

Baltimore Antique Bottle Club, Inc

BALTIMORE BOTTLE DIGGER

October 2026

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Hello! Well, it's been an interesting last two weeks. Cathy and I went to the Shupps Grove Bottle Show on Friday, September 18th. The next day, we drove down to Ocean City, Maryland (the weather was excellent), then on to Delaware on Sunday for the Ellenboro Bottle Show. Both events were excellent with lots of good bottles. I got a bunch of local Maryland bottles. For me, my best find was an apple-green colored pictorial Hutch soda from New Jersey.

On Tuesday, September 22nd, we took off for Greensboro, North Carolina and the Antique Nursing Bottle Convention. We also visited many thrift stores and antique shops. While there, we visited the largest outdoor antique show in the state. I picked up two "Warner's Safe Remedies" bottles, an aqua version and the smallest brown version. Cathy and I will be heading off to the Richmond Bottle Show on October 3rd.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next club meeting on October 9th and another fascinating presentation from Alex Hertzman. Please also remember to bring theme bottles, wear your badge and bring bottles to trade and sell.

Happy Hunting & Collecting, ~Tom







MEETINGS & SPEAKERS

Presentation Schedule
(subject to change)

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

November 13, 2026
Shawn Peters, Stoneware

December 11, 2026
Holiday Party

CLUB WEBSITES
https://www.baltimorebottleclub.org/
https://www.facebook.com/groups/baltimorebottleclub

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Summer Finds





Shawn Peters - 1901 Pan American Exposition mug for a Baltimore merchant, a Paul Hoffmann & American brewery beer glass & a labeled medicine for W H Brown.



Debbie Lippincott - A purple glass with 1955 on the front, from McDonalds.



Bob Ford - Vintage Ketchup Bottle from Albany, New York circa 1930's



Andy Agnew - A pontilled, one quart sapphire blue Washington/Taylor historical flask.

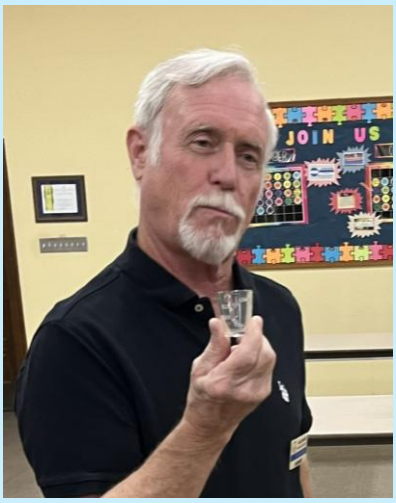


Alex Hertzmann - Vintage Crown Top Bottle Capper from Kurtz's Beach.



Tom Robusto - Rare green Cod Bottle, from approximately 1900.

Summer Finds





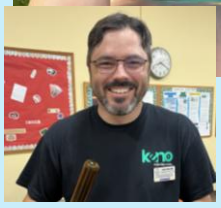






Rick Lease - Baltimore pharmacy dose glasses circa 1900-1910. Letter openers ; Maryland Glass & Abbotts Bitters. Bromo in a tube.





Dave Davenport - An Ullrich Wet Goods bottle with the contents and cork intact.









More great summer finds from Baltimore Antique Bottle Club Members...



NEWS & NOTES

The Website's New Look

Our club's award-winning website has undergone a dramatic makeover. Webmaster Bill Meier designed a fresh new look with easy to find content and photos. Highlights of the club are shown on the home page with a dropdown menu leading to key areas. It is a modernized site that is sure to attract attention to the club, the show and the Baltimore Bottle Book.

Check it out at www.BaltimoreBottleClub.org

** 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 **

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

Officers 2026-2027

President.....Tom Robusto
Vice President..... Rick Lease
2ND Vice President.. Dave Davenport
Secretary..... Rita Miller
Treasurer..... Karen Lease
Membership..... Chuck Meyer

Show Chairman.....Shawn Peters
Co-Show Chairman.....Micah Dolina

Board Members 2026-2027

Andy Agnew
Bob Ford
Alex Hertzman
John Lowry

RAFFLE & BADGE BOTTLE WINNERS

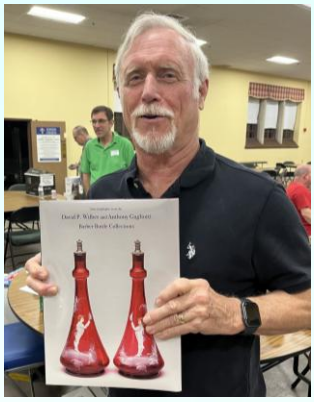


RAFFLE BOTTLE WINNER: Bob Ford



BADGE BOTTLE WINNER: Debbie Lippincott

RAFFLE WINNER



RAFFLE WINNER: Rick Lease

MEETING MINUTES

- Pledge followed by 9/11 moment of silence
- Officers' reports: Treasurer, Membership, VP, Show
- Theme bottles by Andy and Debbie
- Summer Finds presentations
- Pizza, soda, socializing
- Adjournment











CLUB MEMBER PROFILE



JAMIE Murdock

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

I've been a member since the early 90's. I saw a small ad in the Towson Times about a Bottle Club meeting at Loch Raven High School. I lived close by, drove to the meeting and joined because I've always had an interest in bottles. I've been with the club long enough where I can say, "I've seen them come and I've seen them go." I actually have an old cloth yellow 25th anniversary bag from 1995 that could probably go to the Smithsonian.

*** What do you collect?**

As far as what I collect, I have no specific category. I have bottles representing all categories. The one category that amazes me are the Cathedral Bottles ie. Pickle, Pepper Sauce, Cathedral Inks. The intricacy is truly amazing and why the effort was made to make them so!

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

With regards to best memory, former member Chuck Dunn who has since passed, was talking to the club at one of the meetings about the bottle he was holding, explaining how rare it was, how valuable it was etc. All the club members were mesmerized. Then all of a sudden, he dropped it, and it shattered on the floor. Everyone at the meeting either gasped or were dead silent. What we didn't realize was that this particular meeting was on April Fool's Day and it was one whopper of a joke using an inexpensive bottle. You should have seen and heard the relief and laughter from everyone. I will never forget that!

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

Any time I stumble across a bottle worth hundreds and I get for $5 dollars is a favorite find. The thrill of the acquisition!! Another favorite find is not related to bottles, but one day, I was rooting around in the woods and I came across a suitcase. I opened it up and there was a 20" hollow brass sphere inside. Amazing! It weighs about 25 pounds. I took it home, polished it and have it sitting on a stand in my back yard. I have no idea where it could have come from. I also collect Figural Cast Iron, such as Doorstops, Door Knockers, Bookends, Figural Bottle Openers etc., I also enjoy collecting Whitetail deer antlers when they shed them. I found 32 last year. If you happen to be born with that " collector's gene" there's no turning back!

I've thoroughly enjoyed my years with the club and look forward to the future. I've acquired quite a bit of knowledge through the years from my fellow members.



BOTTLE BRAIN

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

Question: How do you figure out the age of a bottle?

A rough dating guide to Antique Bottles. This is **only a general starting point**, not a substitute for identifying the specific bottle.

Approx. period	Features you might encounter
Pre-1850	Pontils, crude glass, applied finishes, handmade characteristics
1850–1870	Pontils still common; applied finishes; early molds
1870–1890	Applied and tooled finishes; increasing mold use
1890–1910	Tooled finishes increasingly common; early machine production
1900–1920	Machine-made bottles becoming increasingly common
1920+	Automatic machine manufacture increasingly dominant
Mid/late 20th c.	Highly uniform machine-made glass and finishes







OCTOBER BOTTLES

RAFFLE

October raffle bottle. Golden Gate Wine Co. 1905-1914



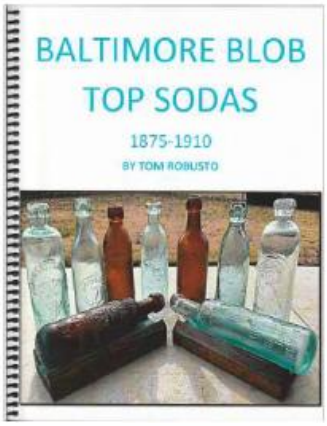


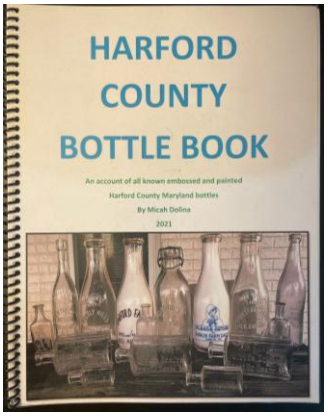
BADGE

Crane's Liniment, circa 1900 to 1925

BOTTLE BOOKS

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

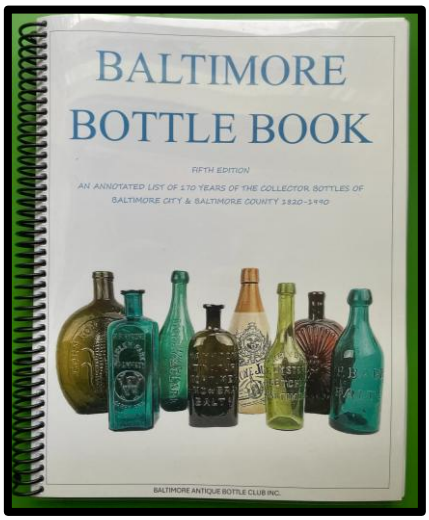




REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR BADGE AT ALL CLUB MEETINGS

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 OCTOBER BY DAY (*http://holidayinsights.com/history*)

1: John Philip Sousa becomes the Director of the US Marine Corps Band. (1880) | The first issue of National Geographic hits the newsstand. (1888) | Yosemite National Park was established. (1890) | The Television series "The Twilight Zone" premiered. (1959) | Walt Disney World opens in Orlando, Florida. (1971)

2: Peanuts comic strip by Charles Schultz first appears in newspapers. (1950) |

3: Captain Kangaroo premieres on television. (1955) | The "Mickey Mouse Club" premieres on television. (1955) | Frank Robinson becomes major league baseball's first black manager for the Cleveland Indians. (1974)

4: The Orient Express train takes off on its first trip from Paris to Istanbul. (1883) | Founder Julian Assange launches WikiLeaks. (2006)

5: The World Series was broadcast on radio for the first time. (1921)

6: Thomas Edison showed the 1st motion picture. (1889) | The first Physician's Assistants graduate from Duke University. (1967) | "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" premieres on television. (2000)

7: "Cats" premieres on Broadway. It is the second longest-running play ever. (1982) |

8: The Great Chicago Fire levels 3 1/2 square miles of the city. According to legend, Mrs. O'Leary's cow started the fire. (1871)

9: The general public was first admitted into the Washington Monument. (1888) | Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus performs its last show, a victim of falling attendance, animal rights protests, and high operating cost. (2018)

10: Griswald Lorillard of Tuxedo Park, NY cuts the tails off a tailcoat, creating the first tuxedo. (1886) | Spiro Agnew becomes just the second person to resign as Vice President of the United States. Pleaded no contest to income tax evasion. (1973)

11: Saturday Night Live premieres on television. (1984) | Space Shuttle Challenger astronaut Kathryn Sullivan became the first American woman to walk in space. (1984)

12: The very first Oktoberfest is held in Munich, Bavaria, Germany. (1810)

13: The U.S. Continental Navy was created. See Navy Day (1775) | The cornerstone was laid for the Whitehouse. (1792)

14: Martin Luther King Jr was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. (1971)

15: "I Love Lucy Show" premiered on television. (1951) | U.S. Department of Transportation was created. (1966) | Oscar the Grouch premieres on children's television show Sesame Street. (1969) See More: National Grouch Day.

16: Marie Antoinette was guillotined for treason. (1793) | Cuban Missile Crisis begins. (1962)

17: Mobster Al Capone was convicted of income tax evasion. (1931)| Joe Pedott of San Francisco, CA applies for a U.S. patent for the Chia Pet. See Chia Pet Day. (1977)

HISTORICAL EVENTS IN OCTOBER BY DAY (continued)

18: The United States purchased the territory of Alaska from Russia for $7.2M. What a deal that was!! (1867)

19: The Revolutionary War ended. (1781) | The Senate passed a bill making Martin Luther King's Birthday a national holiday. (1983)

20: Chinese uprising in the Philippines fails after 23,000 are killed. (1603) | US Senate ratifies the Louisiana Purchase. (1803)

21: "Old Ironsides", the USS Constitution was launched in Boston, MA. (1797) | Thomas Edison invented the incandescent electric lamp. (1879)

22: Polish born Karol Józef Wojtyła becomes Pope John Paul II. He is the first non-Italian to become pope in 455 years. (1978)

23: 25,000 women march in New York City demanding the right to vote.(1915)

24: Anna Edison Taylor is the first person to survive going over Niagara Falls in a barrel. (1901) | Black Thursday stock market panic. Investors panicked and dumped over 13 million shares of stock. The market then rallied for a few days before the crash on October 29. (1929) | October 24, 1945 – The United Nations came into existence. (1945)

25: U.S. forces invade Grenada. (1983)

26: The Erie Canal opens, connecting Lake Erie to the Hudson River for commercial shipping. It is the first manmade waterway. (1825) | The "Gunfight at the OK Corral" occurs. Wyatt Earp, his two brothers, and "Doc" Holliday, have a shootout with the Ike Clanton gang. (1881)

27: The New York Subway opens. (1904) | The Controlled Substance Act becomes law. Among the illegal substances are: cannabis, marijuana, heroin, and LSD. (1970)

28: Harvard University is founded in Cambridge, MA. (1636) | France presents the U.S. with the Statute of Liberty. (1886) | The Gateway Arch in St. Louis is completed. It was built as a tribute to Thomas Jefferson and the Louisiana Purchase. (1965)

29: The New York Stock Exchange crashed on what became known as "Black Tuesday", starting the Great Depression. Prices plummeted and billions of dollars were lost. (1929) | The Internet is created when the first bits and bytes of data are sent between computers at UCLA and Stanford Research Institute. (1969)

30: Orson Wells' "War of the Worlds" is broadcast on the radio, sparking panic as listeners believed the news bulletins about a Martian invasion. (1938)

31: Magician Harry Houdini dies from complications of a ruptured appendix. (1926) | Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was assassinated. (1984)

BALTIMORE ANTIQUE BOTTLE CLUB

46th Annual Show & Sale

Sunday, April 4, 2027

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SOME UPCOMING BOTTLE SHOWS

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

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

October 10 @ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Joppa Shrine Temple 13280 Shriners Blvd, Biloxi, MS, United States
Sales Contract available here

October 11 @ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Keene Bottle Show & Sale
Keene High School 43 Arch Street, Keene, NH

October 17 @ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
New Jersey Antique Bottle Club's 31st Annual Antique Bottle Show and Sale
Kyle Family Farm 831 Windsor Perrineville Road, East Windsor, NJ

October 18 @ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
The Findlay Antique Bottle Club's 49th Annual Antique Bottle & Collectibles Show & Sale
Owens Community College, Education & Wellness Center 3200 Bright Road, Findlay, OH

October 23 - October 24
Tennessee Bottle Collectors Presents the Old No. 7 Antique Bottle & Advertising Show
Wilson County Fairgrounds, Tennessee Building 945 E. Baddour Parkway, Lebanon, TN

October 25 @ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
57th Annual 1st Chicago Bottle Club Show & Sale
William Tell Hotel MOD Collection by Sonesta 6201 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL

November 7 @ 9:30 am - 2:30 pm
Metro Detroit Antique Bottle Club's 43rd Annual Antique Bottle Show & Sale
Royal Oak Elks Lodge # 1523 2401 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak, MI

November 8 @ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
North Jersey Antique Bottle Collectors Assn's 56th Annual Antique Bottle Show & Sale
Pompton Lakes Elks Lodge No. 1895 1 Perrin Avenue, Pompton Lakes, NJ

November 8 @ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Pittsburgh Antique Bottle Club's 56th Annual Show & Sale WTVFC Social Hall 1314 Axton Street, Belle Vernon, PA Directions Approaching from the East: Driving westward on I-70, take exit 43A. Turn right at first stoplight. This puts you on Route 201 South. Go straight through the next three stoplights (stay on 201 South). The WTVFC Social Hall is [...]

November 8 @ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Tri-State Bottle Collectors and Diggers Club 53rd Annual Antique Bottle & Collectibles Show and Sale
Cecil County Fairgrounds Fair Hill, E. L. Walls Bldg 4640 Telegraph Road, Elkton, MD
Please note the location!

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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 my Membership Chair:

Date Received: _____ Cash: $_____ Check: $_____ #_____