

# VIRTUAL MUSEUM NEWS

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**H**ave you visited the Virtual Museum lately? Talking to various FOHBC members, I noticed that quite a few still need to visit the Museum. Reasons given are: “forgot about it,” “don’t have time,” “I see it in the magazine but don’t follow up online.” Whatever the reason, if you’re not checking it out, you’re missing some great bottles and glass!

The antique bottle shows in the West always used to have great displays, but not so much now. Even our national conventions have fewer displays. The reason for this is that the better displays have top bottles that are rare and expensive. The owners of these bottles want to avoid the risk of hauling and displaying them. Here’s where the Virtual Museum comes in. You can see the bottles that you will never view in person. Collectors have allowed our imagers to capture their special bottles and glassware digitally—not only the image but the story that goes with them. So, set aside some time and check out the Museum. It’s bringing some of the best our hobby has to offer—for research and enjoyment.

Winter limited travel plans for imaging. Alan DeMaison, our chief imager, has been editing specimens for months, finishing the Eric McGuire (Western bottles) and Doug Shutler (Soda Water) collections. The Virtual Museum is scheduling imaging trips again this Spring. Alan is also setting up and imaging at the FOHBC Houston 24 Expo. Contact him to schedule a day and time for your items. There are plans for Alan to remain in Houston for an additional five days to capture the rare bottles from the American Antique Glass Masterpieces Exhibition and the David P. Wilber and Anthony Gugliotti Barber Bottle Collections Exhibition.



**FOHBC VIRTUAL MUSEUM  
OF HISTORICAL BOTTLES  
AND GLASS**

[FOHBCVirtualMuseum.org](http://FOHBCVirtualMuseum.org)

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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.



Please help us fill our PHASE 4 “Wishart’s Pine Tree Tar Cordial” bottle.



Phase 4

———— \$30k



**Phase 1**  
Flask Filled  
Dec. 2018

———— \$25k



**Phase 2**  
Jar Filled  
Dec. 2021

———— \$20k

———— \$15k

———— \$10k

———— \$5k



**Phase 3**  
Barrel Filled  
Dec. 2022

Please help us with our **Phase 4** 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 **\$105,333** to date. We have \$18,278 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 \$1,200 a month, we need help. We are continually traveling to collections, so more costs are 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!

Donations to the Museum are always needed to ensure we continue.  
We are a 501(c)(3) educational club, so your donation is tax deductible.

