



FOHBC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Can you believe it? Another great National Show goes down in the record books. My head is still spinning with all of the great events and action. My hat is off and we sincerely need to thank all of those involved, especially show co-chairs, Michael George and Maureen Crawford, and the Merrimack Valley Antique Bottle Club. What excellent examples of passionate and well-organized people. We need more of them and we know you are out there! The city was great, the hotel and show facility excellent and well-lit, we had museum-like displays, a professional auction, standing-room only seminars, the cocktail party and banquet with guest speaker Mark Vuono, the special awards, tons of bottles and glass in all categories, the Bottle Battle and so much more. All outstanding. Where else but at a National?

Did anyone wonder why your President had such a great table location near the front showroom doors? Trust me, it was not given to me because of my position, what I collect or my pretty wife. It only came about because we planned ahead and signed up for a table at the Reno Expo in 2012. First come, first served. And guess what, we have already reserved our table for the 2014 National Antique Bottle Show in Lexington, Kentucky. Dealer contracts were available at the Manchester show and can be obtained online at the FOHBC web site. Don't procrastinate, reserve your space now for this 325-table show. This event will be a monster with another Glass Works auction, the "Run for the Roses" bottle competition, great displays, seminars and all of the things you have come to expect and enjoy with a Federation National Show.

We hope you enjoy this special issue of Bottles and Extras that has been dedicated to the Manchester National. With pre-planned articles and writers, the resource of Scott Selenak as our official show photographer, and tons of great glass and events, we know you will want to revisit this event if you were there or read about it if you could

not make it. The deadline is tight as I write this and we must get the work to the printer during the first week of August. That means for some of us, we are still immersed in the show! The photographs that Scott typically takes are breathtaking and it is a honor to have him volunteer for this tough task. Thank you, Scott, I do not know where we would be without your great work that first appeared after the Reno Expo and now can be seen on the FOHBC web site and within this issue. Will you do Lexington?

I also want to thank the folks who took the time to comment on the show. In this day of instant communication, we received everything from a few short words like "Hip-Hip" from Dave Olson to a rather sincere thank you from Jeff Wichmann from Sacramento who rarely travels east. He said he was treated like "Royalty." Some of the comments, both positive and negative, are represented in this issue. Constructive criticism is good. We now know that the "Run for the Roses" in Lexington must have better crowd participation and object viewing. We also know it was tough to pick from nine great seminars. Trust me, we are working to improve your experience.

The final numbers are not in as of this writing, but we can report a sold-out show, many early buyers, strong sales, happy buyers, financial success in our show profits and 60+ new members. We started out with a soft goal of signing up 30 members, had an optimistic hard goal of 50 and revised our goal on Sunday to 60. We hit it out of the park at Manchester. Many thanks to Pam Selenak, Gary Beatty and others who tirelessly staffed the front FOHBC tables and mined the northeast for new members. We are at our highest total ever. We would also like thank the tireless Val Berry and her staff for taking over the registration table. Our volunteers are our strength.

We are pleased to say that there were no reported bottle thefts at the show. After Reno last year, we did not know what to expect, but we were ready this year. With uniformed guards, well positioned and marked 'black shirt' security, a better badge system, cameras and having only one door for access and egress for show hours on Sunday was important. The dealers also seemed to be more aware of their surroundings and kept a vigilant watch on their tables and goods. We realize that not having more doors open during Sunday may have been a hardship, but the dealer goods and our reputation are at stake. This is consistent with other national hobby shows and is certainly the trend.

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Another hot topic of late, at the show and online, is bottle reproductions. Chip Cable had a rather decent repro Drake's Plantation Bitters that was scary at his dealer table. We are covering this online as efficiently as possible and realize that nothing beats seeing examples first-hand and hearing from an expert in that area. We were able to arrange for reproduction authority Jim Bender to bring and display some of his bottles in the display area at Manchester. We will have a video of Jim talking about his bottles posted online and hope that we can arrange a seminar talk at the Lexington National.

Did anyone feel like there was not enough time at the show for all the great events? I am pleased to report that your Federation is exploring the possibility of doing away with the one-day public show and going to the two-day expo format. The new shows would be called Antique Bottle Conventions and occur on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. They would begin in 2016. This obviously means we need to bring in more people, but it also means having more evenings to stage events. Having the Bottle Battle after the Banquet and cocktail party was a challenge. Elizabeth and I even had a wine tasting after that and I had

to wake up at 4:30 the next morning! We can do it. Think positive. Our shows get bigger and better each year. Oh, these growing pains!

During our semi-annual FOHBC board meeting, we covered a lot of ground in the four allotted hours and we held our annual membership meeting in the afternoon. If you did not attend, you can read the notes online at FOHBC.org. It looks like we may be offering lifetime memberships again. I always wondered why this was stopped. I for one, will opt for this. Did you know that former President Jimmy Carter is a FOHBC lifetime member?

Congratulations also to Hall of Fame recipients Gene Bradberry and Alan Blakeman, special award recipients Jim and Joyce Rogers, President's Award recipient Alan DeMaison and all of the bottle club category recipients. Well deserved awards.

Stay cool, fall will be here soon. Enjoy your bottles, family and friends. We belong to a great hobby. Support your FOHBC.





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