



Baltimore Antique Bottle Club, Inc

# BALTIMORE BOTTLE DIGGER

December 2025

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The holidays are upon us!

This coming meeting will be our annual Christmas party. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. It will be a great time for fellowship and to remember old times. I have fond memories of previous parties and look forward to this every year.

As is our tradition, we will play bottle bingo led by Steve Charing and Bob Ford. Winners will receive a prize, with prizes selected by Rick and Karen Lease. Two years ago, I won the last round that was a full card. The only prize left was a small bag. There was a note inside saying the prize was a 5-gallon pontil Demi John. Great things come in small packages!

Remember to wear your badge and bring bottles to sell and trade.

Hope to see you there.

HAPPY HUNTING! ~Tom

## CLUB WEBSITES

<https://www.baltimorebottleclub.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/baltimorebottleclub>

## MEETINGS & SPEAKERS

**All meetings held at:**  
**Towson Presbyterian Church**  
400 West Chesapeake Ave  
Towson, MD 21204

**December 12, 2025**

Party, Rita for trays

**January 9, 2026**

Best Finds of 2025 Contest

**February 13, 2026**

Rick Lease – Bottle Cleaning 101

**March 13, 2026**

John Lowry, History of  
Baltimore's American Brewery

**April 10, 2026**

Shawn Peters, Stoneware

**May 8, 2026**

Karen Lease, Perfumes

**June 12, 2026**

**July 10, 2026**

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# 11/14/25 MEETING



## Nic Queen's "Theme Bottle" presenters:

- ❖ Sam Checho's stoneware Whisky bottle, with "Turkey Droppings"
- ❖ Andy Agnew & Bob Ford's whisky sampler bottles, aka "Nippers".
- ❖ Doug Campbell's Chinese milk bottle



Tom Koluch won the raffle bottle - a large, cobalt Underwood master ink bottle.



Doug Campbell won the badge bottle - a mini Mason jar.





# WHIMSIES

Presented By Bill Thomas  
at the November 14, 2025 Club Meeting



- ❖ Whimsies are non-standard glass items that are unique, creative, playful, out- of-the-ordinary creations from the glassblower. They did this by adding colors, patterns and shapes to the glass.
- ❖ Also known as "Friggers", they were often made "on a whim" by the glassblower at the end of the day from extra molten glass. These were often brought home to their families.
- ❖ The time period for Whimsies varies greatly. From the late 1700's to the early 1900's. Most were made in the 19th century, with older ones usually more valuable.
- ❖ These took lots of time, talent and skill to produce.
- ❖ Other types of whimsies presented were "Witch Balls", cigarette/cigar holders and small scent bottles.
- ❖ One of the pieces Bill owns is very rare. Only three exist. His, one owned by the Corning Glass company and one in the Smithsonian.
- ❖ Hyacinth vases are very rare and collectible.
- ❖ Some whimsies contained Vaseline or uranium glass.
- ❖ According to Bill, whimsies were "end of the day" projects for a glassblower who was just "playin' around."



# BABC HOLIDAY PARTY



*Friday,  
December 12*

**Club Providing  
Meat Platters & Beverages**

**Please bring a side dish or dessert**

*Bottle Bingo*



*50-50 Raffle*

**BABC Meeting—7:00 p.m.**

*Arrive early!!!*



# THE BEST OF 2025

The January Meeting of the Baltimore Antique Bottle Club will take place on Friday January 9th at Towson Presbyterian Church 400 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, Md. 21204 at 7pm.

The program is the "**Best of 2025**" **Contest** for judging by the members.

## **Contest Rules :**

- ❖ Entrant must be a BABC member in good standing and must be present.
- ❖ If your 2026 dues have not been paid, you must do so prior to the meeting to be eligible.
- ❖ The item must have been dug/acquired by the person named. It must have been dug/acquired during 2025.
- ❖ One item per category allowed per member.
- ❖ Item cannot be entered in multiple categories.
- ❖ Entry sheet must be completed in numerical sequence to facilitate the voting/tallying.
- ❖ Actual bottle/item must be physically present; no photographs or other representations permitted.

The categories are Best Dug Bottle, Best Baltimore Bottle, Best Acquired Bottle and Best Go-With.

Bring bottles. New members always welcome.







# BOTTLE BRAIN

## What is “Pontiling”—what are the different types and how/why were they used?

In traditional **glassblowing**, the term “**pontiling**” (more commonly *puntying* or *using a pontil*) refers to the process of attaching a **pontil rod** (also called a *punty*) to a piece of molten glass so the glassworker can shape, finish, or fire-polish the end of the object that was originally attached to the blowpipe.

### What is a Pontil?

A **pontil** is a solid metal rod used to hold a glass object after it is removed from the blowpipe. Attaching the rod to the base or side of the vessel is called **pontiling**.

Most free-blown or hand-finished glass objects before industrial mold-finishing will have a **pontil mark**—a scar where the rod was attached.

### Why Pontiling Was Used

**Pontiling** allowed glassworkers to:

#### **Finish the rim/mouth of a vessel**

After blowing a vessel on a blowpipe, the glass is attached to a pontil so the blowpipe can be removed and the opening can be shaped, flared, cut, or polished.

#### **Work the object from the opposite end**

Once the glass is transferred to the pontil, artisans could shape the end that was previously inaccessible.

#### **Add decorative features**

Handles, feet, applied trails, prunts, or stems could be attached more easily while the piece was on a pontil.

#### **Fire-polish the base or rim**

Reheating while on the pontil smooths tool marks or sharp edges.

### Pontil types on bottles

On antique bottles and glassware, **pontil marks (or “pontils”)** are the scars left on the base where a pontil rod was attached during hand-blown production. These marks help identify age, pontil manufacturing technique, and sometimes origin. Here are the **main pontil types** you’ll encounter:

#### Open Pontil (Open Tube Pontil)

**Appearance:** A rough, concave scar with a sharp, jagged center; often circular and tubular.

**Era:** Mid-1700s to mid-1800s.

**Notes:** One of the earliest styles. Indicates handblown, free-blown, or early mold-blown bottles.

#### Iron Pontil (Sand Pontil / Black Glass Pontil)

**Appearance:** Gray or black metallic residue on the base; often gritty.

**Era:** 1810s–1860s.

**Notes:** Residue comes from iron oxide or similar materials on the pontil rod. Common on early 19th-century American bottles.



# BOTTLE BRAIN (continued)

## Glass-Tipped Pontil (Glass Pontil / Solid Glass Pontil)

**Appearance:** A circular glass scar that matches the bottle's color; smooth or slightly sharp edges.

**Era:** 1830s–1860s.

**Notes:** A small blob of molten glass was used to attach the pontil rod. Scar color often matches the bottle body.

## Scarred or Rough Pontil

**Appearance:** A rough, irregular area from removing the pontil—not necessarily circular.

**Era:** Various handblown periods.

**Notes:** Sometimes used as a catch-all term for early pontil

## Smooth (Polished) Pontil

**Appearance:** A smooth, polished, circular depression.

**Era:** Late 1700s–early 1900s (mostly on blown art glass and high-quality tableware).

**Notes:** Used on high-end glass (e.g., early American brilliant glass, European art glass). The polishing removed sharp edges.

## Snap Case (No-Pontil) Base

**Appearance:** No pontil scar; instead, the base is smooth or has mold marks.

**Era:** After ~1850s for bottles, when **snap cases** replaced pontil rods.

**Notes:** Often mistaken for polished pontils, but lack the clear circular “scar” pattern.

## Tips for Identifying Pontils

- **Color of residue** → iron pontil (gray/black)
- **Matching glass color** → glass-tipped pontil
- **Very rough and jagged** → open pontil
- **Perfectly smooth circle** → polished pontil
- **No scar at all (only mold seams)** → snap case or machine-made

## Why Different Types Existed

### **Function:**

Different workshops used different tools—open pontils gave the strongest hold, snaps allowed finishing without a rod, and blowpipe pontils were favored for light vessels.

### **Tradition:**

Certain regions (e.g., Venetian vs. Bohemian) developed characteristic pontil techniques passed down through guilds.

### **Aesthetics:**

Luxury glassmakers preferred to polish or grind pontil scars, while utilitarian workshops didn't bother.

### **Industrialization:**

When mold-blowing and automatic finishing became standard (late 19th–20th century), pontiling declined because machines could finish rims and bases without transferring the piece to a pontil rod.

## Summary:

**Pontiling** = The process of attaching a **pontil rod** to a hot glass object so the glassblower can finish or shape the opposite end. Different kinds of pontils leave different marks, useful for identifying when/where glass was made.

# December's CLUB MEMBER PROFILE



## Shawn Peters

### \* How long have you been a member?

I joined the club sometime in 2018 after seeing Andy Agnew putting show flyers out at a local antique store.

### \* Do you have a club memory or story you could share?

I would say it's more of a collection of memories. I've connected with many members individually through our shared love of history. The late Wayne Jacober and I became friends before my membership through our passion for Baltimore Merchant Stoneware. He and I would bump into each other at estate sales & auctions, and we realized we enjoyed a lot of the same things (such as the outdoors), aside from collecting. This club has been a great resource in bringing together a group of friends that have the same "problem" 🤪

### \* What do you collect?

Even though this is a bottle club, my first love (collection wise - I am also 15 years married with 2 teen daughters) is Baltimore Merchant Stoneware, followed by Early Baltimore Stoneware and then local & Irish bottles (my wife is from Cork) coming in 3rd.

### \* What is your favorite find or acquisition?

This is a tough one to answer. I actually had to do a lap around the house to reflect. My first answer is the small Earnest & Cowles ovoid stoneware jar from around 1830, followed by the Anton Meinecke saloon mug from the late 1880's, pictured here along with other favorites.

**\*\* All meetings  
are being held on the  
second Friday of the month  
at 6:30 pm in  
our new location!  
Towson Presbyterian  
Church  
400 West Chesapeake Ave**

❖ All members are encouraged to bring in a bottle that corresponds to an event that happened in the month of the current MEETING. Events in history for the month are included at the end of each newsletter to provide ideas. The bottle does not have to be spot-on, but should somehow relate to the events outlined.

❖ Suggestions for topics in upcoming newsletters? Email John Lowry, at [jlowryrxp@gmail.com](mailto:jlowryrxp@gmail.com).



# SOME UPCOMING BOTTLE SHOWS

Check out the Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors' website for additional upcoming bottle shows <https://fohbc.org/events/>

## **January 15, 2026 - January 17, 2026**

Midwest Antique Fruit Jar and Bottle Club's 2026 Convention  
Horizon Convention Center/Marriott Courtyard 401 High Street, Muncie, IN

## **January 17, 2026 @ 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

4th Annual Carolinas Antique Bottle & Collectibles Show  
The Charles Mack Citizen Center 215 N. Main St, Mooresville, NC

## **January 17, 2026 @ 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

Mississippi Antique Bottle Club's 41st Annual Bottle Advertising & Collectible Show  
Trade Mart Building Mississippi Fairgrounds, Jackson, MS

## **February 1, 2026 @ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Milwaukee Antique Bottle and Advertising Show  
Waukesha County Expo Center 1000 Northview Road, Waukesha, WI

## **February 13, 2026 - February 14, 2026**

Phoenix Antiques, Bottles & Collectibles Club's 2026 Antique Show & Sale  
El Saribah Shriner Auditorium 552 N. 40th St., Phoenix, AZ

## **February 28, 2026 @ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Central Texas Bottle, Jar, Insulator, Pottery/Stoneware, Breweriana, Advertising and Collectibles Show  
Old Settlers Park Events Center 3300 E. Palm Valley Blvd (E. US 79), Round Rock, TX, United States

## **February 28, 2026 @ 9:30 am - 2:00 pm**

West Michigan Antique Bottle Club's 35th Annual Antique Bottle Show & Sale  
Fonger American Legion Post 2327 Wilson, S.W., Grand Rapids, MI, United States  
Free admission. No early admission. Dealer set up: 8:00 - 9:30 am.



### **Officers 2025-2026**

President.....Tom Robusto  
Vice President.....Rick Lease  
Secretary.....Rita Miller  
Treasurer.....Karen Lease  
Membership.....Chuck Meyer

### **Board Members 2025-2026**

Alex Hertzman  
Bob Ford  
Andy Agnew  
John Lowry

Show Chairman.....Shawn Peters  
Co-Show Chairman.....Micah Dolina  
Sargeant at Arms.....Dave Davenport

# BALTIMORE ANTIQUE BOTTLE CLUB

45<sup>th</sup> Annual Show & Sale

**Sunday, March 29, 2026**

**HOWARD COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

-MAIN EXHIBITION HALL-

**2210 Fairgrounds Rd. West Friendship, MD 21794**

**Exit 80 on Interstate 70**

**Doors Open 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.**

*\*Food Vendors on site*

*Bottles, Jars, Insulators, Stoneware, Advertising, Breweriana, Small  
Antiques, Etc.*

**The Largest one-day Bottle show in the world! — over 300 tables**

**Donation \$5 - Children Under 12 Free**

**NO DOGS PERMITTED IN BUILDING**

**For Information Contact:**

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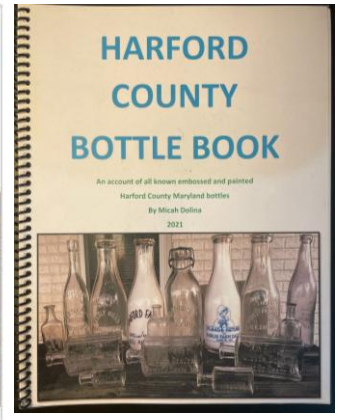
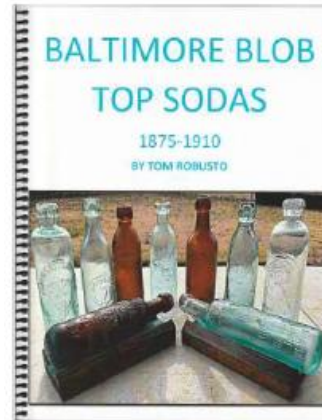


## NO RAFFLE / BADGE

Bottles in December...  
They will return in January  
and December will feature  
Bottle BINGO.

## Bottle Books

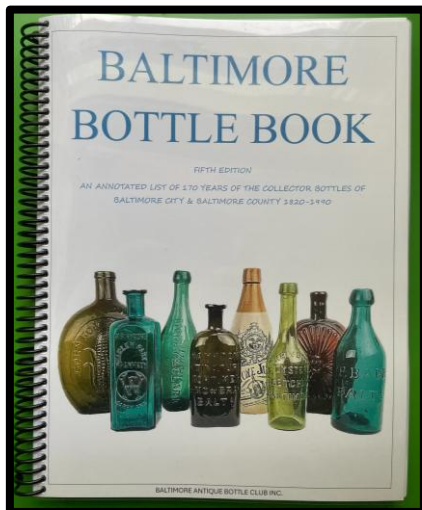
Check out these books written by BABC  
members, Tom Robusto and  
Micah Dolina



**REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR BADGE AT ALL CLUB MEETINGS**

## CLUB MERCHANDISE

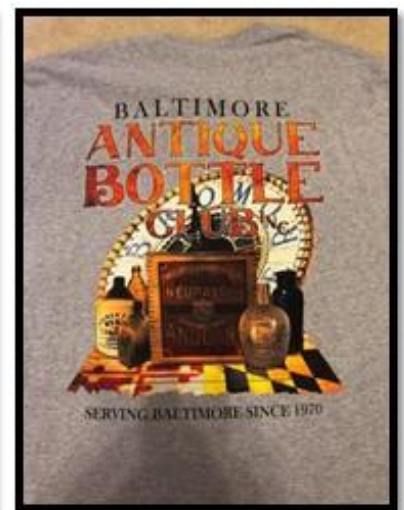
Books and shirts will be available at all club functions



Baltimore Bottle Book \$30



Baltimore Bottle Club Shirts – Sizes S-3XL Available - \$20



Hats - One size fits all \$20

Please contact Rick or Chuck with ideas to maintain  
and grow membership in the Club.



# THINK THEME BOTTLES – THIS DAY IN HISTORY

HISTORICAL EVENTS IN DECEMBER BY DAY (<http://holidayinsights.com/history>)

- 1:** The White House installs a telephone for the first time. (1878) Sherlock Holmes appears for the first time in print in “A Study in Scarlet.” (1887) High School teacher James Naismith nails up peach baskets at opposite ends of the school gym and gives students soccer balls to toss into the baskets, creating basketball. (1891) The first certified public accountants receive their certificates. (1896) The Civil Air Patrol is founded. (1941) Hugh Hefner publishes the first edition of Playboy Magazine. Marilyn Monroe is the first centerfold. (1953) Police arrest Rosa Parks in Montgomery, AL for refusing to give up her seat in the front section of a bus. (1955) A 55-year-old man in Wuhan China, is the first person known to have the COVID-19 Coronavirus. (2019)
- 2:** The first savings bank opens in the U.S. (1816) President James Monroe declares the “Monroe Doctrine” opposing European colonialism in the Americas. (1823) The U.S. Patent Office issues Patent #465,588 for the toilet paper roll. (1891) The first Ford Model A is sold. The price: \$382. (1927) Communist revolutionary leader Fidel Castro becomes President of Cuba. (1976) Barney B. Clark receives the world’s first artificial heart transplant. (1982)
- 3:** Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and US President George H. W. Bush, declare the Cold War over. (1989) Astronauts aboard the International Space Station hold the first pizza party in space. (2016)
- 4:** The first professional football playoff game is held at the Polo Grounds in NYC. The score: Buffalo (NOT the Bills) 7, Canton 3. (1920) The Vatican approves the “Rhythm Method” for birth control. (1930) The first Burger King opens in Miami, FL. (1954) The first edition of “Chase’s Calendar of Events” hits the stores. (1955) NASA launches the first Mars Rover from Cape Canaveral. (1996)
- 5:** The French Franc is first coined. (1360) The 21st Amendment repeals Prohibition. I’ll drink to that! (1933) The Dow Jones Industrial Average closes above 1,500 for the first time. And, just look at where we are now! (1985)
- 6:** The U.S. Congress moves from New York City to Philadelphia. (1790) President Calvin Coolidge holds the first presidential address to be broadcast on radio. (1923) “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer” airs on television for the first time. (1964)
- 7:** Wiley Post discovers the jet stream. (1934) Japanese forces bomb Pearl Harbor in a surprise attack. It marked the U.S. entry into WWII. (1941) Otis Redding records “Sittin on the Dock of the Bay”. (1967) “Star Trek: The Motion Picture” is released. (1979)
- 8:** President Franklin D. Roosevelt makes his “Day in Infamy” speech to the U.S. Congress on the day after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. (1941) The Beatles release “Magical Mystery Tour” album. (1967) Mark David Chapman assassinates John Lennon, singer, guitarist, songwriter, and poet for the Beatles, in New York City. (1980) Space-X launches the Dragon spaceship, becoming the first privately held company to successfully launch, orbit and recover a spacecraft. (2010)
- 9:** “A Charlie Brown Christmas” premieres on television on CBS. (1965) Lech Walesa wins Poland’s first direct presidential election. (1990)
- 10:** The Encyclopedia Britannica was first published in Edinburgh, Scotland. 1768) Wyoming, a territory of the U.S., allowed women to vote and hold office. (1869) Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. received the Nobel Peace Prize. (1964)
- 11:** Miles Standish and a group of 18 settlers are attacked by 30 Indians. It became known as “The First Encounter”. (1620) The Mona Lisa is recovered two years after being stolen from the Louvre. (1913) Joe DiMaggio announces his retirement from baseball. (1951) The original “Magnum PI” detective series starring Tom Selleck, premieres on television. (1980) In his 61st and last boxing fight, Mohammad Ali loses to Trevor Berbick in a unanimous decision after 10 rounds. (1981)

# HISTORICAL EVENTS IN DECEMBER BY DAY (continued)

**12:** Ludwig von Beethoven receives his first lesson in music composition from Franz Joseph Haydn. (1792) Tide detergent hits the market. (1946) The movie Saturday Night Fever, starring John Travolta, premieres. (1977) Apple makes its initial public stock offering. (1980)

**13:** The Massachusetts Bay Colony organizes three military regiments to defend the colony against Pequot Indians. It is the founding of the National Guard. (1636) The Clip-on tie is created. Or, should we say “invented”? (1928) Prehistoric bones of a penguin as tall as a human is found in Otage Beach, New Zealand. (2017)

**14:** Princess Mary Stuart, upon the death of her father James V, becomes Queen Mary I of Scotland at just 6 days old. (1542) Jimmy Dean’s “Big Bad John” is the first country song to get a gold record. (1961) President George W. Bush announces the capture of Iraq’s Saddam Hussein. (2003)

**15:** The Bill of Rights is enacted, amending the U.S. Constitution. (1791) Sioux Chief Sitting Bull was killed by Indian police. (1890) Gone with the Wind premiered in where else but Atlanta, Georgia. (1939) Infamous band leader Glenn Miller died in a plane crash over the English Channel. (1944)

**16:** Boston residents protesting British taxation threw tea overboard on a British ship. The Boston Tea Party was the beginning of the American fight for independence. (1773) Charlie Chaplin begins his career at Keystone. He makes \$150/week. (1913) The famous World War II “Battle of the Bulge” began. (1944) Shirley Temple retires from making movie films at the age of 22. (1950) Mariah Carey’s single “All I Want for Christmas Is You” hits #1. (2019)

**17:** Pope Paul II excommunicates King Henry VIII of England. (1538) Charles Dickens classic “A Christmas Carol” was published. (1843) The Wright Brothers made their first airplane flight at Kitty Hawk, N.C. (1903) A prize of 100, 000 francs is offered for communications with extraterrestrials. Martians are excluded because it is considered too easy. (1900)

**18:** William Bond takes the first photograph of the moon through a telescope. (1849) The game show “To Tell the Truth” premieres on CBS. (1956) The cartoon “Pink Panther” premieres. (1964) Dr. Seuss’ “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” airs for the first time. 1966)

**19:** Robinson Caruso leaves his island after being marooned for 28 years. (1686) Charles Dickens publishes “A Christmas Carol”. (1843) “The Fellowship of the Ring” is released. It is the first of the Lord of the Rings movies. (2001)

**20:** The first U.S. cotton mill begins spinning yarn in Pawtucket, RI. (1790) “Grimm’s Fairy Tales” by Jacob Grimm and Wilhelm Grimm is published. (1812) Bob Hope becomes an American citizen. (1920) Frank Capra’s “It’s a Wonderful Life” premieres. (1946) Elvis Presley receives his draft notice. (1970) the United Space Force is founded as an armed branch of the military dedicated to space warfare. (2019)

**21:** The Mayflower pilgrims land at Plymouth, Massachusetts. (1620) Pierre and Marie Curie discover radium. (1898) Coco the Clown first appears in a circus in Manchester, England. (1937) “Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs” premieres at theaters. (1937) H of Fame coach Tom Landry accepts the coaching job at Dallas Cowboys. He stays until 1988. (1959)

**22:** The U.S. Navy is formed with 7 ships. (1777) Seth Wheeler receives U.S. Patent #465,588 for the toilet paper roll. (1871) Thomas Edison creates the first string of Christmas tree lights. (1882) Madonna’s hit “Like a Virgin” goes #1 and stays there for six weeks. (1984)

**23:** English Astronomer John Flamsteed observes Uranus, without realizing it is undiscovered. (1690) BBC radio begins broadcasting. (1922) The transistor was invented by U.S. physicists John Bardeen, Walter H. Britain, and William Shockley. (1947) The first human kidney transplant is performed by Dr. Joseph E. Murray in Boston, MA. (1954) Jim Lovell, Frank Borman, and William Anders become the first to orbit the moon. (1968)

# HISTORICAL EVENTS IN DECEMBER BY DAY (continued)

**24:** Franz Joseph Gruber composed “Silent Night”. (1818) The first completely solar-heated house is occupied in Dover, MA. (1948)

**25:** Jesus Christ is born in a manger in a little town in Bethlehem. (00) England adopts the Julian calendar. (597) William the Conqueror is crowned the King of England. (1066) St. Francis of Assisi sets up the first Nativity scene. It is displayed in Greccio, Italy. (1223) Astronomer Andres Celsius introduces the Centigrade temperature scale. (1741) Robert May, an Employee of Montgomery Ward, creates the poem “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer”. Montgomery Ward uses it as a highly successful marketing campaign. (1939)

**26:** In Buffalo, NY, paper made from wood pulp is first displayed. (1854) James Mason invents the coffee percolator. (1865) The TV soap opera “Search for Tomorrow” ends after 35 years. (1986)

**27:** The song “Sweet Adeline”, popular among barbershop quartets, is first sung. (1903) Radio City Music Hall in New York City opens. (1932) Skimobiles first hit the U.S. market. (1939) The “Howdy Doody Show” premieres on NBC. (1947)

**28:** Citing differences with President Andrew Jackson, John C. Calhoun is the first Vice President to resign from office. (1832) William F. Semple patented chewing gum. (1869) The first professional football game is played indoors Syracuse beats Philadelphia at Madison Garden in NYC. (1902) The first U.S. test tube baby is born. She is Elizabeth Jordon Carr, born in Norfolk, VA. (1981)

**29:** A steam-powered threshing machine is patented in Winthrop, Maine. (1837) Gas lighting is installed at the White House. (1837) Retired sea captain Thomas Valentine Sullivan establishes the first Young Men’s Christian Association in Boston, MA. He models it after George William’s YMCA in London, England. (1851) Emma Snodgrass is arrested in Boston for wearing pants. (1852) The bowling ball is invented. (1862)

**30:** Wearing masks at balls in Boston is prohibited. Dial forward a couple of centuries to 2020 and masks of a different kind will be mandatory in many areas of the world. (1809) John E. Hoover changes his name to J. Edgar Hoover. (1918) Edwin Hubble announces the existence of other galactic systems. Yes, the Hubble telescope was later named after him. (1924) The Roy Rogers Show premieres on television. (1951) Frank Sinatra records “My Way”. (1968)

**31:** Shopkeepers in England brick up their windows to avoid a Window tax. (1695) The first New Year’s Eve celebration is held in New York City’s Times Square. (1904) New York City’s New Year celebration introduces the “Ball Drop”. It begins to fall in the last 10 seconds of 1907 and lands in 1908. (1907/1908) To mark the arrival of the new year, the ball is dropped in Times Square for the first time. (1907) Charles Darrow patents the board game “Monopoly”. It was on the market the month before. See Play Monopoly Day. (1935) The Monkees’ song “I’m a Believer” hits #1 and stays there for seven weeks. (1966) Congress authorizes the Eisenhower dollar coin. (1970) The zombie series “Walking Dead” premieres on television. (2010)







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## **2026 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ RENEWAL      ☐ NEW MEMBER

☐ INDIVIDUAL      ☐ FAMILY

**SPOUSE'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ (for email notifications and newsletter)

**PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WHAT TYPE(S) OF BOTTLES DO YOU COLLECT?** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Meetings are held on the second Friday of each month at the Towson Presbyterian Church, 400 W. Chesapeake Ave., Towson, MD 21204. The meetings will take place from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. but attendees are encouraged to arrive as early as 6:00 p.m.

Dues are \$20 for an Individual or a Family

Dues Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SEND FORM AND CHECK TO ADDRESS BELOW.**

**Make checks payable to: Baltimore Antique Bottle Club, Inc.**

Mail check to:

Chuck Meyer  
BABC Membership Chair  
P.O. Box 36061  
Towson, MD 21280-6061

**OR bring this form and payment to a meeting and give to Chuck Meyer or Karen Lease, Treasurer**

**To be completed by Membership Chair:**

**Date Received:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cash:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Check:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **#** \_\_\_\_\_