

Century Pattern, No. 2630 Line

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Until I joined FGSA, I didn't know that my mother's pattern of elegant glassware was the Century pattern. She had a number of pieces but they were for special occasions and mostly for display. It's been interesting searching for information on this plain but elegant pattern.

The Century pattern was introduced in 1949 with about 40 items in the line and soon expanded to about 82 items in the early 1950's. The scalloped, wavy edge on the pieces give them a distinctive look as does the backward "C" shape used on the handles. Production lasted until 1982 but a number of items had been dropped from production by that time until there were only 25 items listed. The first year did not show any stemware but in 1950 seven items of stemware were added: the goblet, sherbet, cocktail, Wine, Oyster Cocktail, Footed Tumbler (12 oz.), and Footed Tumbler (5 oz.). One style of Jug was produced from 1950 thru 1952 and in 1952, Fostoria changed the shape of the Jug.



Jug, ca. 1950-52



Jug, ca. 1952-82

1951 Advertisement

Since there was such a nice, open expanse of clear glass, Fostoria decorated this blank with etches and cuttings. The etches put on the Century blank were: Bouquet, Camelia, Heather, and Starflower. The cuttings put on the Century blank were Bridal Wreath and Sprite.



Bouquet



Camelia



Heather



Starflower

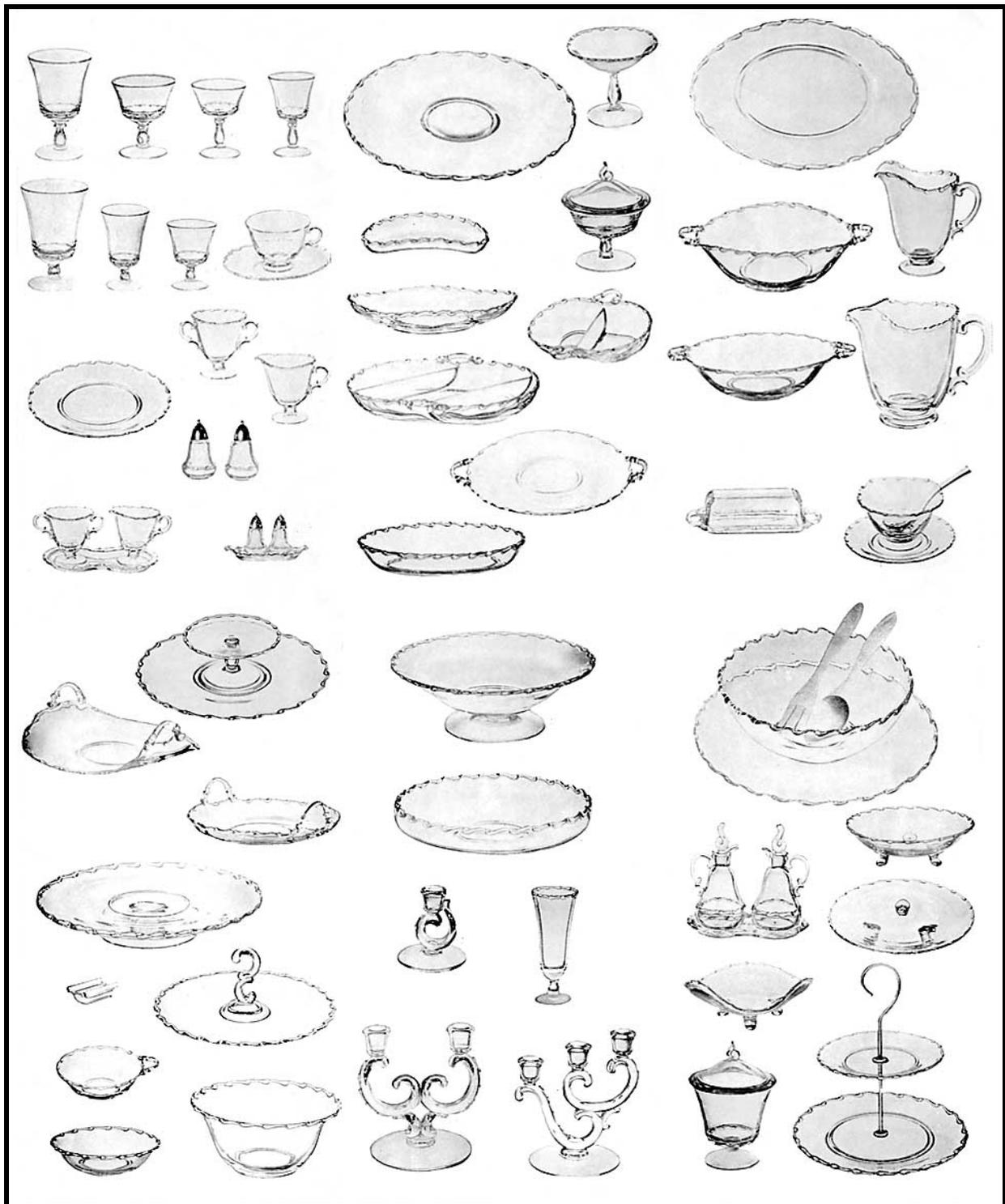


Bridal Wreath



Sprite

Shown below are items advertised in a sales brochure.



A search through patents show six design patents by Marvin Yutzey and assigned to Fostoria. They are: D155,762 Cake Plate, D155,763 Plate, D159,768 Candelabra, D160,356 Sherbet Glass, D 163,435 Footed Creamer, and D 164,345 Footed Goblet.

The Century Pattern was one of Fostoria's most popular patterns and enjoyed a long production run from 1949 thru 1982. There were only a few other lines that had longer life spans. It's understated elegance fits in with many decor's and still remains popular with collectors.