



Federation of Historical  
Bottle Collectors

Virtual Museum of  
Historical Bottles and  
Glass

# The Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors

## Hall of Fame Guidelines and Requirements Application Form

### FOHBC Hall of Fame Award

The Hall of Fame award is the highest honor of the Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors organization. This award is designed to honor individuals, living or deceased, who have made significant and lasting contributions to the bottle collecting hobby on the national or international level.

Consideration for this honor is to be based only on the contributions to the bottle collecting hobby. Other attributes such as professional career or positions are not to be considered.

### Description of Honor

The Hall of Fame is intended to recognize outstanding and significant contributions to the bottle collecting hobby that have made a lasting and enduring impact upon the hobby at the national or international level. Such individuals should be generally known throughout the bottle collecting community for their collections, contributions and impact upon the hobby.

Such contributions include but are not limited to research and publications that furthered a greater understanding of the history and production of bottles and glass, or major contributions that significantly encouraged people to participate in the hobby.

Such contributions include creation and organization of significant activities or events that fostered growth, understanding and cooperation in the hobby.

### **Hall of Fame nominees should meet or exceed the criteria below:**

1. Be an individual who is nationally and/or internationally known by collectors for their significant contributions, and/or achievements in the bottle collecting hobby, and initiated, organized, and/or created a significant new and innovative activity, event, or project for the bottle-collecting hobby, i.e.
  - a) Initiated idea of a bottle museum, gathering information, promoting and leading its establishment; or
  - b) Originated the idea of a national bottle show and convention, mobilized support, helped organize, and provided leadership to allow the idea to happen; or
  - c) Be an avid collector who amassed such a significant collection that it was nationally known, provided new insights into collecting within a particular category through study and research of the collection and made the collection available for study by researchers and other interested individuals.
2. Performed significant research regarding bottle manufacturing, production, use, and/or distribution, leading to publication of articles and/or books. Author of significant reference book or material used in the bottle collecting hobby.

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**Examples of individuals qualifying for Hall of Fame:**

**Individual A:** A nationally known long-time collector who amassed a significant collection in several collecting categories. Prepared and published a reference book on a collecting category, combining all previous known information on the subject, becoming a standard reference used by collectors and researchers for many years. Gave talks at many bottle club meetings and participated in other activities promoting the bottle hobby. Often displayed at bottle shows. Donated bottles to a number of museums and maintained a bottle display at a prominent museum. Long time FOHBC member and served on the Board of Directors.

**Individual B:** Is an avid collector and dealer who envisioned having a national bottle show to celebrate the United States Bicentennial in 1976. Since the Federation was not able to financially follow through with this first national bottle convention, he volunteered his own money to be reimbursed after show profits were collected. It was his vision and chairmanship of that show that created lasting strength for sustaining the Federation and having national FOHBC bottle shows. This was the crowning achievement of his three decades of local and national leadership in the bottle-collecting hobby.

**Individual C:** A nationally known avid collector and researcher. Provided information and bottles used in more than 10 bottle reference books. Participated in updating and publishing a major bottle collecting reference book. Performed original research and published articles on several different families of bottles. Displayed at over 100 bottle shows. Provided meeting room for local bottle club for many years. Served on FOHBC Board of Directors for a number of years.

**Individual D:** A nationally known and avid early collector who amassed collections in several very significant collecting categories. Authored two early books on collecting bottles, one of which sold more copies than any other antique bottle-collecting book. Active in the original formation of the Federation of Historical Bottle Clubs, served on the Board of Directors a number of times. Active in local bottle club and regularly held open houses in conjunction with the shows.

**Individual E:** Nationally and internationally known avid early collector and historian who amassed the most complete collection ever in one of the major collecting categories. Wrote a reference book on the collecting category, which combined all previous cataloging of the category and introduced new and original formatting and bottle cataloging identification systems that set the standard for reference books published since that time. This reference book, which has been updated, remains the standard reference work for this category of bottle collecting all over the world and has helped make this one of the most collected categories of bottles. The sale of the collection was a significant event for collectors.

**Individual F:** An avid collector, researcher, and historian who published four books on a major collecting category. His publications included not only listing of the bottles but extensive history, time frames of the products and producer, and where examples have been found. He was a significant factor in creating broad interest in the history and collecting of these bottles. These books remain today as the standard reference books for these bottles. His long time hobby was collecting the bottles and related items and advertising.

**General Requirements**

Nominations may be made by any individual FOHBC member, affiliate member or affiliate club.

- Nominations should outline the contributions and accomplishments as they related to the bottle collecting hobby; i.e., contributions made to the hobby in the way of research, published articles or books, initiating activities or events, serving at the local level, or at the national Federation level, and any other contributions made by nominee to the bottle collecting hobby as a whole.
- Nomination should include dates, scope of accomplishments and copies of any published articles or other relevant document to support the nomination. Such documents may include publications,

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writings, transcripts, photographs and other printed and/or electronic materials show that the nominee has made a significant contribution to the hobby.

- Nomination should include chronological listing of the distinguished service(s) activities and other related contributions to the hobby specifying the years of each service, contribution or achievement that took place.
- Nominations should include the nominator, the person who researched the nomination, and the names of at least two additional Federation members recommending the nomination.

No more than two persons may be inducted into the Hall of Fame per year.

**Nomination Process**

Two copies of the nomination material for Hall of Fame candidates shall be submitted to the Business Manager.

Applications shall be made on an individual basis only, i.e., no couples or groups of people shall be listed on the same nomination form.

The deadline for nomination submissions shall be January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

Guidelines and requirements for the nominations may be obtained by request from the Business Manager.

*See application next page.*

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**APPLICATION FORM**

**Nomination is for the FOHBC Hall of Fame or Honor Roll (check one)**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (including area code) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Recommended by** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (including area code) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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