courtesy of Larry and Mary Helen Yung

Somewhere around 1968 or 1969 my family along with Bob and Donna Courts and family went on a field trip to see a few carnival glass collections. One of the places we went was to Lodi, Ohio to see the Rose Presnick Museum. Rose Presnick invited us to her home to see her collection and she had a purple Grape and Cable Brides Basket in one of her cabinets. At that time it was the only one known. The Grape and Cable Brides Basket was made by attaching a handle to a Grape and Cable Fruit bowl. The Brides Basket does not have an interior pattern. There are only a handful of the purple Grape and Cable Brides Baskets reported and I have only heard of 2 blue Brides Baskets. I feel that one of the glass makers made these for a special project or decided not to make them in quantity because of a high breakage due to adding the attached handle. There is some controversy regarding when the handles were added on. I saw a purple example in the late 60s and Rose Presnick said she had it for years. I have seen 3 or 4 examples of the purple Brides Basket and 2 examples of the blue where the handles have all been applied the same way. If the handles had been applied in the last couple of decades, I feel the technology would have been there to apply the handles much better than they were. Although I would not try this at home, my Dad was told the auctioneer swung his blue Brides Basket in the air at the auction. Thank goodness it did not get damaged in the process and is in perfect condition. I have seen water pitchers with applied handles lose the handle by someone picking it up by the handle.