



## Northeast Region [Fred DeCarlo, Director]

I do not have much to report as I haven't heard back from any clubs. I want to let everyone know that many great shows are coming up in the immediate future. They are listed on our show schedule and include the Empire State Bottle Collectors Association on March 27, The Baltimore Antique Bottle Club Show & Sale on April 3, GVBCA Rochester Bottle & Antique Show on April 24, Mohawk Valley Antique Bottle Club on May 1, Washington County Antique Bottle Club's 48th Annual Show and Sale on May 15, The Little Rhody Bottle Club Tailgate Swap Meet on May 21 and the Somers Antique Bottle Club's Antique Bottle Show and Sale on May 22. I hope we can get a chance to get to some shows and have fun. Please send in a few words and pictures of how your show went so we can potentially use them in the FOHBC magazine, website, and newsletter.

## Midwest Region [Steve Lang, Director]

The Milwaukee Antique Bottle Show occurred on February 6, 2022. From all accounts, it was a great success and was exceptionally well-attended. There were 110 tables sold, and a great early buyer group started things out. A write-up is on our website FOHBC.org Editors' Picks. It saddens me to announce that at some point in 2022, I will have to step down as Midwest Region Director. My wife Dawn has accepted a new job in Loudon, Tennessee. She will be implementing a new software system then transitioning into a Scheduling-Planning and Manager role, which she loves to do. Neither of us has ever lived outside of Central Indiana, so this is a big move. We have purchased a house in Sweetwater, TN, and will be moving in late April or early May. I have met a lot of wonderful collectors, characters, and just plain good people in this role over the last year and a half, and I wish all of you health and good luck going forward and hope to see you at an upcoming show. Stay safe and happy collecting.

## Southern Region [Jake Smith, Director]

DeFuniak Springs Show Chair Richard Kramerich, had serious back trouble and could not attend the show, but he had done a lot of advance work for name tags, table signs, advertising, etc. Co-Chair Russell Brown did a great job on the day of the show. A nice man brought donuts and coffee in the morning and sold crock-pot-made pork B-B-Q sandwiches, drinks, etc., for lunch.

Cheryl Comans did a great job putting on the Jackson, Mississippi show. There were about 250 tables sold, and lots of money changed hands. The tables were set so that aisles were wide, and there was plenty of room for dealers to move around behind their tables. The atmosphere was pleasant despite the cold weather outside. Some folks came from far away places like Kansas, Kentucky, South Carolina, etc. Dinner on Friday evening was free for dealers and Early Buyers; it consisted of fries, hush puppies, and your choice of fried fish or chicken tenders. Several show chairpersons attended and passed out flyers for future shows in the Southeast. Cheryl also handed out a five-page vendor list, which showed mailing addresses and phone numbers. This list will be beneficial in keeping in touch and for show chairpersons to mail out flyers and contracts for their shows.

The Chattanooga area show had around 100 tables. Lots of work and detail went into putting on the event. The chairs started a mailing list and hope to help it grow. Attendance was from

Alabama, Texas, Kentucky, Georgia, and Tennessee. They had at least five show chairpersons from other locales in attendance. The venue was a very nice place with lots of room and space to grow. The chairmen Jason Herron and Buddy Lasater even held raffles throughout the show and were supportive. They even announced other shows in the south, including all chairs that were in attendance. There was food and lots of fellowship. Next year's date is already set.

## Western Region [Eric McGuire, Director]

With Covid apparently on the wane, Pacific Slope bottle collectors are enjoying the excitement of shows, as experienced by attendance at the Chico Bottle show. Well-attended, a good number of bottles changed hands. If history serves us right, the upcoming Golden Gate Historical Bottle Society show in Antioch will be as good and maybe better on April 23, 2022. Check the show schedule for time and place.

The old guard seems to be quickly fading away. With great sadness, I report the passing of Doug Hansen, who left this world in Redding, CA, on February 24, 2022. Always congenial and a true gentleman, Doug was a regular fixture at nearly all California bottle shows. Doug was a lifelong collector and died at age 78.

Part Two of the Mel Hammer collection was auctioned at American Bottle Auctions on March 17. Heavy with early gin bottles, the prices were quite strong, but some lots went surprisingly cheap. Perhaps the biggest surprise was a light green Patten & Sampson gin that brought \$4,400.

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## RESTRUCTURE OUR REGIONS

Go from 4 to **5** or **7** Regions for accuracy - Get 2 or 3 **Correspondents** from each Region

**CONFIRM DIRECTION**

**5 Regions**

New England Region, Mid-Atlantic Region, Southern Region, Midwest Region, Southwest Region, Rocky Mountain Region and Pacific Coastal Region. **7 Regions**

**4 Regions**

## From the FOHBC Board

As part of the "New FOHBC in 22" campaign, "Step 12" is to restructure the FOHBC Regions from the present four (4) regions to either five (5) or seven (7). We would then have a handful of "Correspondents" from each region to help spread the word and reach collectors in every state. These would be non-voting positions that would be invited to all FOHBC board meetings. If approved, FOHBC membership would need to vote and approve this Bylaw revision at the Reno 22 Membership Breakfast Meeting on 29 July 2022.

