Columbus Ohio Bottle Show and Sale

Nice weather greeted bottle enthusiasts on Friday night for the hospitality room and Saturday for the Columbus Bottle Show and Sale. About 50 to 60 bottle collectors enjoyed great conversation while renewing friendships at the Baymont on Friday night. Pizza was on the menu along with plenty of munchies. Conversation centered on everyone's latest purchases, upcoming shows and the particularly nice February weather.

The Baymont accommodated the bottle people by opening for breakfast earlier than normal. They served a nice variety breakfast. Offerings included waffles, French toast, and lots of coffee. Many ate early to gain that valuable advantage of being at the show when it officially opened for business.

At 7 am the action was intense. A good crowd greeted me as I unloaded my boxes and it appeared that they were all eager buyers. The hallway was filled with collectors gathered for the 9 am regular admission. I can't remember the last show that had so many collectors with such full bags as they walked around the show.

As always, for me, it is never about buying (but I do like to buy) or selling (and I do like to sell), but it is more about friendships. In the Cleveland area, it is a long 3 months between the Pittsburgh and Columbus Shows before being able to search tables for that very special flask.



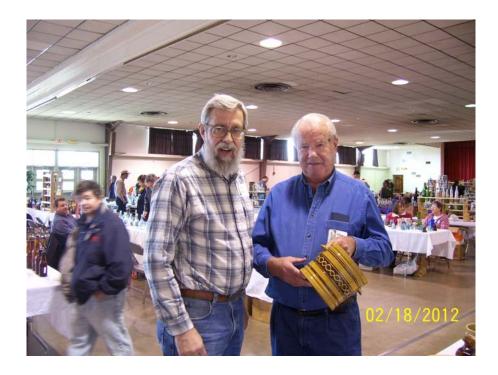
Co-chairmen Joe Hardin and Jamie Houdeshell



Tony Hayes Shepardsville, KY



Terry Crislip and FOHBC Director Dick Watson



John Wolf and Adam Koch



John Fifer from Brunswick, Ohio



Dan Ling Shelocta, PA and Jim Frustier Weatherly, PA



Nice collection of Historical Flasks from Jim Hall's table



Ohio Bottle Club members Bob Smith, Dennis Peine, Jim Tyson

The Ohio Bottle Club will be sponsoring their Mansfield Show and Sale on May 11th and 12th. Don't miss this show.



Elaine and Alan DeMaison from Painesville, Ohio