

FOHBC REGIONAL NEWS



Northeast Region [Fred DeCarlo, Director]

Fellow collectors, it has been a busy couple months here in the northeast with some great shows that have been well-attended. Baltimore, Rochester, Syracuse, Utica, Somers, CT to name a few and many more shows coming up soon. I hope everyone is at least able to attend your local shows. I have to announce that I am becoming too busy with my young children and a rapidly growing work schedule that I can hardly fulfill my obligations to the FOHBC as Northeast Director, so I must resign. It has been an honor to serve in this position as I love this hobby and anyone interested in serving on the board please reach out to the FOHBC via email. Take care my friends and hopefully we shall cross paths at a show someday.

Midwest Region [Steve Lang, Director]

Hello, all Midwest FOHBC members. This will be my last Midwest Region report as I have completed my family's move to Tennessee. I hope my replacement is welcomed as warmly as I was.

Indianapolis's Circle City Antique Bottle, Glass & Pottery club has been homeless since Covid 19 hit the world in early 2020. The club had met for years at one of the local high schools. During the different versions of lockdown and homeschooling, the school district has not allowed outside groups to use their facilities. That is until May 25, 2022, when the club held its first meeting at the High School in over two years. It was a great turnout with ten members and many excellent bottles and stories to pass around. I only wish I could have attended. The group even tried to FaceTime me so I could be included, but my phone was in silent mode charging, and I missed the call. But with Facebook pictures, I could at least see the show-and-tell items. I see this as maybe the most positive event showing a move towards a more normal atmosphere. It was a long journey, and I want to thank all the club members who hosted events and meetings during these two years. You are the reason the club is still active. Thank you!

I hope all the Midwest FOHBC clubs move forward positively, and I wish everyone all the luck in the world finding that very important-to-you bottle or item for your collection. Happy collecting.

Southern Region [Jake Smith, Director]

In from Keith Quinn: The Alabama Bottle & Antique Show held its 2nd annual event on May 14, 2022. Last year we had 60 dealer tables—this year we grew by 25% to 75 tables. There were dealers from seven states set up including Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Texas and New York. In addition, buyers showed up in large numbers once again from all over the southeast.

Gardendale was a great host city and we are already working on next year's event.



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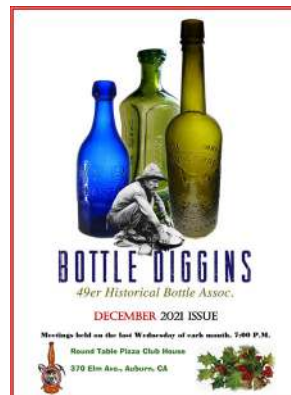
Western Region [Eric McGuire, Director]

One of the most important Internet research sites for 19th century California bottles has recently gone missing. The California State Archives "Old Series" Trademarks site (<http://exhibits.sos.ca.gov/collections/show/1>) is no longer functional. I queried the archives and they responded with a new access to the trade mark data: <https://www.sos.ca.gov/archives/trademarks>. Unfortunately the old site will not redirect a user to the new site.

The 49'er Historical Bottle Assoc. held its annual Spring picnic at the home of Rick Pisano and long-time partner, Tammy Correa, in Grass Valley. And, by the way, they officially tied the knot at the picnic! Beautiful "gold country" Spring weather greeted approximately 100 guests at the picnic and a great time was had by all.

The club's extraordinary newsletter *Bottle Diggins* has been the charge of Warren Friedrich for the last four years. He has decided to "retire" from

his editor role and deserves a hard-earned THANK YOU for a job well done!



Those collectors who are interested in western soda bottles might like to take a peek at the Western Bottle Blog regarding the relatively rare F. M. MODESTO bottle information. It has been many years since Peck Markota included this bottle in his classic reference on the subject. Peck passed away on October 3, 2007, and I know he would be so thrilled to be able to conduct research with what is available on the Internet today. Just thinking of you, Peck, and what you have done for the hobby.

