

FOHBC NEWS From & For Our Members



FOHBC Elections

The FOHBC has not had a general election for board members since 2018 as the 2020 elections were canceled primarily due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Please read **Article VIII – Terms and Elections** from the Federation Bylaws. You can find it on the menu bar under “FOHBC” on our website FOHBC.org. We have included it below.

The FOHBC has also created a committee to investigate restructuring the FOHBC Board of Directors. See FOHBC.org home page Editors Choice “*The New FOHBC—Step 10 Restructuring the Board.*”

Article VIII – Terms and Elections

A. The nomination and election of all Federation officers including President, Vice President(s), Secretary, Treasurer, Business Manager, Membership Director, Public Relations Director, Conventions Director, Historian, Merchandising Director, Directors-at-Large (3), and Region Directors (4) shall be held every two years. Any officer may run for successive terms.

B. For the purpose of nominations, the President shall appoint a three (3) to five (5) member Nominating Committee at the annual convention meeting the year prior to the election year. This committee shall prepare a slate of nominations for each office, listed in this Article, and these shall be published in the March/April issue of the official FOHBC periodical of the following year. Also, any member desiring to run for any office in the Federation may file a nomination form with the Election Committee (in accordance with procedures approved by the membership and instituted by the Election Committee) indicating the office they desire to run for. The deadline for filing this is April 1st of the year that the elections are held, unless otherwise stipulated and approved by the full membership of the Federation.

C. For the purpose of elections, the President shall appoint a five (5) person Election Committee to oversee and conduct the elections, and these shall be conducted in the following manner:

1. A ballot shall be prepared by the Election Committee with the nominated slate of officers, including those received on a nomination form, and this ballot shall bear the Federation seal so that it may not be duplicated. These ballots shall then be disseminated to FOHBC members and affiliated clubs in good standing (dues current as of May 1st of that year). As outlined in Article III, each Individual Membership, Associate Membership, Digital Membership, new and existing Life Membership shall have one vote, (for example, for a husband, wife and two children, ages 16 and 18, possessing one Individual Membership and three Associate Memberships, that family shall be entitled to four votes).

2. Each Federation affiliated club shall be entitled to one vote per club, which is to be cast by a Federation representative of the club at the direction of that representative's club.

3. These ballots shall then be returned to the Election Committee by a designated date and shall remain unopened until the annual convention meeting. The membership may, upon majority vote, make other arrangements for the return of the votes, if deemed necessary, at some future time.

4. The Election Committee shall open the ballots and tally them at a time stipulated at the convention. Any Federation member and/or candidate may view this process. Once the votes have been counted the Election Committee chairperson will then announce the results at the general membership meeting at a time designated by the presiding President, the results having been previously certified by the Election Committee as true and correct. The newly

elected officers will take office at the conclusion of the annual convention at which they have been elected.

5. All nominees on the ballot shall be voted on by the entire membership and club representatives with the exception of the Region Directors, who shall be elected by a majority vote of only the members and clubs within their respective regions.

6. The person receiving the most votes shall be elected to the position under consideration. There will be a run-off only in the event of tie votes, and this procedure, if occurring, shall be set by the Election Committee.

7. From time to time, it may be necessary to slightly alter the election procedure, and, if this is necessary, it may be done by a majority vote of the members in attendance at an annual general membership meeting. An amendment to these bylaws to do so shall not be required.

8. Appointments by the President may fill any position not filled by this process.

FOHBC Candidates

The FOHBC Officers - Proposed Slate list to the right is the slate of FOHBC recommended candidates put forth by the nominating committee headed by Val Berry, chairperson, and Elizabeth Meyer for the 2022 - 2024 term.

Anyone desiring to run for a position may choose to run, fill a vacant position or run against one of the candidates by going to the FOHBC website and printing out a nomination form. Then, mail or email to Elizabeth Meyer, FOHBC Business Manager, FMG Design, Inc., 101 Crawford Street, Studio 1A, Houston, Texas 77002. phone: 713.504.0628, email: fohbcmembers@gmail.com

The closing date for nominations is April 1, 2022 at midnight.

Additional nominations will be printed alongside the slate proposed by the nominating committee and will be listed in the May-June 2022 issue of our magazine along with a short biography of each candidate.

FOHBC members will vote by a form provided by mail. The new board members will be announced after a vote count at the annual Membership Meeting Breakfast at the FOHBC Reno 2022 National Antique Bottle Convention on Friday, July 29, 2022.

FOHBC Officers - Proposed Slate

President: John O'Neill, Belmont, California (**West**)

First Vice President: Jeff Wichmann, Sacramento, California (**West**)

Second Vice President: Michael Seeliger, Brooklyn, Wisconsin (**Midwest**)

Secretary: Val Berry, St. Johnsville, New York (**Northeast**)

Treasurer: Jim Berry, St. Johnsville, New York (**Northeast**)

Historian: Position Open

Magazine Editor: Elizabeth Meyer, Houston, Texas (**Southern**)

Merchandising Director: Val Berry, St. Johnsville, New York (**Northeast**)

Membership Director: Position Open

Conventions Director: Position Open

Business Manager: Elizabeth Meyer, Houston, Texas (**Southern**)

Director-at-Large: Ferdinand Meyer V, Houston, Texas (**Southern**)

Director-at-Large: Position Open

Director-at-Large: Richard Siri, Santa Rosa, California (**West**)

Midwest Director: Steve Lang, Camby, Indiana (**Midwest**)

Northeast Director: Fred DeCarlo, Utica, New York (**Northeast**)

Southern Director: Jake Smith, Talladega, Alabama (**Southern**)

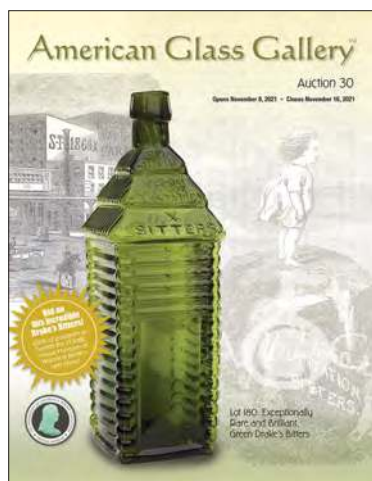
Western Director: Eric McGuire, Petaluma, California (**Western**)

Public Relations Director: Position Open

FOHBC Virtual Museum Donation

The FOHBC Virtual Museum exists solely on donations and gifts and does not rely on FOHBC general operating funds or savings account financial support. It never has. A full accounting of the museum's finances is provided in each magazine issue in the Virtual Museum News section.

The museum has a Donor Wall to recognize all of the supporters in the various gift ranges from under \$10 and upwards. Our latest large gift is from Jeff Wichmann, owner of American Bottle Auctions in Sacramento, California and an anonymous donor in Texas. They have provided an outstanding Drake's Plantation Bitters that is being featured in John Pastor's American Glass Gallery Auction #30. The cover is represented to the right. The FOHBC is very grateful.



FOHBC.org Members Portal

FOHBC 2nd Vice President Michael Seeliger recently spent some time in the FOHBC.org Members Portal. He was impressed with the vast amount of information and suggested that we remind our members of what you can find in the password protected portal. You can find the portal on the FOHBC.org website home page on the horizontal green menu bar, far right, pull down menu. This portal contains:



1) Members List: Find other FOHBC members alphabetized by name with contact name and collecting interests. Please note that you have to approve being listed on the protected website list on your annual application form for security purposes. Contact the FOHBC business manager for additions and listing updates. This membership list is updated bi-monthly. Periodically, there is FOHBC board discussion about publishing a "printed" Membership Directory as in years past. This is problematic for privacy reasons and cost as the list changes and grows quarterly. The online listings method prevailed.

2) Read past issues and articles within Bottles and Extras: *Bottles and Extras* can be viewed in ISSUU format for many past years. ISSUU is an online service that allows for realistic and customized viewing of digitally uploaded material, such as portfolios, books, magazine issues, newspapers, and other print media. It integrates with social networking sites to promote uploaded material. While most of the documents are meant to be viewed online, some can be downloaded and saved as well. Uploaded print material is viewed through a web browser and is made to look like a printed publication with an animated page flip option. Individual *Bottles and Extras* articles can also be read in PDF format.

3) Article Indexing: The FOHBC has undertaken the monumental task of indexing all past *Bottles and Extras* articles with authors noted. The years 2004 to the present has been indexed and PDF files can be accessed and read. *Bottles and Extras* issues prior to 2008 will be available at a later date as we locate files and original artwork. Only feature articles will be available in PDF format. Some articles may have to be scanned. You will see that 1998 was added in May 2014 using scans as digital files could not be found. Please contact the FOHBC if any links or files are not accessible or if you have any special needs for information.

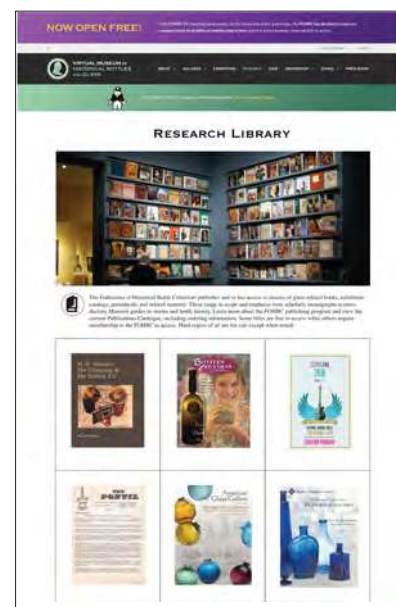
4) Read past issues of The Pontil: *The Pontil* newsletter is from the Antique Bottle Collectors Association (ABCA), the forerunner of the Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors (FOHBC). A special thanks to Federation member Eric McGuire for scanning the issues from 1963 to 1970.

5) FOHBC Slide Shows: The FOHBC recently digitized old slide shows and created a file for FOHBC individual members or clubs to use. This project was headed up by Jeff Ullman, former FOHBC Northeast Director. Please understand that this is FOHBC material and should not be given to non-FOHBC members. See FOHBC Code of Ethics. The slide programs include: Elvin Moody Bitters Collection, "The Bitter Past," William Covill Inks, Blaske Auction-Sept. 1983, Elmer Lester Food Bottles Sacramento Cal. 1975, George Austin Collection, New York, 1970s, Fire Grenades - Byron & Vicky Martin Collection, FOHBC Expo 1988 - Las Vegas, FOHBC Expo 1996 - Nashville, Gail Ross Flasks, Ohio Bottle Club, and FOHBC Expo 92 - Toledo. More shows will be added.

6) Antique Bottle & Glass Collector Archiving: The FOHBC plans to archive past issues of *Antique Bottle & Glass Collector* articles in the same manner that all past issues of *Bottles and Extras* magazine and individual articles were archived and indexed for reading and research purposes.

7) FOHBC Research Library: The FOHBC Virtual Museum Research Library should be open by year's end with the first books on the shelves for resource and research. This effort is being led by board member Michael Seeliger.

8) FOHBC Historical Pictures: The FOHBC Virtual Museum Research Library will also house historical images for resource and research. This effort is also being led by Michael Seeliger. We have been gathering and storing pictures for years that might be otherwise lost if not put in our library. Images are typically black & white and in some cases enhanced. All will be indexed.



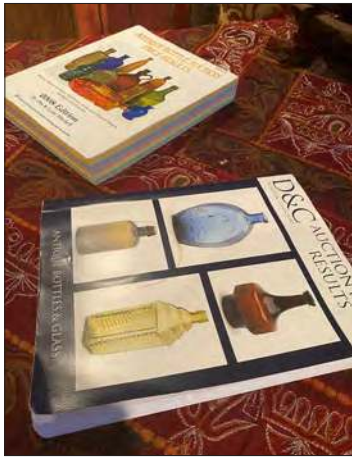
FOHBC Auction Price Report



In April of this year, the FOHBC started a project led by board member Jeff Wichmann to develop an updated online Auction Price Report. The FOHBC committee consisted of John O'Neill, Jeff Wichmann, Jim Bender, and Ferdinand and Elizabeth Meyer.

The initial goal was to resurrect the 2012 *D&C Dealer & Collectors Auction Price Results* (D&C) book which was based on the last Jim Mitchell *Antique Bottle Auction Price Results* from 2008. The project was to be funded by an anonymous donation of \$10,000. All primary bottle groups and auction houses will

be contacted, and hopefully, be included with permission obtained.



This was to be an FOHBC project, and not a D&C project. The effort was intended to encourage people to join the FOHBC to access the online information thus increasing membership. It was also discussed as a potential profit center if we decided to print, for example, 500 spiral-bound books digitally and sell them for \$100 or so. The FOHBC would take advance orders.

The D&C project started back around 2010 with a team from the northeast. Jason Heckler was the lead and project manager. Jason hired Nicolle Puhlick (Heckler Auctions graphics person) and Bill Meier (previous FOHBC webmaster, current NIA and BABC webmaster). Bill did all the technical work, database, website, processing scripts, etc. He also produced the raw data that formed the InDesign files and PDF for the book. Bill Meier was contacted and confirmed that he had basically everything that would be needed to move forward and continue where they left off in December 2011 or so.

The history of the *D&C Dealers & Collectors Auction Price Guide* was written in their book by Jason Heckler in 2011 and is noted: *Thirty-seven years ago, Washington State bottle hobbyist John Cooper wanted a better way to view the auction results from the Charles B. Gardner collection. John organized the 3,004 items in those landmark sales by section for each bottle category, and then organized each item in the sections to create what was probably the first bottle auction price results reference. The antique bottle and glass auction price list was born. Some of you may remember the Brown auction books and Mitchell auction books back in the 1990s and 2000s.*

The intervening years have witnessed many auction venues for antique glass and bottles that have added to the hobby landscape, and with this reference we are proud to present a price list for

today's antique bottle and glass collector based on those results.

Antique Bottle and Glass Auction Price Results represents thousands of hours of effort over the past year. We referred to hundreds of auctions held by 19 auction houses over the past 27 years. Typically, this was about 1,500 listings per year. All this data was meticulously screened and formatted into a consistent style for ease of reading and presentation.

We have organized this resource to make it as easy as possible to find what you are looking for quickly – listings are organized by category and within category by reference number or common name. There are headers on each page to make it easy to scan through the sections to locate a given listing.

This publication represents only half of the value of this new resource - this companion website is an even more powerful part of this package. On the website, you can do simple or complex searches by reference number, keywords, auction house name and much more. Both old and new auction results will be continually added to the website for a perpetually current, yet historically grounded, auction results resource.

In order to make this book "portable" we have only listed items that have sold for \$75 or more and we have not included some of the older auctions (like the Gardner auction referenced above). This website does contain the complete set of listings and the other auctions that we did not include in this book.

There have been a great number of people that have assisted with their time and expertise to create this book, but two in particular have made both the reference book and the online resource better than I could have ever imagined. Nicole Blain with her tireless effort, management of resources, attention to detail and tenacity has made the entries and the organization of the resource a reality. And Bill Meier, a partner and friend in this endeavor, with his technical acumen, insatiable curiosity, astute observations and his timely sense of humor have created a solid foundation for this entire effort

It is our sincere hope that this publication, and associated website, serve as a valuable resource to the entire range of people interested in antique bottles and glass, and that it proves useful in their bottle and glass pursuits. While the number of entries has swelled to over 39,000 the intent is the same as John Cooper back in the mid 70s – to create a useful tool that builds knowledge within the hobby. Thank you, John, for getting us started!

Where we are: The project is about 75% complete as of this writing. We have a Beta link that the committee has been using and we are pleased with progress as you can search on your smartphone, tablet or desktop computer. We have only gone back ten years at this time and included American Bottle Auction, American Glass Gallery, and Glass Works Auctions. Heckler auctions will also be added in Phase 1. We hope to have this project ready by the first quarter of 2022. The *FOHBC Auction Price Report* will only be available to FOHBC members. Joining the FOHBC will give the new member 24/7/365 access. What a great tool this will be for the collectors, diggers, pickers, researchers and the generally curious!