

# **Educational Seminars**

The Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors is pleased to host the following Educational Seminars. All Seminars will be held on Friday, July 27 in the Carson rooms.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Room</b>
8:30 AM	Values and Investing	Carson Room 1
9:45 AM	The label: a wealth of information	Carson Room 1
11:00 AM	Grace Bros. the Company and its Products	Carson Room 1
8:30 AM	EC&M Insulators	Carson Room 2
9:45 AM	Altered glass colors	Carson Room 2
8:30 AM	San Francisco Beer and Western Sodas	Carson Room 3
10:45 AM	Hutchinson Sodas	Carson Room 3
8:30 AM	Bitters Bottles	Carson Room 4

**Seminar:** Values and Investing  
**Presenter:** Fred Holabird  
**Room:** Carson Room 1 8:30 - 9:30

Fred N. Holabird is the President of Holabird-Kagin Americana out of Reno, Nevada. He is also a long time Nevada collector. His lecture will take a fresh look at the sales data of the past, the effects of the great 2008 market crash and post-crash market, market dilution and current sales patterns. It will address the question: Will the collections worth hundreds of thousands and millions of dollars hold their value, increase or decrease? Collectors and investors will be presented with data that will help them understand the value of their goods, ways to protect it, and understand sales mechanisms.

**Seminar:** The label: a wealth of information  
**Presenter:** Eric McGuire  
**Room:** Carson Room 1 9:45 - 10:45

Eric McGuire is a California native who has lived in the San Francisco Bay Area most of his life. He attended local schools and completed his formal education at San Francisco State University (MA 1973). Eric entered the field of environmental planning and retired from a career in domestic water supply in 2008. He began his bottle collecting interest in 1980, and along with digging, and otherwise acquiring bottles, he has always been an avid student of all aspects of glass making

as well as a researcher of the history of the people who produced the bottle. Eric's collecting interests have been focused on the geographical area of the Western U.S. And his name can be found on many articles on the subject of bottles, dating back to the 1960's. Eric's seminar will be on the on the most ephemeral part of the bottle, it's label. He will inform attendees of the wealth of information the label can give to the collector, as well as the historical and artistic depth it can give to the bottle.

**Seminar:** Grace Bros. the Company and its Products  
**Presenter:** John Burton  
**Room:** Carson Room 1 11 - 12

John C. Burton has accomplished much in his professional life. He is a bar management consultant, develops curriculum for vocational bar tending schools across the United States, and is the author of Pour Man's Friend; A Guide and Reference for Bar Personnel. Following years of diligent study and collections, John Burton is an acknowledged authority on the Grace Brothers Brewery. He was lucky to have had the opportunity to tend bar for Virginia Grace, the widow of Tom Grace, the last Grace Brother. His seminar will take you though the conversations and events that fueled his passion.

**Seminar:** EC&M Insulators  
**Presenter:** Dennis Bray  
**Room:** Carson Room 2 8:30 - 9:30

Dennis "Denny" Bray is a 4th generation, San Joaquin Valley, (central) California, native. He began collecting insulators in 1965 at age 9, while riding his bicycle along the railroad tracks in rural Hanford, CA. He continued his collecting until high school where sports, girls and cars took their toll on his bottle collecting enthusiasm. In 1995, after college, getting married, children and a career Denny caught the bottle bug again with the discovery of a blob-top beer while in Old Sacramento. In 10 short years Denny has amasses the fourth or fifth best Western Whiskey bottle collection in the hobby. In 2007, he felt it was time to sell his collection and leave the hobby. After selling most of his collection, it wasn't long before he was picking up a Western soda or bitters here and a semi-cabin or Lyon's Powder there. "I guess once you're in this hobby, there's no getting out of it", Denny admits. After exploring other bottle collecting categories, his interests landed on EC&M Insulators in April of 2009. Once again he has immersed himself into specializing in a single category of Western glass and is currently piecing together another notable collection. Denny will be sharing his recent EC&M collecting experiences with his old bottle and new insulator friends during his seminar.

**Seminar:** Altered glass colors  
**Presenter:** Dwayne Anthony  
**Room:** Carson Room 2 9:45- 10:45

Dwayne Anthony, of Highland, CA, is an active bottle digger and has been collecting bottles and insulators since 1985. He began studying the effects of radiation and thermal exposure on antique glass insulators in the early 1990's. Shortly thereafter he teamed up with the National Insulator Association (NIA) to begin an ongoing educational program to assist collectors with identifying irradiated and thermally altered colors that are sporadically found in glass insulators. To aid in establishing an informative presentation and comprehensive database, Dwayne has altered nearly 100 different glass insulators specimens and provided detailed reports on the results. He assembled a portable Altered Insulator Educational Exhibit that is shipped around the country to insulator shows, with all costs fully subsidized by an NIA educational fund. Due in part to these efforts, Dwayne has been awarded the National Insulator Association's Outstanding Service Award and the distinguished Lifetime Membership Award. Dwayne Anthony, with the support of the National Insulators Association, is pleased to offer an educational seminar concerning the effects of radiation and thermal exposure on vintage and antique glass. The specimens exhibited during the seminar will be glass insulators from the mid/late 1800's to the early 1900's. Collectors of all antique glass in general, including bottles, should find this information informative, as well as thought provoking.

**Seminar:** San Francisco Beer and Western Sodas  
**Presenter:** Tom Jacobs  
**Room:** Carson Room 3 8:30 - 10:30

Dr. Thomas Jacobs has always collected something. When very young he collected butterflies, rocks, seashells, and other natural history. At age 14 in 1966 a school friend took him bottle digging for the first time and he was hooked. Dr. Jacobs joined the Northwestern Bottle Collectors Association in 1967 and it is through that membership he met collector Francis "Doc" Ritz who got him interested in the profession of dentistry. After graduation from dental school, he started collecting "go-withs" and acquired his first piece of beer advertising, an 1898 National Bottling Works calendar for \$35. It became difficult to find new beer bottles so he branched off into early western sodas which with the disposal of the three largest collections, low-priced, easy to find, and with little competition. Today Dr. Jacobs will be the first to admit that bottles have changed his life. They led to his choice of undergraduate university (Nevada), profession, and home (the ultimate go-with, an 1891 national register Victorian home in San Rafael, California filled with all period furnishings and decorative arts).

**Seminar: Hutchinson Sodas**  
**Presenter: Ron Fowler**  
**Room: Carson Room 3 10:45 - 11:45**

Ron Fowler has specialized in collecting soda bottles for 40 of the 50+ years he has been collecting antique bottles. He strongly believes a major portion of the enjoyment derived from collecting is sharing information with others. During the past 35 years Ron has published numerous books, including soft drink industry histories for Oregon and Washington; a reprint of The Bottler's Helper, a 1907 industry publication; and the soda bottle collection hobby's primer, collecting Soda Pop Bottles. He has authored hundreds of antique bottle-related magazine, newsletter, and web site columns and articles, received multiple FOHBC awards for research and editing, and was elected to the FOHBC Honor Roll in 1992. Since 2004 Ron has devoted countless hours to the Hutchinson Bottle Directory initiative and the development of [www.HutchBook.com](http://www.HutchBook.com) a free access web site cataloging over 17,000 different Hutchinson bottles. His seminar will provide updates on Hutchbook.com Phase II, the database listing of the Hutchinson bottles, Phase III, the images accompanying the bottle listings; and Major Hutchinson Bottle Collectors' Association announcements (including a press release).

**Seminar: Bitters Botles**  
**Presenter: Ferdinand Meyer V and Sheldon Baugh**  
**Room: Carson Room 4 9:45 - 11:45**

Ferdinand Meyer V, FOHBC Second Vice President, is a native of Baltimore, Maryland and has a BFA in Fine Art and Graphic Design from the Kansas City Art Institute and School of Design. Ferdinand is now a Principal of FMG Design, which is a nationally recognized design consultation firm. Ferdinand is a passionate collector of American Historical Glass specializing in Bitters bottles, color runs and related classical figural bottles. Ferdinand is married to Elizabeth Jane Meyer and lives in Huston, Texas with their daughter and three wonderful grandchildren. The Meyer's are also very involved in Quarter Horses, Antiques and early United States Postage Stamps.

Sheldon Baugh, served seven terms (14 years) in the Kentucky general assembly as a state representative. He currently owns an insurance company and is involved in its operation. He is a life member of the FOHBC, serving as Midwest Regional Director, two terms as President and ten years as Director at Large. He is a Sunday school teacher, deacon and trustee at his church and enjoys spending his free time with his wife, Brenda Baugh, two children and two grandchildren. He started collecting bottles in 1966 and began specializing on Bitters, Shaker bottles in 1972. He has written many articles for Bottles and Extras on Shaker bottles.