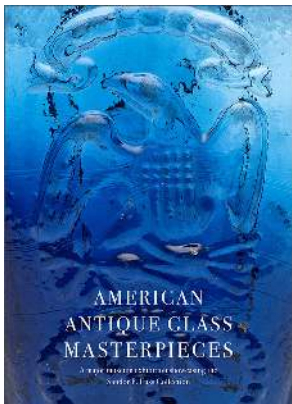




### Schafer and Vater figural whiskey nip

Good morning Michael, I wanted to thank you for posting pictures of the Minnesota show! The picture of Steve Ketchum and his table showed a Schafer and Vater figural whiskey nip that I didn't have in my collection so I contacted Steve and arranged to buy it. Just because of the pics you posted! Thanks again! Every time show pics are posted, I scan them closely looking for treasures. This is the first time it's led to a purchase!

Tom Lines  
Auburn, Alabama



### American Antique Glass Masterpieces

Hi Miss Meyer, I got my last issue of the magazine and the annual expo program looks great. Is it possible for those of us who will not be able to attend to order the exhibition book *American Antique Glass Masterpieces* as I would very much love to have a copy? Please consider including order information in the next issue of the magazine or reply to me with instructions. Thank you for your valuable time. Cordially,

Mark Hoeltzel,  
Ayer Massachusetts

[Elizabeth] Mark, both hardbound, museum-quality books go on sale at the Houston 24 Expo and will be on sale by the FOHBC afterward. Notices will be placed in the magazine, website and sent via email to all members. The 300+ page books list as \$95 each on the cover and will be discounted for FOHBC members with a further discount if you buy both books.

### Best Drinking Water in Charleston

I thoroughly enjoyed David Kyle Rakes' article in the May-June issue, *Best Drinking Water in Charleston*. As a Northerner and avid water researcher, I will note a possible correction to his claim: "By 1767, Jackson's Spa in Boston was the first to begin bottling mineral water commercially." I suspect Rakes could be citing the late (great) Cecil Munsey from his 1970 *The*

*Illustrated Guide to Collecting Bottles*. Unfortunately, Munsey does not provide any source reference for this statement, and in researching for my 2023 book, *Granite Fizz, The Untold Story of Spring Water and Flavored Tonic in New Hampshire*, I could not find any authoritative reference to a Jackson Spa or Spring in the greater Boston area. The Massachusetts Historical Society research arm thoroughly looked into this reference for me in 2021 and could not substantiate it (there were other springs used by Colonists and Native Americans, of course, but nothing called "Jackson"). In correspondence to me on this issue, Tod von Mechow offered: "I suspect that Munsey took that date off of the High Rock Spring (Saratoga) water bottle, which I believe has the 1767 date over the rock. I think that is when the spring was discovered."

But if any FOHBC readers can shed any light on the Jackson Spa/Spring and bottled water reference, that would be a tremendous help and greatly appreciated by many of us. Pinning this down to historical fact has been somewhat of a mystery in the bottled water world, and your insights could be the missing piece of the puzzle. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

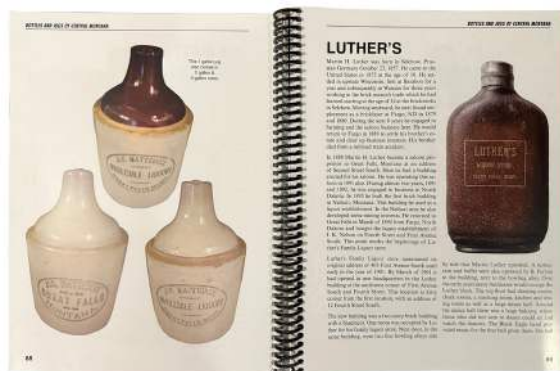
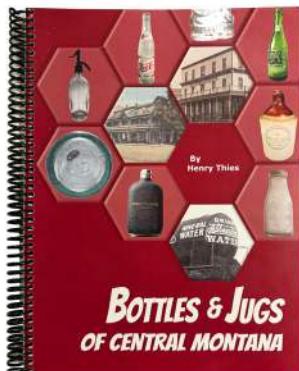
Dennis Sasseville  
Bedford, New Hampshire

### Bottles & Jugs of Central Montana

The FOHBC is working with Henry Thies on an upcoming article *Glasgow Bottling Company*. Some of you may know Henry from his outstanding book *Bottles & Jugs of Central Montana* (pictured next page.) "Delving into the history of Central Montana through an unexpected lens, local resident Henry Thies has authored a captivating book titled *Bottles & Jugs of Central Montana*. A passion ignited half a century ago has culminated in this remarkable publication, chronicling the stories hidden within these everyday artifacts. Fifty years ago, in the Missouri River's embrace, Henry Thies unearthed his very first bottle. This serendipitous discovery marked the inception of a hobby that would captivate him for decades to come. Intrigued by the stories these humble containers held, he embarked on a journey to collect and preserve these tangible links to the past." *Logan T. Machtemes Cut Bank Pioneer Press, August 30, 2023*



Henry Thies



Cover and interior spread from *Bottles & Jugs of Central Montana* by Henry Thies

## Jack Sullivan Checking In

Ferd: Hope this finds you and Elizabeth in good health. You have a mighty task with the FOHBC meeting soon in Houston. Wish that time had not caught up with me and I could be there. My reason for writing is to ask your permission to use the biographical write up that appears with the Samuel Brothers entry in the FOHBC Virtual Museum. Both Alan (DeMaison) and I see the elegant Meyer style although it is not signed. I have been looking at the Samuels (and "Uncle Benno") for a number of months, reviewing a blizzard of narrative but have not found a handle. Then discovered the Museum entry, an excellent piece. I would like to use it for my *Those Pre-Pro Whiskey Men* blog and put in a plug for the FOHBC and the Virtual Museum.

To bring you up to date, I am now at 1,776,000 plus "hits" on the blog and sometimes recording 1,000-2,000 visits daily. I have reduced the frequency of posting from six days to four, a surrender to turning 89. All the best.

Jack Sullivan  
Alexandria, Virginia

## Early Sodas of Texas book

Hi Ferdinand, I hope all is well with you and yours. I was wondering what you were going to do with the cover for the May-June 2024 issue of AB&GC? I think it's so cool the way you advertised the Houston 24 Expo reflected on the skyscrapers. I was even trying to look closer to see if you adver-

tised on the reflection on the building on the right! I also like both the Space City and Land of Oz advertisements for Houston 24. The latter shows more color with the nice blues, purples, and pinks.

My *Best Drinking Water in Charleston* article looks wonderful. Marty (Vollmer), Chip (Brewer) and Jamie (Westendorff) will certainly be reading it. And thanks for ending the article with highlights of our three books together. Outstanding! I'm back to researching for Texas sodas.

I'm getting ahead of myself, but was thinking maybe Brandon (DeWolfe) could add some digging stories throughout the *Early Sodas of Texas* book. I think he would be quite capable. I mean he is going to have a seminar about history and digging in Galveston so he is very knowledgeable. I haven't said anything to Brandon because I wanted to see what you thought. I already put his name on the front cover because he has been indispensable for this project. Best,

David Kyle Rakes  
Summerfield, Florida

"John Hoerr & Bro.  
Texas" soda water  
bottle.

## The Antiquers. We're in Dallas.

Mr. Seeliger, I contacted you back in early December about our club, The Antiquers.

We're located in Dallas. At that time, no one was working on programs for our next calendar year: September, 2024

to May, 2025. In the next few months our program committee (the nominating committee is meeting this month to get volunteers for the position) will start working on the programs for '24-'25. We have monthly meetings from September to May. Historical bottles sounds like a very interesting topic and one I think our members would enjoy. We are a small group of 35 members, and have been meeting since 1991. We have lunch and then a program that usually lasts a half hour or so. You mentioned in your email to me that in all likelihood, there were some members of the Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors in the Dallas area who could probably do a program for us. It would be great to identify a speaker on this topic to share with the Program Chair. I appreciate any help you can give our club.

Elsie Carpenter,  
Treasurer, The Antiquers,  
Dallas, Texas

