

MIDWEST GLASS CHATTER

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Please send your club
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Membership

The Midwest Glass Chatter is a monthly publication and is a forum through which collectors can share information.

Membership cost is \$15.00 per year, per family, due each December 31. All jar/bottle related collectors are welcome. Send to MAFJBC, Attn: James Durr, 500 W. Ohio St., Fortville, IN 46040

Meeting Minutes, January 12, 2013

The January club meeting was replaced by the annual Fruit Jar Get-Together at the Baymont hotel in Muncie, Indiana. This hotel was the same one as in the past, but the ownership recently changed from Signature Inn to Baymont. Club President Dick Cole opened the meeting and welcomed an overflowing conference room of people.

Dick gave special recognition to Junne Barnett who made the trip from Edinburgh, Indiana. Junne said that she hates to miss a Jar Show, because it is a wonderful opportunity to reminisce with so many friends that she has made in the hobby over the years. Everyone gave her a round of applause, and they were glad that she could be with us.

Dick introduced the club officers for 2013: Dick is the President; Dave Rittenhouse, Vice President; Jim Durr, Treasurer; and Joe Coulson, Secretary. Dave will continue to be the Show Chairman.

Dick mentioned that club membership dues are due for 2013. The cost is still \$15 per family for one year.

Dick mentioned that the club website is a good place to keep up-to-date on meetings, to see pictures from our past

shows, and to see the list of books that are available from the club lending library.

Dick also recognized other clubs in the area that members might want to know about: Indianapolis Circle City Bottle Club, Wabash Valley Antique Bottle & Pottery Club, and the Findlay Bottle Club.

Dick listed the upcoming regional bottle shows: Milwaukee, Wisconsin, February 10; Columbus, Ohio, February 16th; and St. Louis, Missouri, March 17. Dick also mentioned that the FOHBC National show this year will be in Manchester, New Hampshire on July 21.

Dick mentioned that there are no plans to hold a Fruit Jar Get-Together in July in Muncie this year.

You can start making hotel reservations now for the Muncie January 2014 Show weekend. A block of rooms is being held by Baymont. Make sure you mention the Jar Show when making your reservation. The next Muncie Show will be held Sunday, January 12, 2014.

Our next regular club meeting is February 3rd. The theme for Show and Tell is to bring recent purchases, especially those made at the Show. Hope to see you all at the next club meeting.

Joe Coulson, Secretary



Jennifer Schmidt and Joe Coulson pose for a picture on Show Day

Fruit Jar Get-Together Show and Tell

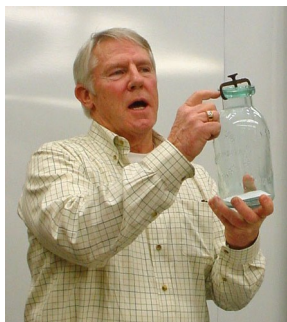
Dick Cole started off the Show and Tell portion of the Fruit Jar Get-Together.



Dick displayed two boxes of ARRO #63 (narrow mouth) metal top seal lids. One box was manufactured by Arridor Company, and the other box was manufactured by Ball Brothers Company of El Monte, California. Ball bought out Arridor.

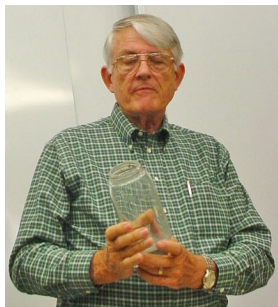
Dick also shared an original draftsman's engineering drawing for a Ball Special Wide Mouth jar. This item got several ooh's and ahhh's from Ball jar collectors. The drawing was created on August 22, 1950 and the jar went into production January 22, 1951. Dick pointed out an interesting note on the drawing which said "Rev. 11-14-55 to show new trade mark and re-arrange lettering".

Phil Smith displayed an aqua quart Mason's Patent Nov. 30th 1858 (Reverse: SUN) (no matching lid).

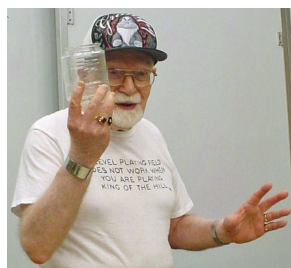


Joe Coulson displayed an unlisted clear quart debossed West Valley Mason (similar to the Atlas Mason Classico pasta jar); and an aqua three quart Rhule's Patent Sep 9th 1879.

Jon Vander Schouw shared a clear quart MASON jar (ground mouth). The top of the jar was deformed and had a slant to it. Jon encourages everyone to look in antique stores, because you just never know what treasure you might find.



Louis Ebert displayed an original advertising price list for fruit jars. A group of companies formed a sales agency to control prices of fruit jars. The price list was dated February 22, 1900.



Lou also displayed a clear 3 1/4 inch "jelly jar" that he recently purchased at a Lowe's home improvement store. The glass item was actually a globe for a porch light, even though it was labeled as a jelly jar.

Dave Rittenhouse shared

a yellow quart RB #1466 The Leader with original clamp. It was a beautiful and very appealing color.



Greg Spurgeon displayed an old tin can with a half gallon fruit jar inside. The jar fit perfectly inside the tin can. The tin can appeared to be from the same time period as the jar. The jar was an aqua Mason's 3 Patent Nov. 30th 1858. Greg was not sure why the jar would have been placed inside the tin can.



Greg also shared an unlisted pint ACME jar with an applied collar mouth.

Alan DeMaison told everyone about the upcoming FOHBC National bottle show in Manchester, New Hampshire on July 21. Alan is the Business Manager for the Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors.

Kevin Kellar took everyone's breath away when he displayed an aqua 1/4 PT GLOBE jar; an aqua 1/4 PT Mason's Pat Nov 30th (Cross)

1858; and a Ball blue HP Ball Perfection jar with original lid and band. The jars were for sale from his collection.



Mike Jordan displayed an aqua GEM BUTTER JAR with original closure.



Ron Ashby shared an advertising envelope for the Geo. D. Brown company. The envelope had a picture of a fruit jar with a paper product label for Lamb's Tongues. Ron also displayed a clear quart RB #525 jar with a paper product label, and it matched the picture on the advertising envelope!



Ron also displayed a clear pint jelly jar with a fancy design.

Fruit Jar Get-Together, cont'd

Larry Munson displayed a scarce aqua quart Mason's K Patent Nov. 30th 1858 (base: L&W).



Larry also shared a clear unembossed half gallon jar that contained current (green style) advertising showing the Ball logo and the name "Smooth Jar". The jar was made in China. Larry purchased this jar recently at an Ace Hardware store, and he wanted to let everyone know that this new jar was available.

Tom Sproat displayed an aqua quart RB #1547 Ludlow's (with repro clamp); a deep green pint #1549 Ludlow's (with repro propeller closure); a quart tin can #1551 (with Ludlow propeller closure); an amber jar with a glass pontil and twelve side panels; and a clear bell-shaped jar with a glass pontil.



Heidi Crupe displayed a candle that she recently purchased at a Target store. The candle was shaped like a Mason jar, and it was made in Hong Kong.

Russ Crupe told everyone that he has been finding Ball items lately instead of Atlas items. Russ is known as "Mr. Atlas". Russ displayed three different slug plates used in molds for Ball Corporation commemorative drinking mugs. The commemorative mugs were produced at the Washington, Pennsylvania glass manufacturing plant.



Joe Merkel displayed an aqua PT #1921-9 Mason's (CFJCo monogram) Patent Nov. 30th 1858 (heel: Glass Bottle Made By Melbourne Bottle Co.). There are only three examples of this jar known. Joe was able to purchase this jar from the collection of Don Burkett.



Joe also displayed a clear Mason's Patent Nov. 30th 1858 straight-sided pint. The mold shape was similar to that of the letter and shield jars. This was a really good jar find at an estate auction.

Jeff Klingler shared an aqua midget PT Mason's Pa-

tent Nov. 30th 1858 (Reverse: HGCo monogram); a clear QT #2429 Pyramid (in circle) (acquired from Jamie Houdeshell); a clear PT #2429 Pyramid (in circle) (acquired from Richard Franks); a Ball blue midget PT Mason's Patent Nov. 30th 1858; and an aqua half gallon #2552 San Francisco Glass Works wax sealer.



Bruce Schank mentioned that 30 years ago (January 1983) Edmund F. Ball was at the Muncie Show. Bob Rhineberger brought a dark amber #234 Ball (3-L) Mason to the show. Mr. Ball handled the jar and said that it was a "mistake". A photo of Mr. Ball holding the jar was printed in the club newsletter.

Bruce donated a framed copy of his "Jar Bling" poem to Bob Rhineberger for all that he has done for the hobby over the years. Bob was in attendance and gratefully accepted the poem.

Clinton Brandt displayed a silver-plated Ball Brothers Glass Mfg. Co. letter opener. A gushing oil well was depicted on one side, and a Ball (3-L) Mason on the other side.

Clinton also mentioned that he has a collection of about 600 jars for sale. You can visit him in Monroe, Michigan to see what he has.

Junne Barnett



Mason Bright



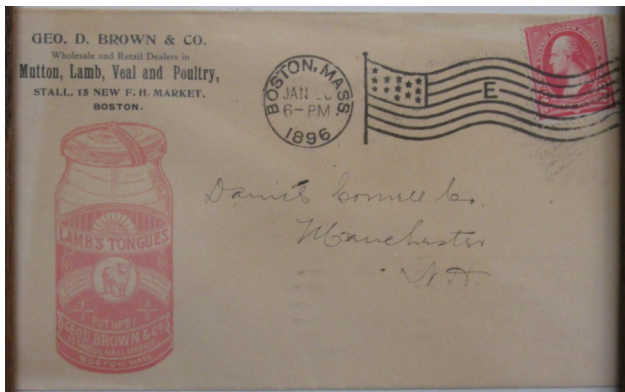
Chuck Erb



Mike James



Fruit Jar Get-Together Pictures



Advertising envelope from Geo. D. Brown & Co. The envelope shows a product jar with a label for Lamb's Tongues.



A pair of original boxes of #63 (narrow mouth) metal top seal lids. The boxes show change of ownership from Arridor to Ball Brothers.



Clear quart Geo. D. Brown jar with original product label that matches the advertising envelope shown above



Unlisted pint ACME jar with applied collar mouth

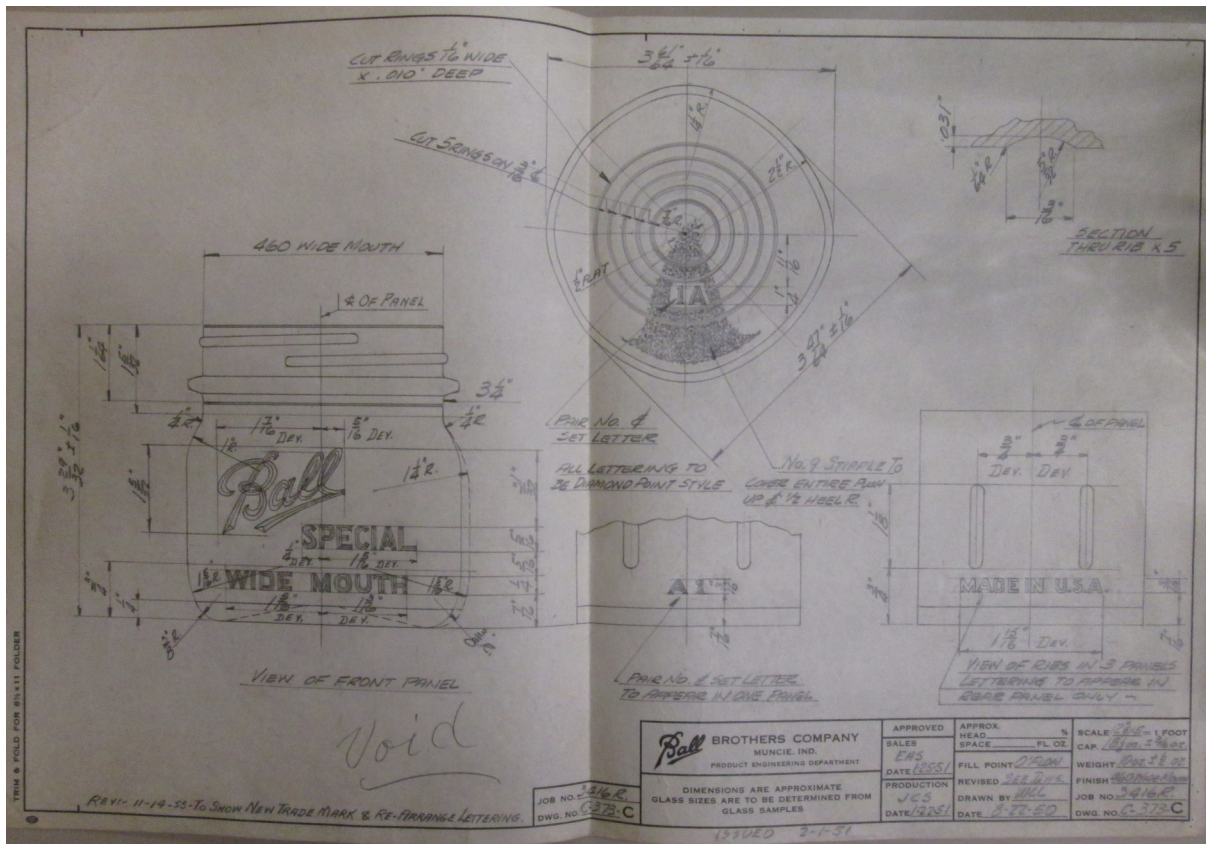


Aqua quart Mason's Patent Nov. 30th 1858 with reverse embossed SUN



Clear pint jelly jar with fancy design

Fruit Jar Get-Together Pictures, cont'd

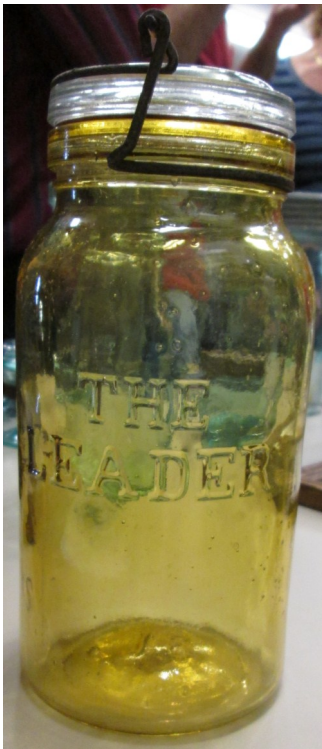


Original 1951 draftsman's engineering drawing of a Ball Special Wide Mouth jar



Original artistic drawing—possibly made by a Ball Brothers Company employee

Fruit Jar Get-Together Pictures, cont'd



Yellow quart The Leader



Aqua half gallon fruit jar inside a tin can. The age of the tin can matches that of the jar



Clear quart MASON jar with a deformed neck



Green pint Ludlow jar with propeller closure



Quart tin can with Ludlow's propeller closure



Aqua quart Gem Butter Jar



Aqua quart Ludlow's jar with cast iron clamp



Original mold slug plates for the commemorative Ball drinking mugs

January Show Pictures, cont'd



Aqua 1/4 pint GLOBE
with original closure



Aqua 1/4 pint Mason's Pat Nov
30th (Cross) 1858



Aqua 1/2 pint Ball PERFECTION
with original lid and band



Aqua quart
Mason's K Patent Nov. 30th 1858



The base of the Mason's K Patent jar shown at left is embossed "L & W"

Fruit Jar Get-Together Pictures, cont'd



Amber jar with glass pontil and twelve panels



Clear straight-sided pint with ground mouth and body shape similar to the lettered and numbered Mason jars



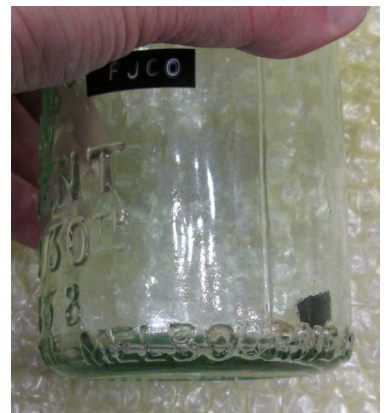
Aqua quart wax sealer
San Francisco Glass Works



Clear bell-shaped quart with high kickup base



Clear quart and pint Pyramid jars



Rare Mason's CFJCo Patent Heel: Glass Bottle Made By Melbourne Bottle Co.

January Show Pictures, cont'd



Joe Coulson shared this
"Home Preserving Jar
Smithtown Kansas 1882 2 Quarts"



Aqua kerosene jar
Rhule's Patent Sep 9th 1879



Unlisted debossed West Valley Mason



Everyone settles up after the Saturday auction. Left to right: Mason Bright, Dick Bere, Larry Munson, and Chuck Erb

Fruit Jar Get-Together Pictures, cont'd



Mike James displayed this original artwork, probably drawn by a Ball Brothers company employee in the 1920s or 1930s. It depicts all of the company departments involved in the production and distribution of a Ball jar.

More January Show Pictures



Spider web glass character on an aqua half gallon Mason's Patent jar



Rare green Kerr bell-shaped jar



A look at the crowd after the Saturday Show and Tell session



Newly released Ball "Smooth Jar"

Displays on Show Day, cont'd

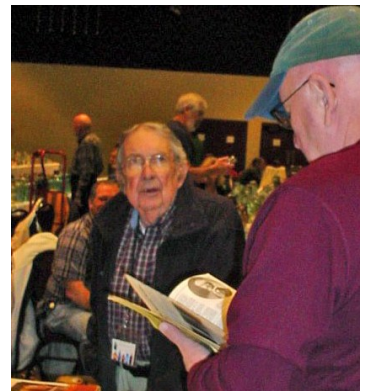
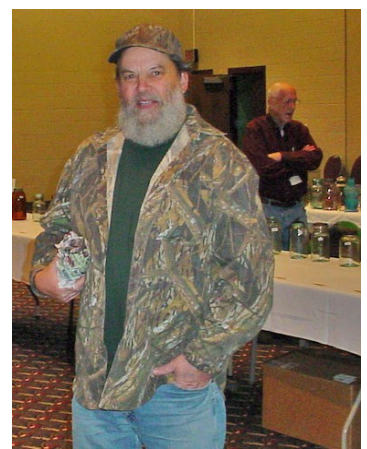


Joe Coulson displayed all of the known embossing variations of the Ball STANDARD jar. His display also included several choice colors. This display won the "People's Choice" award.



Mike Jordan displayed all of the known Ball Type jars that were made by Ball Corporation over the years. He also displayed several attractive colors of the Ball Ideal jar. This display won the "Dealer's Choice" award.

January Show Pictures, cont'd



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Jerry McCann gave a presentation on early fruit jars. Jerry pulled many rare examples from his large collection. Everyone greatly appreciates those who take the time and effort to give talks or moderate discussion groups at the hotel during the Show weekend. These sessions are typically well attended.

Announcements

- The next club meeting will be Sunday, February 3rd at Minnetrista at 1:30pm in the Cantina. The theme for the club meeting will be Recent Purchases. Bring an item purchased at the January Show or any other recent purchase.
- The next North American Glass online auction opens on January 28th. Greg Spurgeon always selects a fine grouping of fruit jars. Visit the NAG website at: <http://www.gregspurgeon.com/auction>
- Tammy Johnson is migrating her fruit jar ring box reference material to a brand new website. It is in the beginning stages. Tammy would like your input on what features and reference material to add: <http://www.fruitjarrings.com>
- The Jelly Jammers continue to put a lot of effort into their website, the "Jelly Jammers Cupboard". New pictures are added regularly, please check it out: <http://www.jellyjammers.org>
- The Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors website is a great resource. Our club is a proud member of the FOHBC. Mark your calendar for July 21 to attend the National Antique Bottle Show in Manchester, New Hampshire. One of the useful tools on the Federation website is the bottle show listing: <http://www.fohbc.org/shows>

