

VIRTUAL MUSEUM NEWS

By Richard T. Siri, Santa Rosa, California

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.



Quick note from Richard:

Sorry about getting my report in a little late. I've been working eight days a week since the Reno 2022 Convention and just finished my last construction job Friday.

With the amount of bottles placed in the Virtual Museum by Ferdinand (Meyer) and crew... you get a daily fix. Hundreds of collectors visit the museum on a daily basis. There's a VIP group that's emailed, almost every day, with newly added bottles and glass so they are the first to see them. Any FOHBC member can be on this distribution list so let us know because, as an FOHBC member, you are a VIP too! Our museum images are stunning and Alan (DeMaison) and Miguel (Ruiz) are always working to improve them trying different software programs to get the best results and at the best cost. Gina (Pellegrini-Ott) is finishing imaging her father's collection of food bottles and then will move on to a different category. Eric (McGuire) is working out the bugs with his imaging set up. We also had a generous donation that we will recount below.

49er Historical Show, Auburn, Ca., Nov. 11th, 2022

[From Lou Pellegrini] The 1988 bottle show in Las Vegas was the first time we had a bottle auction in conjunction with a show. Norman C. Heckler & Co. was in charge of the auction, and Doc and Grace Rittenhouse donated a good part of their collection for the auction.

Norm Heckler came to our house, stayed overnight, and the following day went up to get the collection. He came back to my house, then went on to Las Vegas. One box of bottles was somehow left at my house and I didn't notice it until after we moved into a new house. So the bottles have simply been in a box in the closet since 1988!

I remembered this box and decided to put them on my table at the 49er Historical Show in Auburn, California on November 11th, 2022. The intent was to sell them and give 100% of the proceeds to the FOHBC Virtual Museum. So this is a perfect situation to get them finally out of my house and give the money to the Federation.

Note: Louie was set on selling it as a lot, trying to get the most bang for a buck as a donation for the Virtual Museum. He set the bottles out, and within 20 minutes he had a few interested parties in individual bottles, or pairing a few together, but he wanted to hold out. Richard Siri came to take a look and bought the whole lot! We "cleared the table" in 20 minutes. We left the bottles out for people to view and tell the story. Later in the day Richard packed them up.





Tucker Christmas Image

Richard and Kathy Tucker sent us this great picture of a holiday scene where a GVII-1 "North Bend" "Tippecanoe" figural cabin is adorned with Christmas lights set in a wintry snow scene. See this great bottle in the FOHBC Virtual Museum Historical Flask Gallery.



Smith's Pittsburgh & Wheeling Porter

Check out our new Ales & Beers Gallery and you will see and read about this stunning porter bottle. George W. Smith was a pioneer ale brewer in Wheeling, Virginia, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.



Please help us fill our Original Pocahontas Bitters bottle



Phase 1
Flask Filled
Dec. 2018



30k

25k

20k

15k

10k

5k

Phase 3

Please help us fill our Original Pocahontas Bitters bottle



Phase 2
Jar Filled
Dec. 2021



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 \$86,568 to date. We have \$27,462 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 with the Pandemic hopefully behind us, so more 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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