



Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors

President's Message

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By the time this issue gets in your hand, the Board of Directors will be meeting at Baltimore. That city has become the site of our spring meeting with the annual show the site of our second meeting of the year which is the meeting most referred to in the bylaws. I would also like to point out that the Baltimore Antique Bottle Club provides the FOHBC with a table at their show at no charge which we set up to encourage collectors to join the FOHBC.

In previous issues, I stated that the Board was reviewing the bylaws to bring them up to date with the changes that have occurred over time. We were to have voted on the revisions at the Baltimore meeting. Well, that's not going to happen. After several drafts and a few conference calls we are still working on them. At the March meeting, I hope we will have completed the revisions. Getting 18 Board members to agree on revisions is not an easy thing. However, the revisions will be ready to vote on at the Wilmington, Ohio meeting.

I have been hearing good things about our magazine, *Bottles & Extras*, from lots of people. When I look at other publications from organizations that I belong to, it's the one I like the most. In the next issue, I will be able to tell you about the Virtual Museum project that the FOHBC will be developing.

Ferdinand Meyer V will head the program that develops the site. I'm looking forward to it and think it will be a tremendous asset to the FOHBC.

Don't forget to get in your reservations for the National Show in Wilmington, Ohio in August. It should turn out to be a big show and you would not want to miss it. If you would be interested in purchasing a FOHBC shirt at the National, let June Lowry know in advance so she can get an order put together prior to the show. Check out the ad in the Jan.-Feb. issue for descriptions and prices.

There will be a slate of nominees for officers and directors in the May-June issue of *Bottles & Extras*. If you would like to run for one of these positions, you have until April 1st to file a nomination form with the election committee. Contact is Billham9@gmail.com

Been raining for the last 12 days (as of Feb. 1) in both Northern and Southern California. Rain totals are up to average for the first time in 5 years. The ground is finally wet; I'm going out and try to probe a hole to dig.

Sincerely,
Richard Siri - President FOHBC

NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

Any member in good standing can file to run for an FOHBC board position. Must be filed by April 1st.

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NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

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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