

# VIRTUAL MUSEUM NEWS

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The FOHBC Virtual Museum has been established to display, inform, educate, and enhance the enjoyment of historical bottle and glass collecting by providing an online virtual museum experience for significant historical bottles and other items related to early glass.



I thought I would use this space to post portions of an email and pictures from Bob Jochums documenting the Virtual Museum imaging team in conducting the first Cures Gallery imaging session this past March in Berkeley Lake, Georgia. From there we will take you to the museum where the first cures bottles are being displayed. The previous day they imaged the Mike Newman collection outside of Augusta.

Alan and Terry arrived at 8:40 p.m. last night (March 25, 2022) and after getting their stuff (clothing, toiletries, and equipment) out of the van and into the basement, we chatted for a bit and contemplated/planned the Saturday action. Off to bed at 10:30 p.m. and our guests were upstairs for breakfast at 7:30 a.m.

We were imaging at 8 a.m. Shari made lasagna, garlic bread, and salad with dressing for lunch...and homemade brownies for dessert, still warm from the oven. Back to work and wrapped up about 45 shoots. Car packed and they were off at 4:30 p.m. for



three hours to their hotel in Tennessee for the night, and then home to Ohio on Sunday. Here are some pictures:

**Staging for imaging** [left] The bottles with the necks toward Terry have been imaged. The

two rows to the right were ready for imaging...lined up in Excel database order (I'd done a cut and paste of the Excel database, highlighted my bottles, and given it to Alan to use as a checkoff list while imaging bottles presented to him in that order—and I think it was helpful to him). Terry is going through a booze box that holds other cures that I have for sale. He ended up buying 30-35 out of several boxes examined and was pleased to take them back to Ohio with him while leaving me with \$1,070. Also printed out a copy of my "Cures For Sale" list as he's got a friend close to home who's a cure collector and I don't believe I've ever sent a list to him.

**Turntable imaging** [next column top] Here's two sizes and colors of a Clements Certain Cure sitting on the turntable surrounded by three lights with special halogen lamps that emit light at regular daylight wavelengths. The turntable, camera, and computer work in sync to take 36 images at 10 degree intervals. When that's done, they take an image of the base.



**Alan & Terry** [column bottom] Alan DeMaison (left) at the computer with the camera and imaging station to the right. Same bottle as in the previous picture on his computer screen. This, by the way, is in what we call the Rec Room of the basement. Notice the tumblers on the floor along with a number of booze boxes full of cures for sale in the background. Terry Crislip moved over into the picture. He's holding the amber Clement's

Certain Cure which was imaged by itself on the turntable and then in tandem with the green one.

All in all a good day. Alan had some unexplained focusing issues at one point but he took notes and is prepared to image certain bottles again if he still believes that's necessary after looking at what he got today once he gets home.

Alan's still planning a trip to Berkeley Lake and Tampa in the fall as he and his wife visit Orlando to plan on a family event to celebrate their 50th anniversary in October.

Just decided I should send this to Alan and Terry as the pictures of them are pretty good. Thanks, you two. I think we had a good day and Shari and I enjoyed spending time with you both. As I said, she's always been supportive of my antique glass habit.

Bob



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20k

15k

10k

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### NAVIGATE THE FOHBC VIRTUAL MUSEUM



Please help us in our Phase 3 fundraising capital campaign to continue development of the FOHBC Virtual Museum. The FOHBC and the Virtual Museum team thank our many donors who have helped us raise over \$83,400 to date. We have \$31,238 in available funds to continue development to build our galleries, exhibition hall, research library and gift shop. Donations are tax deductible. All donors are listed on our Virtual Museum Recognition Wall.

With one salaried website technician averaging \$1,000 a month, we need help. Plus, we are now traveling to collections again as Pandemic restrictions are gradually lifted so costs will be incurred. All other time is donated by the Virtual Museum team out of our love and passion for the hobby and the FOHBC. Thank you!



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