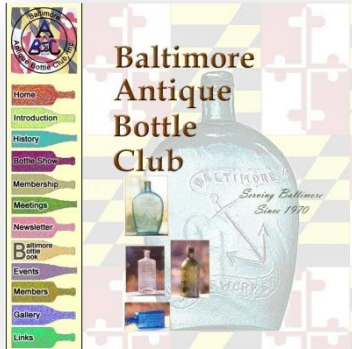


Club's Website Wins Top Honors



The Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors (FOHBC) selected the BABC website (baltimorebottleclub.org) as the top bottle club website in the country. The 2013 competition was the first in this category and marked the first time the BABC won a national award from the FOHBC. Other categories typically included in the annual judging are Best Newsletter and Best Show Flier.

The Second Place winner was the First Chicago Bottle Club (1stchicagobottleclub.com.) Finishing third was the Antique Bottle Collectors of Colorado (antiquebottlecollectorsofcolorado.com).

Steve Charing (pictured), who coordinates the website on behalf of the BABC, received the First Place plaque during the FOHBC National Show Awards Banquet in Manchester, NH on July 19. Steve credits the success of the website to Stan Hallett who designed the site and maintained it from late 2003 to 2008 and current webmaster Bill Meier who took over in 2008 after Stan had left.

Prior to 2003 our club information was maintained on Reggie Lynch's antiquebottles.com, which he did as a service to many clubs.

“Stan came up with a unique design and much of the user-friendly features,” Steve explains. “Bill Meier has done a terrific job in hosting and maintaining our site. He is fun to work with, and he frequently suggests innovative ideas to keep the site fresh and functional. Bill is a major reason we won this award.”

Bill receives an annual stipend from the club for his services. Steve provides the text, photos, videos, links, and files to include on the site.

The club encourages members to write articles for our newsletter so they can be posted on the website as well as to send Steve photos of high-end, rare or especially beautiful Baltimore bottles to be included in the site's Gallery page.



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