



Baltimore Antique Bottle Club, Inc

BALTIMORE BOTTLE DIGGER

September 2026

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello everyone!

It was good to see everyone at the Baltimore Bottle Club Family picnic. It was a nice day and we had a great time. Rick Lease brought the delicious Maryland crabs, Andy Agnew brought the "Andy Nelson" Southern BBQ and Dave



Davenport went and picked up several totes of supplies. Many thanks to all of you that pitched in to make the picnic a success - especially those individuals who arrived early to help set up and stay after to clean up.

September's meeting will highlight our best "Summer Finds". We hope that you will participate. There will be monetary prizes for 1st and 2nd place winners. The categories are: "Best Baltimore", "Best Dug" and "Best Acquired". I can't wait to see what our club members come up with!

Please remember to bring any relevant "Theme Bottles" and any bottles or collectibles you'd like to sell or trade.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the 11th.

Happy Digging and Collecting. ~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

Presentation Schedule *(subject to change)*

September 11, 2026
Summer Finds

October 9, 2026
Alex Hertzman – 1890's Great American Fraud

November 13, 2026
Shawn Peters, Stoneware

December 11, 2026
Holiday Party

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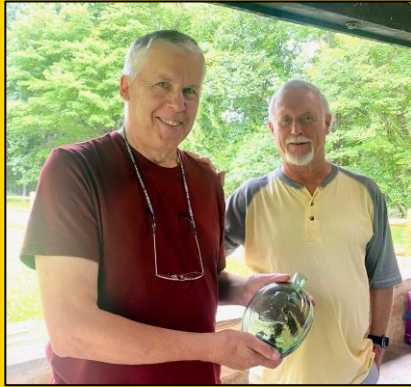
2026 BABC ANNUAL PICNIC & CRAB FEAST

Saturday, August 22

What a fantastic day at our annual picnic and crab feast! With close to 30 people in attendance, we shared laughs, stories, and an incredible meal—featuring crabs, brisket, barbecue, and endless sides and desserts. Events like this don't happen without a team effort, so a massive thank you to everyone who pitched in to plan, set up, bring food, and clean up.



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NEWS & NOTES

**** 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 ****

Photos courtesy of Patrick Pannella and Tom Robusto.

Suggestions for topics in upcoming newsletters? Email John Lowry, at JLowryRXP@gmail.com.



Officers 2026-2027

President.....Tom Robusto
Vice President..... Rick Lease
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Secretary..... Rita Miller
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Show Chairman.....Shawn Peters
Co-Show Chairman.....Micah Dolina

Board Members 2026-2027

Andy Agnew
Bob Ford
Alex Hertzman
John Lowry



BOTTLE BRAIN

Questions for future Bottle Brains are encouraged and appreciated!
Please email your questions to John Lowry (jlowryxp@gmail.com).

Questions bottle collectors could ask about a bottle they dug or purchased.

- ☐ What is the age of this bottle?
- ☐ Where was it manufactured?
- ☐ Who made or distributed it?
- ☐ What does the embossing on the bottle mean?
- ☐ Is this bottle hand-blown or machine-made?
- ☐ What type of glass is it made from?
- ☐ Is the color original, or has the glass been altered?
- ☐ What was this bottle originally used for?
- ☐ Is the bottle considered rare or common?
- ☐ How many examples of this bottle are known to exist?
- ☐ What is the bottle's current collector value?
- ☐ Does the bottle have any historical significance?
- ☐ Is the bottle authentic, or could it be a reproduction?
- ☐ What signs indicate that the bottle is genuinely antique?
- ☐ Does the bottle have a pontil mark?
- ☐ What can the seam lines tell me about its age?



- ☐ Is the lip or neck style typical of a particular period?
- ☐ Are there chips, cracks, repairs, or other damage?
- ☐ Does the condition significantly affect its value?
- ☐ Is the original stopper, cork, or closure still present?
- ☐ What does the bottle's base tell us about its history?
- ☐ Where was this particular bottle likely found?
- ☐ Are there known examples in museums or major collections?
- ☐ What books or catalogs document this bottle?
- ☐ What would an experienced collector look for before purchasing it?
- ☐ Is this bottle desirable among collectors today?
- ☐ What similar bottles should I compare it with?
- ☐ Has this type of bottle been sold at auction recently?
- ☐ What features make this bottle especially collectible?

SEPTEMBER BOTTLES

RAFFLE

Fancy, aqua 6-sided cathedral pepper sauce with a graphite pontil made in the 1850s

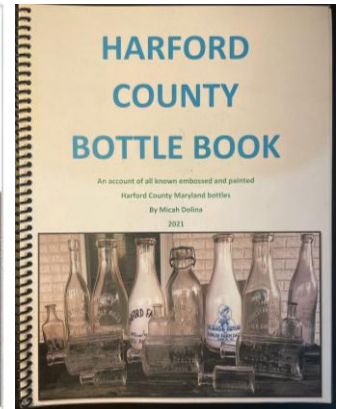
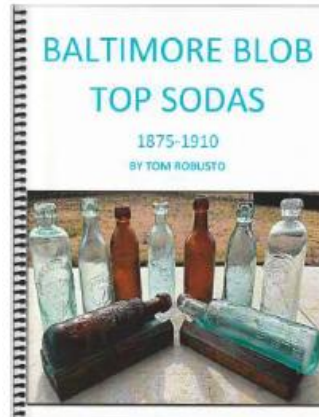


BADGE

Fairly plain, clear 6-sided pepper sauce made in the 1890s.

BOTTLE BOOKS

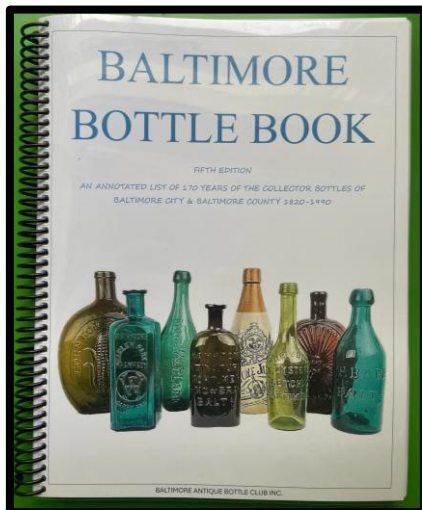
Check out these books written by BABC members, Tom Robusto and Micah Dolina



REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR BADGE AT ALL CLUB MEETINGS

CLUB MERCHANDISE

Books and shirts will be available at all club functions



Baltimore Bottle Book \$35



Baltimore Bottle Club Shirts – Sizes S-3XL Available - \$15

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 SEPTEMBER BY DAY (<http://holidayinsights.com/history>)

- 1:** The Liberty Bell arrives in Philadelphia. (1752) | “Mary Had a Little Lamb” was published. (1830) | [Emma M. Nutt](#) becomes the first woman telephone operator. (1878) | Germany invades Poland, starting World War II. (1939) | The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame opens in Cleveland, OH. (1995)
- 2:** Richard the Lion-Hearted is crowned King of England at Westminster. (1189) | The Great Fire of London started. 80% of the city is destroyed. (1666) | Bing Crosby makes his solo radio debut. (1931) | V-J Day. (1945) | The image of “[Uncle Sam](#)”, a symbol of America, was first used. (1813) | The TV soap opera *Search for Tomorrow* premieres on CBS. (1951)
- 4:** The traditional end of the Western Roman Empire Romulus Augustulus abdicates the throne as Rome is invaded by the forces of Odoacer. (476) | Explorer-navigator Henry Hudson is the first European to discover the island of Manhattan. (1609) | Ten-year-old [Barney Flaherty becomes the first Newspaper Carrier](#). (1833) | Apache Chief Geronimo surrenders ending the last U.S. – Indian war. (1886) | George Eastman received a patent for roll film and trademarked the name “Kodak”. (1888) | The comic strip “Beetle Bailey” debuts in 12 newspapers. (1950)
- 5:** Russian Czar Peter the Great imposes a tax on beards. (1698) | The First Continental Congress assembled in Philadelphia. (1774) | Sam Houston is elected President of the Republic of Texas. (1836) Jerry Lewis holds his first Muscular Dystrophy Telethon, raising \$1 million. (1966)
- 6:** Clarence Saunders opens “Piggly Wiggly”, the first true supermarket in Memphis, TN. (1916) | Cal Ripken Jr. broke Lou Gehrig’s baseball Iron Man record by playing in his 2,131st game. (1995) | The funeral of Princess Diana is held at Westminster Abbey in London. (1997)
- 7:** The first Miss America beauty Pageant is held in Atlantic City N.J. (1921) | The Boulder Dam, later renamed the Hoover Dam, begins operation. (1936) | Google was founded by Sergey Brin and Larry Page. (1998)
- 8:** Michelangelo’s Statue of David is unveiled. (1504) | Margaret Gorman of Washington, DC was crowned the first Miss America in Atlantic City, NJ. (1921) | Star Trek premiered on television. The original series had 80 episodes. See [Star Trek Day](#). (1966) | President Gerald R. Ford gives unconditional pardon to Richard Nixon for any crimes related to Watergate. See [Pardon Day](#) (1974) | Joe Pedott of San Francisco, CA. manufactures the first Chia Pet. See [Chia Pet Day](#). (1977) | The Oprah Winfrey Show premieres on television. (1986)
- 9:** The U.S. Congress officially changed the name of the nation from the United Colonies to The United States of America. (1776) | California became the 31st state. (1850) | Computer scientist Grace Hopper reports the first computer bug. In this case, it was an actual bug... a moth. (1947) | Elvis Presley first appears on the Ed Sullivan Show. (1956)
- 10:** The Sewing Machine is patented. See [Sewing Machine Day](#). (1846) | Swanson sells the first “TV Dinner”. (1953) | Gunsmoke premieres on television. It became TV’s longest-running Western program. (1955) | The TV series “X-Files” premiered. (1993)
- 11:** Construction of the Pentagon begins in Arlington, VA. (1941) | Congress passes a bill authorizing food stamps for low-income Americans. (1959) | The Beatles recorded their first single “Love Me Do”. (1962) | “The “Carol Burnett Show” premieres on television. (1967) **September 11, 2001** – Islamic Al-Qaeda militants fly planes into both of NYC’s twin World Trade Towers and the Pentagon. More on September 911. (2001)
- 12:** Future President John F. Kennedy marries Jacqueline Bouvier. (1953) | The television show “Lassie” premieres. (1949) | The television show “The Monkees” premieres, featuring the rock group. (1966) | “The Smurfs” animated cartoon series premieres. (1981)
- 13:** New York City becomes the Capitol of the United States. I bet you didn’t know that! (1788) | Chiang Kai-Shek became the president of China. (1943) | “Scooby-Doo Where Are You?” premieres on television. (1969) | Nintendo introduces the first Super Mario game. (1985)
- 14:** The first lighthouse in America is lit in Boston Harbor on Brewster Island. (1716) | Francis Scott-Key composed the lyrics to “The Star-Spangled Banner”. (1814) | Economist and philosopher Karl Marx produces the first volume of Das Kapital. (1867) | The Graf Zeppelin II makes its maiden voyage. (1938) | “The Waltons” premieres on television. (1972) | The TV sitcom “Golden Girls” premieres on NBC. (1985)

HISTORICAL EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER BY DAY (continued)

- 15:** The first International Bridge Tournament is held in London, England. The U.S. team defeats England. (1930) | The Lone Ranger premieres on television. It was originally a radio series. (1949) | The domain name “google.com” is registered. (1997) | At 97 years old, Norman Lear becomes the oldest person to win an Emmy. (2019)
- 16:** The Mayflower sets sail from Plymouth, England. It carried pilgrims headed to the New World. (1620) | The Massachusetts village of Shawmut changes its name to Boston. (1630) | The Great Seal of the United States of America was impressed on an official document for the first time. (1782) | Carraige maker William C. Durant founds General Motors in Flint, MI. (1908)
- 17:** Award-winning comedy show M*A*S*H premieres on television. (1972) | Home Improvement, with Tim the Tool Man Taylor premieres on television. (1991) | After a run of 54 years, the last episode of the soap opera “As the World Turns” airs. (2010)
- 18:** Fort Ticonderoga in New York opens. (1755) | President George Washington lays the cornerstone for the Capitol building in Washington, D.C. (1793) | U.S. Air Force is established. (1947) | The television comedy “I Dream of Jeannie” premieres on NBC. (1965)
- 19:** Chubby Checker’s hit song “The Twist” hits #1 on Billboard’s Top 100 list. (1930) | Mary Tyler Moore Show premieres on television. (1970) | The UK and China complete a proposed agreement the transfer Hong Kong to China by 1997. (1984)
- 20:** Equal Rights Party nominates the first woman for U.S. President and Vice President. (1984) | Winston Churchill argues for a “United States of Europe”. It was an idea before its time. (1946) | The first Fortran computer program is run. (1954) | Billie Jean King defeats Bobby Riggs in a battle of the sexes tennis match. (1973)
- 21:** Duryea Wagon Company, founded by Charles and J. Frank Duryea, becomes America’s first automobile manufacturer. (1895) | J.R.R. Tolkien’s “The Hobbit” is published in London. (1933) | Henry Ford retires from Ford Motor Company. (1945) | The television series “Perry Mason” premieres. (1957) | Monday Night Football premieres on television. (1970)
- 22:** The last people in the U.S. are hanged for witchcraft in Salem, MA. (1692) | President Abraham Lincoln declares the Emancipation Proclamation. (1862) | The first Farm Aid concert is held in Champaign, IL. (1985) | The television series “Baywatch” premieres. (1989) | The record for drinking Ketchup belongs to Dustin Phillips (USA). On this day, he drank a 14 oz. bottle of Ketchup through a 1/4” straw in 33 seconds. (1999)
- 23:** Harvard University’s first commencement. (1642) | The planet Neptune is first discovered by German astronomer Johann Gottfried Galle. (1846) | “The Jetsons” premieres on television. (1962) | The U.S. Congress votes to make the rose the national flower. What took them so long!? (1986)
- 24:** With a fleet of 17 ships, Christopher Columbus sets sail on his second expedition to the New World. (1493) | Boston’s famous “Faneuil Hall” opens to the public. (1742) | 2,500 fans see Babe Ruth’s farewell appearance at Yankee Stadium. (1934) | Elvis Presley hit “Jailhouse Rock” is released. (1957) | The U.S. Enterprise is launched, the first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier. (1960)
- 25:** Vasco Nunez de Balboa discovers the Pacific Ocean. Tell that to Pacific Islanders and a whole bunch of people on the east coast of Asia. (1513) | Benedict Arnold joins the British. (1780) | The New U.S. Congress proposes the Bill of Rights. (1789) | Major League Baseball’s first doubleheader is played between Providence and Worcester. (1882) | Sandra Day O’Connor became the first female Supreme Court Justice. (1981) | Bruce Jenner officially changes his gender to female, and her name to Caitlyn. (2015)
- 26:** The Federal Trade Commission was established. (1914) | The first televised Presidential debate occurs between John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon. (1960) | “The Brady Bunch” premieres on television. (1969)
- 27:** The U.S. Postal Service was founded. (1789) | The first passenger locomotive is operated by George Stephenson in England. (1825) | The passenger steamship SS Arctic sinks in the Atlantic Ocean off Newfoundland. Only 86 of 400 passengers survive. (1854)
- 28:** A Spanish fleet sinks off the coast of Florida in a hurricane. About 350 died. (1528) | U.S. Navy abolishes flogging as a punishment. (1850) | A woman on Fifth Avenue in New York City is arrested for smoking a cigarette in a car. (1904) | The Giants beat the Phillies in the fastest baseball game ever played in the majors. it was 51 minutes long. (1919)
- 29:** Telephone service begins between the U.S. and Mexico. (1927) | Bell Laboratories invents the telephone answering machine. (1950)
- 30:** Rayon is patented. (1902) | The television sitcom “Cheers” premieres. (1982)

SOME UPCOMING BOTTLE SHOWS

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

September 5 @ 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Little Rhody Bottle Club Swap Meet
Leonard's Antiques 600 Taunton Avenue, Seekonk,
MA, United States

September 12 @ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Antique Bottle Collectors of Colorado Show, Castle
Rock, Colorado
Douglas County Fairgrounds at Multiple Purpose
Building North 500 Fairgrounds Drive, Castle Rock, CO

September 13 @ 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Pekin Bottle Collectors Association's 56th Annual
Antique & Collectibles Show & Sale
Moose Lodge 2605 Broadway Street, Pekin, IL

September 13 @ 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Merrimack Valley Antique Bottle Club 51st Annual
Bottle Show & Sale
Chelmsford Elks Lodge 300 Littleton Road, Chelmsford,
MA

September 18 - September 19

Oregon Bottle Collectors Association's Bottle, Antique
& Collectibles Show & Sale
American Legion Hall 21510 Main Street NE, Aurora,
OR

September 18 - September 20

Shupp's Grove Bottle Festival September 2026
Shupp's Grove 607 Willow Street, Reinholds, PA

September 19 @ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Windy Knoll Farm Insulator & Bottle Show
Windy Knoll Farm 59 Lewis Lane, Bloomingburg, NY

September 19 @ 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Northwestern Bottle Collectors Association's Antique,
Bottle & Collectible Show
Santa Rosa Veteran's Building 1351 Maple Avenue,
Santa Rosa, CA

September 20 @ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Greater Buffalo Bottle Collectors Assn 27th Annual
Show & Sale
Polish Falcons Hall 445 Columbia Avenue, Depew,
NY

September 20 @ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Ellendale Fire Hall 302 Main Street, Ellendale, DE

September 26 @ 7:00 am - 1:00 pm

Peachridge Glass & Gardens
September 26 @ 7:00 am - 1:00 pm
Peachridge Glass Brookshire, TX

September 27 @ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Mid-Maine Antique Bottle Club's 6th Annual
Antique Bottle Show and Sale
Topsham Fairground Exhibition Hall 32 Community
Way, Topsham, ME

September 27 @ 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Batsto Village Fall Antiques & Bottle Show
Historic Batsto Village Wharton State Forest, Rt.
542 Pleasant Mills Road, Hammonton, NJ

October 3 @ 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

The Market at the Mill 225 Pumpkintown Hwy,
Pickens, SC,

October 10 @ 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

13th Annual Fayette Bottle & Antique Show
October 10 @ 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
Boy Scouts of America Building 100 3rd Avenue,
Fayette, AL

October 10 @ 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Coventry Bottle & Glass Show & Antiques Tailgate
Event - The Museum of Connecticut Glass 289
North River Road, Coventry, CT



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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:** \$ _____ **#** _____