

Mohawk Valley Antique Bottle Club

Bottle club president Howard Dean giving a motivational speech to bottle collectors of the Empire State Bottle Collectors Association in 1987 encouraging them to stay involved in the hobby:

"I used to think that the only thing that mattered was to find an old dump and attack it! Well that's still high on my list, but someone has to keep building a sound foundation so that the hobby will survive and grow. It must grow or it will slowly die."

Dean has always believed that for the hobby to survive, grow and be most beneficial to collectors it must be organized. And he knew that being organized could benefit individuals because they would benefit from sharing the collective knowledge and experiences of many instead of a few. Because of these beliefs, he has always vigorously promoted the Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors, the National Bottle Museum and all bottle clubs. **He has always believed and lived by the code that the hobby should come first before anyone's individual interest.**

Thirty years ago, Dean spent much of his leisure time hunting and fishing. As a water chemist for the New York State Department of Conservation he traveled throughout the state testing the waters of streams and lakes. He knew where to fish and hunt and was successful at it.

Today, although retired he still knows where to hunt and fish but he doesn't. All of his spare time is spent on collecting antique bottles and promoting the hobby through the FOHBC, the NBM and bottle clubs. Second Vice President of the Federation, Vice Director of the Northeast Region, Club President, Trustee of the National Bottle Museum, Writer, Researcher, Exhibitor, Program Speaker, Bottle Show Chairman, Bottle Exhibit Chairman and many other tasks he has taken on through the years all for the love of the hobby. He is well known and respected throughout the Northeastern circle of bottle collectors and the country as an enthusiastic and knowledgeable bottle collector. He has attended the last 5 national shows to help promote our hobby. No one has ever met a more personable and well liked bottle collector than Howard Dean.

Without a doubt, his efforts have significantly encouraged the growth of the hobby, the education of its members and the organization of its activities. The hobby has survived, grown and become more organized during Deans leadership and his work has made a lasting and enduring impact on the hobby. Because of his untiring efforts in these endeavors and because of his total dedication to the hobby and his inexhaustible efforts in promoting the organizations that foster our hobby we respectfully nominate **Howard J. Dean** to the Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors Hall of Fame.

LITERARY CONTRIBUTIONS:

1982 Wrote an article "I.D. Buttles Company - Rome, N. Y.", published in the June 1982 issue of *Bits and Pieces*, monthly publication of the Empire State Bottles Collectors Association

1984 Wrote an article "Adirondack Springs - Westport, N.Y.", published in the February 1984 issue of *Bits and Pieces*, monthly publication of the Empire State Bottles Collectors Association

1985 Wrote an article on "The Mt. Pleasant Glass Works", published in the May 1985 issue of *The Antique Bottle & Glass Collector*

1986 Wrote an article, "Early Glass Houses of Oneida County", published in the April 1986 issue of *Bits and Pieces*, monthly publication of the Empire State Bottles Collectors Association

1987 Wrote an article, "Some Early Watertown Bottling Companies", published in the March 1987 issue of *Bits and Pieces*, monthly publication of the Empire State Bottles Collectors Association

1987 Wrote an article, "Bottles and History", published in the September 1987 issue of *Bits and Pieces*, monthly publication of the Empire State Bottles Collectors Association

1988 Wrote an article, "McQuade's M.D. Whiskey", published in the November 1988 issue of *Bits and Pieces*, monthly publication of the Empire State Bottles Collectors Association

1988 Wrote one segment of an article on "Oneida Community Fruit Jars", published in the March 1988 issue of *The Antique Bottle & Glass Collector*

1989 Wrote an article, "A Few Utica, N.Y. Bottlers and their Bottles", published in the September issue of *Bits and Pieces*, monthly publication of the Empire State Bottles Collectors Association

1993 Howard J. Dean wrote and had a book published, "Where We Came From", A history and genealogy of the Dean Family (720 pages).

1994 Wrote an article "WT & Co", published in the October 1994 issue of *Bottles along the Mohawk*, monthly newsletter of the MVABC.

1994 Wrote an article "Carter's Ink Bottles", published in the December 1994 issue of *Bottles along the Mohawk*, monthly newsletter of the MVABC.

1995 Wrote an article "Fish Shaped Bottles", published in the February 1995 issue of *Bottles along the Mohawk*, monthly newsletter of the MVABC.

1995 Wrote an article "Bottle Researching", published in the May 1995 issue *Bottles along the Mohawk*, monthly newsletter of the MVABC.

1995 Wrote an article on the "Horseshoe Forestry Company", published in the June 1995 issue of *Bottles along the Mohawk*, monthly newsletter of the MVABC.

1996 Wrote an article on "C.D. Shipman Inks", published in the May 1996 issue of *Bottles along the Mohawk*, monthly newsletter of the MVABC.

1996 Wrote an article on "Griffin & Hoxie", published in the June issue of *Bottles along the Mohawk*, monthly newsletter of the MVABC.

1999 Wrote an article on "Avery N. Lord Bottling Works, Utica, N. Y.", published in the February, 1999 issue of *Bottles and Extras*, monthly magazine of the FOHBC.

MEMBERSHIP IN BOTTLE CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS:

Empire State Bottle Collectors Association

Finger Lakes Bottle Club

Genesee Valley Bottle Collectors Association (former member)

Mohawk Valley Antique Bottle Club (Charter Member)

Saratoga Bottle Collectors Association (Charter Member, currently serving as President)

Westernville Historical Society (Currently serving as President)

PRESIDENT OF BOTTLE CLUBS:

1984 - 1985 President of Saratoga Bottle Collectors Society

1986 - 1987 President Empire State Bottle Collectors Association

1994 - 1995 President Mohawk Valley Antique Bottle Club

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SERVICE TO THE FEDERATION OF HISTORICAL BOTTLE COLLECTORS:

Life member of the Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors

1984 - 1999 Member of Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors

1982 - 1999 FOHBC Representative ESBCA

1994 - 1999 FOHBC Representative MVABC

1996 Organized meeting for the Northeast Region to be held in conjunction with the MVABC Show & Sale

1995 - 1999 Vice Director of Northeast Region

1995 - 1998 Chairman of Show Flyer Contest. Attended national shows in Toledo, Nashville, Chicago, Cherry Hill, and Cincinnati to present awards for Show Flyer Contest and as representative as the Vice Director of the Northeast Region.

1998 Presented seminar on Saratoga mineral water bottles at the national show in Cincinnati

1998 - 1999 Second Vice President of Federation

1999 Organized May 1, meeting for the Northeast Region to be held in conjunction with the MVABC Show and Sale.

SERVICE TO THE NATIONAL BOTTLE MUSEUM:

Life member of the National Bottle Museum

1982 - 1999 Member of National Bottle Museum

1987 - 1990 Elected trustee of the museum

1987 - 1990 Chairman of exhibits for the NBM Show & Sale

Served on numerous committees and working parties.

AWARDS:

1987 PRESIDENTS AWARD presented to Howard Dean for his dedicated service as President of the Empire State Bottle Collectors Association, Syracuse, New York for 1986 - 1987. During his term as president, this popular Central New York Club experienced excellent membership expansion and large attendance numbers at meetings. Howard was one of the most popular presidents that ever held office for this organization. His goal when becoming president was to double the membership.

1996 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD presented to Howard Dean for serving as the first President of the Mohawk Valley Antique Bottle Club, Whitesboro, New York. At the end of his tenure, this new bottle club had some 70 memberships which constituted approximately 120 members. Many members felt that the great success of this new club was largely due to the leadership and contagious enthusiasm shown by Howard Dean. When the club was formed he was asked if he would serve as the first president and he accepted the invitation to be elected as the first president.

OTHER HONORS:

1986, Howard Dean was featured in a magazine column, *Insulator News* by Ray Klingensmith which is part of *The Antique Bottle & Glass Collector*, February 1988 issue. Story was about Howard Dean digging one of the rarest insulators in the United States at the site of the Mt. Pleasant Glass Works. The item was a black glass threadless insulator circa: 1840's.

OTHER SERVICE:

1982 - 1999 FOHBC Representative ESBCA

1982 - 1987 Membership Chairperson ESBCA

1988 - 1989 Show Chairman ESBCA

1987 Elected Trustee of the NBM

1994 - 1999 FOHBC Representative MVABC

1998 Organized a group bus trip for members of the Empire Bottle Collectors Association, the Finger Lakes Bottle Club and the Mohawk Valley Antique Bottle Club to go to New Jersey to view the Richard Watson collection and visit the Wheaton Museum.

PROGRAM SPEAKER:

Over the years, Howard has promoted the hobby, the Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors, and the National Bottle Museum by lecturing extensively on the subjects of antique bottles, glass factories and organizations that are related to them. His programs were presented to:

The Mohawk Valley Antique Bottle Club
The Empire State Bottle Collectors Association
The Saratoga-Type Bottle Collectors Association
The Rome Historical Society
The Vernon Historical Society
The Westernville Historical Society
Federation National Show, Cincinnati (seminar on Saratoga Mineral Water Bottles)

BOTTLE COLLECTIONS:

Has completed one of the best collections of Saratoga Mineral Waters that exist consisting of approximately 500 bottles. A few of the bottles are one of a kind and several are one of two or three known specimens. Howard always offers help to both beginning and experienced collectors and willingly shows his bottles to anyone interested. He is also a collector of American Historical Flasks and a serious collector of Rome and Utica, New York bottles. He is considered an authority on these categories of bottles by collectors throughout the Northeast.

EDUCATION:

Graduated from the College of Forestry, Syracuse University, received masters degree in Wildlife Management.

OCCUPATION:

Retired after career with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation as a aquatic biologist and was previously employed as a forester with the U. S. Forest Service.

MILITARY SERVICE:

Was a 1st Lieutenant in the United States Air Force during World War II. Served with the famous 345th Bomb Group, 5th Air Force as a bombardier and navigator on B-25's. Flew many combat missions over New Guinea and New Britain in the Pacific Theater of operations.

OTHER:

1990 - 1991 Moderator for the Utica Presbytery. The Moderator is the head of the governing body that oversees the operations of 40 Utica area Presbyterian Churches.

1989 - 1990 Vice Moderator for the Utica Presbytery. He has served on numerous committees for the Utica Presbytery.

