

# Bottle Talk

MARCH- APRIL, 2011



A full case of PINE STATE creamers from the collection of RBC member Whitt Stallings.



Travis Hardin was a guest at our April meeting. The club always welcomes visitors, especially if they have a nice bottle like this pint Raleigh Dispensary. All you can eat pizza made it an excellent night to visit. We hope to see Travis again at the May meeting.



This nice J.K. ALDRIDGE slug plate flask from LA GRANGE, N.C. is extremely hard to find. It was presented by RBC member Donnie Medlin.







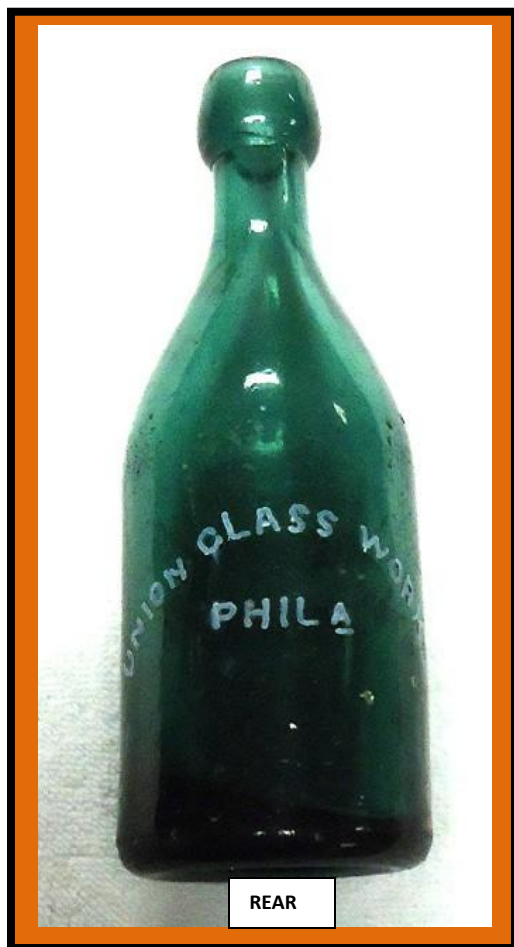
These two unusual N.C. pharmacy bottles were presented by RBC member Pem Woodlief. Based on their unusual design and embossing these are believed to be 'turn of the century' bottles.



This old Yellow Cab Cigar sign was presented by member Joel Sanderford. Go by the Roxboro Flea Market on Hwy 501 and check out Joel's unusual collectibles...



These nice Casper Company whiskey jugs were presented by Whitt Stallings. Check out the unusual top on the light colored Winston Salem jug. The dark Casper on the right is the hard to find four city jug. These are two nice additions to any collection.



Ronald Hinsley picked up this nice blobtop during some of his recent travels. Believe it or not this bottle is older than Ron.



This unusual little bottle is less than 1 ½ inches tall and 2 inches in diameter yet it held one pound of liquid Mercury. Do you have any unusual bottles or collectibles that might be of interest to the readers of BOTTLE TALK? I am always looking for interesting articles, stories and photos for the next news letter. The Mercury bottle is from Marshall Clements' collection.



Joe Williams, in his never ending search for a nice North Carolina whiskey flask, has hit pay dirt once again. This nice Bodenhamer slug plate whiskey from Winston, N.C. is going to look nice in his display case.





Above Left: Items from Randleman, N.C. are not very plentiful. This straight sided Coke is no exception. Frank Bishop is the owner of this nice bottle. Above Right: This nice pre 1900 AVON SPRING WATER bottle was part of a box lot purchased by Marshall Clements for \$100.00. A Coca-Cola chewing gum jar was also found in the same box. Sometimes you win and sometimes you lose. It's all part of the ongoing search for the next hidden treasure.



# After “SHOW AND TELL” comes “SHUT UP AND EAT”

## THE ANNUAL RBC PIZZA PARTY





## **North Carolina Before and During Prohibition**

**As early as 1903 North Carolina began the process of controlling the making of liquor by enacting a law forbidding distilleries outside of chartered towns.**

**The most famous of the in-town distillers was the Old Nick Whiskey Company of Panther Creek in what was originally Surry County and now is Forsythe.**

**The Williams' place became Williams, N.C. and with the passage of more strict prohibition in 1908 the area reverted back to the old farm. Most of the stills and several hundred employees moved to Kentucky to continue the trade.**

**As with most laws there were exceptions made to accommodate a certain trade. For instance, the Watts Law of 1903 exempted wines and ciders as well as fruit and grape brandies. In 1908 it was stipulated that wines could only be sold at the place of manufacture. Garrett was wise enough to move his wine production to Norfolk prior to a tightening of the laws. His press houses continued in Weldon and Aberdeen.**

**When the rationing began to take affect, the bootleggers rushed in to fill the void. In 1919 the Collector of Internal Revenue for the eastern counties declared: "We have more illicit distilleries than any state in the Union or any other portion of the earth and the number is increasing." In 1920 of all the stills seized by Federal agents more than one fifth were in North Carolina. No one seemed stunned as this was an old story. As early as 1877 North Carolina was a leading area for illegal stills. In 1875 the N. C. State Fair offered a diploma for the best copper still, with worm attached, exhibited by a state maker.**

**While the percentage of moonshining among sand lappers and swamp angels was high, there is a strong likelihood the classic local was the upcountry.**

**David Tingen**

# Show Calendar

## May 7 (Saturday) Gray, TN

The State of Franklin Antique Bottle and Collectibles Association's 13th Annual Show & Sale (8am - 2pm with free admission; dealer setup and early buyers (\$10) - Friday, May 6 12 noon - 6pm).

Info: Melissa Milner, ph: (423) 928-4445, email: [mmilner12@chartertn.net](mailto:mmilner12@chartertn.net), [www.sfabca.com](http://www.sfabca.com).

FOHBC Club

## Saturday, June 4, 2011

### **RALEIGH BOTTLE CLUBS** *Bottle and Collectible Show and Sale*

N.C. State Fairgrounds ... James Martin Building Show Set Up: 7:00 – 8:00 A.M. Open to Public: 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. General ADMISSION \$3.00 Vendor Tables (8 ft.) \$25.00.

Additional Tables \$15.00 each. For table Reservations and show information contact:

Whitt Stallings (919-781-6339) [awhittstallings@planetebay.net](mailto:awhittstallings@planetebay.net)

## June 11 (Saturday) Smyrna, GA

41st Annual Atlanta Antique Bottle Show & Sale (9am - 3pm \$3 with early admission 6am - 9am \$10) at the Smyrna Community Center, 200 Village Green Circle, Smyrna, GA. Info: Jack Hewitt, 1765 Potomac Ct, Lawrenceville, GA 30043, ph: (770) 963-0220, email: [Hewittja@bellsouth.net](mailto:Hewittja@bellsouth.net) or [propjj@bellsouth.net](mailto:propjj@bellsouth.net).

June 25 - 26, 2011 (Saturday - Sunday) Memphis, TN Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors' Annual National Show & Sale at the Cook Convention Center, Memphis, TN. Info: R. Wayne Lowry, FOHBC Conventions Director, ph: (816) 318-0161, email: [JarDoctor@aol.com](mailto:JarDoctor@aol.com)

## July 23, 2011 (Saturday) Tallahassee, FL

The 5th Annual Tallahassee Antique Bottle Show & Sale (9am - 3pm) at the North Florida Fairgrounds, Tallahassee, FL. Info: Britt Keen, 1144 Azalea Dr, Tallahassee, FL 32301, ph: (850) 877-44990, email: [britt\\_keen@hotmail.com](mailto:britt_keen@hotmail.com), [www.floridabottles.com](http://www.floridabottles.com) aol.com.

## September 19, 2011 Winchester, Va.

The Apple Valley Bottle Collectors Club 36th Annual Show & Sale, (9 AM to 3 PM, early buyers 7:30 AM), at the Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Family Life Center, 1309 Opequon Ave, Winchester, VA. Info: RICHARD M. VENSKE, 2038 Chestnut Grove Road, Winchester, VA. 22603, PH: (540) 247-4429

## October 1 Chesterfield, Va.

The Richmond Antique Bottle Club Annual Show & Sale, (9 AM to 3 PM, early buyers 7:30 AM) at the Chesterfield County Fairgrounds, 1030 Courthouse Rd., Chesterfield, VA. Info: MARVIN CROKER, 4718 Twila Ln., Richmond, VA 23234. PH: (804) 275-1101 or ED FULKNER, PH: (804) 739-2951, email: [richbottleclub@comcast.net](mailto:richbottleclub@comcast.net)



November 5, 2011 (Saturday) Jacksonville, FL  
Antique Bottle Collectors of North Florida's 44th Annual Show & Sale (8am - 3pm with early buyers Friday 5pm - 8pm) at the Fraternal Order of Police Building, 5530 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville, FL. Info: Mike Skie, 3047 Julington Creek Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32223, ph: (904) 710- 0422 or Jackie McRae, ph: (904) 879-3696

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The show schedule published in BOTTLE TALK will generally list shows of interest on the east coast. It is not meant to be a complete list of all upcoming shows.

There are primarily two web sites listing shows throughout the country. If you are traveling on business or taking a long needed vacation, you might want to take a look at the following sites to see if there is a show in the area:

[www.fohbc.com/FOHBC\\_ShowCalendar2.html](http://www.fohbc.com/FOHBC_ShowCalendar2.html)

[www.glswk-auction.com](http://www.glswk-auction.com)

Take a look at the enhanced version of the Raleigh Bottle Club web site You can see back issues of BOTTLE TALK, read the 'for sale/want' ads or place an ad of your own. There is also space for you to add pictures of your favorite bottle or perhaps you whole collection.

TAKE A LOOK.....[www.raleighbottleclub.org](http://www.raleighbottleclub.org)

*Robert Creech Web Site Administrator*

**Time has come and gone for those who have not paid their membership dues. If you have not renewed your membership for 2011 please do so now. Send your payment to Jerry Higgins, 2048 Deer Trail, Clayton, NC 27527.**

**WANTED**

**STYROFOAM COVERED SODAS**

*Any size larger than 20 ounce*

*Marshall Clements (919) 423-8557*

*blobtop@gmail.com*

*Will pay top dollar for bottles  
embossed 'Wilmington, N.C'*

**Sodas Medicines Whiskeys  
Beers Milks**

**Contact: Chris Whitehurst  
cbw315@yahoo.com**

**WANTED**

***Coca-Cola Water bottle TOP.***

**Any style, but prefer the one with the  
sailboat.**

**Contact Steve Williams at (317)848-4921**

**or *steve.williams@chiefind.com***

**FOR SALE**

**MOUNTAIN DEW**

**Over 300 hard to find bottles including:**

**...tri-city bottles  
...numbered bottles ...Australian bottles  
...various hard to find bottles and  
advertisement pieces**

**Contact: Stan Dismukes 772-473-7730**

**\*\*\*\*\* WANTED \*\*\*\*\***

**Raleigh, N.C. Memorabilia**

**(old items embossed or labeled RALEIGH, N.C.)**

**ephemera - advertisement - license plates**

**- BOTTLES -**

**Contact: Jack Murdock 919-829-5766**

**\*\*\*\*\* WANTED \*\*\*\*\***

**TAB BOTTLES**

**Will pay reasonable price for unusual  
colors or odd sized TAB bottles.**

**Contact: DeeAnn Nichols**

**919-383-2094**



# BLAST FROM THE PAST



This heavy metal sign was offered for sale at PEPSI FEST 2006. This awesome life size sign was on display in the hotel room of a collector. The mirror in the background shows a reflection of the back of the sign. Look at the Night Stand the piece is leaning against and you will get a good idea of just how tall this sign really is.

Photo from Marshall Clements collection

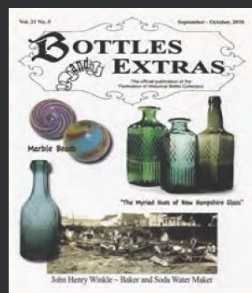
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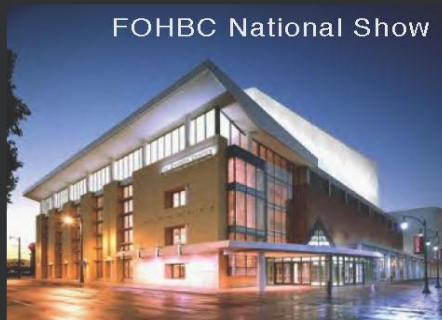
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and related collectible items. The primary goal of the federation is educational as it relates to the history  
and manufacture of historical bottles and related artifacts.