

MIDWEST GLASS CHATTER

MIDWEST ANTIQUE FRUIT JAR & BOTTLE 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, October 6th, 2013

The October meeting was held in Muncie, Indiana at Minnetrista. Club President Dick Cole opened the meeting and welcomed 8 members.

Jim Durr provided the Treasurer's report for October. There were no changes in the bank balance, because the newsletter editor had not reported expenses for the last few issues.

Sue Wilson reminded everyone that the auction at their old place is scheduled for October 18, 2013 in Economy, Indiana, starting at 10:00am.

Dick reviewed the list of upcoming bottle shows: October 20th 2013 (Sunday) Findlay, Ohio - 37th Annual Findlay Antique Bottle Show at the Old Barn Auction House; October 27th 2013 (Sunday) Glendale Heights, Illinois - 1st Chicago Bottle Club's 44th Annual Show & Sale at the Ramada Inn; November 9th 2013 (Saturday) Royal Oak, Michigan—Metropolitan Detroit Antique Bottle Club's 31st Antique Bottle Show & Sale at the Royal Elks Lodge #1523; November 9th 2013 (Saturday) Belleville, Illinois—Eastside Spectacular #7 Brewery Collectibles Show / Antique Bottle & Jar Show at the BelleClair Fairgrounds.

Dick offered a door prize of a package of Penley jar lids if someone could answer a trivia question. He said he was surprised to find the Penley lids, since the company had decided to get into making fruit jars and shipped in a supply made in China, but before they could be sold they were bought out by Jarden. The inventory sat in the warehouse for a while before the decision was made to destroy the inventory. Colleen was able to answer a question about the sculptor of Lincoln at the Lincoln Memorial; the answer is Daniel Chester French. Dick then offered another box of the lids if someone knew the last statue the sculptor did. It is Beneficence which is located on the Ball State campus.

Dick explained that due to an event on November 2nd



at Minnetrista the area we normally use for meetings will not be available, because it won't be cleaned up in time. We will be having our November 3rd meeting at the L.L. Ball mansion. The L.L. Ball house is located just down the road from Minnetrista in Muncie. Bring your jar or bottle with the most bubbles in it.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Coulson, Secretary



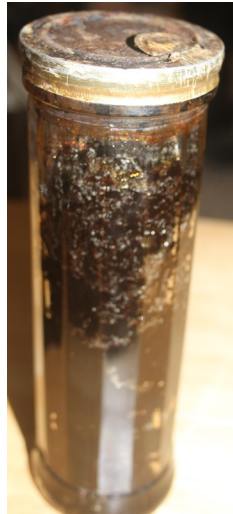
The club will meet at the L.L. Ball house in November

Show and Tell Pictures

Club members were asked to bring “bring a sun colored amethyst (purple) or nuked jar or bottle.”

[Editor's comment: Special thanks go to Jim Durr for recording the meeting minutes and taking some Show and Tell notes & pictures in my absence.]

During the show and tell there were several discussions about various colors produced by sun or irradiation. In addition there were discussions regarding the conditions under which irradiated jars of various color can be turned back.



An old product jar with an interesting, original and disposable closure that survived.



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SCA quart Mason, fancy loop, octagon neck



SCA quart The Leader



SCA Mason's Patent Nov. 30TH 1858, tudor rose



SCA Golden-State without closure

Show and Tell Pictures, cont'd



SCA quart Red (key) Mason's Patent Nov. 30TH 1858



SCA pint Flaccus Bros. Fruit Jar



SCA quart Ball Special



Aqua quart Mason's Patent Nov. 30TH 1858
(base: Tigner G. Co.—Xenia Ind.)



Purple pint Sealfast



Base of jar on left: Foster



Purple half gallon



Base of jar on left: Pat. July 11 1893
around VJCCo monogram



Purple pint Ball Sure Seal

Anne Szopa & Sue Wilson's Estate Fruit Jar Auction (Oct. 18th)

It was a beautiful Fall morning as we drove from our home in Greenwood, Indiana to the small rural town of Economy, Indiana on October 18, 2013. This was where the estate sale was held for many of the items owned by Anne Szopa and Sue Wilson. They had decided to downsize and move into the "big city" of Muncie. Many of the readers of this newsletter recognize these well-known local collectors who have been very active in the fruit jar hobby and jelly glass

hobby for many years. Today was the day that they would sell the majority of their collections. The number of attendees was very good, and the auction was run smoothly and at a steady cadence. There were approximately 250 bottles and jars that were sold individually. These items were the first to sell promptly at 10:00am. It would take the rest of the day to wind through the folding tables covered with box lots of jars and bottles. Yes, there were

several hundred box lots to choose from! Many treasures went to new owners who would take good care of them. Many of the local jar club members were present and actively bidding. Myself and Jennifer ended up with several of the single sale jars as well as a dozen or so box lots. My wife, although not a collector, got involved and would occasionally bid on items that caught her eye. A couple of times she continued the bidding for me after I

had dropped out. She is a tough competitor when she locks onto something. I was very appreciative that she was thinking of me and supporting my collecting interests. We paid for our auction winnings around 3:00pm and headed back home. The auction was still going on, but we needed to make it to our oldest son's football game. Here are a few pictures from the auction...

—Joe Coulson



The tables on the right contained the single jars to be sold



Phyllis Pahlmann scans the tables of box lots for jelly glasses



Cars lined the road a long way both directions for this sale



Many familiar faces of collectors bidding in this photo

Indianapolis Bottle Show Pictures—Sept. 22nd

The first annual Circle City Antique Bottle Club's show was held in Indianapolis, Indiana at the Marriott East on September, 22nd 2013. Jennifer and I arrived at the hotel on the day of the show about an hour after the doors had opened. Upon entering the doors we spent our time moving at a slow pace from table to table. My wife is very kind

and patient with me, because she knows that part of the fun of going to a show is talking "hobby talk" with other collectors. It took about three hours to travel from the first table at the door to the last table in the room. I saw several familiar faces from the Circle City Bottle Club and Wabash Valley Club, but other folks were there from the Mid-

west region, such as John Pastor. Virtually every bottle collecting category was covered, and there was a contingent of Coca Cola collectors. The room was busy with activity the entire time we were there. There were several nice displays just outside the room by the entrance. I took a few photos to share...

—Joe Coulson



A good view of the show room floor



John Cleland had many milk bottles



Dan Russell had many apothecary bottles



Justin Walker had colorful fruit jars



This gentleman had a rare and unique Coke



One of a few Coke cans designed for use in outer space; one similar to this flew on the U.S. space shuttle Challenger in early August 1985



One of the first prototype Coke bottles; \$500,000 has been offered for it

Indianapolis Bottle Show Pictures, cont'd



Display of Polk Dairy items



Display of Medical Alcohol bottles



Display of Pepsi bottles



Large picture of the Polk Sanitary Milk Co.



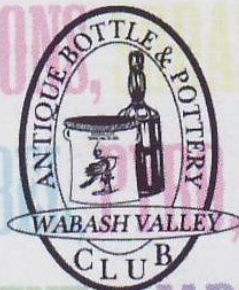
Display titled "Yaeger: Two Generations of Collecting 1917 - 1988"



The admissions table to the show; notice the wooden bottle awards for displayers

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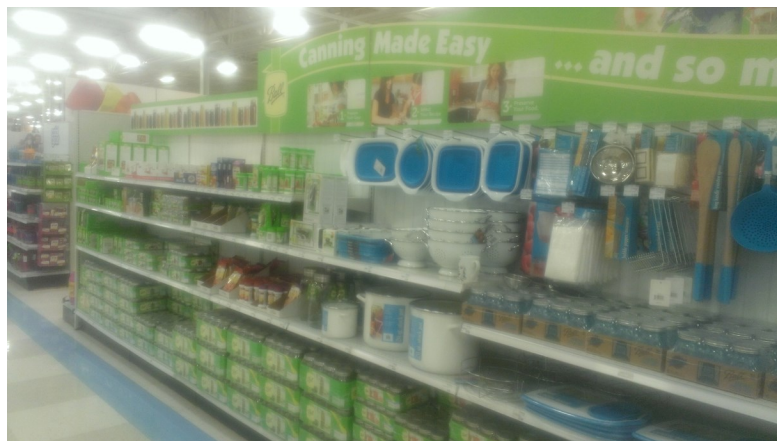
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I took this picture in a Meijer store during late summer. This was a very large display promoting all of the Ball® canning supplies. I never did remember to ask the store's manager of this department to save the advertising for me. It would have made a nice addition to my Ball jar collection.

Announcements

- Upcoming club meetings:

November 3rd, meet at the L.L. Ball house down the road from Minnetrista at 1:30pm
(NOTE THE LOCATION CHANGE! AND NOTE THAT CLOCKS WILL BE SET BACK ONE HOUR DUE TO DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME!), bring your jar or bottle that has the most bubbles in the glass;

December 1st, meet at Minnetrista, Christmas dinner, dirty bingo

- The Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors website is a great resource. Our club is a proud member of the FOHBC. One of the useful tools on the Federation website is the bottle show listing: <http://www.fohbc.org/shows>
- The 2014 FOHBC National Antique Bottle Show will be held in Lexington, Kentucky on August 1–3, 2014.

