The Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors

Honor Roll

Requirements, Nomination, Evaluation and Award Procedure

The Honor Roll awards are designed to honor individuals, living or deceased, who have made significant contributions to the hobby of collecting bottles. The Honor Roll recognizes individuals who have significantly contributed to local, regional, or national enhancement of bottle collecting above and beyond normal collecting. Consideration for these honors is to be based only on the contributions to the bottle-collecting hobby. Other attributes such as professional career or positions are not to be considered.

Description of Honors

Honor Roll

The Honor Roll was created to honor worthy individuals who have significantly contributed at the local, regional or national level of bottle collecting. The Honor Roll is intended to recognize outstanding achievement(s) above and beyond normal collecting, illustrating the expenditure of time, efforts, and professional expertise that significantly encouraged the growth of the hobby, the education of its members and the organization of its activities.

Further clarifications of the requirements for the awards and examples of qualifying contributions are given in Appendix C.

General Requirements

Nominations may be made by any individual FOBHC member, affiliate member, or affiliate club. Nominations should outline the contributions and accomplishments as they relate to the bottle-collecting hobby, i.e., contributions made to the hobby in the way of research, published articles, or books, initiating activities or events, serving at the local level, or at the national Federation level, and any other contributions made by nominee to the bottle-collecting hobby as a whole. Nomination should include dates, scope of accomplishments, and copies of any published articles, or other relevant documents, when possible.

Nominations should include the nominator, the person who researched the nomination, and the names of at least two additional Federation members recommending the nomination. No more than two persons may be inducted into the Honor Roll per year.

Nomination Process

Nomination material for Honor Roll candidates shall be submitted to the Business Manager. Two (2) copies shall be submitted. Guidelines and requirements for the nominations may be obtained by request from the Business Manager.

Processing Nominations

The Business Manager shall inform the President whenever a nomination is received. The Business Manager shall reproduce copies of the nomination document and send copies to the Honor Roll Committee, and all members of the Board.

Hall of Fame Nominations

The Honor Roll Committee shall review the nomination document, and evaluate it in accordance with criteria approved by the Board.

The Committee shall present the nomination to the Board recommending disposition on the nomination. If
approved by a \( \frac{2}{3} \)-majority (12) vote of the entire Board the nomination shall be approved. If the nomination does not receive the approval, it shall be removed from further consideration at that time. The nomination may and must be resubmitted if it is to undergo further consideration.

**Recognition of Inductees**

Once a Honor Roll Nominee has been approved, the following steps shall be taken:

1. The President shall send a letter, informing the inductee of the award to be presented, and inviting him or her to the Convention where the award will be presented. *See Appendix A.*

2. If attending the convention, the inductee and their guest shall be the guests of the FOHBC for one night’s accommodations and one ticket to the Awards Banquet. The President shall make sure that appropriate reservations have been made and provided for by the FOBHC.

3. The Honor Roll Committee shall make sure that the award materials have been prepared and ready for presentation at the awards banquet. If the inductee is going to attend the convention, the nominator/researcher who submitted the nomination shall be invited to come to the convention and present the award at the Awards Banquet.

**Award Materials:**

The following shall be prepared for each inductee to the Honor Roll:

1. An approximately 8 ½ x 11 inch certificate with the inductee’s name, with a summary of his or her achievements shall be prepared by the Business Manager and signed by the President. This certificate shall be presented to the inductee at the time of receiving the induction and shall be similar in appearance to the Hall of Fame certificate. *See Appendix B for example.*

2. The inductee’s name shall be added to the Honor Roll plaque, which is displayed with the Hall of Fame material at FOHBC conventions.

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Appendix A: Example of Notification Letter

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Mr. Jon Landers
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Re: FOHBC Honor Roll Award | Jon Landers

Dear Mr. Landers,

I am pleased to inform you that at the 11 March 2017 meeting of the FOHBC Board of Directors, your nomination to the Honor Roll was presented to the Board of Directors by Jim & Val Berry. In a follow-up silent vote, you were approved for induction. Congratulations!

Your official induction will take place at the Awards Banquet, which will take place on Friday, 04 August 2017 at 6:30 pm at the MassMutual Center in Springfield, Massachusetts in conjunction with the FOHBC 2017 National Antique Bottle Convention & Expo.

The FOHBC is pleased to offer you one complimentary ticket to the banquet and accommodations for you at the convention hotel for one night.

Please let me know if you will be able to attend to personally receive your award so arrangements can be made.

Congratulations on your accomplishment.

Sincerely,

Ferdinand Meyer V
FOHBC President
Appendix B: Certificate

A typical certificate is shown below. Certificate is to include the honor received, name of the individual, a summary of achievements being recognized, the presenter, date and the signature of the FOHBC President.

FEDERATION OF HISTORICAL BOTTLE COLLECTORS

Honor Roll Award

JON LANDERS

The hobby of collecting antique bottles attracts many people from all walks of life. After joining, many seem to disappear off the face of the earth, never to be heard from again. That isn’t true for Jon Landers, of Utica, New York. Not only was he a founding father of the Mohawk Valley Antique Bottle Club in 1994, he also holds active membership in many other bottle clubs and historical societies and organizations. Once he started his collections of local bottles, he decided to investigate the histories behind them: Who made them, when and where? Answers to some of his questions weren’t immediately forthcoming so that meant Jon, with the support of his wife, Sue, had to spend much of his free time pursuing documentary evidence at sources such as libraries and newspaper archives. One of his outstanding efforts dealt with the history of the Mount Vernon Glassworks of which he has become an authority. He soon learned that research is an important part of the antique bottle hobby and was thrilled to find answers to questions that had eluded him. That research led him to the stories behind bottle-related businesses and the people who had developed them. Best of all, Jon shares each bit of information with fellow collectors by writing and posting stories in his club’s newsletter, “Bottles Along the Mohawk,” which he has edited since the club’s founding. He’s never missed an issue during those 22 years. He also helped develop www.mohawkvalleybottleclub.com, the club website.

Ferdinand Meyer V, President

Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors

August 4, 2017

Researched and
Presented by
Jim & Val Berry
Appendix C: Additional Clarification of Qualifications and Requirements for the Honor Roll

Honor Roll nominees should meet or exceed the criteria below:

1. Be an individual who is regionally or nationally known by collectors in general for their contributions, and/or achievements in the bottle-collecting hobby.

2. Be an avid collector and/or researcher who has amassed a significant collection in a major collecting category. This could be regional or nationally recognized category.

3. Researched and authored regional collecting guides and/or books.

4. Instrumental in organizing, initiating and holding regional bottle shows or events.

5. Having researched, studied and disseminated findings on some aspect of bottle collecting.

6. Provided and gave service and leadership to the bottle-collecting hobby beyond the norm for bottle collecting.

Examples of individuals qualifying for Honor Roll:

**Individual A:** Prestigious professional individual and long-time collector who amassed a very significant collection in one of the collecting categories. Gave numerous presentations to bottle clubs. Often held open houses in connection with local show. Supported the Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors as well as the National Bottle Museum. Sale of the collection was a significant event for collectors.

**Individual B:** Well known collector, researcher, and dealer in bottles and jars, nationally known as an expert in his field of collecting. Published a reference book-price guide for one of the collecting categories that was regularly updated. Published a bottle magazine for a number of years.

**Individual C:** Active collector and historian who has studied and written about a regional category of bottles in a number of magazines.

**Individual D:** Published reference material on these bottles. He consulted with many collectors and is known for his vast knowledge in this regional collecting category.