

# KANSAS TERRITORY BOTTLE AND POSTCARD SHOW HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

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The 13th annual Kansas Territory Bottle and Postcard show is set for April 5th, 2020 in Hutchinson, Kansas. The show is sponsored by the Kansas Territory Bottle and Postcard Club based out of Hutchinson, Kansas. The local membership has done a great job with this show over the years attracting attendees from 15 or more states. One of the highlights of this show is the pot-luck dinner on Saturday night before the show. It is a great way to spend an evening meeting new friends and connecting with old friends. The food is always great and there is always plenty. We have been entertained following the dinner over the years with guest speakers on topics of the history of brewing in Kansas, soda fountains in Kansas, bottle shoot outs, and even live auctions. Saturday setup allows for a great time for vendors to get an early look at the tables full of items and of course many of those change hands on Saturday. Setup is very unusual in that we can pull our vehicles into the building to unload during inclement weather. Wide aisles make it easy to get around during setup and during the show hours on Sunday when the doors open at 9am to the public. Only club members and vendors can be in the building on Saturday and before 9am Sunday.

Whether you are in the market for a rare fruit jar, bitters, flask, poison, applied color label, or any other

bottle, this is a great show to find it. Great vendors with a wide variety of items are always available. Attendance has always been good with numerous walk-in items making their way to collectors. Tabletop collectables are always welcome with a variety of advertising pieces available. The postcard collectors have not been disappointed either with several postcard and ephemera vendors making their way to the show each year. There have always been a good variety of displays each year showcasing historical, educational and even a collaborative collection of some of the rarest Kansas bottles ever assembled.

If you're able to take a few extra days to visit Hutchinson you can take in the Cosmosphere, Strataca Salt Mine Museum, Dillon Nature Center, Hutchinson Zoo, and the Indian Creek Bison Ranch. With easy access from I-135 crossing central Kansas, Hutchinson is an easy drive from most anywhere. Make plans to be a vendor or make a visit to this show and search for your next item to add to your collection. Come meet some friendly people and have a great time. Contact Mike McJunkin at [scarleits@cox.net](mailto:scarleits@cox.net) Ph. 620-728-8303, or Mark Law, [kansasbottles@gmail.com](mailto:kansasbottles@gmail.com) Ph. 785-224-4836 for registration or more information. Meet us in the Land of Ahhhhs on April 5th



Here are a few show stoppers





Bill Simon and his 50 State Capital drugstore display



View of the sales floor



ACL bottle shoot out



Preparing the Pot Luck dinner



Pot Luck dinner is always a hit



Live Auction



Chuck and Kathy Norris sales table



A sales table with lots of "Gems"