

# A GREEN AND SILVER CHRISTMAS SURPRISE

Wishing you all a very Merry Festive Season with this delightful green Fenton Holly bowl which has a surprise in store ....



... as it is sitting on a base of pure silver. The hallmark confirms the base is sterling silver that was registered in Birmingham in 1920 (possibly 1923) and the maker's mark indicates it was made by a silversmith called F. Brady & Co. The full story is featured in our latest CGS Newsletter but it seems the Fenton Holly bowl was imported into the UK then, at some point afterwards, bonded on to the silver base.



Fenton Festive Green Holly Bowl with Sterling Silver Base (courtesy S&T Auty)

Whether the silversmith bought Fenton Holly bowls to attach to silver bases for sale as Christmas gifts or whether someone owned the Holly bowl and commissioned the base to be made, perhaps as a Christmas gift for a friend or loved one, we may never know.

Although carnival glass items can sometimes be found with base or plated metal stands, this is the only one we have ever seen that has been mounted on pure, precious silver - which just goes to show someone in the 1920s appreciated the true value of 'Poor Man's Tiffany' which is really good to know!!

## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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