

Add Mansfield to your bucket list!

by Alan DeMaison



Outside setup between Fairhaven and the Arts & Crafts buildings

The 2012 edition of the Mansfield Antique Bottle Show and Sale is history. A beautiful Mother's Day weekend greeted the many bottle collectors on Friday, May 11th, and Saturday, May 12th. Friday was dealer setup and early admission, followed by the famous Ohio Bottle Club dinner at 6:20.

After running the two buildings containing 270 tables of bottles with 11 dealers (maybe 40 tables) set up outdoors between the buildings looking for that special item, everyone's appetite was ready for good food. Ham, fried chicken, and beef tips & noodles with homemade favorites baked beans, broccoli & rice, peas & peanuts and sweet potato casserole awaited a hungry crowd of 300. Homemade carrot cake along with a nice selection of pies made for a complete dinner.

This was a great time to renew friendships with conversation over dinner. I was finally able to relax. "Looking at the line of 300 which seems like it stretches for a mile, I am always in a panic. But it always works out



Sheldon Baugh and Jamie Houdeshell

Nice selection of cathedral pickles and Warners Safe Cures





Line for dinner, seemed to go on for a mile



Great food greeted the hungry crowd!

with everyone having plenty to eat.”

Friday saw a lot of bottles exchange hands with 335 dealer tags and another 77 early admissions all looking to add a quality piece to their collections. There was a great variety of bottles and go-withs. FOHBC life member Berny Baldwin was happy with the “Fantastic show.”

Saturday saw almost 300 regular admissions with plenty of action. Adam Koch commented, “The show was very good for me, good sales and good purchases, highlighted by a half-pint GXX-11 in apple green that walked in the door.” Adam also added, “Mansfield was a special time for us. Dick Watson, as he usually does, came to our house a couple of days early. Phyllis and I always enjoy visiting with Dick.”

Bill Koster was thankful for all the help, “As show chairman, it was a smooth show, thanks to all the volunteers. We had dealers from 20 states and Canada.” Mary Ballentine in a note she sent me states, “You OBC members know how to put on a great show, one of my favorites. Your ladies (some gentlemen also) are also the best of cooks!”



Cobalt blue American Eagle Tobacco Works



Greg Spurgeon and Dick Watson



**Jeanine & Jeff Burkhart
Cedarburg, Wis.**



Jason & Norm Heckler



Janet & Ralph Finch



Marianne Dow, Findlay Bottle Club