

Arcadia California Show 2010

By Ken Lawler and Dar Furda

The show setup took place Friday night. Val and Don Wippert and Val's daughter Tammy, Dick Homme and Bob Mathorne saw to it that the tables and chairs were set up correctly and that the table coverings were put on the tables. Our thanks go to all these folks that helped out. The doors opened for dealer setup at about 6:30 a.m. Dar and I got there at 7:30 and set up the ticket sales tables. There were early birds already wandering around the front lobby waiting to get in. That's always a good sign. Don Wippert said that 50 tables were sold and that there were dealers on a waiting list that had to be turned away. I'm glad that dealers still have confidence in our show drawing a crowd.

Since Maxine couldn't make the show, Dar and I took over the ticket sales. Somewhere around 30 early birds made it in by 9:00 a.m. Two people arrived at 8:50 a.m. and opted to wait for general admission. There were dealers from all over California and Arizona and even one from Albion, New York. Of course we don't want to forget to mention our club member John Compton from Utah who takes a table at our show. I mention Albion specifically because Dar was born and raised in Spencerport, New York which is only about a 30 minute ride from Albion (or less). Plus, during the last part of August Dar and I were digging in Albion. Small world; we never expected to see the Albion dealer out here at our show. We are glad that Mike Malanowski took an interest in signing up for a table.

Our special thanks to our friends from the San Diego Club for coming up as dealers and buyers. We appreciate your support. You always treat our club right when we support you at your show in June. One of their members didn't get in the photo op, but we did see him buzzing around the show. That was Rick Hall. I didn't get to see much of the show, nor did Dar, but a quick spin through indicated mostly bottles and insulators with a few collectibles dealers. I am still looking for the elusive cobalt Bixby shoe polish bottle.

There were four top-notch displays this year. John Swearingen's delicate purple colored Jelly Servers and Cups were the first display. Val Wippert won the People's Choice award with her display of some of her finest, most colorful perfume bottles. The Best Educational award went to Dave Maryo who covered many areas with his variety of "American Antique Bottles South of US." Dave Kyle received the Best Historical Award for his sixteen brilliant shades of barrel bitters. Each winner also received a \$50 redeemable voucher to

be spent at the show. Bob Manthorne, Display Chairman, did an excellent job of rounding up displayers and getting show attendees and dealers to vote for their favorite displays. Bob also canvassed the show to sell last-minute raffle tickets before the raffle began.



Arcadia 2010 Show Floor was very busy with lots of good buys to be had



Arcadia Great Turnout of Both Dealers and Buyers



Best Historical Award - Dave Kyle



**People's Choice Award
Val Wippert**

A drawing was held for a free table at next year's show. President Dave Maryo announced the winner. The lucky winner was FOHBC Secretary, Randy Driskill. There was no containing the excitement in Randy's response at hearing that news! The raffle prizes this year were a Washington/Taylor Flask that was won by Roland Pesante from Costa, Mesa. Roland was



**Fred Lason (L) & Raffle Winner
Richard Dotson (R)**



Best Educational Award - Dave Maryo



John Swearingen's Jelly Glasses



Raffle Winner - Dwayne Anthony

not present when his winning ticket was picked. Dar called and notified him that he had won, and then mailed his flask to him on Monday, September 13. A deep emerald green Gilford Springs Mineral Water bottle was won by our Club First Vice President Dwayne Anthony. Our faithful Blackburn Press out of Caldwell, New Jersey donated two of their books again this year. They were "The Bottle Book: A Comprehensive Guide to Historic, Embossed Medicine Bottles" By Richard E. Fike and "Bottle Makers and Their Marks." The Blackburn Press offers a 20% discount to show attendees until 9/30/2010. A smiling Richard Dotson won the books.

Last, but not least, The Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors plaque commending our club for winning First Place in the 2010 Newsletter contest was proudly displayed on our show entry table. Our Editor Blaine should be placing a close-up picture of the plaque in this issue. Blaine tirelessly gets this put together month after month! Thanks again to those of you in this club who made this possible. It takes a lot of work to pull off a successful "monthly" newsletter. Congrats to each of you who contribute in one way or another. The award was mentioned at this year's National Show in Wilmington, Ohio and mention of it should appear in the FOHBC's Bottles and Extras Magazine that should be mailed within a few weeks from now.

Dar took some pictures of the show and display winners (she apologizes that she missed getting Dave Kyle with his beautiful bitters display). In her chatting with some of the dealers her impression was not unlike the impression some other club members got, including our club president. We heard nothing but positive inputs.

In ending, our club would like to thank all of you dealers as well as the folks who attended our show. It sure was crowded. Dar described it this way: "You couldn't get as much as a piece of paper between people in some of the isles." Let's have a repeat performance next year!



San Diego Club Members



Randy Driskill at his table



**Whittemark Editor
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Raffle Winner - Randy Driskill