

Baltimore Antique Bottle Club, Inc

BALTIMORE BOTTLE DIGGER

November 2026

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello BABC Club Members. Our next club meeting will be Friday, November 13th. Shawn Peters will be talking about pottery crocks and stoneware. He has collected these types of items for many years, and he has a wealth of knowledge. I am really looking forward to this presentation, and it is one you do not want to miss!

Cathy and I had the opportunity to attend the Richmond Bottle Show last month. I have been attending or setting up at this event for over 30 years. It is a smaller show, but I always seem to find some treasure. I was able to add several pieces to my collection this year.



This show is only a short drive from Baltimore and definitely worth checking out in the future. It is important to support our fellow clubs.

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I am also looking forward to the National Show in Lebanon, Tennessee. It runs from July 29th to the 31st next year. This will only be my 3rd opportunity to attend the National Show, and I will have a table there. It is always nice to meet other collectors from around the country, and there will be lots of opportunities to mix and mingle with them.

Please remember to bring "Theme Bottles" to the meeting, as well as your other bottles and related items to sell and trade.

Happy Digging & Collecting. ~Tom

MEETINGS & SPEAKERS

Presentation Schedule
(subject to change)

November 13, 2026
Shawn Peters, Stoneware

★ ***Short Board meeting at 8:30 pm after the club*** ★

December 11, 2026
Holiday Party

January 8, 2027

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

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OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

- ✓ Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance
- ✓ Tom Robusto talked about his several bottle show visits
- ✓ Steve Charing gave an update on the BABC website makeover
- ✓ Chuck Myer gave an update on membership and future dues
- ✓ Micah Dolina gave a show and show-flyer creation update
- ✓ Karen Lease gave the Treasurer's Report
- ✓ Theme bottles were presented
- ✓ Alex Hertzman gave a presentation on the "Great American Fraud"
- ✓ Raffles were awarded
- ✓ Pizza, refreshments and socializing were enjoyed
- ✓ Meeting was adjourned













RICHMOND BOTTLE SHOW



























RICHMOND BOTTLE SHOW



Dr Alex Hertzman on "The Great American Fraud"

During the 1890s the average life expectancy was around 48 or 50 years old due to poor sanitation, unclean water, poor sewage systems, unsafe/spoiled food, poor nutrition, and lack of vaccines and antibiotics. Common causes of death were pneumonia, influenza, TB, diarrhea, and enteritis. The timing was perfect for the era of unproven patent medicines.





The era of patent medicines took place generally between 1840 and 1912. Newspapers and patent medicine makers had the public completely deceived. The charlatans and patent medicine makers founded the Proprietary Association of America in 1881. By 1905, gullible America spent $75 million on the purchase of these patent medicines. What was purchased was alcohol, opiates, narcotics, heart depressants, insidious liver stimulants, and, most of all, undiluted fraud.

The Great American Fraud book was a compilation of essays written by Samual Hopkins Adams published in Collier's Weekly magazine beginning in October 1905. Mr. Adams' objective was to expose the evils and fraudulent practices of the Proprietary Association of America.





In the talk, I presented 21 bottles representative of some of the more common fraudulent concoctions. The first article by Mr. Adams was entitled, “The Evil Nostrums.” A “nostrum” is defined as a medicine sold with false or exaggerated claims and with no demonstrable value; otherwise, a quack medicine. The Big Seven that I have presented include Lydia Pinkham’s Vegetable Compound, Peruna, Hostetter’s Bitters, Warner’s Safe Cures, Hood’s Sarsaparilla, Burdock Blood Bitters, and Dr Kilmer’s Swamp Root Kidney Liver and Bladder Cure. Most of these preparations had high concentrations of alcohol. The next three bottles presented were the subtle poisons including Bromo-Seltzer, Antikamnia, and Mrs. Winslow’s Soothing Syrup. Mrs. Winslow’s Syrup was labeled as one of the baby killers because it contained morphine and alcohol and caused severe sedation, addiction, poison, and death to infants. Also noted was the toxicity of the original formula Bromo-Seltzer which contained bromide and acetanilide both of which can be very toxic and potentially deadly. The final group of bottles included the cures for consumption which clearly did not cure consumption but suppressed cough due to opium and chloroform. None of these were curative.



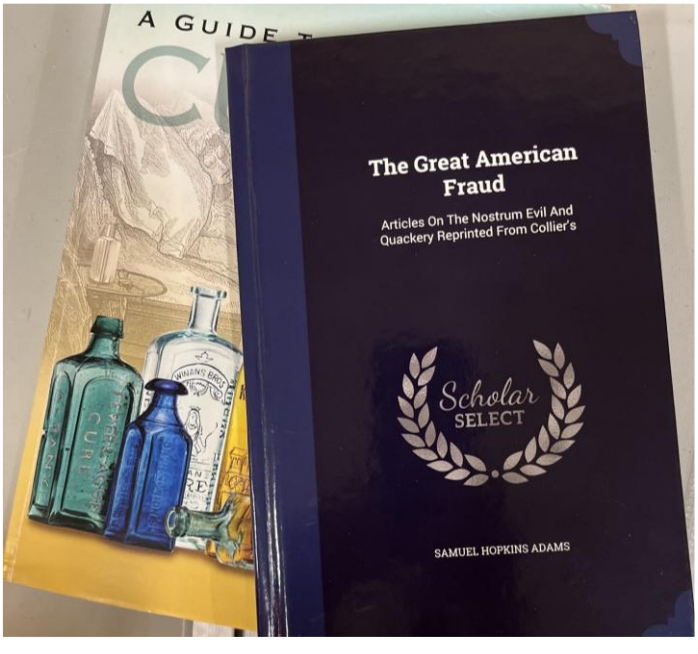




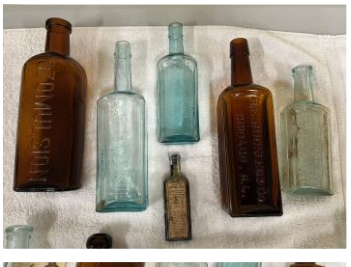


“The Great American Fraud”

The Food and Drug Act of 1906 finally put some restrictions on the claims of these curative potions. Later, in 1912, further restrictions were passed by Congress to prevent nostrum makers claiming cures. In the end, the patent medicine makers could go out of business, change their formulas, remove the line from their label clauses, or just ignore the law. All in all, after the publication of the articles in Collier’s, 264 patent medicines, quack doctors, firms, individuals, institutions, and institutes were attacked and denounced.











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

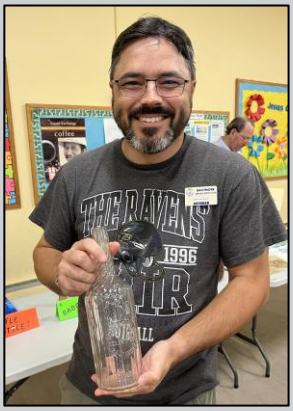
President.....Tom Robusto
Vice President..... Rick Lease
2ND Vice President.. Dave Davenport
Secretary..... Rita Miller
Treasurer..... Karen Lease
Membership..... Chuck Meyer

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

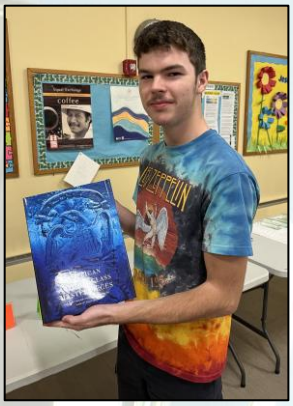


RAFFLE BOTTLE WINNER: Dave Davenport



BADGE BOTTLE WINNER: Bryan Divelbliss

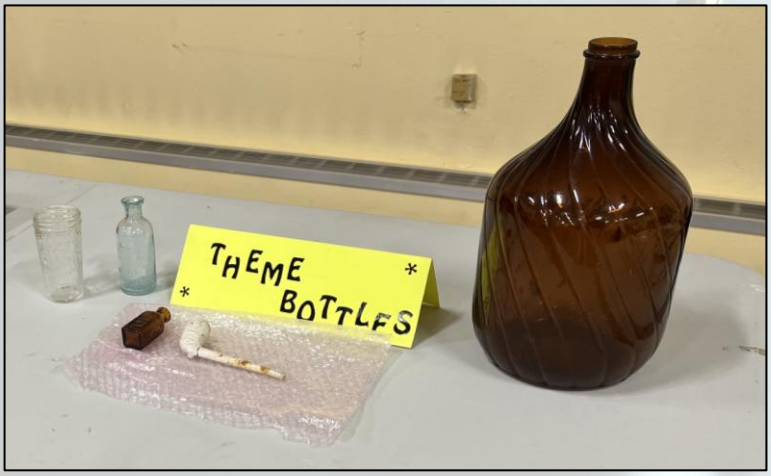
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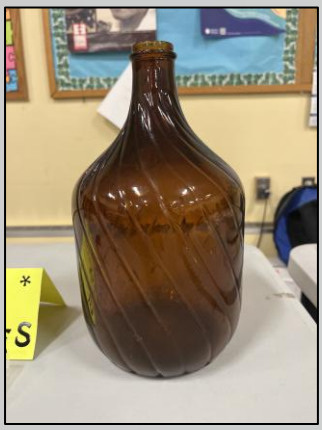
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THEME BOTTLES









Debbie Lippincott – Liquor bottle from her father's liquor cabinet



Tom Robusto – Jumbo Peanut Butter Jar - Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus performs its last show



Tom Robusto – Rare Pipe from 1870's with skull on it, Skull Poison Bottle - Halloween



John Lowry – Thomas Edison showed the 1st motion picture



BOTTLE BRAIN

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

Question: What are the more common abbreviations used in bottle collecting?

Abbreviation	Meaning
OP/ IP	Open Pontil/Iron Pontil
ACL	Applied Color Label (painted label on a bottle)
EAPG	Early American Pattern Glass
ABM	Automatic Bottle Machine; generally, indicates machine-made production
BIM	Blown in Mold
BIMAL	Blown in Mold, Applied Lip
2PM	Two-Piece Mold
3PM	Three-Piece Mold
ACL	Applied Color Label
MFG	Manufacturing or manufacturer
PONTIL	Pontil mark or scar from a pontil rod on bottom
NFS	Not For Sale
PAT'D	Patented
MFR	Manufacturer
UV	Ultraviolet light
INC	Incorporated
SCA	Sun colored amethyst

NOVEMBER BOTTLES

RAFFLE

Backwards S in Spring and a million tiny bubbles (well maybe half a million) Circa 1870's



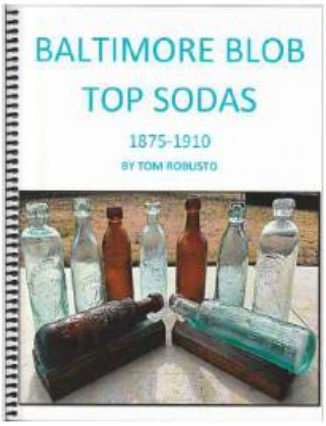


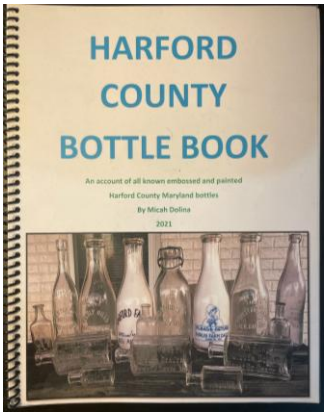
BADGE

amber Greensfelder & Laupheimer druggist from Baltimore. Circa 1890's.

BOTTLE BOOKS

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

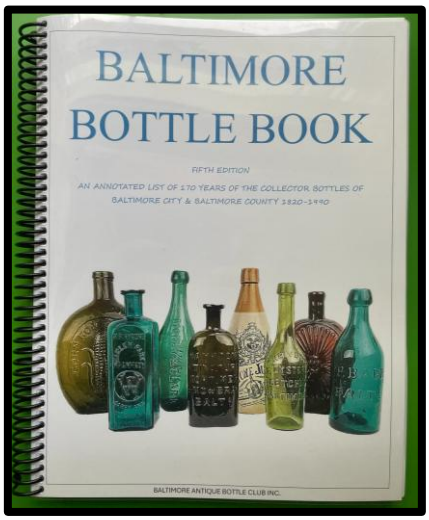




REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR BADGE AT ALL CLUB MEETINGS

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

1: Pope Gregory IV makes All Saints Day compulsory. (845) President John Adams and his family move into the White House at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, DC, becoming the first president to live there. (1800)
The first bare-breasted females (Zulu tribe) appear in the National Geographic magazine. (1896) The Bra is patented. (1914)The Otto man Empire ends. The Republic of Turkey is created. (1922)

2: Peter the Great becomes Emperor of Russia. (1721) George Washington says goodbye to his troops after the end of the Revolutionary War. (1783) American astronaut Bill Shepherd and Russian cosmonauts Yuri Gidzenko and Sergei Krikalev are the first crew to reside onboard the International Space Station (ISS). (2000)

3: The first Opium War between China and Britain begins. (1839) Clarence Birdseye markets frozen peas. (1952) The Wizard of Oz is televised for the first time. (1956)

4: The first wagon train arrives in California. (1841) Abraham Lincoln marries Mary Todd. (1842) James Ritty patents the cash register. (1879) Egyptologist Howard Carter and a team of excavators discover the intact tomb of Pharaoh Tutankhamun. (1922)

5: Parker Brothers markets the board game Monopoly. (1935) Voters re-elect President Franklin D. Roosevelt for an unprecedented third time. (1940)

6: Voters elect Abraham Lincoln as the next President of the United States. (1860) Rutgers University and Princeton play the first American Football game. Additionally, fans hold the first tailgating parties. (1869) Canada celebrates its first Thanksgiving. (1879) Colonel Jacob Shick patents the first electric razor. (1928)

7: The Lewis and Clark Expedition reaches the Pacific Ocean at the mouth of the Columbia River. (1805) Cartoonist Thomas Nast depicts the Republican party as an elephant in a cartoon in Harper's Weekly. (1874)

8: Elijah Craig is the first to distill Bourbon whiskey from corn in Bourbon, KY. (1789) Montana becomes the 41st State. (1889) President Franklin D. Roosevelt forms the Civil Works Administration to help create jobs for millions of workers unemployed during the Great Depression. (1933) The first jet-to-jet dogfight in history occurs. A U.S. jet shoots down a North Korean jet in the Korean War. (1950) The soap opera "The Days of Our Lives" premieres on television. (1965)

9: Napoleon Bonaparte stages a coup in France, and becomes a dictator, giving himself the title "First Counsul". (1799) The "Great Boston Fire of 1872" destroys over 1,000 buildings. (1872) Giant Pandas are discovered in China. (1927) "Lil Abner" cartoonist Al Capp creates Sadie Hawkins Day. (1838) Simon & Garfunkel record "Bridge Over Troubled Water". (1969) Garry Kasparov (Russia) becomes the youngest world chess champion at 22 years old. (1985)

10: The United States creates the Marine Corps. (1775) Henry Morton Stanley meets David Livingstone in Central Africa and says the immortal words: "Doctor Livingstone, I presume?". (1871) The Gideon Bible is put into a hotel room for the first time. (1908) Telephone area codes were put in use. Direct dial telephone service is first available coast to coast. (1951) Sesame Street premiers on PBS television. (1969) The ore carrier Edmund Fitzgerald breaks in two and sinks during a fierce storm on Lake Superior. The worst Great Lakes ship disaster in history. There were no survivors. (1975)

11: Forty-one Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower sign a compact calling for a "body Politick" just off the Massachusetts coast. (1620) Chrysanthemums arrive in England from China. (1790) Mary Edward Walker becomes the first female surgeon awarded the Medal of Honor. (1865) Construction is started on a naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. (1909) The "Great Black Blizzard", is the first of several dust storms to create the dust bowl, which tears through South Dakota. (1933) Kate Smith sings Irving Berlin's "God Bless America" for the first time. (1939) The first episode of "Rocky and Friends" airs on television. (1858)

HISTORICAL EVENTS IN NOVEMBER BY DAY (continued)

12: "Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ", written by soldier Lew Wallace, is published. (1880) The first ever television gardening show, "In Your Garden" premieres on BBC in England. (1936) The space shuttle Columbia launches for the second time. This was the first time a space vehicle was used more than once. (1981)

13: Benjamin Franklin says his famous quote: " Nothing is certain but death and taxes". (1789) The Holland Tunnel under the Hudson River opens to the public, connecting New York City and New Jersey. (1927) The United States lowers the minimum draft age from 21 to 18. (1942) False fingernails are sold for the first time. (1952)

14: The first streetcar goes into operation. (1832) "Moby Dick" by Herman Melville is published. (1851) Hydropower plant at Niagara Falls begins operation. (1896) Yale University goes Co-ed. (1968) Television Sitcom "Murphy Brown" premieres. (1988)

15: The Continental Congress approves the Articles of Confederation. (1777) Isaac Pitman introduces his shorthand system of writing. (1837)

16: The city of Havana, Cuba is moved to its current location to avoid mosquito infestations. (1519) The Lewis and Clark Expedition reaches the Pacific Ocean. (1805) Walt Disney opens EPCOT Center. (1965)

17: The first ship sails through the Panama Canal. (1913) At just 21 years old, Britany Spears becomes the youngest singer to get a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame. (2003)

18: William Tell allegedly shoots an apple off his son's head with a bow and arrow. (1307) Saint Peter's Basilica is consecrated. It replaces the original basilica on the same site and becomes the largest Christian Basilica in the world. (1626) Susan B. Anthony is arrested for leading a group of women to register and then vote at a Rochester, NY. polling site. (1872) Brooklyn toymaker Morris Michton names the teddy bear after Teddy Roosevelt. (1902) Disney's Steamship Willie premieres – Mickey Mouse is "born"! (1928) The first Swan Princess animated film is released. (1994) See National Princess Day.

19: On his second voyage to the New World, Christopher Columbus discovers Puerto Rico. (1493) Abraham Lincoln delivers the Gettysburg Address. (1863) American inventor Frederick E. Blaisdell patents the pencil. (1895) Kellogg's Pop-Tarts hits supermarket shelves. (1965)

20: The U.S. government begins requiring photos on passports. (1914) Ford quits making the unpopular Edsel. (1959) In a television interview, Princess Diana admits she cheated on Prince Charles. (1995)

21: Honolulu Harbor is discovered. (1794) The horror film "Frankenstein" is released. (1931)

22: The first snowmobile patent is issued to Carl Eliason of Sayner, WI. (1927) President John F. Kennedy, the youngest person to become a U.S. president, is assassinated in Dallas, Texas as his motorcade traveled through the city. (1959) Scientists at Harvard University isolate a single human gene for the first time. (1969)

23: A patent is issued for the horseshoe manufacturing machine. (1835) The revolutionary Jukebox is first displayed, becoming an instant success. See National Jukebox Day. (1889) J.L. Love receives a patent for the pencil sharpener. (1897) The Wright Brothers form a corporation to manufacture airplanes. (1909)

24: Charles Darwin publishes his theory on evolution "On the Origin of the Species", sparking great controversy. (1859) American inventor Joseph Glidden patents barbed wire. (1874) Air Force One, the first presidential airplane, is christened. (1954)

HISTORICAL EVENTS IN NOVEMBER BY DAY (continued)

25: The British evacuates New York City, their last military installation in the United States. (1783) Benjamin Banneker publishes his Farmer's Almanac for the first time. (1792) Evaporated milk is patented. (1880) The first Thanksgiving Day parade is held in Philadelphia, PA. (1920) Woody Woodpecker premieres in Walter Lantz's cartoon "Knock, Knock". (1940)

26: The first lion was exhibited in America. (1716) At the request of both houses of Congress, President George Washington proclaims Thanksgiving Day. It is the first official U.S. holiday. (1789) President George Washington holds the first-ever cabinet meeting. It is held in Washington's home. (1791) America's first street railway car begins operation in New York City. The ride costs 12 cents. (1832) The television game show "The Price is Right" premieres on NBC. (1956) The Concorde Supersonic Transport jet (SST) makes its final flight, returning to Briton, England. (2003) Dr Vijaypat Singhania from India earns the Guinness World Book of Records for the highest altitude. He rode a balloon to a height of 68,986 feet. (2005)

27: Swedish chemist Alfred Nobel creates the Nobel Peace Prize. (1894) Penn Station opens in New York, becoming the world's largest railway terminal. (1910) Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade marches down West 77th Street and Central Park West in New York City for the first time. (1924) Blockbuster animated film "Frozen" is released. (2013) Britain's Prince Harry and Meghan Markle announce their engagement. (2017)

28: 6 cars go 55 miles from Chicago to Evanston and back in America's first automobile race. (1895) The "Grande Ole Opry" debuts on the radio. (1925) Groucho Marx performs on the radio for the first time. (1932) The first Cyber Monday is held with great success. (2005)

29: Sir James Jay invents invisible ink. (1775) Thomas A. Edison displays his hand-cranked phonograph. (1877) The United Nations partitions Palestine between Arabs and Jews. (1947) Atari launches the video game "Pong". (1972)

30: The United States and Great Britain sign a peace treaty in Paris, formally ending the Revolutionary War. (1782) John Landis Mason patents the mason canning jar, revolutionizing food safety and storage. (1858)



53rd ANNUAL
ANTIQUE BOTTLE & COLLECTIBLES SHOW AND SALE
(NOTE NEW LOCATION)

ALSO, TABLE TOP ANTIQUES - ADVERTISING
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



FAIR HILL
E LWalls Bldg

Cecil County Fair Grd
4640 Telegraph Road
(Route 273)
Elkton MD 21921



ADMISSION FREE

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TRI-STATE BOTTLE COLLECTORS AND DIGGERS CLUB, INC.

BALTIMORE ANTIQUE BOTTLE CLUB

46th Annual Show & Sale

Sunday, April 4, 2027

HOWARD COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

-MAIN EXHIBITION HALL-

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Exit 80 on Interstate 70

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

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

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For Information Contact:

Shawn Peters - Show Director

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For More Information see

www.baltimorebottleclub.org

SOME UPCOMING BOTTLE SHOWS

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

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).

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!

November 14 @ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Eastside Spectacular #19 combined Brewery Collectibles Show & Antique Bottle and Jar Show
Belleclair Fairgrounds 200 South Belt East, Belleville, IL

November 15 @ 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
3rd Annual Connecticut Antique Bottle Show & Sale
Joanna's Restaurant Banquet Room 145 Main Street Route 190, Somers, CT

November 21 @ 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Wabash Valley Antique Bottle & Pottery Club Presents a Bottle, Pottery and Tabletop Antique Show and Sale
VFW Post 972 218 N. 12th Street, Terre Haute, IN

November 21 @ 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
13th Annual Fayette Bottle & Antique Show
Boy Scouts of America Building 100 3rd Avenue, Fayette, AL

November 21 @ 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Washington Bottle & Collectors Assn's Antiques, Bottle & Collectibles Show & Sale
Cedar Grange #534 22531 SE 218th Street, Maple Valley, WA

November 21 @ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
9th Annual Mississippi Gulf Coast Bottle & Collectibles Show & Sale
Joppa Shrine Temple 13280 Shriners Blvd, Biloxi, MS

November 29 @ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Forks of the Delaware Bottle Collectors Association 51st Annual Bottle and Antique Show & Sale
Northampton Banquet and Event Center 1601 Laubach Avenue, Northampton, PA

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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: $_____ #_____