

FOHBC NEWS



Greetings, Glass Enthusiasts!

This is a brilliant moment for the New Bedford Museum of Glass!

After ten years of operation in the relatively hard-to-find Wamsutta mill complex, we are now poised to reopen next month (pandemic permitting!) in the spectacular James Arnold Mansion in downtown New Bedford. The mansion is owned and maintained by a non-profit preservation organization and offers many advantages over our previous location: magnificent Victorian architecture, landscaped grounds, and plentiful on-site parking – all at one of the city's most prominent addresses. Additionally, our neighbors are several of New Bedford's best-known cultural attractions, including the First Unitarian Church (with its monumental 200 square-foot Tiffany glass mosaic!) and the elegant Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum. Most importantly, however, the James Arnold Mansion served during the 1870s and 1880s as the residence of William J. Rotch, the president of New Bedford's famous Mt. Washington Glass Company and a founding officer of the Pairpoint Mfg. Company. Which certainly places the glass museum in proper historical context!

As we enter this exhilarating new chapter in our mission to celebrate and share the beauty and history of glass, we invite you to please join the museum at any of the membership categories listed below! Members receive free admission to the museum galleries, a 10% discount at the museum store, and easy access to museum programming, events and publications. Learn about exciting new acquisitions as they arrive, explore our glass research library of more than 10,000 volumes, and inquire about our many enriching volunteer opportunities.

Membership participation is crucial to the strength and success of every museum, and never has there been a more extraordinary time to discover the New Bedford Museum of Glass.

Please join us today!

Kirk J. Nelson
Executive Director

Shupps Grove Bottle Festival September 18, 19 & 20!

DUE TO MAJORITY OF BOTTLE SHOWS BEING CANCELLED THIS FALL & WINTER, we are extending an offer for another "outdoor show" with plenty of social distancing this September 18, 19 & 20!

The "survey" at the July 17th – 19th Shupps Grove Bottle Festival was an overwhelming 100% "YES" in response for another Fall show this September of 2020.

Please pass this information onto your local Bottle Clubs &

Bottle associates. Let's have a FUN & SAFE SHOW this coming September 18 – 20, 2020!!

Stephen W. Guion CPCU AU

Any Information?

I have a interesting find, I have shown this to people that's been digging and collecting for 40 plus years they cannot say what it is? The star pattern matches exactly the 22 star modified flag of 1819 6 rows of stars, 5 rows of stars, 6 rows of stars, 5 rows of stars

Well, thought I would see if anyone there might know?

Thanks D.L.



Revised N.M. Hutch Book being mailed to owners

FARMINGTON, N.M. – In 2018, collectors and researchers Zang Wood and Bill Lockhart teamed to publish the book, "New Mexico Hutchinson Soda Bottles," only to discover nearly two years later they had accidentally left out an important chapter.

So they've published a second edition containing the Silver City, N.M. Hutchinsons and have mailed it at no charge to each of the buyers of the first edition. Anyone else interested in buying a copy of the 130-page book should contact Wood, 1612 Camino Rio, Farmington, NM 87401 or e-mail him at zapa33-51@msn.com.