



FRANCISCAN NEWSLETTER

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New Finds in Franciscan Hand-Painted Patterns and Go Alongs

All collectors of the Franciscan Hand-Painted Dinnerware Lines hope for new finds in the pursuit of their coveted collections of Franciscan. Many of the pieces sought after really do not exist. An example is the tile in October pattern. After years of searching and looking over the price catalogues produced during the period that October was produced from 1977 until the close of the factory in Glendale, California, no mention or example was shown. Just because an item was not in the catalogue, we know from experience that items were not always offered to the dealers of Franciscan Ware - also known as "to the trade." Items were produced on a very limited basis and test marketed in a very small area. This has led to rumors of a Franciscan Forget-me-not teapot. Though I have never seen a teapot in Forget-me-not, and the to the trade dealer catalogues do not list such an item, that does not mean that one does not exist. Having been reared in the Mid-West in close proximity to Missouri, I tend to believe as that states motto says "show me." Usually when I get a comment from a collector that such an item exists, my first response is to tell them to send a picture. Usually the item does not turn out to be what was thought it should be. Such an example is an Apple Footed Goblet, like the one offered in Desert Rose. Reports have always surfaced that such an item exists, though the to the trade catalogues say one was not offered or made. The last report that I had of a Footed Goblet in Apple turned out to be Desert Rose Goblets. As far as the teapot in Forget-me-not, I have lost contact with the woman who said she had one. I have never received a picture, so I must still maintain that there is no such creature. We, as collectors, always yearn for these ru-

mors to be true. I would love to have a teapot in Forget-me-not and don't know of anyone else who would refuse one!

Other examples of creatures that do not exist except in myth are the long and narrow in Apple, thimbles in Strawberry Time and Strawberry Fair. Tiles were not made in October, Forget-me-not, Strawberry Fair, Strawberry Time, and the strangest of all - Meadow Rose. All of these patterns for tiles were either too early or too late for the time that tiles were introduced and produced for the Hand-Painted dinnerware lines.

However, there are some new discoveries that have been found and are now being sought after. These new discoveries are the go-alongs for the Franciscan Hand-Painted dinnerware lines. Franciscan authorized merchandise that could be sold with their dinnerware lines. One of the most wonderful go-alongs is the linen sets produced for Desert Rose and Apple. The linens are machine embroidered and are very delicate. One set has surfaced and included were the table cloth, napkins, two round mats and one oval Mat for placement under serving dishes.

Another go-along is the paper goods produced for Apple, Desert Rose and Ivy. Produced by the House of Paper, Inc., Los Angeles, CA, these bear silver paper labels on the packaging with the note that they are full crepe. Another label is blue with a house noted as Hospitality Package created by House of Paper, Los Angeles, California. On the label also reads #4F, 20 Genuine Crepe Napkins to match Franciscan Dinner Ware. Besides napkins, this company produced individual paper hand towels for guests and placemats that were boxed.

Other go-alongs includes glassware produced by Imperial that is hand-painted. But then again, this will be another article soon, as well as the pan set produced for Desert Rose!

EDITORIAL

This is the last issue in the second series. Many subscribers probably thought that the newsletter was long discontinued, however this has not been the case. I wish to thank the patience of each and everyone. It has been a long time between issues. Decisions were needed to be made as to the new format and continuance of a newsletter. This however has not been the same for the Franciscan Web Site on the internet. The Franciscan Web Site has grown and the use has been outstanding. Everyday people access the Franciscan Web Site for information as well as access and use of the discussion forum, the for sale, wanted and for trade advertisements, and the Franciscan on line library. Development and maintenance of the web site has been labor intensive as well as costly. This has hindered the actual hard copy newsletter.

Though the Franciscan Web Site has been such a success, there is still the need for the hard copy of the Franciscan Newsletter. It has been my decision to continue the Newsletter, however not in the form that it was in prior to the web site. Hopefully, more and more subscribers will begin using the internet, however until that time there still is the need for the hard copy of the Newsletter.

The Newsletter will now not have the great photographs that were such a part of the original newsletter. Due to the cost of production, the newsletter will now just be photocopied with maybe a special issue of photographs once a year.

The Newsletter however will be online for an access fee for the current issue and will include photographs online. This access fee will be waived for members and subscribers to the Newsletter. For hard copy only of the Newsletter with limited photographs the copy of the newsletter edition only will be reduced in price from \$20.00 per membership year to \$10.00 per membership year. The new revised hard copy Newsletter will include information that is on the Franciscan Web Site for those that do not have access. Access to the online Newsletter will be \$10.00 per membership year. Membership to the Franciscan Collectors Club will be \$20.00 and will include access to the Web Site Newsletter as well as a hard copy of the Newsletter. Members are still encouraged to become Sustaining Members and Supporting Members. Without Sustaining Members and Supporting Members

the newsletter would cease to exist. It is their support that has created the Franciscan Web Site on the internet as well as the past issues of the hard copy of the Newsletter. This support has enabled research and additions to the information in the archives.

Hopefully with this last issue of the Newsletter's second membership year we will see many more years continued. All memberships are renewed at this time. We look forward to the new third membership year and the advancement of the preservation of the history of Gladding McBean and Franciscan Ware.

James Elliot, Editor

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Memberships and Renewals May be Mailed to:

Franciscan Collectors Club
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 Seattle, Washington 98115

The Franciscan Web Site Report

Since the creation of the Franciscan Web Site two years ago, the web site has become the largest and most extensive web site for collectibles on the internet.

For collectors that have access to the internet, this has become the place to be for Franciscan Ware and Gladding McBean. The site offers collectors a place to advertise their wants, items for sale and wanted to trade notices.

The Franciscan on-line library has many research tools for the collector. Included are marks, books on Franciscan Ware and Gladding McBean, brochures and advertisements of Franciscan and Gladding McBean.

Also included is an alphabetical listing of all patterns and the dates of introduction with links to information or brochures on the pattern.

This site has enabled the Franciscan Collectors Club to reach out to the world and to many Collectors that would not have had an opportunity to find information on our favorite collectible - Franciscan.

Though many of our subscribers do not have access to the internet at this time, more and more collectors are accessing the internet every day. We highly suggest that you visit your public library and take the opportunity to learn about the internet. Most libraries and librarians are extremely helpful in bringing this new technology to you. Most libraries have access to the internet free to library patrons. Take this opportunity to visit your library and learn about the internet and yes, visit the Franciscan Web Site. I have found that when you are researching something that interests you, you have a greater chance of learning something new!

The Franciscan Web Site can be accessed by the following internet address:

<http://www.gmcb.com>

You can also E-mail the Franciscan Collectors Club and/or the Editor James Elliot.

E-Mail: collectors@gmcb.com

Without you, the members, this web site would not exist, thank you for being a member!

WANTED

Contributors wanted for the Franciscan Newsletter. No experience necessary! Most collectors and readers of the newsletter really enjoy hearing about your collection and how you began collecting. One of our most popular articles was by the Franciscan collector Steve Kormanyos. Please contact us and we will guide you into letting people know about your collecting. No writing experience necessary, just the desire to let others know more about you, the collector.

More About Tiles

Gladding McBean under the trade name of Franciscan, produced tiles for the dinnerware patterns throughout the production of the dinnerware lines.

The earliest tiles produced were an octagon with beveled edges for the early patterns such as Tiger Flower, Hawthorne, and others. However, this tile blank was used in later years for Desert Rose and Apple. Tiles have been found on this octagon blank. One of the more unusual patterns found on this tile is Starburst. Tiles have been found and do exist. Though the literature for the early period of Franciscan ware is sparse, no record exists of these tiles being made. One possible reason is that these tiles were produced for seasonal specials and for promotions of Franciscan Ware.

This same octagonal tile was used for the Anniversary Tile produced in 1975 for the Gladding McBean plant in Lincoln, California. This tile has a decal in either blue or brown with the words in a banner - 1875 Lincoln Plant Centennial 1975, with an image of the 1875 Lincoln Plant and below the image the logo for Interpace Corporation.

Indications are that this octagon tile was produced as a promotional tile only. We can only wait for more literature from the early period of Gladding McBean to surface so we can learn more about the origins of this octagon tile.

In the mean time, be sure to look for the tile in Apple, Desert Rose and Starburst - they do exist and many collectors have added them to their collections. One word of note - the beveled edges are highly susceptible to nicks and flakes. To find one in mint condition is extremely difficult. Happy hunting!

1998 PRICE LIST - DESERT ROSE, APPLE & IVY

Prices for the most collected of the hand-painted Franciscan patterns - Desert Rose, Apple and Ivy - have been steady in the last five years. However, there is always a need for a guideline when you are buying or selling these patterns.

All prices are approximate and are based on what has been sold, not on what is to be sold. Valuation of your collection is advised for insurance purposes and these prices may be used as a guideline. All prices are for mint condition only.

	<u>DESERT ROSE</u>	<u>APPLE</u>	<u>IVY</u>
SMALL PITCHER, made pre-1944 for Apple only and made in 1983-4 for Desert Rose only	\$225.00	\$145.00	n/a
BATTER BOWL	n/a	\$235.00	n/a
SMALL COMPOTE	\$165.00	n/a	n/a
COVERED CASSEROLE WITH LID IN METAL STAND	n/a	\$350.00+	n/a
SALT & PEPPER MILL - APPLE SHAPED - WITH WOODDED TOP & BASE	n/a	\$350.00	n/a
TEA TILE/TRIVET - has a spoke pattern on the top to keep the teapot raised off the trivet	\$165.00	\$165.00	n/a
TILE - OCTAGON	\$165.00	\$165.00	\$165.00
LONG & NARROW, also known as a BREAD TRAY	\$350.00	n/a	n/a
FOOTED CERAMIC GOBLET	\$165.00	n/a	n/a
METAL TEAPOT, for use on the stove, made in Taiwan & marketed Franciscan	\$165.00	\$165.00	n/a
THIMBLE	\$45.00	\$125.00	n/a

Mint condition is when an item is free of chips, nicks, flakes, stains, blemishes and scratches!

	<u>DESERT ROSE</u>	<u>APPLE</u>	<u>IVY</u>
CUP/SAUCER, Only Desert Rose has the short TEA CUP, Apple & Ivy have Tall Cups	\$5.00	\$8.00	\$26.00
CUP/SAUCER, TALL, COFFEE, Only Desert Rose made for a short time in 1982-3 Only	\$45.00	n/a	n/a
TUMBLER 7OZ - SHORT	\$35.00	\$35.00	n/a
TUMBLER 10 OZ - TALL	\$24.00	\$24.00	\$45.00
JUMBO CUP/SAUCER	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$75.00
DEMI CUP/SAUCER	\$42.00	\$42.00	n/a
MUG 12 OZ - also known as the HIS MUG	\$39.00	\$45.00	\$65.00
MUG 10 OZ - also known as the HER MUG	\$39.00	n/a	n/a
MUG 10 OZ - known as the CHOCOLATE or CHILD'S CUP, cup is straight-sided	\$125.00	\$95.00	\$145.00
MUG 7OZ - SHORT MUG, replaced the 10 oz Mug, also marketed as the child's cup	\$22.00	\$22.00	n/a
10 1/2" DINNER PLATE	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$36.00
9 1/2" LUNCH PLATE	\$26.00	\$26.00	\$32.00
8" SALAD PLATE	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$28.00
BREAD/BUTTER	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$10.00
CRESCENT SIDE SALAD, Also Known as the BONE DISH	\$28.00	\$28.00	\$45.00

	<u>DESERT ROSE</u>	<u>APPLE</u>	<u>IVY</u>
FRUIT DISH	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$12.00
5 1/2" CEREAL FOOTED	\$28.00	\$28.00	\$28.00
6" CEREAL	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$22.00
8 1/2" RIM SOUP	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$45.00
SHERBET	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$45.00
EGG CUP	\$24.00	\$24.00	n/a
ASHTRAY - INDIVIDUAL, a rose for Desert Rose, an apple for Apple, and an ivy leaf for Ivy	\$15.00	\$22.00	\$25.00
ASHTRAY - OVAL, DIVIDED	\$65.00	\$65.00	n/a
ASHTRAY - SQUARE	\$95.00	\$95.00	n/a
BAKER - SQ. MICROWAVE	\$145.00	\$145.00	n/a
BAKER - RECT. MICROWAVE	\$195.00	\$195.00	n/a
BELL, ANNIVERSARY, Made in England Only, Marked Anniversary 1990	\$45.00	\$45.00	n/a
BELL, DANBURY MINT, Made for the Danbury Mint by Franciscan	\$45.00	n/a	n/a
BELL, DINNER	\$75.00	n/a	n/a
BUTTERDISH W/KNOB	\$45.00	\$45.00	n/a
BUTTERDISH W/OUT KNOB, knob was removed in 1982-3 for Apple and Desert Rose	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00
CANDLE STICK- ANNIVERSARY-SINGLE, Made in England Only, Marked Anniversary 1990	\$45.00	\$45.00	n/a
CANDLESTICK - PAIR	\$75.00	\$145.00	n/a
CANDY DISH - HEART SHAPED	\$75.00	n/a	n/a
CANDY DISH - OVAL	\$245.00	n/a	n/a
CANISTER - GINGER JAR	\$265.00	\$365.00+	n/a
CANISTER - TEA	\$175.00	\$365.00+	n/a
10 1/2" CELERY	\$29.00	\$29.00	\$36.00
CHILD'S PLATE, can be called a relish dish, but was marketed as the child's plate	\$85.00	\$125.00	n/a
CHOP 11 1/2"	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$55.00
CHOP 14" - marketed as the tureen underplate	\$95.00	\$95.00	\$145.00
CIGARETTE BOX - also known as a covered candy box	\$145.00	\$145.00	n/a
COFFEE POT	\$95.00	\$95.00	\$225.00
COFFEE POT - DEMI - 4 CUP	\$265.00	n/a	n/a
COMPOTE	\$75.00	\$75.00	n/a
COOKIE JAR	\$215.00	\$215.00	n/a
COVERED BOX - ANNIVERSARY - Made in England, Marked Anniversary 1990	\$75.00	\$75.00	n/a
COVERED BOX - HEART SHAPED	\$175.00	n/a	n/a
COVERED BOX - ROUND - also known as the PIN BOX	\$165.00	\$245.00	n/a

	<u>DESERT ROSE</u>	<u>APPLE</u>	<u>IVY</u>
COVERED CASSEROLE	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$165.00
COVERED CASSEROLE - 2-1/2 QUART	\$375.00	n/a	n/a
COVERED CASSEROLE - INDIVIDUAL - also known as COVERED ONION SOUPS, Apple is stick handled, Desert Rose has two small leaf tab handles	\$250.00	\$45.00	n/a
CREAM, also known as the family size cream in Apple	\$26.00	\$26.00	\$35.00
CREAM - DEMI	\$75.00	\$22.00	\$75.00
GRAVY WITH ATTACHED UNDERPLATE	\$39.00	\$39.00	\$55.00
MARMALADE with lid	\$125.00	\$125.00	n/a
MIXING BOWL - LARGE	\$145.00	\$145.00	n/a
MIXING BOWL - MEDIUM	\$110.00	\$110.00	n/a
MIXING BOWL - SMALL	\$95.00	\$95.00	n/a
MUFFIN COVER	\$145.00	n/a	n/a
NAPKIN RINGS - EACH - Must be marked made in USA on the interior of the ring!	\$45.00	\$45.00	n/a
PITCHER-MILK	\$75.00	\$75.00	n/a
PITCHER-WATER, Apple has an ice lip, Desert Rose & Ivy do not	\$135.00	\$135.00	\$245.00
PITCHER, SYRUP	\$75.00	\$75.00	n/a
PARTY PLATE - ROUND W/CUP WELL	\$125.00	\$125.00	n/a
PLATE - BUFFET - Also known as the BRANCH PLATE for Desert Rose and Apple only	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
9 1/2" PLATE, ANNIVERSARY - made in England, marked Anniversary 1990	\$55.00	\$55.00	n/a
PLATTER - OVAL COUPE STEAK	\$125.00	\$125.00	n/a
PLATTER 12"	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$55.00
PLATTER 14"	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$75.00
PLATTER 17" also known as the TURKEY PLATTER	\$195.00	\$195.00	\$245.00
RELISH - 3 PART DIVIDED - OVAL	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$85.00
SALAD BOWL	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$175.00
SALT & PEPPER - TALL - SET	\$45.00	\$55.00	n/a
SALT & PEPPER MILL - BULBOUS SIDED	\$175.00	\$175.00	n/a
SALT & PEPPER MILL - STRAIGHT SIDED	\$225.00	\$225.00	n/a
SALT/PEPPER SET	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$45.00
SUGAR, in Apple known as the family sized sugar	\$32.00	\$28.00	\$45.00
SUGAR - DEMI	\$75.00	\$28.00	n/a
TEAPOT	\$85.00	\$85.00	\$225.00
TILE, SQUARE	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
TUREEN - SOUP	\$650.00	\$450.00	\$650.00
TV TRAY - OVAL W/CUP WELL	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
VEGETABLE DIVIDED	\$49.00	\$49.00	\$65.00
9" VEGETABLE LARGE	\$24.00	\$24.00	\$55.00
8" VEGETABLE MEDIUM	\$24.00	\$24.00	\$55.00