



Dear Mr. Meyer,

In its slightly more than 30-year existence, the National Bottle Museum, located in Ballston Spa, NY, has accumulated nearly 3000 bottles and containers, ranging in age from Black Glass Dutch Squats from the early 1700's to a commemorative Pyroglazed milk bottle done in 2005 for the National Association of Milk Bottle Collectors.

The museum's mission statement filed with the New York State Education Department reads:

The National Bottle Museum's mission is:

1. To collect and preserve glass, ceramic and other product containers and related items.
2. To interpret American history through product containers via the operation of a museum open to the public on a regular basis.
3. To study and disseminate information relating to the composition, use, manufacture, distribution, and contents of the product containers and about the industries which developed, manufactured, distributed and promoted the products sold in such containers.
4. To encourage the marking and preservation of buildings and sites relating to product containers and their contents.

The museum was granted its Absolute Charter on April 24, 1996.

While it is not officially in the museum's official statement, we believe encouraging the bottle collecting hobby is another important part of our mission. In the past year, the museum has received financial support from these clubs:

Little Rhody Bottle Club

Mohawk Valley Antique Bottle Club

Somers Antique Bottle Club

Yankee Bottle Club

Capital District Antique Bottle Club

National Association of Milk Bottle Collectors

Finger Lakes Antique Bottle Collectors Association

Hudson Valley Bottle Club

St. Louis Antique Bottle Collectors Association

The museum has received financial support in previous years from:

American Collectors of Infant Feeders	Empire State Bottle Collectors Association
Jersey Shore Bottle Club	Pennsylvania Bottle Collectors Association
Reno Antique Bottle Club	Bedford County, PA Bottle Club
Apple Valley Bottle Club	Genesee Valley Bottle Collectors Association
Long Island Antique Bottle Association	Berkshire Bottle Collectors Association
New England Antique Bottle Club	Northern New Jersey Antique Bottle Club
New Jersey Antique Bottle Club	Greater Buffalo Bottle Collectors Association
M-T Bottle Collectors Association	Delmarva Antique Bottle Club
Merrimac Valley Bottle Club	Saratoga-Type Bottle Collectors Association
Violin Bottle Collectors Association	Baltimore Antique Bottle Club
San Diego Antique Bottle & Collectibles Club	Tri-State Bottle Collectors & Digger's Club, Inc.
Northwestern Bottle Collectors Association	

Any bottle club that makes an annual donation becomes a Supporting Club. Many clubs make a donation after their annual bottle shows.

I hope that this information is what you were hoping to get. If you have any other questions, don't hesitate to contact me. The National Bottle Museum's phone number is (518) 885-7589. The web address is www.nationalbottlemuseum.org, e-mail is nbm@nycap.rr.com, and we are on Facebook.

Best regards,
Gary Moeller, Director
National Bottle Museum