



Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors

President's Message

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The Board meeting at Baltimore was very productive with several issues settled. See the minutes printed elsewhere in this issue.

Ferdinand Meyer V and Elizabeth Meyer made a presentation of the Virtual Museum. The concept was very well done and was exciting to see. He said that the site shouldn't be as good as other websites, but way ahead of them. I believe that he will live up to statement. To be able to sit in front of your computer and view categories of bottles and outstanding private collections that are not ever publicly displayed will spike the interest in bottle collecting for sure. The possibilities of this site would be endless, from bottle to glass house history, target balls, insulators, canning jars, etc.

We will be having conference calls discussing the project leading up to the Ohio Convention. One thing we do know now is that this project will cost 60K plus or minus and that's for the mechanics to build the site. Ferdinand will supply direction and oversight which is worth as much as the mechanics of it. He's going to do this pro bono. The internet is certainly the way to go. Younger generations won't hardly pick up a magazine or read a newspaper. I keep a small library in the throne room, but I guess they can take their I-POD or BLACKBERRY or whatever with them. Also, when the site starts generating hits

in the thousands or more, there is the distinct possibility that advertisers would help to fund the future of the site.

The FOHBC needs a candidate for treasurer. This person needs to be proficient in accounting and also have knowledge of a 501-c/3 nonprofit corporation. If you fit the bill and want to run for office, please contact election committee chairman James Bender.

There has been a good supply of bottles being offered by various auction houses and the results have been a mixed bag, with some record prices and some bargains. The diggers are hard at work here in the West, but the poor easterners with all that snow and then rain has made it impossible in a lot of areas to do anything with a shovel except move snow and fill sand bags.

Don't forget Ohio in August --- it will be here before you know it. Information is on line at the FOHBC website and here in the magazine.

As for myself, I just added six more Hostetters to my group. Can't wait for the Virtual Museum to have an exhibit featuring Hostetters!

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