



Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors

President's Message

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Well, here we are in a new year. I hope everyone had a good holiday season with family and friends.

Did you make a new year's resolution? I did. One was to stay focused on what I collect, don't branch out on anymore categories or sub categories. I collect western bitters, but add to that Lash's Bitters that started in the west and then went national and Hostetter's Bitters that started in the east, but had a huge presence in the west. Just those two brands can generate hundreds of bottles and go-withs. Then there are western whiskies. I collect the applied top ones, but have a few sub categories -- J.H.Cutter, J.F.Cutter and Roth & Co. J.H. Cutter was nationwide with agents on the west coast as well as the east coast. The Roth brand was the most prolific in its saloon advertising, producing thirty plus advertising signs. Pretty girls were the favorite subject.

Anyone have a 50-state applied top whiskey group? I know several collectors have done a 50-state Hutchinson soda collection. I figured, how about applied top whiskeys? Well, I'm up to 18 states plus Washington, D.C. now and I doubt that I'll find many more. I know now some states did not have any applied top whiskeys so I guess that collection will come to an end. Anyway, I promised to stay focused, don't let myself wander. Heck, with my mentality and Bill Gates' money, I probably have at least one of every bottle known to man ---and woman.

How did you like the last few issues of the magazine? I think they are top notch. All of you out there who can produce an article either on research or your collection and or a digging story please do and send it to the our editor. We would like to have a backlog of articles on hand. It makes it easier to lay out the magazine and get it to the printer on time.

We are working on the website. I say we, but it's my granddaughter Stacey with help from Jesse and June who's doing the work. I just suggest and direct, but isn't that what the President does? Kind of like the high price CEOs do, take the credit when in reality the executive secretary probably knows more about how the business is run than they do. Can't wait to see the Virtual Museum take shape. This is going to be a real home run for the FOHBC. Details will be available after the March meeting in Baltimore. Ferdinand Meyer V is already at work building the outline for its debut.

Check out the ad in this issue for the FOHBC shirts. You can't run around naked, so dress up in one of the club shirts. When you do a show, people will know you care when you're wearing your FOHBC shirt.

I'm looking forward to a productive year.

Sincerely,

Richard Siri - President FOHBC

ATTENTION

NEW FOHBC MAILING ADDRESS

All correspondence to be sent to:

FOHBC
8426 Clint Dr. #142
Belton, MO 64012

Where there's a will there's a way to leave collections to FOHBC

Did you know the Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors is a 501C(3) charitable organization?

How does that affect you?

It allows tax deductions for any and all donations to the FOHBC.

You might also consider a bequest in your will to the FOHBC. This could be a certain amount of money or part or all of your bottle collection. The appraised value of your collection would be able to be deducted from your taxes.

An example of a bequest would be:

(This is not legal advice, please consult an attorney)

I give and bequeath to the Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors, 401 Johnston Ct, Raymore, MO 64083, the sum of \$_____ to be used as its Board of Directors determines.

The same type wording could be used for bequeathing your collection or part of it, however, before donating your collection (or part of it), you would need the collection appraised by a professional appraiser with knowledge of bottles and their market values. This is the amount that would be tax deductible.

Thank you for considering us in your donation plans.

Richard Siri, President

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