

## Meet your FOHBC Candidates for 2016 - 2018



**FOHBC President: Ferdinand Meyer V** is a native of Baltimore, Maryland and has a BFA in Fine Art and Graphic Design from the Kansas City Art Institute and School of Design. Ferdinand is also a principal of FMG Design (nationally recognized design firm). Ferdinand is a passionate collector of American historical glass specializing in bitters bottles, color runs and related classic figural bottles. Ferdinand maintains the design and brand standards for the FOHBC. He is married to Elizabeth Requejo Meyer and lives in Houston, TX with their daughter and three wonderful grandchildren. The Meyer family is also very involved in Quarter Horses, Antiques and early United States Postage Stamps. Ferdinand is currently serving his second 2-year term as President of the FOHBC.



**FOHBC First Vice President: Sheldon Baugh** is a collector of bottles and go-withs for the many categories that he collects as well as anything that catches his eye. Sheldon particularly focuses on bitters, both figural and squares, from the southern states and national companies. He also specializes in Shaker bottles and paper goods from the Shaker communities. He has been married to his wife Brenda for 52 years and has 2 children and 2 granddaughters. Sheldon had an insurance agency that he owned and operated for 43 years and also served for 14 years as state representative and retired at the end of 2008. He is a life member of the Federation and has also served as midwest director, vice president and president for two terms.



**FOHBC Second Vice President: Gene Bradberry**, is a retired Memphis policeman, and has a BS degree in police administration from Memphis State University. Gene was one of the founding members of the Memphis Bottle Collectors Club. He joined the ABCA in 1968 and was past president. He has run many bottle shows including the Memphis Expo in 2004 and the Memphis National in 2011. Gene has been collecting bottles since 1966 and is also a Life Member of the FOHBC along with being a Federation Hall of Fame member. Gene has been married for 55 years to his high school sweetheart and has two sons and five grandchildren. He has also been involved in Scouting for 68 years.



**FOHBC Secretary: Jim Berry** was born and raised in upstate New York. He has served as Highway Superintendent in the Town of Ephratah for the past 20 years and has just recently retired from that position. Jim is a collector of colored inks, historical flasks, mineral waters and local history. Jim and his wife Val enjoy traveling, especially to bottle shows across the country. Jim also spends a lot of time hunting and fishing. He has been married to Valeri for 43 years; they have five children, three of which are in the United States Air Force; eleven grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.



**FOHBC Treasurer: Gary Beatty**, Gary is the current and a former FOHBC treasurer, Midwest Regional Director and First Vice President. Gary also served three terms as Ohio Bottle Club President and was instrumental in getting Harry Hall White, Richard Watson, and Doc Ford inducted into the FOHBC Hall of Fame. Gary and wife Betty are Life Members of the FOHBC. Gary is a graduate with a Bachelors degree from Midwestern Baptist College, Michigan, Trinity Baptist University Toledo, and a

Doctorate of Divinity from Heritage Baptist College, Hopewell, Indiana. Gary and Betty collect square bitters, gins, schnapps, beers and Ohio. Gary has been digging, collecting and writing about bottles for 45+ years.



**FOHBC Historian: Jim Bender** has collected bottles for over 40 years and was mentored by the late Ed Bartos who was a bottle dealer and collector in the 1970s. They remained friends until his death. Collecting to Jim has always been about the friends it has brought him. Jim has collected inks, bitters, mineral waters, reproduction bottles, and up to last year, Union Clasp Hands Flasks of which he has put together one of the nicest groups ever. Jim then went back to basic collecting of anything he likes and has always enjoyed collecting that way the best. Jim has served as Mohawk Valley Club President, Northeast Director for the FOHBC and recently served as Membership Director for FOHBC. He is also Co-Chair of the FOHBC 2017 Springfield National Antique Bottle Convention & Expo.



**FOHBC BOTTLES and EXTRAS Editor: Martin Van Zant** has been collecting bottles since he was 17, when his stepfather took him on a dig. Martin collects historical Masonic flasks, Indiana blob beers, Indiana pontiled medicines, Indiana bitters, Indiana sodas and also lightning rod balls on the side. Martin is the editor for two bottles clubs, Wabash Valley Antique Bottle and Pottery Club out of Terre Haute and the Circle City Antique Bottle Club out of Indianapolis. Martin states that his door is always open to talk bottles, and to take your stories, so give him a call or send him a message.



**FOHBC Merchandising Director: Val Berry** grew up in Baltimore, Maryland, moving to upstate New York in her teens. She has worked in the medical/home care field as a secretary for 27 years. Val is involved with several organizations in her hometown of Ephratah, New York, and gives many hours of volunteer work. She has held the position of secretary for the Mohawk Valley Antique Bottle Club, Utica, New York, for four years. Val met her husband Jim in high school and they have been married for 43 years. They have five children, eleven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Together they travel throughout the country attending bottle shows and adding to their collections (inks, historical flasks, mineral waters and local history). Val has been active in supporting the Federation for several years helping in any capacity that is needed.



**FOHBC Membership Director: Linda Sheppard** works for Lexington Center, a home for mentally and physically challenged people as a Direct Care Coordinator. She was introduced to bottle collecting 13 years ago by Jim Bender, FOHBC Historian. Over these years, she has attended many bottle shows and attends the Bender/Sheppard table in support of Jim Bender. Linda collects small jugs and bottles from her home town of Dolgeville, New York. She is always learning something new about bottles and enjoys all the people she meets.



**FOHBC Conventions Director: Louis Fifer** is a third generation collector who got really interested in collecting historical flasks at age 22, but has been around the hobby his whole life. Louis then became the youngest Ohio Bottle Club president at age 23. Louis and his father John, had the opportunity to dig the Ravenna glass works dump site and was able to make some interesting discoveries there. His grandfather, Darl Fifer, had amounted quite the collection of Midwestern historical flasks,

free blown, and pattern molded bottles. Louis helps run a family business that his other grandfather started after WWII and lives in northeast Ohio. Louis is also Co-Chair of the FOHBC 2018 Cleveland National Antique Bottle Convention & Expo.



**FOHBC Business Manager: Elizabeth Meyer** is a native and proud Texan living in Houston. She has a love for antiques, collectibles and especially is passionate about her horses and enjoys spending time with her daughter and three grandchildren. Elizabeth has worked professionally at FMG Design for the past 20+ years in various positions including Project Management, Information Technology, Accounting, Human Resources, Quality Control and now Sr. Vice President. She loves working with people, traveling with family and enjoys going to bottle shows and looking for unique small antiques and holy water bottles. She has taken on the FOHBC Business Manager position as a non-voting and compensated contractor.



**FOHBC Director-at-Large: Ron Hands** is a native of northeastern Ohio until 2006 when he and his wife Kim, moved to eastern North Carolina to the city of Wilson. Ron has a degree from Kent State University and has worked in the food/beverage manufacturing industry for the last 25 years as a Plant Director of Quality. He started collecting bottles back in 1973 by digging the old city dump with several friends. Ron focuses on early American fruit jars but also collects pontiled soda and blue decorated stoneware. He has also been president and vice-president of the Ohio Bottle Club for 6 years and was co-chairman of the Mansfield Bottle Show for 7 years. Ron also served as a past FOHBC Midwest and Southern Regional Director.



**FOHBC Director-at-Large: Steve Ketcham** began collecting bottles in 1967. He is a charter member of the North Star Historical Bottle Association and has served as club president, treasurer, and show chairman. A life member of the Federation, he sat on the FOHBC board from 1982-1998 and was Federation President from 1982-1984. Steve's collecting interests include all types of early American bottles and flasks, antique advertising, and Red Wing stoneware. He currently serves on the Red Wing Collectors Society Foundation board, a group that oversees the Red Wing Pottery Museum. Steve and his wife Chris live in the Minneapolis area.



**FOHBC Director-at-Large: John R. Pastor** has been a collector, dealer, auctioneer and appraiser of antique bottles, flasks, and related glass for more than 38 years and is a widely recognized authority of antique bottles, historical flasks and related glass. This experience has brought a broad knowledge of the field and the valued trust of his colleagues and customers alike. John is also the owner of *Antique Bottle & Glass Collector* magazine and American Glass Gallery. John has served on the FOHBC board for many years and is a past FOHBC President.



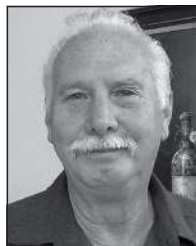
**FOHBC Midwest Director: Matt Lacy** is a second generation bottle collector who began digging at the age of six years old alongside his parents; and has been actively involved in digging, dealing, and collecting bottles for the past 25 years. Matt specializes in historical flasks of the Midwest region, and also collects local bottles and stoneware from Ashtabula County. Matt is currently working to author a guide on eagle flasks to share more information with the collecting community. He works at Progressive Insurance as an IT Systems Engineer, and lives in northeast Ohio with his wife, Elizabeth, and their five year old son, Owen, who collects "fish bottles." Matt is also Co-Chair of the FOHBC 2018 Cleveland National Antique Bottle Convention & Expo.



**FOHBC Northeast Director: Bob Strickhart** is a native of New Jersey and spent 36 years in public education teaching High School Science, coaching baseball and serving as Dean of Students before retiring. Father of three and "Pop Pop" to grandson Ryan, Bob is a life member of the FOHBC. Fortunately, his wife Marianne supports his addiction to collecting, writing bitters articles, acting as show chairman for the Manville, New Jersey Bottle show and traveling to the many bottle events to be with "the bottle family." Bob is also Co-Chairing the FOHBC 2017 National Antique Bottle Convention & Expo in Springfield, Massachusetts.



**FOHBC Southern Director: Brad Seigler** is a native Texan, and a small business owner. He first began digging bottles around the age of six. His father Donnie had dug while growing up South Carolina in the 1960s, and did him the great favor of introducing him to this hobby he loves so much. In his twenties, Brad began to really dive into the hobby, and found his first Texas patent medicine bottle. From that point on, Texas patent medicine bottles have been his main focus. Now that his collection has become advanced, he has branched out to include Texas applied-top bottles, whiskey flasks and bitters. His wife Karri, fully supports his hobby, and frequently claims items that he has dug or bought for herself. Dylan and Chloe are their two lovely children. His other interests are baseball, antique tin toys, signs and advertising.



**FOHBC Western Region Director: Eric McGuire** is a California native who has lived in the San Francisco Bay Area most of his life. He attended local schools and completed his formal education at San Francisco State University (MA 1973). Eric entered the field of environmental planning and retired from a 30-year career in domestic water supply in 2008. He began his bottle collecting interest in 1960, and along with digging, and otherwise acquiring bottles, Eric has always been an avid student of all aspects of glass making as well as a researcher of the history of the people who produced the bottles. Beginning in the mid-1960s his name can be found on many articles relating to bottles and glass. Eric's primary interest has been focused on the geographical area of the Western U.S. He is a life member of the FOHBC, and lives in Petaluma, California, with his wife, Lisa.



**FOHBC PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR: Alicia Booth** and her husband Tom, now deceased, moved from Tulsa, Oklahoma to Houston, Texas in October, 1988. Alicia has three children, and six grandchildren. Shortly after moving to Houston, they joined the Houston Bottle Collecting Club to learn more about bottle and glass collecting. Alicia served for several years as their club secretary and Tom wrote articles for the local club newsletter. Collecting soon grew from fruit jars, to colored inks, Anna Pottery pig whiskey bottles, Saratoga bottles, pickle jars and invested in many other collections too numerous to mention. Alicia works for a non-profit organization - Communities In Schools of Houston as Executive Assistant to the Executive Director. In her spare time, she also assists as staff coordinator for an event planner. She is a Life Member of the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo since 1991 and serves on the International Committee. Alicia has been a member of the FOHBC since the early '90s. She and her husband attended national and state shows where they made long-lasting friends with other bottle collectors. She wants to remain active in the Federation allowing her to contribute her talents wherever needed.

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