

## Press Release for the Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors

The **Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors** (FOHBC) will be holding the **2012 Expo** at the **Grand Sierra Hotel in Reno, Nevada this July**. The dates for the event are July 27, 28, 29.

The Expo will include seminars on July 27<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 am. Subjects covered will include:

- Values and Investing by Fred Holabird, President Holabird Kagin Americana, Reno Nevada.
- The EC&M Insulators by Dennis Bray.
- The Effects of Radiation and Thermal Exposure on Vintage and Antique Glass by Dwayne Anthony, this will be a real eye opener for anyone collecting objects made of glass.
- Hutchinson Type Soda Bottles by Ron Fowler, noted author and researcher.
- Eric McGuire's seminar will feature over 200 product labels from California bottles that date between the 1850's and 1890's. Eric is a long time collector and researcher that have penned numerous articles on antique bottles.
- Ferdinand Meyer V from Texas and Sheldon Baugh from Kentucky will tag team a double seminar on *Trends in the Bitters Collecting Field and Medicinal Bitters Bottles*. Bitters bottles are one of the most popular fields in bottle collecting.
- a seminar that covers *Early Western Soda Bottles and California Beer Bottles* will be presented by Thomas Jacobs, long time collector and authority on the subjects.
- *Grace Bros. the Company and its Products* will be presented by John Burton, the leading authority on the Grace Bros. Breweries. His talk will cover bottles, cans, labels, glasses and the various breweries owned by the Grace Bros. Free to the first 25 people who attend this seminar will be a CD covering all the above.

These seminars are free to the public as part of the FOHBC's mission to encourage growth and public awareness of the bottle hobby and to enhance the enjoyment of such through collecting, dealing, and educational endeavors and to promote fair and ethical conduction within the bottle hobby.

The show itself will feature displays of various types of bottles. Some of the rarest western bottles will be on display. Canning jars and Insulators will also be on display. Dealers of Western Antiques and Casino Memorabilia as well as dealers from England, Germany and Australia will be presenting their wares beginning at 1:05 pm on the 27<sup>th</sup>. The early admission fee will be \$70.00 per individual or family couple including minor children. FOHBC Members will receive a \$20 discount. This charge is good for all three days. On Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> the general admission is \$5.00.

A banquet is scheduled for Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. You do not have to be an FOHBC member to attend. Banquet cost will be \$33.00 per person. Featured guest speaker at the banquet will be Warren Friedrich, author of *Early Glassworks of California*.

Dealer tables are still available at \$85.00 for the first table and \$70.00 for each additional table. A \$10.00 discount will be allowed on the first table for all FOHBC members.

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