



Federation of Historic Bottle Collectors

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President's Message

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The list of new officers is published in this issue (on the preceeding page). I would like to thank all of you who took the time to vote. The vote was near to one third of the membership. I would also like to thank the new officers who ran for office. As you can see, we have some new faces in our directorship. We, the elected officers, are all committed to serving you, the collectors. If you should have any thoughts, either good or bad about the FOHBC, let us know. We may just be able to clarify our stand or perhaps even change it for the better. My email address is listed above. If you try to email me I have a spam blocker that will try to stop you. So, please put FOHBC or BOTTLES in the subject line and I will be sure to read it. If you contact any of the other FOHBC officers and feel that you weren't properly taken care of, please let me know the details.

The National Show in Reno seemed to go off very well. The site was fabulous with great lighting and plenty of room in the aisles, which appeared to be full both days. All available tables were filled and there were fantastic displays. A lot of the western bottles never do get displayed in the east. I can understand why, I did not display this year because of the distance involved. It requires a lot of work to get a display together, plan how you want it to look and then transport it to the site. When you see a display at ANY show, thank the displayer for going to all the trouble to set it up. Each displayer deserves it.

Awards given at the banquet were as follows:

Best Newsletter:

- 1-"Ohio Swirl" - Ohio Bottle Club,
2. "The Whittle Mark" - L.A. Historical Bottle Club
3. "Jersey Shore Shards" - The Jersey Shore Bottle Club.

Best Original Research / Information Article

1. "Battery Insulators, Oil Insulators and Chloride Accumulators" - by Charlie & Sandi Irons.
- 2 "Beech-Nut Packing Co." - by Bill Heroth.
3. "Jacob Welsh/Welch" - by Bill Koster.

There were no submissions for the Elmer Lester Award or the Best Show Flyer.

The Board of Directors voted at the meeting in Reno to make *Bottles and Extras* a six issue (bi-monthly) per year magazine. We hope to start this with the January issue. This means that the magazine may be slightly smaller but you will get two additional issues per year. Kathy, our editor, will need more articles if we are to continue in this manner. So, please think about writing an article for publication in the magazine. If you think you cannot write an article, send me a rough outline of what you have and I'll either smooth it out or get it to someone who can. You will get the credit for it, but we will help you.

Our Conventions Director had two proposals for the 2007 National Show. Collinsville, Ill., just across the river from

St Louis, Mo., was selected because of the great loading/unloading and parking situations. The board felt that these outweighed the slightly lower cost of the Knoxville, Tenn. proposal. The dates of the Collinsville show are the 17th to the 19th of August, 2007. Wayne Lowry also has two tentative proposals for the 2008 EXPO in the Northeast Region. They are York, Pa., and Hartford, Conn. There also was mention of another site somewhere in New Hampshire. However, nothing is firm at this time.

For those members who have computers, I have recently found a Government sponsored URL which has a wealth of information. It is the Bureau of Land Management's Historic Glass Bottle Identification & Information Website. This site has information on the following areas: Dating, Typing Shapes, Glassmaking, Colors, Lip Finishes, Body & Seams, Bases, Fragment ID's, References, & Links. While it is primarily geared toward the newer collector, it is an interesting read and extremely well done. Let me know what you think of it. Go here to get there: www.blm.gov/historic_bottles/index.htm.

Don't forget the Federation site on the Internet as it can be a help to you in finding show dates and connecting with other collectors. You can even put your own club's show date on without having to send in a written request by using the online form. Start at: www.fohbc.com and use it for yourself or your club's benefit.

"Dig hard or buy wisely and watch your collection grow."

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