



Federation of Historic Bottle Collectors

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President's Message

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In the last President's message I had touched on some of the many benefits that Federation affiliated member clubs enjoy and mentioned that a new benefit has been in the works. I am very pleased to announce that the Federation Board of Directors has voted unanimously to adopt a proposal to offer liability insurance coverage for shows (and other club sponsored activities) to affiliated member clubs at very affordable rates. By the time this issue has been delivered, individual clubs should have already received information on this latest benefit. We certainly hope that all clubs will take advantage of the reduced rates and broad coverage that this special group policy provides.

In other Federation news, I am very excited to announce that Reno, Nevada has been chosen as the site of the 2006 National Bottle Show. I hope that all members will provide their encouragement and support to those who are currently involved in the planning and implementation of this event.

As we look to the future, venues for 2007 and 2008 are currently being sought. Interest has been expressed from one of the key Ohio bottle clubs for hosting the 2007 National Show and there seems to be a groundswell of interest for bringing the 2008 EXPO to a location in New England or perhaps the mid-Atlantic states region.

If your club is interested in playing host to a Federation National or EXPO show, please contact Wayne Lowey, FOHBC Conventions Director. He will be happy to assist you with any questions that you may have including preparation and submission of a proposal to host such an event. It is certainly not too early to begin the planning process and we would encourage your club to get involved!

From a personal perspective, I always find it interesting how fast time seems to fly. Perhaps it is that I'm getting older (not something that I care to admit), or perhaps it is because I have had my hands full being involved in a number of different projects

(I'll choose the latter explanation, if I may). As I write this message, we are approximately twelve weeks away from the opening of the National Bottle Show, and as this issue of *Bottles and Extras* is being delivered, it will be time to start packing for the show!

Please allow me to provide a brief update on the show. This will truly be a "National" Show with a broad perspective of dealers from every corner of the Union as well as from "across the pond" (UK). This three-day bottle convention and event will begin in earnest on Friday morning, at 9:00 a.m. with the Federation's annual board meeting followed by the general membership meeting on Friday afternoon. The festivities will officially get under way with a *very interesting* and *fun* banquet that we have planned beginning at 7:00 p.m. Friday evening (cash bar and cocktail hour from 6:00 – 7:00 pm). We are truly very, very fortunate to have five special guests, - call them what you will, - pillars, icons, legends of the bottle collecting fraternity (from both here in the states and abroad), serve as our "Masters" of the evening. They will provide a casual, entertaining and engaging evening of fun as they talk about the hobby past, present and future; answer questions from the audience and reminisce about humorous and antidotal stories from "the good old days."

As a reminder, please be sure to take advantage of some of the many free educational seminars and specialty group meetings that will be offered on Friday evening and Saturday morning. Specific information regarding these events will be available upon your arrival at the host hotel, the Amway Grand Plaza.

Suffice it to say that the show is really shaping up to be a very special event. Hundreds of great dealers with interesting merchandise will be on hand and the displays (I dare say, one of the highlights of the entire weekend), will be many, varied, interesting and educational!

And finally, be sure to include in your plans for Saturday evening, the live public auction of approximately eighty to one-hundred lots of fine early bottles, flasks and related glass objects. This special live auction will be held in the exquisite Pantlind Ballroom of the Amway Grand Hotel. Come see what a live bottle auction is all about and perhaps you may be fortunate enough to add a treasured piece to your collection! Full-color catalogs for this auction can be purchased in advance (and absentee bids are being taken for this sale), by contacting myself, John Pastor, prior to Wednesday, August 10th.

If you have not already made your plans to attend the 2005 National, chances are it is not too late! Please pick up the phone and call (or E-mail) us immediately and we will do whatever we can to be sure that you are included in this exciting weekend full of wonderful activities, great bottles, good friends and plenty of camaraderie. We hope to see you all at the National in August and wish everyone safe travels.

The 2005 National Show packet can be requested by phone or mail - or downloaded from our Website at:

http://www.fohbc.com/FOHBC_ShowCalendar.html

Packet includes:

Directions to DeVos Place; Schedule of Events; Rules & General Information for Sales Tables, Displays & Early Buyers; Hotel, Banquet & Reservation form; Auction & Seminar Information; Sales Table & Banquet Reservation form; and Early Admission & Display Application.