



Federation of Historic Bottle Collectors

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President's Message

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As I have recently returned from the always terrific Columbus, Ohio Bottle Show and am preparing to attend the West Michigan Antique Bottle Show and the Baltimore Antique Bottle Show and Sale, I am always mindful of the concerted efforts and the tremendous amount of work that goes into hosting a successful show. At times, we tend to take things for granted. Today, many local shows are experiencing challenges such as increased costs for leasing show space, additional security concerns and the burden of having to carry liability insurance.

The Federation is working on programs to assist the local clubs in meeting some of these challenges. As many of you are now aware, the Federation has procured a group liability insurance policy covering all FOHBC Affiliated Member Clubs for their shows and other club sponsored activities. If your local club is an FOHBC Affiliated Member Club, it is now covered under this policy!

It is my hope that we (the Federation) can continue to provide additional benefits and programs for its Affiliated Member Clubs and we will continue to work on doing so. In the meantime, you can do your part to help support the local clubs by attending meetings, getting involved, attending the shows and perhaps taking a table or contributing an educational exhibit at the show. Please consider sharing a part of your collection with others, promoting the history and beauty of the bottles and

introducing new collectors to this extraordinary hobby. We all bear some responsibility to be involved and to make a contribution to the health and vitality of our hobby. The more that you put into it, the greater the reward and enjoyment of the hobby that you are likely to reap!

At this time, I would also like to remind the local clubs to participate in the various FOHBC sponsored contests. Contest categories include; The Elmer Lester award for the most active club(s), the Newsletter contest, the Show poster (flyer) contest and several categories for authors. Contest forms have been mailed to the various FOHBC Affiliated Clubs. Please contact either myself or Ralph Van Brocklin if you have not received them or would like additional forms. Deadline for submission of the forms is June 1st.

The Federation is also currently in the process of searching for qualified venues for its future EXPO and National Shows. Another project that the Board is currently working on is clarifying the processes and guidelines for hosting these events. If your club is interested in perhaps learning more about hosting a future Federation EXPO or National Show, please contact our Conventions Director, Wayne Lowry. He would be more than happy to speak with your club! Bids are currently being accepted for the 2008 EXPO and the 2009 National Shows.

While we are on the subject of National Shows, I will take this opportunity to again encourage folks to attend the 2006 FOHBC National Show, August 18-20, at John

Ascuaga's Nugget, Reno / Sparks, Nevada. This promises to be an exciting and fun-filled weekend of activities. Please see additional information in this issue or contact Wayne Lowry for more information.

On another note, - please join me in extending a warm welcome to the Federation's new Midwest Regional Editor, Joe Coulson. Some of you may know Joe as the editor for the *Midwest Glass Chatter* - newsletter for the Midwest Antique Fruit Jar & Bottle Club. Joe has done a wonderful job as Editor of the *Glass Chatter* and I'm sure that he will make a wonderful contribution in his new role as Midwest Region Editor for the Federation. Joe's address and contact information is: 10515 Collingswood Lane, Fishers, IN, 46038; E-mail: jcoulson@leaderjar.com. If your club is in the Midwest Region, please begin sending news of you club's activities and events to Joe.

And finally, I would like to thank outgoing Midwest Regional Editor, Joe Terry for all of his efforts and contributions. Joe has had an extremely busy personal schedule and we greatly appreciate his dedication and efforts on behalf of the Federation. Please be sure to read Joe's article on the Brinkerhoff Patents later in this issue. Joe is an avid researcher and writer and we are privileged to be the recipients of his most current writing endeavor.

With warm regards,
John Pastor
President, FOHBC