

BIRD GALAXY RESPONSES FROM JUNE, 2013 NEWSLETTER ARTICLE

I can tell that there was a great deal of interest in identifying the birds on this vase from your response. Zero ! So I forge ahead with this project anyway. The results from this year's convention are= Bird one, 5 votes for pheasant, and 1 each for Bird of Paradise and Quail. Bird 2--5 votes for Emu and 4 for Peacock. Bird 3--6 votes for Pelican and one for Cormorant. Bird 4-- 2 votes for duckling and 1 each for chick and gosling. On this rather small sampling I will try Woodsland and get back to you.

The time of last month's article I knew next to nothing about this vase. After many years of owning it, the answer as to who made it was less than four feet from my keyboard and under the base of a red Buddha-- Gillinder! They still have a 6" Version of our vase in their sales room.

Gillinder glass was founded in Philadelphia in 1861. In 1912 three brothers bought a glass plant in Port Jervis, N.Y. and are still there. They are well known in Early American pressed glass with patterns like Westward Ho, Stalking Lion and Maple leaf. In our vase I now have 4 sizes, and uniridized colors of robin egg blue custard, jade, dark and light amethyst and amber plus that short vase in what they call opalescent pearl. Pinning down production and iridizing is still in the works. Their history and more can be found at <http://www.gillinderglassstore.com/>. Gillinder now makes over 50% of airport runway lights in the US plus a substantial portion of aircraft, commercial, and industrial lighting fixtures. They still make small items for their gift store and run tours every day.

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