

Northeast Regional News

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Baltimore Bottle Digger

Baltimore Antique Bottle Club, Baltimore, Md.

Club president John Toft presented the June program, on the history of the Baltimore Antique Bottle Club. Others from the club participated. A list of members who had served the club as president, from 1970 to the present, was published in the newsletter. Sixteen have served in that capacity.

May's program on "My Other Hobby" brought forth many varied objects including Baltimore & Ohio Railroad items, aviation, chalkware, Indian artifacts, miniature trucks and buses, bottle openers, campaign badges from the 1860 election, match safes, Grover Cleveland memorabilia, Baltimore Orioles memorabilia, Baltimore souvenir china, telephones and more! It's difficult to collect one thing and be content!

The club presented the 2011 Keith S. Miceli Memorial Scholarship Award of \$500 to Jonathan Holtzman, of Loch Haven High School. Holtzman was VP of his Senior Class and will attend St. Mary's College of Maryland.

Bits and Pieces

Empire State Bottle Collectors Association, Syracuse, N.Y.

The club held the annual Mini-Show in lieu of a meeting in June. It was rescheduled February, in which typical Syracuse winter weather won out. "Come one, come all, to a fun evening of buying and selling, browsing....all are welcome to

offer for sale as few, or as many items as they would like," went the newsletter article. In July and August, meetings are not held. ES-BCA has a number of active diggers who will no doubt have plenty of show & tell material when the meetings

resume in the fall.

Collector of the Month was Del Haynes, a collector of Ayshire milk bottles. His collection numbers about 100 milks in general. His wife, Sandy, first introduced him to bottle collecting. Del owns Ayshire cows, so it was logical to collect milk bottles associated with them.

Traveler's Companion

Greater Buffalo Bottle Collectors Association, Buffalo, N.Y.

Arcade, New York's Dan Barski program on black glass bottles was a big hit to the membership. As part of the program, Dan lines the bottles up from earliest to latest, showing the evolution of the shapes of the wine bottles. He explains the various forms, like onion, club, etc.

President Pete Jablonski led his first Buffalo Brewery Legacy Tour. The tour included two breweries, a tavern, a historic house and even a cemetery. A second tour was also held the next month. Buffalo Beer Week was held in June, an eight-day celebration of craft beer in Buffalo. No meeting was scheduled for July, but a picnic meeting was held in August.

Editor Craig Maefs demonstrated the GBBCA Club Facebook Page. Members were urged to join. Craig also announced other club's newsletters were always available through the newsletter exchange.

Members were reminded to consider receiving their newsletter by email. This saves printing and postage expenses.

The Digger

The Richmond Area Bottle Collectors Association, Richmond, Va.

President Bruce Wadford's talk on Buffalo Lithia Water Bottles was by all accounts outstanding. Many club members supported the talk by bringing in examples of mineral and lithia water bottles to show. "Club meetings are a great time to learn about different aspects of collecting as well as a chance to catch up with folks from the club," stated the editor.

Phil Townsend's article, "Subley Beverages of Richmond - All That Soda for a Big Nickel," as always was very well researched and informative. In the early 1920s, the Subleys founded NuGrape (Richmond Branch) and Subley Beverage Company. There were a great variety of flavors. The top product was the "Big Nickel" brand. ACL and paper labelled sodas were both produced and highly collectible today. Phil also penned "Virginia Dairies, Part I," concentrating on some of the earliest known bottles in the business.

April's meeting was a Mini-Show. It was a fun evening of buying and selling. About six tables of bottles were set up. May's program was delivered by Bert Laine and Doug Arrington on bitters bottles. The focus was on colors in which they can be found.

There were some 60 bitters on display. The program drew at least 30 members.

The June picnic was held, featuring an auction, with a 10-lot limit. Each lot can be one item or up.

Watercloset Gazette

The Capitol Region Antique Bottle & Insulator Club, Albany, N.Y.

April's meeting, held at the Sportsman's Bowl in Schenectady, featured a show & tell. The theme was Indian-related items. It was

also asked to bring your "Find of the Month."

The club is working on a new website. A "Members Only" section will include membership renewal, a roster, interests, contact information, plus club archives. General public access will include general club information, events calendars, select articles, show information, links, etc. Additional items or suggestions from the club were sought.

Ayer's Hair Vigor was the subject of several articles. An Ayer's hair product was still available in the 1930s! The colors of Ayer's bottles are quite attractive.

Applied Seals

Genesee Valley Bottle Collectors Association, Rochester, N.Y.

The club summer picnic was held in June at the monthly meeting site, a lodge in Buckman Park in Rochester. A variety of wildlife was seen from the lodge, despite its close proximity to the city, including deer, a family of woodchucks, wild turkeys, rabbits and birds from cardinals to goldfinches. No tailgaters this year, but the camaraderie and food were the best. The picnic is traditionally a good draw, with over 25 attending. The club provides the hamburgers, Rochester's Zweigel's red and white, hot dogs, and beverages.

Dennis Smith of Buffalo presented celery bottles and advertising at the May meeting, to the delight of all. Dennis is a leader in his field of expertise, and has one of the best collections in the country. He is often seen at out-of-state bottle shows. Dennis displayed at the Memphis National Show in June.

Pictures of the 11 exhibits at the Rochester show filled the pages of the newsletter and the "e-newsletter" (all color of course). Rochester does excell in this department. Photos will soon be posted on the club website.

A show report on Mansfield was included in the June newsletter, with mention of the free dealer dinner, the large number of tables inside and out, and the quality and variety of bottles and related items offered. The Ohio Bottle Club is to be congratulated. A number of New Yorkers attend or do the show, including 10 members of GVBCA.

The club takes July and August off, but many gathered at the "Bottle Nuts" tents at the Madison-Bouckville Antique Show, Aug. 19-21.

Bottles Along the Mohawk

Mohawk Valley Antique Bottle Club, Utica, N.Y.

The club dig was a fun day for all who took part. In advance of the annu-

al show, the club put together a display at the New York Mills Library. White's Pottery pieces and local bottles were shown. A show poster and other information was posted.

Glass motor oil bottles were the subject of an article, originally appearing in Kovel's newsletter. A recent auction saw a top price of \$1,375 for a gallon "Mobil Oil Filpruf," decorated with Mobil's old gargoyle trademark. The use of glass oil bottles gradually ended before the 1950s. The article explained several reasons for their demise.

The club picnic was held at Kirtland Town Park in June. Members' families were invited to attend. Hot dogs, hamburg, rolls, and a charcoal grill were provided. July's speaker was none other than Jon Landers. He spoke on American ink bottles. A power point slide presentation was shown on a 10-foot screen. Inks from 1820 to the 1920s really showed nicely. Jim Berry, new FOHBC secretary and past president of MVABC, wrote about his collection of Carter's Cathedral Inks, including a photo of them. Included is a unique Carter's cathedral quart in clear glass. Most of those inks are in cobalt.

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Antique Bottle Club of Northern Illinois

Dorothy Furman is the newsletter editor of the *ABCNI*, and Jeff Dahlberg is president. The club has been holding its meetings at the Antioch Senior Center, 817 Holbeck, Antioch, Ill. Dorothy reported the following for the May meeting:

We had some guests attend the meeting. Joe Brito came from Gray-slake. He showed us his collection of

commemorative NSDA soda bottles which were really great. As he is downsizing, he donated the bottles to our club. We will raffle off one of these bottles each month to benefit our club treasury. Joe worked for the engineering department in all three of the can companies in Illinois. We thank him for his generous donation.

Another guest couple were Alice and Bob from Libertyville. They had a collection of Pepsi bottles with errors. Bob was a Pepsi driver for many years and found numerous error bot-

Hello, bottle collectors! Welcome to another installment of the Midwest Region news report. We love to hear from the Midwest bottle clubs – so keep sending in those news items... please, please, please and thank you!

bles such as an RC bottle with a Pepsi cap or a Pepsi bottle with Orange Crush soda in it. Some caps were correct but had the wrong contents.

Our recent show was well attended with over 100 people coming through the door. I sold to people from Chicago, Maywood and River Grove, among others. I guess advertising in Craig's List paid off.

For information on joining the ABCNI, you may contact: Dorothy Furman, 26287 W. Marie Ave., Antioch, IL 60002.

Findlay Antique Bottle Club

Marianne Dow maintains the club's website, which has news items posted almost weekly as well as pictures from the club's past shows. You should check out the club's website: <http://finbotclub.blogspot.com/>. Richard Elwood is club president. Monthly club meetings are held at the University of Findlay.

Circle City Bottle Club

Dave Berry is the club president and Martin Van Zant is the editor. Martin Van Zant reported the following in the May newsletter:

I've been out digging with little luck. The last hole I was in was a brick liner in downtown with permission. I met up with my friend Richard and off we went. We found the hole pretty quick, as it was sticking out of the ground. The top of the hole was tiny, and it got bigger as we went down. When we were down at the five-foot level, we could barely bend down for our knees hitting the walls. This was a tight one – most times we don't mind it being a little tight. This, however, might have been a little too tight. The age was turn of the century with the hope that it may go earlier. We found an Indianapolis druggist bottle embossed, "Sloan Drug Co. Pharma-

colpolium Indianapolis." It was a cute little druggist bottle. We found a couple of slick blob beers and a whole cache of slick medicines. The best bottle, of course, was broken; well, the lip had a chunk missing from it. The bottle reads "Perry's Magic Rheumatism Cure / Dr. Perry (in signature)." I have found out that this is an unlisted cure bottle. Is it from Indianapolis? One can only hope. We found several pieces of Ironstone, one being a giant white pitcher of course missing a chunk. We left it for the owners. Richard and I didn't have a whole lot to split up, so we picked out the best to save for a better pick.

You can find out more about the Circle City Bottle Club by contacting Martin Van Zant, 208 Urban St., Danville, IN 46122. Membership dues are \$10 per year.

Ohio Bottle Club

Phyllis Koch (editor) and Dennis Peine (secretary) are doing a very nice job with *The Ohio Swirl*, the OBC's newsletter. Terry Crislip is the club president. The program for the May meeting was Poison Advertisements given by Phil Soehnen. Poison advertising was during the 1870s–1930s when it was hard to gain peoples' attention and make poison products appeal to a buying customer.

A "Rat Biscuit" was in a magazine advertisement. The biggest advertising company was E.S. Wells Co. in New Jersey whose motto was "Rough on Rats." They had a black and red label which stood out. From E.S. Wells came S.E. Wells and Brown Manufacturing Company. E.S. Wells was very protective of his product and trademark, so he hired attorneys to protect it. Even the back side of sheet music advertised his product.

In 1910, the Insecticide Act

made every product have an antidote on it. On poison labels, the druggist's name was to be on the bottom. There were even ant buttons and bottle caps advertising poison in the 1940's in Florida.

Phil had a huge cast aluminum sign indicating Fatsco Ant Poison from Benton Harbor, Michigan. A definite point was made – do not add water to acid – pour the acid into the water. Another great find that Phil showed the audience was a large bottle with a wood padding frame around the bottle. The frame could not be removed from the bottle. It held the bottle very tightly so the acid could be taken by conveyor and be poured into the water.

Adam Koch asked about a problem with fumes. Phil replied they used fans to suck the fumes out to protect the workers. Ralph Bowman commented about cobalt blue poison bottles and there being over 1,000 unique bottles. In 1859, the state of New York had an unusually shaped bottle with an x-bone and poison on it.

Jack Sullivan articles: May newsletter, "When a Drinking Town Goes Dry" (the effect of National Prohibition on Portsmouth, Ohio); June newsletter, "Hugo Thuemler in Ohio" (a German immigrant who was involved with decorating both pottery and glass brewery items).

The program for the June meeting was for club members to bring their best cure and ink bottles. Jim Cady started off with a Dr. Higgins epilepsy cure for 25 cents from Columbus, Ohio. He also had an 1845 cure for pain. Joe Franchino had a Healey and Bigelows Kickapoo Indian cough cure of 110 years old. Bob Smith's bottle of a three-day cure for gonorrhea with opium that you had to inject three times per day brought many comments

from the audience. He had an amber bottle, cough cure, plus an iron pontiled diphtheria cure. George Brewster showed his Porter's cure of pain which he dug 25 years ago from Bundysburg, Ohio. Last but not least, Bill Koster had the first bottle he ever found, which was a Warner's Kidney Safe cure which signified the beginning of the club we have today. You could see the gleam in his eyes because we truly have great bottles and wonderful members who find them and collect them.

For more information on joining the OBC, please contact Berny Baldwin (treasurer), 1931 Thorpe Circle, Brunswick, OH 44212. The club also has a new website which can be found at: <http://www.ohiobottleclub.com>. Details about their milk bottle book can be found there also.

Kalamazoo Antique Bottle Club

Al Holden is the newsletter editor. In the June newsletter, Al gave a report on a fascinating guest speaker that he heard at a recent metal detector club meeting. The guest speaker was Ross Richardson, a realtor from Lake Ann, Michigan. Ross is a professional wreck diver. One of the Great Lakes shipwrecks that has been searched for many, many times is the Westmoreland. She went down in a winter storm in December 1854. The Westmoreland was a large wooden, propeller-driven steamship 200 feet long and 28 feet wide; a big vessel in her day. The Westmoreland was a new ship, only one year old when she sank! She was designed for hauling passengers and freight and on her last voyage she was loaded with winter provisions and store goods for Mackinac Island. It is known that 17 lives were lost when the ship went down.

Only July 10, 2010, Ross con-

firmed the identity of the Westmoreland. The Westmoreland is in an incredible state of preservation and has remained unseen by human eyes for over a century and a half. The shipwreck is sitting upright and nearly completely intact in deep water. The depth and the steep walls of the uncharted hole she sits in seems to have protected her from currents and ice that have reduced most wrecks on the west shore of Michigan to nothing more than interesting board piles. Her bow points south and east, pointing down the course she was blown by the December gale in 1854.

At the very stern, on the passenger deck, is the auxiliary helm; a perfectly intact ship's wheel. It's in pristine condition considering the Westmoreland sank seven years before the Civil War started, and was on the bottom of Lake Michigan over a decade before President Lincoln was assassinated.

Ross and his team left the ship just as they found it and, when I saw the video footage, I could see that leaving it undisturbed took a great deal of self discipline! You know, the treasure value aboard this ship in antique bottles alone would be staggering! She was no double carrying hundreds of bottled products as her cargo, but also goods for the captain and crew and passengers. Beer, medicines, inks and everything is pontiled! This was a great presentation that really captured your imagination!

Chuck Parker is the club president, and you can contact him for more information about their club at 607 Crocket Ave., Portage, MI 49024 (ph: 616-329-0853). The club meets regularly at the Kalamazoo Public Library, located at 315 S. Rose Street. The club has a website: <http://www.kalamazoobottleclub.org/>

Wabash Valley Antique Bottle & Pottery Club

Martin Van Zant is newsletter editor for *The Wabash Cannonball*, the WVABPC's monthly newsletter. Doug Porter is club president. Van Zant reported the following in the July newsletter:

If you weren't at the last bottle meeting you missed a real doozy. John Newman gave the door prize last meeting. It was a really nice half pint eagle over eagle with a wreath. It was a beautiful example with lots of character.

I went digging the other day and found a really cool spot downtown. I probed it out and found one privy – so far. The ground is starting to harden up, so you had better get your probing done soon. I finally broke in and started to dig. The hole was a little bigger than I thought, so I called up a good buddy of mine, Bill Gonterman. I was about at the four-foot level when he showed up. The weird thing is that there were hardly any shards all the way thus far. However, I did have a wooden wall that was shaped like a big barrel. So I continued to dig. I probed this hole to be about a six-footer. Bill helped me bucket some dirt out when all of a sudden water started coming in. Ughhh, but at that level there is no stopping now. I finally find a bottle embossed J. Geo Mueller, Indianapolis. Coincidentally, I just bought a big druggist box with this same name on it – really cool. Then I pulled up a Lockport medicine in a forest green. The next and last bottle was a G. Watson Indianapolis Pharmacy bottle. There were several fruit jar shards, but nothing else. What a hole, what a dang dipity dipped hole. Well, I guess they used it a lot. I was a muddy mess. I did find three neat bottles; however, I would have rather bought these for

\$5 a piece or something. Oh, you never know, that's my philosophy!

The WVABPC holds monthly meetings at Shadows Auction Barn, 1517 Maple Ave., Terre Haute, Ind. Club dues are \$10/yr. For more information, please contact Tony Stringfellow (treasurer), P.O. Box 690, Farmersburg, IN 47850.

Iowa Antique Bottlelers

Mark Wiseman is the newsletter editor who does a great job each month. Mike Magee does the minutes quarterly and supplies Mark with articles that Mark selects for the newsletter. Tom Southard is club president. June meeting highlights:

Jack La Baume brought some really great bottles to sell and some to tell about also. He brought an unlisted Iowa Drugstore bottle "Clay W. Wilson PHG. The Druggist, Kingsley, Iowa" embossed "Marvel" on the bottom. He brought a super "Woodbury" jar he had just obtained complete with the lid and even the little cap on top. Jack talked about two blob sodas from Marysville, California that he had dug, one with a "B", and one with a "LB" – they call them "Killer B's" out there because they also come in cobalt blue and green. Duane Mangold brought a large collection of Ball jars and very true to the meeting theme he had a Ball jar wooden box and boxes of lids, rubber seals, glass tops, shoulder seals, wide mouth rings, Eclipse lids, #10 lids and many others – a very nice collection of these items. Duane also brought some rare jars he found at some garage sales, and a Ball jar that says "Made in U.S.A." that was made only for export. Duane really knows his Ball jars.

Our newest member, Jack Summers of Roland, brought some bottles he found while working at the DOT,

and had found where they had been used to plug up clay tile lines. He had a very early aqua nearly round bottom food bottle wide lip that might be English and looked very old, a base-embossed amber crown top beer "Dubuque Brg. & Malt-ing Co. Dubuque, Ia", a "Hamm St. Paul" aqua beer bottle with a wire stopper on a crown top, and a very neat clear figural perfume bottle of a bear or beaver, or it looked like a "sloth" to me on a log.

Mike Magee submitted this old newspaper article from The Atlantic News Telegraph, April 19, 1913: He Died From Drinking "Bitters" – Anita Paper Says Death of Man of That Vicinity the Result of Poisoning from That Cause. About 4 o'clock last evening Dr. H. E. Campbell was called out to the Johnson farm north of town to attend Frank Johnson. He found him in very serious condition, apparently suffering from some kind of poison, and as he had been drinking hard since last Sunday, it was probably from alcoholic poisoning, but he was so far along that it was impossible to decide certainly from the symptoms. Dr. Campbell administered the usual remedies and did all that was possible and having other patients to call on returned again in about an hour and found no improvement. Dr. Beaver was called in consultation later, but nothing that other could suggest was of any benefit and Mr. Johnson passed away about 2 o'clock in the morning. When first found by the family he was lying on the lounge and a bottle of some kind of bitters, containing alcohol, was standing beside the lounge on the floor. This was partly empty, but how much of it had been taken by him recently could not be decided. It was very bitter and besides the alcohol, probably contained genttan(?),

but as to the other ingredients could not be told from tasting it, requiring an analysis. It is reported that Johnson had been drinking a good deal of Hostetter's bitters since last Sunday, but as to the truth or falsity of this there is no evidence at present, but that there is more of that kind of dope drank here than there should be is evidenced by the numerous Hostetter's bitters bottles scattered in the alleys leading from town. There should be some way to shut this off; ordinary liquor is hard enough on the system, but when it comes to dope in connection, something is certainly wrong. The above case is a very sad one, because of the feeble condition of the mother because of her age and the condition of the brother, who has been a care for a number of years.

The IAB newsletters always contain wonderful digging stories by Mark Wiseman. He has a regular column, "The Digger's Scoop," that tells of his local digging adventures with his dog, the old truck, and various digging friends that join him. You can find out more about IAB membership (\$15/yr.) from: The Iowa Antique Bottlelers, c/o Mark C. Wiseman, 3505 Sheridan Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50310.

Minnesota's 1st Antique Bottle Club

Barb Robertus is editor of the MFABC newsletter, *"The Bottle Digger's Dope."* Linda Sandell takes care of the printing and mailing. The May newsletter reported the following information, which came an article in the spring edition of the Hennepin County Historical Magazine 2011:

From pages three and four you have read of the wonderful building erected in 1886. . .the Minneapolis Exposition building. Many conventions and expositions were held in

this building, jamming its halls for many years. The building reached its height of fame in 1892 when it hosted the Republican National Convention, at which Benjamin Harrison was re-nominated for the Presidency. The building fell into neglect and disrepair, thus losing many large shows. The Exposition organization went into a bankruptcy situation in the year 1895.

In 1903, Will (Marion) Savage made a great move and purchased the building for a new business he was starting. We in Minnesota are so familiar with Will Savage, and his great horse DAN PATCH, who at the Minnesota State Fair on Sept. 8, 1906 made his mightiest run. . . breaking all records (that have never been broken to this day). Dan, to the cheers of the hundreds in the stands screaming "COME ON PATCH," broke the fastest official time of 1:55. . . a natural born pacer. Dan had a warm affection for his fans and would bow to the grandstand at the end of each race.

In purchasing the Exposition building, he had 750,000 square feet of space for his International Stock Food Company, which was the world's largest stock food company. At this time he employed 300 people. This is where we as bottle collectors find great interest. Bottle collectors have been fortunate enough to have found many of the International Food bottles, such as his Colic Medicine for horses. As an additional benefit to bottle collectors, Will Savage branched out into people medicine. In 1908, he started the Dr. Beldings Medicine Company. He produced and sold many medicines, including a Cough and Lung Remedy, a Wild Cherry Sarsaparilla, a Skin Remedy and a Silver Pine Healing Oil. This business continued until Will Savage's death

in 1916. A very interesting notation. . . Marion Savage's death came just 32 hours after his beloved horse Dan Patch died. It is said they were the best friends in a human way.

In 1940, the building, minus the tower, was torn down to make way for a Coca-Cola bottling plant. The tower became a huge Coca-Cola advertising sign – claimed at that time to be the tallest in the world!

Membership in the MFABC is \$10/yr. For more information, please contact Linda Sandell, 7735 Silver Lake Road #208, Moundsview, MN 55112.

Jelly Jammers

Pat Van Dyke is club president and Margaret Shaw is newsletter editor. *The Spring 2011 Jelly Jammers Journal* reported this information on the George Duncan & Sons glass company:

George Duncan & Sons (1874 – 1892) was founded in Southside Pittsburgh and was a partnership of George Duncan, his two sons Harry B. and James E. Sr., and George's son-in-law, Augustus H. Heisey. Their signature patterns, known by some as "Early American Glassware" included ribbon patterns and many more. This pattern is designated as the Clear Ribbon pattern in the Metz Early American Pattern Glass book.

In 1891, the factory joined the U.S. Glass Co. combine as Factory D. The following year the factory's main building burned down and apparently some of the molds survived or had already been moved to other plants including to Doyle & Co.

James, Sr. who initially was supervisor of Factory D, had left the U.S. Glass Co. in Nov. 1891. In 1893, after the 1892 fire, James, his brother Harry and John Ernest Miller, who had been supervisor of

the Duncan mold shop, opened their own factory in Washington, Pennsylvania, forming a new partnership (1893 – 1900). After James died in 1900, John Ernest Miller became a full partner and the factory became Duncan & Miller (1900 – 1955).

The colored jam jars have been shown at our meetings and have been acquired over a long period of time. I have been told that occasionally that one piece in a pattern was made in one of these colors by Duncan. Otherwise, they usually made clear glass. The jars have the jelly name/blank on the lid which indicates that they are all jam jars.

You can find out more about the Jelly Jammers by contact Margaret Shaw: 6086 W. Boggstown Rd., Boggstown, IN 66110, email: meshaw@franklinisp.net. Membership is \$15 per year.

Midwest Antique Fruit Jar & Bottle Club

The MAFJBC has members nationwide and is heavily fruit jar-focused. Meetings are generally held the first Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the Cantina at Minnetrista, which is located in Muncie, Indiana. Dave Rittenhouse is president and Joe Coulson is the editor. The theme for the May club meeting was Glass Lids.

Dick Cole displayed a cobalt blue wide mouth (Ideal style) lid that was embossed with the Ball logo and 1915. When Dick was a new employee at Ball in the early 1970s, he acquired the lid from the person who was responsible for making them, Addison Scholes. He company wanted something to pass out to stock-holders in 1969.

Mr. Scholes worked in research and development for almost his entire professional life. He was essentially an inventor with more than 40 patents to his credit. He worked for 25 years

at Ball Corporation, Muncie, Indiana, as director of development and led research and development teams. He was recognized in 1980 with the Award of Excellence for outstanding contribution to Ball Corporation. Mr. Scholes was a world authority on glass coatings. His invention of a process for coating glass has had application worldwide.

An interesting footnote is that Ball had stopped making glass lids (for Ideal jars) almost 7 years prior to the 1969 stock-holder event. It is also interesting to note that 1969 was the year that Ball changed their name from Ball Brothers Company to Ball Corporation.

Joe Coulson displayed two milk glass lids that were for a Ball Perfection jar, which has an inner ledge that the lid rests upon. The first was a "Ball Perfection No. 2 Pat. Apr 10. 1900 Muncie, Ind." The second was a "Pat. Apr. 10. 1900." Both lids are valuable, because they were made for such a short period of time circa 1914.

The MAFJBC has a website: <http://www.fruitjar.org>. Future meeting details as well as lots and lots of pictures from their semi-annual shows can be found there. Membership is \$15 per year.

Metropolitan Detroit Antique Bottle Club

The Metropolitan Detroit Antique Bottle Club, which was founded in March 1971, has been actively meeting again since January 2010. Mike Brodzik is the newsletter editor as well as club president. From the editor and president in the July newsletter:

The heat of summer is here, baking the ground hard and making it too hot to dig anyways. On the other hand, this is the great time of the year for scuba diving. There's not much digging going on,

but there is an interesting stream of items coming from the river divers. Some of these items are featured in this newsletter and many more will likely be at the next meeting. The summer antique shows are happening, and I have made two recent antique shows finds that are featured this month.

We had a good meeting in June with many people bringing in their pontiled bottles for show-and-tell. I did a short presentation on the different pontils and processes, using PowerPoint. It included many pictures and few video clips to illustrate the pontilling process.

You can find out more about the MDABC and its monthly meeting schedule by contacting Mike Brodzik (586-219-9980).



1st Chicago Bottle Club

Ray and Peggy Komorowski are the newsletter editors. Carl Malik is club president. In the July/August newsletter was this article, "As I See It:"

In a conversation that I had at the last meeting with one of our new members, Dan Dow, I asked if he was going to bring his wife to one of our meetings. His reply was that he didn't know if she would feel comfortable or not. This response sent me back to the first meeting I attended two years ago. I was, and still am, collecting "Occupied Japan" pieces – only because I like them. I am not a "serious" collector. (Is there such a thing as a "non-se-

rious" collector?) I was more than a little nervous as I knew only one person there and I knew nothing about bottles, antiques or not! I wanted to meet all the people that Lou talked about often. Bottle collecting for Lou is his passion and so I wanted to learn more about it. I received a warm welcome by the members. I never felt that I asked any "stupid" questions. I have learned so many things. There are many new words in my vocabulary; silica, cobalt, blown glass, molds, hand finished, pontil, ink wells, master inks, blob tops, sodas, beers, Adolph Coors in Aurora, Ill., diggers, privies, ash dumps, Pullman Dump, bitters, peppers, reproductions, and on and on. I see things differently when I go to garage sales, antique stores, or discover collections of friends and other club members. I am included in the camaraderie that I have seen grow and develop in the social-educational atmosphere that is our club. I have slowly become part of this group and I am always surprised at what and how I learn as part of this organization. All the educators are members of this club. I will never be as knowledgeable as the other members, but I bring additions to the club. When I see new members now, or visitors, I can't help but wonder what new additions they will bring to our organization.

P.S. I have already acquired two bottles and am ever on the hunt for another one that catches my eye.

For more information on the 1St Chicago Bottle Club you may contact Ray and Peggy Komorowski by phone: 708-848-7947, or email: midwestbottlednews@gmail.com

North Star Historical Bottle Club

Doug Shilson is newsletter editor for the North Star Historical Bottle News. Steve Ketcham is club

president. Doug and Steve do a great job each month reporting the club's latest happenings. The following Memphis Show and Redwing Show reports come from the club's July E-Newsletter:

Memphis Report

Chris and I had the opportunity to drive to the FOHBC National Show in Memphis in June. We took five days to get there, enjoying numerous small Mississippi River towns along the way. Antique hunting was good in the smaller shops, but a couple of larger malls also yielded treasures.

This year's national Federation show was smaller than usual. Only four patrons were at the door when the show opened Sunday morning, and the total number of customers, including early buyers, was under 200. We will hope for a much larger crowd at the Reno Expo next summer.

Our sales were fair, and we did manage to buy a few gems during the show, including three Minnesota and Wisconsin mini jugs and a really nice 1897 Whitall Tatum catalog.

Red Wing Report

The 35th annual Red Wing Collectors Society convention was held during the week following the Fourth of July. While the show and sale on Saturday was smaller than in years past, the enthusiasm among all who attended was high, and many fine old pieces of stoneware were seen in the shops and auctions as well as in the Pottery Place parking lot throughout the week.

Both Dennis Nygaard and Steve Showers made presentations on Friday, Education Day, and both of these intrepid Red Wing dump diggers were officially installed into the Red Wing Collectors Society Hall of Fame in recognition of the vol-

umes of knowledge they have contributed to the hobby through their digging efforts. Congratulations to both! The displays at Red Wing this year were outstanding.

For more information on joining the NSHBA, please contact Doug Shilson: 3308 32 Ave. South, Minneapolis, MN 55406-2015.

Flint Antique Bottle Club

Tim and Angie Buda are the newsletter editors and produce a colorful newsletter.

The club meets regularly at the Grand Blanc Heritage Museum, 203 Grand Blanc Road, Grand Blanc, Michigan on the second Thursday of the month from 7 – 9 pm. You can find out more about the club by contacting Bill Heatley (810-214-1850) or Tim & Angie Buda (989-271-9193).

Western Regional News

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pontiled bottles are, San Francisco with 23, Sacramento had 8, Stockton had 4, Marysville had 3 and a few other cities had 1, including Coloma, Sonora and Moc-Hill."

Some of the bottles shown were a T. J. Jones for hair, a Lefevre San Francisco, a Holdens Dysentery, an E.C. Balm Sac, a pontiled beer, a London Jockey Gin, and a Cataba Wine Bitters. The sodas he showed included a B.G. with a painted base, and a M.R. with a split of two colors on the base. It was pointed out that there is very little information out there on pontiled Western medicines.

The write-up covering Ken's program mentioned that this would be "a good project for someone."

The Whittlemark

Los Angeles Historical Bottle Club

There was an informative interview written about Frank Ritz, treasurer of the Northwestern Bottle Collectors Association. The article read that Frank's involvement with our addictive old-glass hobby started when Frank was at least 12 years old. It grew from his finding mineral specimens to finding bottles "on the surface of the ground." He said he learned about digging in the Sacramento area. It started out to be a "dump-digging family affair" for young Frank. His dad and he joined the Northwestern club when the club was established in the mid 1960s. He remembered being an enthusiastic 16 year old and he further emphasized that, "This is when we finally took off." Frank recalled that his dad started collecting Western whiskeys and bitters. He, himself, really got "hooked" at the point of his dad buying a small collection of historical flasks. The way he told his

Bottle Bug Briefs

Forty-Niner Historical Bottle Association

President Ken Edward presented a program on western pontiled bottles. He brought in "sixteen killer pontiled bottles, sodas, squares and medicines." A fact he explained to listening members is, that 99% of pontiled bottles found in the west were blown in the east and shipped west. Mentioned was that west coast glass factory Baker & Cutting produced a few pontiled bottles for a short time.

Ken must have done his research because he told his audience that "western cities that have known

story was that he credits his dad for the interest he developed in making historical flasks the focus of his main collection. In fact, he still has one of those first flasks that his father bought in that small collection. "It is embossed, 'Success to the Railroad' and it has a horse and cart embossed on both sides."

The Big Sky Glass Gazette

The Montana Bottle Collectors Association

The name Bill Henness is a "household word" in this club. He has been very active with the club from day one. Earlier this year, he wrote an article entitled, "Bottle Cleaning 101." He starts it this way: "This article is about the methods I use to clean bottles for myself and for others." His article was written so that it might enlighten those who already clean bottles as well as give pointers for new collectors. While there isn't room for his entire article here, a few points of general interest are provided. The "technical" end of this process will be left for Bill to explain if you decide to contact him for a chat. Those of you who clean probably pretty much do it the way he does. It is just rewarding to see that he took the time to prepare his article in such a smooth and detailed way. A practical approach of "trial and error" is the way most of us learn how to do things and it was the same for Bill. There is no pretense, Bill wrote, of knowing all there is about cleaning bottles, but there are hints on how he feels about degrees of "dirt" and "clean." He gave helpful hints on those bottles "found in actually a pretty clean condition, except for maybe a little dirt or debris that can be easily removed." He mentioned one method he uses which is soap-cleansing in lukewarm water with scouring pads. Another time he might use LimeAway when

removing calcium deposits. He said that cleanser shaken into bottles and then a "brush attack" works well, too. Resourceful as he is, he uses a coat hanger and a piece of paper towel to thoroughly dry the inside of a bottle. Haze is sometimes the result of not thoroughly drying your bottle, he explained. As another resource, he soaks his bottles in Muriatic Acid solution (available at hardware stores). When all else fails, he uses the automatic bottle cleaning method. I am sure that most of you have tried some of his suggested ways of manual labor, but have also figured, like Bill has, that when you want a cleaner bottle, with more shine to it, you pop it into your cleaning machines and strive for the best results. He leaves you with some ending thoughts: "I hope at least some of the information I've provided will be of benefit to everyone. The bottom line is, have fun with the hobby of bottle cleaning and collecting, and you will reap rewards along the way for your efforts. (Editor's Note: If you really do want to chat with Bill, you can contact the president of this club, Ray Thompson, by email: kcthompson@aol.com to get contact information.)"

The Glass Blower

Northwestern Bottle Collectors Association

Gary Ingols kept his word that he would bring in more Wells Fargo memorabilia. He had shown a couple of notebooks and an 1859 map at one of this club's previous meetings. Once he assembled his additional memorabilia he ended up actually making a presentation about Wells Fargo, which included a report on Henry Wells and William Fargo. He said these two men were involved with other stage coach lines and had created Wells Fargo in 1852.

It was only three years after their creation a Wells Fargo stage

experienced its first robbery. Gary reported that "The most famous of the stage coach robbers was Charles E. Boles alias Black Bart who robbed the stage twenty-seven times between 1875 and 1883 without ever being caught." Gary showed three old locks and some Wells Fargo safes. He mentioned that one safe was used to carry gold on Southern Pacific railroad trains from 1885 to 1915. Several items he brought were passed around for a "hands on" experience. Members were appreciative of his hauling his Wells Fargo collection into the meeting and felt that Gary was very knowledgeable, informative and did a great job! In fact Gary did such a thorough job that there wasn't enough time left for show and tell at that meeting.

The Stumptown Report

Oregon Bottle Collectors Association

Garth Ziegenhagen strikes it rich again. He always has his eye out for something of interest to do research on. Then he usually shares his findings with club members and sometimes others by writing an article for either his club newsletter or other sources. This time he found a "Waterman/-and-/Schmitz / Baker City/-Ore- (Beehive Pottery Jug). He said that he spotted this item about 200 feet away and knew it was a beehive jug but wasn't aware until he turned it around that it was a Baker City jug (May Garth never lose his keen eyesight). He described the jug as a half-gallon size that is 8 ½" tall and 7" wide. His wife, Linda, took the picture of the jug that is shown as part of the article. The writing on the jug is incised. It does not have raised writing. Garth went on to include a quoted article and a picture of the Kentucky Liquor Store along with

his own introductory paragraph. The quoted article is from the Baker City Library and includes the fact that John Waterman and John Schmitz formed their Kentucky Liquor Store business in 1889. It was reported that they carried a large stock of "high grade goods" such as Old Crow, Jesse Moore and Crescent Rye and Bourbon. These two enterprising business men also owned a bottling works and manufactured soda, cider and sarsaparilla and other products. It was known that they had a reputation of being reliable and honest.

digger's dirt

Reno Antique Bottle Club

The highlight of the evening at one of this club's meetings was that it seemed to be Demijohn Night. David Story brought in a giant, crudely-pontiled one that he dug. He dug that beauty along with two other small Lady Leg type bottles. Everyone was amazed that David's giant survived all in one piece. It seemed as though Guy Eddy was competing with David by also bringing in a huge, crude demijohn. Guy showed that it was also pontiled

along with containing gorgeous bubbles and ripples in the glass. Helene Walker brought in a couple of demijohns that were covered with wicker. Switching from the larger examples of history, Jim Dermody displayed half-pint milk bottles from Reno, Carson City, Fallon and one rare specimen from the Peavine Dairy.

The Bottleneck

San Diego Antique Bottle and Collectibles Club

As usual you can find articles in this club's newsletter that are interesting and cover a variety of subjects. Plus you know you are bound to learn something by reading them. "Window Dressing" by club president Mike Bryant is one such article with a mysterious bend. There is a picture at the beginning of the article of a building that has a sign across the top of the door that states "San Diego Soda Works." There is a team of horses and wagon with a gentleman seated in the driver's seat, with an umbrella over his head, in front of the door of the building. The wooden building hardly appears large enough to house

a manufacturing plant; however, the first sentence of the article identifies this building as a bottling plant. The time frame is 1903. The story starts to unfold with the printing on the umbrella that reads "Drink Orcherade." The article discloses the fact that the syrup for this drink was made by "W. H. Hutchinson & Son, known for his stopper and bottle collectors call a "Hutch." Also as you look at the picture at the bottom of the article you can see wooden boxes sitting on the wagon with jugs and bottles sticking up out of them. Then your eyes travel directly up from the wagon of boxes and bottles to a window display of bottles. Seemingly the display of bottles is on different levels so that you have a full, but distant view of the bottles and any labels on those items. Mike focused on only one bottle out of that display, from what he could determine to be the Orcherade bottle. He stated his future intention this way: "With further research, I hope to be able to identify some of the other bottles displayed in this window."

Southern Regional News

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the mistake, I hope it didn't inconvenience anybody. Thanks to Arlene for pointing it out.

The Tulsa Antiques & Bottle Club newsletter, edited by Richard Carr, reported that their 2011

bottle show was a huge success! They report that 124 sales tables were sold with 60 plus dealers from seven states attending. The show was held in conjunction with the Tulsa Flea Market which provided good crowds throughout the day. Free pizza was served at lunch time and much appreciated by the hungry

dealers. The newsletter thanked lots of people for their assistance in putting on the show.

The club had their annual ice cream party during the May meeting. The get together was held at the I-44 Antique Mall owned by club members Bill & Kathy Anthamatten. Cake and cookies was provided and several members used the opportunity to do some antique shopping in the mall.

The Glass Bubble, edited by Linda Buttstead, a newsletter of **The Suncoast Antique Bottle Collectors Association**, from the Tampa & St. Petersburg, Florida area, re-

Arlene Caruso emailed me about a mistake, I made, in the last issue. I attributed an upcoming bottle show to the Suncoast Antique Bottle Collectors Association when it should have been the Antique Bottle Collectors of North Florida. That show is scheduled for November 5, 2011 in Jacksonville, Florida. Sorry for

ported that their April meeting was a great success. The meeting was held at a member's home. Those attending got to see a nice collection of bottles and stoneware and then had an opportunity to purchase anything from the collection. Certainly made for lots of conversation between members attending.

The club had also ordered 5,000 business cards for the club to give out to anyone who might be interested in the club or their bottle show. The cards were available at the May meeting and members were encouraged to hand them out and leave them on bulletin boards, antique shops, etc.

The club had their bottle auction at the May meeting. Members were allowed to bring and auction off up to seven bottles with ten percent of the proceeds going to the club. They were also asking members to bring and donate bottles to the club, with all the proceeds going to their education fund. In the past, the fund was used to finance a trip to see glass blowing. The club hopes to fund a future trip to view pottery making. Most of the bottles brought by members were sold during the auction. The auctioneer was Lynn McLarty, who did a good job. Refreshments were served after the auction with lots of homemade cakes and cookies available.

The club also announced the winners of raffle for April with several nice bottles raffled off.

The May-June issue of the *Bottle Talk*, a newsletter of the **Raleigh (N.C.) Bottle Club**, edited by

Marshall Clements, started off with many color photos of items brought to the meeting by club members. A few included a nice Hemingray canning jar brought by Pem Woodlief, a rare Pepsi tip tray from Dean Haley found at a Raleigh Flea Market, a four gallon E.H. Miller, Danville, Va. stoneware jug and a "tin pin" Bludwine bottle presented by Frank Bishop, a G.A. Sorrel's Eagle Saloon flask from Asheville, N.C. brought by Joe Williams along with several more bottles and signs.

The newsletter also featured a story about the Virgilina Distilling Company found on a Halifax, Va. website by club member Joel Sanderrford and concluded with a nice color photo of a 1950 Chevrolet Pepsi route truck.

The Groundhog Gazette, a newsletter of the **State of Franklin Antique Bottles & Collectibles Association** announced changes for next year's bottle show in their June newsletter. The show will be a one-day Saturday show with set up prior to the show and no early buyers. They are also doing away with the dinner on Friday for the dealers but will have coffee and doughnuts on Saturday morning and also provide lunch. Members feel the changes are necessary to help preserve the show. The changes will be advertised and also be provided to dealers when they apply for a show table.

The June issue also had several color photographs of items brought for show and tell including signs, bottles and jars.

The newsletter featured an arti-

cle on canning taken from the Standard Fruit Jar Reference written by Dick Roller in 1983.

The Oklahoma Territory News, a newsletter of the **Oklahoma Territory Bottle & Relic Club** reports in its June issue that Kenny Burbrink and Johnnie Fletcher dug a total of 516 old marbles from a privy in Abilene, Kansas. The property owner then called the local newspaper and a reporter came out and did a story on the dig which ran in the Abilene newspaper.

Another dig in Abilene by Fletcher, Burbrink and his son Casey, resulted in the digging of several rare Abilene drugstore bottles. The article featured drawings of 10 different Abilene drugstore bottles found during the dig. There was also a Highrock Congress Spring C&W Saratoga N.Y. in an unusual color found.

Francis Wiltz joined Fletcher for another Abilene dig and they dug 20 drugstore bottles including 18 from Abilene, one from Junction City, Kansas and one from Denver, Colorado.

The July issue featured reports on the Tulsa and Memphis bottle shows, an Iowa digging story authored by Mark Wiseman and a newspaper article about Iowa diggers digging up a human skull in Faribault, Iowa. Scott Anfinson, a state archaeologist, said the bones found in the outhouse date back to the late 1800s and were probably from a young adult male who was likely the result of an autopsy.

