

FOHBC NEWS



Honored FOHBC Hall of Fame members

Hi Martin.

Attached is a photo I took at the recent San Diego Antique Bottle Show on June 8, 2019. We were honored to have not one but two FOHBC Hall of Fame members present.

Dr. Cecil Munsey and Jeff Wichmann. Both were a big hit with the crowds in attendance.

Thanks, Mike Bryant



African - Dutch Gin Bottles info requested

Dear Martin,

My name is Zina Saro-Wiwa. I am an artist and I have been working on a major art installation about gin for the past year or so.

It was suggested that I write to organizations such as yourselves by a Dutch historian of gin.

I am very interested in the Dutch gin bottles that state simply "AFRICAN" on them. Please see photo below. I collect them and know that others do to.

I am wondering if anyone in your network has any idea why it simply states AFRICAN on the side? Other 19th century gin bottles will often mention Schiedam or talk about the product on the inside. I am sure there was originally a label on the other side, but I am wondering if other territories like South America would have the geography embossed. I have not seen anything like it. This bottle really stands out.



Any light you can shed would be gratefully received...

yours, Zina Saro-Wiwa - zinasw@yahoo.co.uk

Bob Harms Passes

Good morning Elizabeth.

Just wanted to let you know of my father's passing. (A few years back)

Bob Harms was a life member and I still continually receive your beautiful and colorful magazine. In an effort to save your organization money, please discontinue sending the magazine.

Again, thank you for all the years of enjoyment that this organization and magazine provided my father. I truly hope this organization can continue to educate for many generations to come.

Thank you, Carolyn Harms

Research on A. P. Hotaling and J. H. Cutter.

Greetings,

I came across your website while doing some research on A. P. Hotaling and J. H. Cutter.



On one of your post you have an amazing A. P. Hotaling advertisement which features an image of the warehouse and the J. H. Cutter logo. It was attributed to the late Michael Dolcini.

I was wondering if you have any additional information regarding this piece. I am especially interested in knowing what the print says that is listed on the warehouse buildings.

Thank you for any information you may be able to provide.

If you are ever in the city of San Francisco we would love for you to visit the Hotaling & Co. office. We are just a few blocks south of

the legendary Hotaling warehouse which survived the great earthquake of 1906 and is featured in the advertisement I have inquired about. We could also arrange a tour of our distillery as well.

Best regards, Maurice Chevalier IV

Transporting Bottles - from here to there

Hello, Elizabeth and Martin,

My partner and I have a small event rental and design business in Reno, Nevada. We have a nice inventory of over 200 vintage/ antique bottles that have been recovered from the desert. We have clear and amber bottles some with a nice patina. People love using them for small vases and just interesting additions to tablescape.

Our problem is transporting them to and from events. We are looking for a convenient way to pack our bottles so the people renting the bottles will have an easy time repacking them for return while maintaining a level of protection for them. So far, we just have been packing tightly in a milk crate lined with thick terry towels which are wrapped and secured over the top of the bottles for a little extra protection. This has been working fine to get the items to the event, but the problem is that at the end of a party, people are tired and they end of stacking the bottles, rather than standing them up one beside another, so they end up clattering against one another. We have been lucky so far, but we know they are destined to eventually break.

Would you or someone in your organization have a good idea for transporting these safely and without a lot of hassle? I know your members deal in valuable and collectible bottles which demands a specialized level of care. We on the other hand just want something quick and effective for rental pieces. Much research on the Internet and trial and error have not brought us a good resolution to our problem. We are looking to collectors now for some thoughts and ideas.

Any insight would be appreciated. Thank you very much for your time and attention,

Lori - lorikay926@charter.net

Passing of Richard B. Wheeler 1937 - 2019

Richard B. Wheeler - - Richard B. Wheeler passed on July 20th, 2019 by the side of his wife of sixty years, Ginger Wheeler.

Though advised against it, Rick, stubborn as he was, enjoyed his beloved Camel cigarettes and Starbucks coffee up until his last few days. On a beautiful, sun-filled Saturday morning, he was surrounded by family, teary-eyed and smiling. His son, James Wheeler, will never forget his father's unconditional love and belief in him. His daughter, Cindi Hofstad, will be forever grateful for his fatherly influence in the lives of her two children, Natalie and Ryan Hofstad. Both grandchildren wished nothing more than to make their Papa proud. Born of Genevieve Wheeler and James Cunningham in 1937, decades before the dawn of technology, Rick was no less than your average country boy.

Growing up in small-town Lower Lake, California, Rick immersed himself in the outdoors, learning to shoot, fish, and hunt. His two late sisters, Dorothea Wheeler and Lois Wheeler Allinger, never let "Ricky" forget his beaming, bright red hair. All that teasing made for a competitive, tough, young man.

At the age of seventeen he joined the Navy, developing a lifelong devotion and loyalty to his country. He served in the 7th Fleet on the U.S.S. Hancock from 1954-1958 following the Korean War. A true patriot, Rick could often be seen sporting the Red, White and Blue on the golf course or in the office. After finishing his service, Rick met the love of his life: a spunky, young lady who caught his attention with a harmless, snide remark. Rick and Ginger married in 1959, marking the beginning of a beautiful family. Finally outgrowing the California lifestyle, Rick decided to move his family to Great Falls, where he was promoted to a management position with Montgomery Wards.

Always the outdoorsman at heart, Montana became home sweet home. It was here that he met lifelong friends, raised his family, and began a 38-year-long career in real estate in 1976. Shortly after, Rick launched the brokerage firm, ERA American Horizon Realty. Along the Oregon coast, through the mountains of Canada, and the lakes of Montana, he and Ginger ventured in their motorhome, collecting memories, fruit jars and Borden's milk bottles along the way. On cruises to Alaska and trips to California, Rick taught his grandson, Ryan, how to be a man and put family first. A man of many talents, Rick always kept busy. For thirty years, he played in the Fourth of July Golf Tournament in Whitefish - the thrill of competition keeping him coming back.

On weekends at the trap shooting club, he loved to tease the young men who couldn't seem to beat the "old man." Rain, shine, or snow - he could be found hunting every single fall season alongside his close friends. He would only return home for the birth of his first grandbaby, Natalie, born in the middle of the rut! Rick's life was defined by generosity, love for his family and friends, and a rare wisdom. We cannot live without him, so we won't. His wife, children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and dear friends will hold him in their hearts and minds, forever. The funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, July 27th, 2019 at New City Church in Great Falls, Montana with open-casket viewing beginning at 10:15 AM. The burial service with military honors will be held thereafter at Mount Olivet Cemetery.

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With Deepest Sympathy,

Joe Coulson - Secretary/Editor
Midwest Antique Fruit Jar & Bottle Club

Hornung & Co, Dubuque IA

Hello,

I would love to know more about this bottle that my dad was given from a friend...

Hornung & Co, Dubuque IA, black glass, 1800s??

Dad has it on e-bay right now

Dads bottle sold for \$1255

Ok, so the known history on this bottle:

50 years ago in Galena IL, a friend of Dad's was helping a buddy clean out his basement, they came across the old bottle along with 2 other non descript bottles.

Dad's friend was given the bottles for helping clean out the house, he kept it until just recently when it was given to Dad. Dad asked what he wanted and he said, buy me a cup of coffee in the morning, (at McDonalds) in Galena (the guys go in for coffee each morning).

Dad plans to give his friend \$500 and donate the remaining money to charity, St. Jude. His friend has no idea it sold or what it sold for, it will be a surprise on Tues morning!

The new owner is from Dubuque, IA, Jim M. is an avid collector of old Dubuque IA and East Dubuque IL beer and liquor items. Jim was quite please to have the winning bid in the auction, I believe it will remain in his possession for a while.

Thanks very much!!

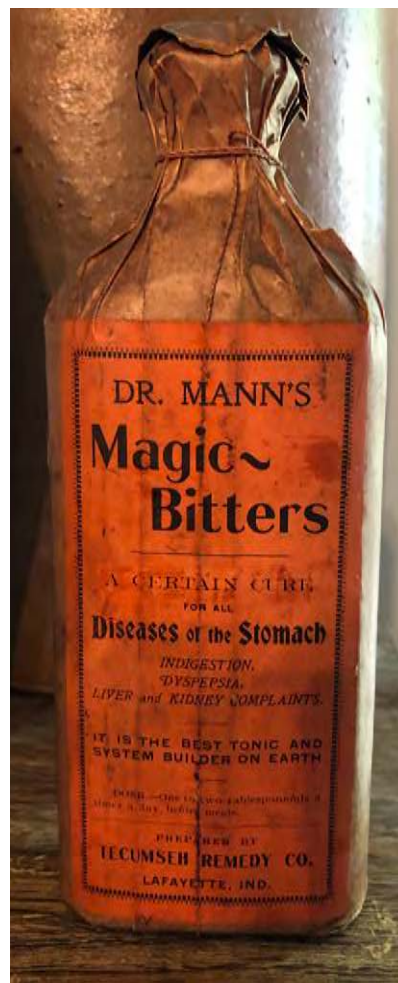
Angie Young
Wisconsin

Many thanks to Angie and her dad for sharing their story with us on Facebook! You can read more about the rare beer bottle they found at https://www.fohbc.org/PDF_Files/BeerBottles_Burggraaf.pdf.



Dr. Mann's Magic Bitters

I found this bottle, and bought it off a local collector. I dont know much about it but I thought I would share with you all. It's not a



figural bitters, but an unopened bottle of Magic Bitters. I wonder just how Magic it is? I dont feel any embossing underneath, so I think it's an un-embossed bottle. I really wonder what the label looks like. If anyone has any information of this bottle please share, the bottle is about 7 inches tall. Thanks.

Anonymous

Writing for the FOHBC?

What does it take or need to write one for the FOHBC? Would love to be about the Lincoln show that we just had. Thanks for your time.

Jake - Show Chairman

Response:

Please send as an attachment in a word document or type in an Email and then send the images as attachments. That's it and if you need any help, just ask.

Thanks, Martin

