

# 40th S.C. Bottle Club Show Tops the Rest of Them

By Bill Baab

**C**OLUMBIA, S.C. – “The show was fantastic!” exclaimed June Lowry. “We had a great time!”

“We” included husband Wayne and Pomeranian “Pepper.” The latter snoozed beneath the Lowrys’ sales tables, which included the famous “Jar Doctor” bottle and jar cleaning apparatus, as well as a batch of fruit jars.

The couple and dog, who hail from Raymore, Mo., were set up at the 40th annual South Carolina Bottle Club Show and Sale last Feb. 17-18 for their first time, but it won’t be their last.

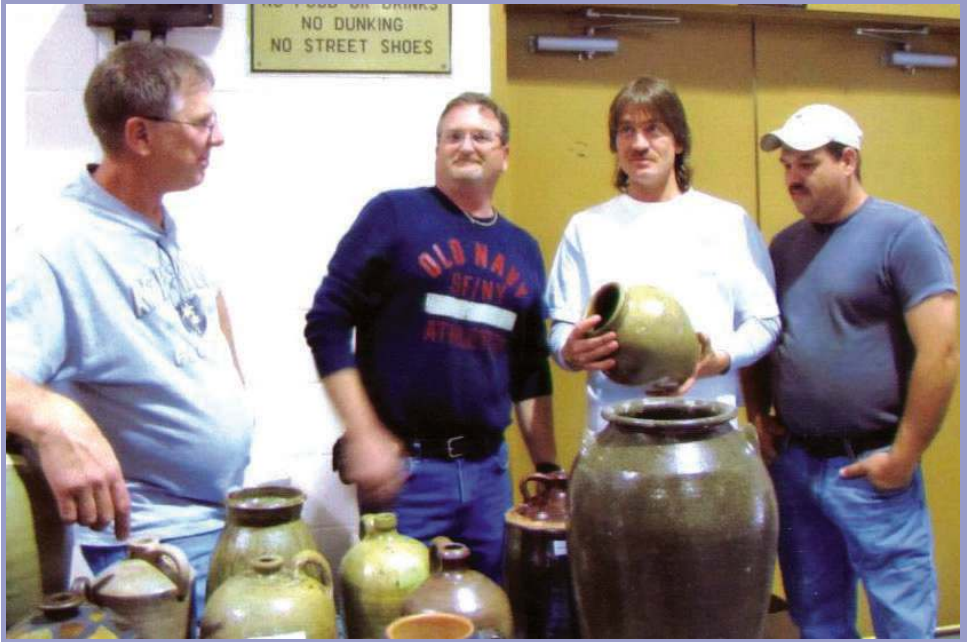
“We sold a lot of Jar Doctor stuff and June sold a bunch of fruit jars,” he said. “We were so busy, we didn’t have time to look around. The show folks were very accommodating, putting us where it was an easy in-and-out.

“Our first impressions recorded the fact that people were very friendly. The show was so good that I think we’ll do it again.”

Show Chairman Marty Vollmer said “everything went great!” While the aisles were full on Friday, the first



**What is it? Ken Dixon, of Charleston, S.C., found this brass bird on a chain while metal detecting near his home.**



**Pottery collectors all talk over finds at the show. Left to right: Eric Nygard and Tony Carr Jr., both of North Augusta, S.C.; Tommy Gandy, Hephzibah, Ga. and Ben Garris, Lexington, S.C.**



**Reggie Lynch, of Forest, Va., relaxes between sales. He is a regular participant at S.C. Bottle Club Shows (Photos by Bea Baab)**

day, "Saturday was really strong for both sales and the crowd. As a result, we will donate at least \$4,000 to the Boys and Girls Club of the Midlands, The Sertoma Club will probably get around \$1,500 or so from donations at the door and snack bar proceeds."

Club member Eric Warren, of Lexington, S.C., "was impressed by a couple of things: No complaints about anything came my way. Saturday was very busy. I looked up and it was after 12 o'clock and it was still jam-packed."

"All in all, this was one of the best shows we have had. Marty does a great job and we can only hope for shows like this in the future."

Rare pieces of Southern pottery vied with dozens of South Carolina Dispensary bottles, including some

scarce examples, scattered over 153 sales tables. There was something of interest for every collector, including coins, stamps, books and ephemera.

The show was advertised as

the 39th annual, but longtime club member Harvey Teal, of Columbia, said that was a mistake. He was among the attendees at the first show in 1973 so he should know.



June Lowery and Pomeranian pet Pepper guard a collection of fruit jars for sale.



Master potter Marvin Bailey, of Lancaster, S.C., sports an incredible array of clay creations.



Paul and Jeanie Chance, of Savannah, Ga., sell necklaces Jeanie makes of odd pieces of china and antique glass dug by bottle collectors.



Here's a closeup of one of Jeanie Chance's beautiful necklaces - the pendant came from antique bottle glass.



Any guesses as to what types of bottles are being sold by Tim Adams of Wilkesboro, N.C.? You can name your poison.



Butch Alley, of Douglas, Ga., has made a sale from his eclectic accumulation of glass and pottery.