

Fenton Lamp Shade



Fenton glass student lamp shade Chocolate Roses custard

Description:

The roses are on either Custard or Cameo...it shows somewhat whiter in the photo, but the background glass is more of a yellow color. Sweet in any case, especially if you're looking to replace the shade of your Student lamp from the late 1970s-early 1980s in the Chocolate Roses pattern. Hand signed: "Fenton - hand painted by S. Hart." Hand painted rose motif appears on both sides of the shade. Lamp shade stands about 8.5" high and is about 9" diameter at the widest point. No chips or cracks. Could use a light cleaning. Sorry, no lamp, this listing is for the shade only.

Winning Bid:

\$205.49

Ended: 1/7/07

History: 24 bids

Starting Bid: \$49.97

Winner: Ohio

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Sally's Story (eBay ID: kimbesascloset)

My mother had a Fenton student lamp for many years, most recently in her basement office where she also does her quilting. Before Christmas last year (2006), it got knocked over and the lamp broke but not the shade. She started to throw it all away, but saved the shade for me because she knew I was selling in eBay.

When she gave it to me, she told me the story. She had gotten the lamp in the early 1980s from Drake's, one of the better department stores doing business in Elkhart, Ind., our hometown. She said that she had watched the lamp over several weeks, as it was on close out and they kept lowering the price. One day it got to the point where she felt she could buy it. Twenty plus years later, however, she couldn't remember what she had paid for it. I'm sure it was a good price, even on close out, because Fenton has always been highly desirable.

My first question was, "Do you still have the rest of it?" I would have listed the broken lamp for parts, too, if it hadn't already been taken away by the trash man.

She brought out her old Fenton catalogs so we could identify the pattern, Chocolate Roses, but I was in a quandary about where to start the bidding. A search produced no comparable items, and we knew that the pattern was only made for a few years. I decided to start at \$49.97. It makes be nervous when someone else is, in essence, watching over my shoulder, but I thought that my mother would consider \$50 a good return.

Two people were bidding against each other, one in South Carolina and one in Ohio. Both of them had the lamp and had been looking to

replace broken shades. I emailed my mother a link to the auction after about four days, because I knew she'd be excited, too. The Ohio bidder won. She emailed me and said she was giving it to herself as an extra Christmas present. I know if I ever happen onto another one of these shades, there's someone in South Carolina who wants one.

My mother and I were both very happy with the outcome as well. I think this experience made my point about downsizing, which she wants to do someday. I've been living in fear that one day she will decide it's time to clear things out, take her Depression glass and all the other vintage goodies stuffed into the nooks and crannies of her house, and put them all into a garage sale for 50 cents a piece. Now she knows that even something rescued from the trash can sell on eBay, give us a nice return, and make someone else happy, too, when they get to replace a piece of their past.