

Glass Jars Reveal Canning History

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WEST OVERTON (Westmoreland Co.) — \$10,000 for a fruit

jar? None of that caliber are in this exhibit, but with that kind of value placed on one jar, you might expect that a lot of people will be

treating their containers with more respect!

Laurie Galloway, from the nearby Bear Rocks community, has been collecting jars for about 10 years. Her exhibit of fruit jars is part of what you will see this summer at the West Overton Museum, near Scottsdale. She started her collection from her own interest in colors as she browsed at auctions, flea markets, and antique shops. "Hannah's Town is our favorite place," she says because there many shops are close to each other.

The exhibit shows only about 35 to 40 percent of her collection. Yet, you can see many crucial stages in popularizing the canning process from samples in the exhibit. Though the word "canning" comes from the time when food was put into metal containers for preservation, the term has been applied to glass containers (fruit jars) for more than 150 years.

The biggest influence on canning came from John L. Mason, an American glass blower. Mason is the inventor who first introduced and patented the glass jar with a metal, screw-on top. Though Mason patented this combination on November 30, 1858, the history of canning goes back to about 1795. Then a French chef, Nicolas Appert, first processed food in sealed containers. Appert also won the prize offered by the French government in 1809 for a simple way to preserve food for the army.

The West Overton exhibit is arranged to show some of the American history of canning, according to Museums programs coordinator Robert Sandow. On one shelf you can see seven "Mason" samples from competing

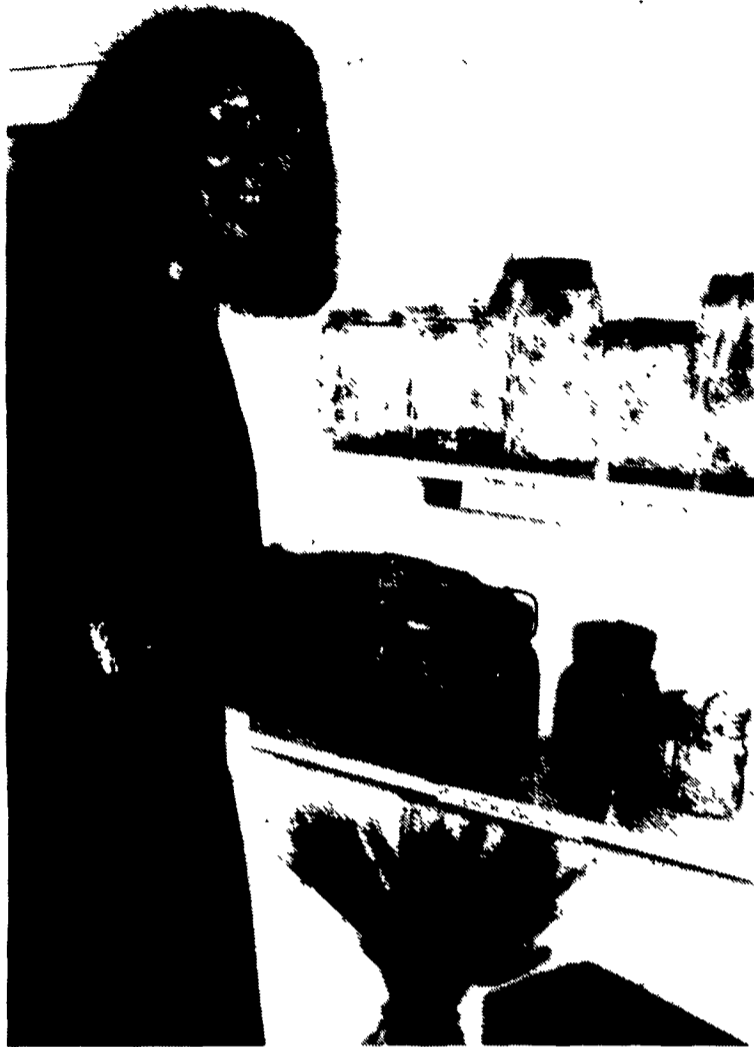
companies, all operating under the 1858 patent. What made the Mason patent so popular, according to Sandow, is that it provided a simple and functional way to keep air away from the food.

The exhibit also contains samples of the technological competition for the metal lid on the screw

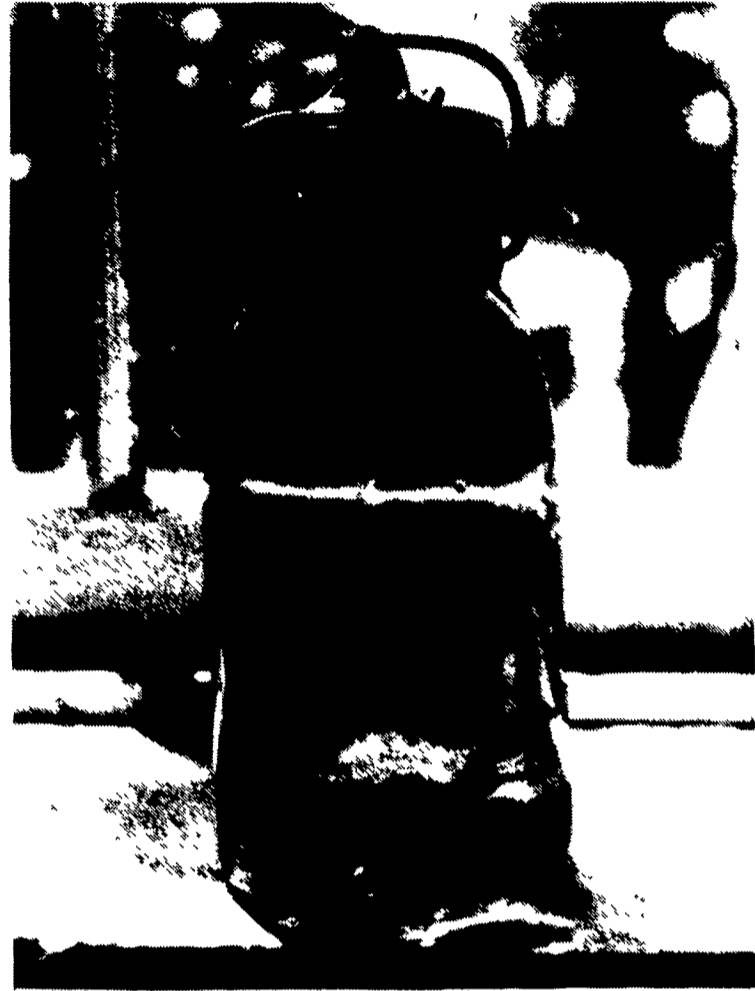
top jar. The specimens exhibited include jars with:

- wire bails — with their zinc ring, porcelain or glass inert and rubber seal.
- zinc band with glass insert and rubber seal.
- clamp and yoke with glass

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Laurie Galloway, collector of fruit jars, shows one of her favorites from the exhibit at West Overton Museums, near Scottsdale. "Corn flower blue" is her favorite of all the various colors of jars. One reproduction of a cobalt (blue) jar was purchased for \$18, is now valued at \$75 to \$100. Though she doesn't can food herself, she knows that it is very hard work. Photo by David Hiebert.



This amber jar manufactured by Globe in about 1886 is from an exhibit at the West Overton Museums, near Scottsdale. Values at \$45 to \$55, other jars produced from the same design might have more — or less — value. Aqua jars are valued at \$15 to \$20, black at an impressive \$2,500. Photo by David Hiebert.

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