

# Open House at the Fletchers'

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MUSTANG, Okla. — FOHBC Hall of Famer Johnnie Fletcher and his wife, Linda, held open house last Oct. 19 and visitors “ooooed” and “awwwwed” their spectacular collection of antique bottles from four states.

Bottles from Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri and Idaho were joined by 50-state Hutchinson and territorial Hutchinson collections and most were on display throughout their home.

Their friend Jerry Simmons took 80 photos of the collections and attendees Jack Mullen, Mike McJunkin, Bill Simon, Jerry Henry, Wes and Dot Hedrick and, of course, the Fletchers.

Another collection of Missouri jugs was housed in its own display case.

Just how many bottles are in the collection?

“I don’t really know,” said Fletcher, a member of the Oklahoma Territory Bottle & Relic Club. “One of these days I’m going to have to count them!”



These eleven beauties from Atchison, Kansas beckoned to visitors. Several rare Ales, Beers and even a Whiskey



Open house visitors check out a collection of Missouri jugs.







Case of colorful Kansas sodas attracts Jack Mullen's attention  
(Photos Courtesy of Jerry Simmons)



Up and down hallways and around the corners, Fletcher's collection on display.



Jack Mullen learned he could handle two gems, but not take them home.



Mike McJunkin with a pair of Hutchinson, Kansas drug store bottles.



Bill Simon with a Grasshopper drug store bottle from Wichita and a Topeka Citrate bottle.



From left, Jack Mullen, Linda Fletcher, Johnnie Fletcher, Mike McJunkin, Bill Simon, Jerry Henry, Wes Hedrick, Dot Hedrick.