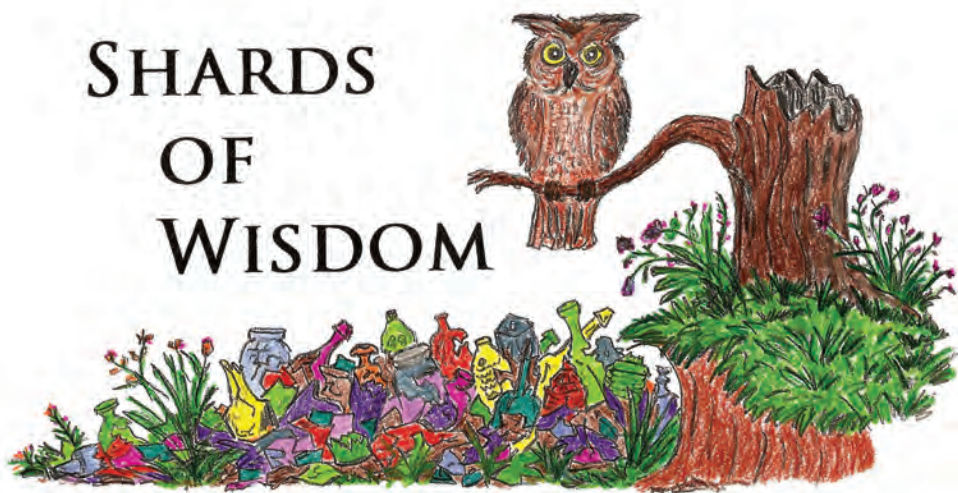


SHARDS OF WISDOM



Multi-themed museum features Royal Crown Cola, Chero-Cola

By Bill Baab



Allen Woodall next to a Tom's Toasted Peanuts sign at his newly opened Columbus, Georgia museum. Other displays include RC Cola, Chero-Cola. (Photo by Kaitlynn Griffith)



Allen Woodall next to a few Chero-Cola items also included in the Columbus, Georgia museum. (Photo by Kaitlynn Griffith)

COLUMBUS, GA – Entrepreneur Allen Woodall, a collector of antique bottles from his hometown and what may be the world's largest lunch box collection, has now opened Columbus's Collective Royal Crown Cola, Chero-Cola, Tom's Toasted Peanuts and Lunch Box museums as well as the Georgia Radio Museum and Hall of Fame at 3218 Hamilton Road in Columbus.

Most collectors of antique bottles are aware that Chero-Cola and RC Cola originated in the west Georgia city and Woodall's collection features early porcelain signs and other advertisements plus one-of-a-kind artifacts from both

soft drink companies. The Royal Crown Company headquarters is still in Columbus.

The museums are housed in Woodall's River Market Antiques Building.

Man Thought He Was Digging Up Old Bottles Until They Started Smoking.

A man was shocked to discover that the 'milk bottles' he found buried in his backyard were actually live grenades from the Second World War. James Osborne, from Bramdean, Hampshire, dug up two old crates after a landscape gardener working at his property found them buried in his backyard.



Bombed were detonated in a controlled explosion by the bomb squad

"Initially, we didn't realize how significant it was. They looked like milk bottles so we were lifting them out and putting them on the side," Mr Osborne said. However, he soon noticed that some of the 'milk bottles' were smoking.

The Hampshire homeowner had chanced upon more than 40 World War II grenades in his backyard.

"A couple of them were smoking so we thought it best to call the

police and then we had the bomb squad, about five or six ambulances all preparing for a controlled explosion," he said.

The 48 grenades were detonated in a controlled explosion by the bomb disposal unit after Mr Osborne contacted them. Winchester Police took to Twitter to warn neighbours not to be alarmed about the noise.

It is believed that the grenades were handed out by the Home Guard during the Second World War to defend against potential Nazi invasions.

"The idea is, if you were to throw them against a wall they would ignite and blow up, and because it had phosphorus in it, water would be useless. You can imagine the Home Guard throwing these at Nazi tanks coming down the road, you know Dad's Army protecting the village," said Mr. Osborne.

New Books coming Soon

By Bill Baab

David Kyle Rakes, whose articles have been published in past issues of Bottles and Extras, will soon come out with an in-depth look on 19th century Georgia sodas.

Rakes, who lives in Belleview, Fla., is also researching material for a book on 19th century South Carolina sodas and yet another on stenciled Florida whiskey jugs.

Mary Hulman George Auction shares many pieces of History in Terre Haute

By Martin Van Zant



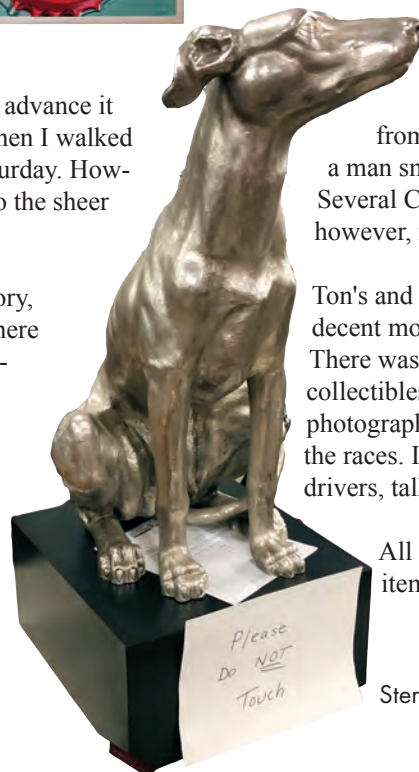
Cardboard Cook's Beer Sign

The auction was advertised about a month in advance it seemed. I wasn't quite sure what to expect when I walked in. The auction was slated for Friday and Saturday. However, the auction went into late Sunday due to the sheer amount of items being sold!

Everyone wanted a piece of the Hulman history, at least that's how it felt when I walked in. There must have been two thousand people in attendance and they kept coming in.

I wanted to think that I may find a keeper for myself, hidden in plain sight, and maybe no one would bid on it. I was wrong everything brought a premium.

Mary is the daughter of Anton "Tony" Hulman Jr. and Mary Fendrich Hulman, whose names you may recognize from Hulman and



HISTORY'S CORNER

In Memory of Dick Watson

longtime FOHBC Historian

Dr Pepper is a "native Texan," originating at Morrison's Old Corner Drug Store. It is the oldest of the major brand soft drinks in America. Like its flavor, the origin of Dr Pepper is out-of-the-ordinary. Charles Alderton, a young pharmacist working at Morrison's store, is believed to be the inventor of the now famous drink. Alderton spent most of his time mixing up medicine for the people of Waco, but in his spare time he liked to serve carbonated drinks at the soda fountain. He liked the way the drug store smelled, with all of the fruit syrup flavor smells mixing together in the air. He decided to create a drink that tasted like that smell. He kept a journal, and after numerous experiments he finally hit upon a mixture of fruit syrups that he liked.



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Co or the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. She was chairwoman of both for some time.

There were a ton of large ticket items including a large hollow sterling silver greyhound dog in a seated position weighing in at 32 pounds. The dog was from Mary's home in Terre Haute and sold for \$12,500. That was the neatest silver dog I ever laid eyes on. I enjoyed watching this dog sale!

Hulman's also bought out the Cook Brewery in the early 1950s. Several advertising pieces from the brewery sold well. A tin lithograph sign with a man smoking, advertising Cook's Beer sold for \$375. Several Cook's cardboard signs sold between \$50 and \$100, however, most items brought well over that.

Ton's and I mean tons of Hulman advertising sold for decent money. I only ended up with a few mediocre pieces. There was also a bunch of Indianapolis Motor Speedway collectibles and memorabilia. I looked at several original photographs, including the first five races, of the winners of the races. I couldn't believe that they were all signed by the drivers, talk about history.

All in all, I had a great time and watched many many items sale.

Sterling Silver Dog sold for \$12,500

