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Glass of the Month: AMERICAN SWEETHEART



Once upon a time, like all good stories start, as American Sweetheart came into my life. She was sitting on the back shelf of a neighbor's garage. I was in my late teens or early twenties and could not resist her charms. She was a set in pink and very dainty, I thought. Her Mom offered her to me to help around the house, and I immediately accepted. She came in a service for 4. I loved her for a long time before I found out she had sisters and brothers (serving bowls, soup bowls, platters, etc.). Well, the story has no end because I still have her and still love her – and we have been together for over 50 years.

American Sweetheart is the pattern name the manufacturer, McBeth and Evans, gave to their 1930 – 1936 era glass dinner set. It also came in cobalt, red, and monax (opaque white). Some pieces even have colored trim. It has never been reproduced. I have been able to add to the original set and now have a service for 10, including soups, serving bowls, platters, etc. Antique shops, glass shows (including our own) have helped me set a glorious table. The centerpiece is always pink roses in a pink Fenton Burmese basket.

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