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Uranium Koala Bear Float Bowl, Crown Crystal Glass Co. Ltd.?, ca. 1935

Greetings, Siegmars!

Hearty warm wishes from Los Angeles!

Two items recently appeared on eBay that may interest you. We would very much appreciate your thoughts about the origin of the Orla figurine in transparent blue-green {teal} glass.

Best wishes,
Maggi

[1] Walther Art Deco glass centrepiece lady figure „Orla“. Item number: 320018283856; Winning bid: GB £ 20.00 (Approximately US \$ 37.10); Item location: Wakefield, United Kingdom; Seller: lempickalover This is interesting - **Orla in transparent blue-green (teal) [?] glass. This is not the typical color for Walther glass! The size and mold appear correct for Walther.**

Please let me know any history about this unusual Orla. I could not find information in PK, but it may be there!

[2] **Uranium Koala Bear Float Bowl**; Item number: 250022998990; Winning bid: AU \$ 1,025.00 (Approximately US \$ 769.37 / ungefähr € 615,13); Item location: Central New South Wales, Australia; Seller: faztop9

The Koala Bear centerpiece had been the topic of a previous PK article (August 2005). This auction presents, in addition, the presumably coordinating bowl.

„This is a Green Uranium Glass Koala Bear Depression Glass Float Bowl with an Extremely Rare centre piece of two Koala Bears sitting on a branch. This float bowl doesn't come up for sale very often, as a matter of fact; you don't see them much at all, hence this piece is a highly sort after float bowl for any collector. This Koala float bowl glows very strongly under a UV light. ... The bowl is 27 cm (nearly 11 inches) across and 6 cm (2.5 inches) deep. The frog is 12.5 cm (5 inches) across and 4 cm (1.5 inches) tall. The Koala centerpiece is 16 cm (6.25 inches) tall and nearly 7 cm (3 inches) wide. Overall when assembled the height is 20 cm (8 inches). The bowl and the frog are both in good condition and glow brightly under a UV light.

SG:

Hello Maggi,

I cannot imagine that this "ORLA" figure in transparent blue green glass was made by Walther between 1930/1945 or by VEB Sachsglas from 1952 - 1965. It may be a irregular reproduction.

An Uranium Green Koala Bear was already published in PK 2005-4, page 227. It was not made by Walther in Germany but by a glasswork in Australia - probably by **Crown Crystal Glass Ltd** - which copied some Walther pressed items - therefore the similarity of the flower frog to „Arabella“ or „Holländerin“ [girl from the Netherlands] from Walther about 1936. I never saw this

bowl until now, maker unknown. I presume that it also was made by Crown Crystal Glass Ltd.

With best wishes and a lot of thanks for your hints,
Siegmars

Abb. 2006-4/160

eBay Australien, Art.Nr. 250022998990, **€ 615,13**

Uranium Koala Bear Float Bowl
uran-grünes, satiniertes Pressglas,
Schale H 6 cm, D 27 cm, Blumenblock H 4 cm, D 12,5 cm, Figur H 16 cm, D 7 cm, insgesamt H 20 cm
nicht Walther, Hersteller unbekannt, Australien, um 1935, vielleicht Crown Crystal Glass Co. Ltd.



Abb. 2005-4/252

eBay Australien, Art.Nr. 7340043752, AU \$ 671,99, € 411,27
 "Green Glass Koala Frog & Insert ... The frog part is in good vintage condition and when the koalas are in, looks great"
 H 18,5 cm, D xxx cm
 SG: nicht Walther, Hersteller unbekannt, Australien, um 1935, vielleicht Crown Crystal Glass Co. Ltd.



Abb. 2004-3/274 a/b/c (s.a. Abb. 2002-3/171, uran-farb. Glas)
 Tafelaufsatz „Holländerin“
 rosa-farbenes Glas, H 18 cm, D xxx cm
 Blumenblock Nr. 42362, H 4 cm, D 10 cm, Öffnung 5,2 cm
 Sicht von oben bzw. von unten, 11 Löcher
 Sammlung Stopfer
 s. MB Walther 1935, Tafel 87, Nr. 43393, „Holländerin“



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- PK 2003-3 Conway, Gepresstes Glas aus den Dreißiger Jahren und nach 1945
- PK 2003-3 Bannister, Crown Crystal Glass, Australien, reproduzierte in den 1930-er Jahren Pressgläser von Walther
- PK 2003-4 Bannister, Pressglas von Crown Crystal, Australien, nach Mustern von August Walther & Söhne um 1935
- PK 2004-2 Blomfield, SG, A Rather Mysterious Walther „Arabella“ Centre-piece in Melbourne, Australia
- PK 2004-3 Stopfer, Der Blumenblock zur Figur „Arabella“ von Walther bzw. Sachsglas
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