

# Mohawk Valley Bottle Club Show

by Jim Bender



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Rich Weaver and Ron Weir at Rich's table filled with early reproduction glass, of which they both have great collections.

The 18th annual Mohawk Valley Bottle Club show and sale was held on May 6th at the Sons of Italy Lodge located in Utica, N.Y.

The room was filled with over 50 sales tables of almost all bottles, along with a few tables of other collectables. There were over 125 paid admissions and all dealers reported good sales. The Mohawk club also sponsors a drive for the Mohawk Humane Society at the same time. A discount off admission is given to anyone making a donation of money or animal-related items, such as food, play toys, paper towels or blankets. They raised over \$120 this year as well as many donations of dog and cat food.

The club raffles off a historical flask each year. This year, it was a calabash with a sheaf of wheat and a tree on it. Dealers reported the room as being well very nicely lit and easy to enter. There is great parking and a wide aisle between tables.

The Sons of Italy supplied tasty food. The Sons of Italy has become the new home for the show which was held at the Mohawk County Fairgrounds for years. There were some problems with heat over the years and the club is always trying to make things better for all that attend the show.

The Mohawk Valley Club was founded in 1994 and holds a monthly meeting the second Monday of each month. Each month there is a show and tell program as well as a speaker. The club has a top notch newsletter put out every month by Jon Landers, one of the club's founders.

If you would like to become a member of the club and meet some of the nicest people in the hobby, contact Jim Bender at [jim1@frontiernet.net](mailto:jim1@frontiernet.net) or Peter Bleiberg at [PMBleiberg@aol.com](mailto:PMBleiberg@aol.com).



Ladies from the Mohawk Humane Society accepting donations for the animals. The club offers a discount on admission for all donations.