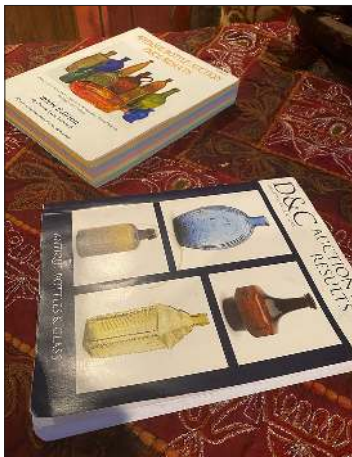


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In April of this year, the FOHBC started a project led by board member Jeff Wichmann to develop an updated online Auction Price Report. The FOHBC committee consisted of John O'Neill, Jeff Wichmann, Jim Bender, and Ferdinand and Elizabeth Meyer.

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!