

Bottle Talk

Raleigh Bottle Club Newsletter

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Tobacco Barn Pot owned by RBC member Marshall Clements

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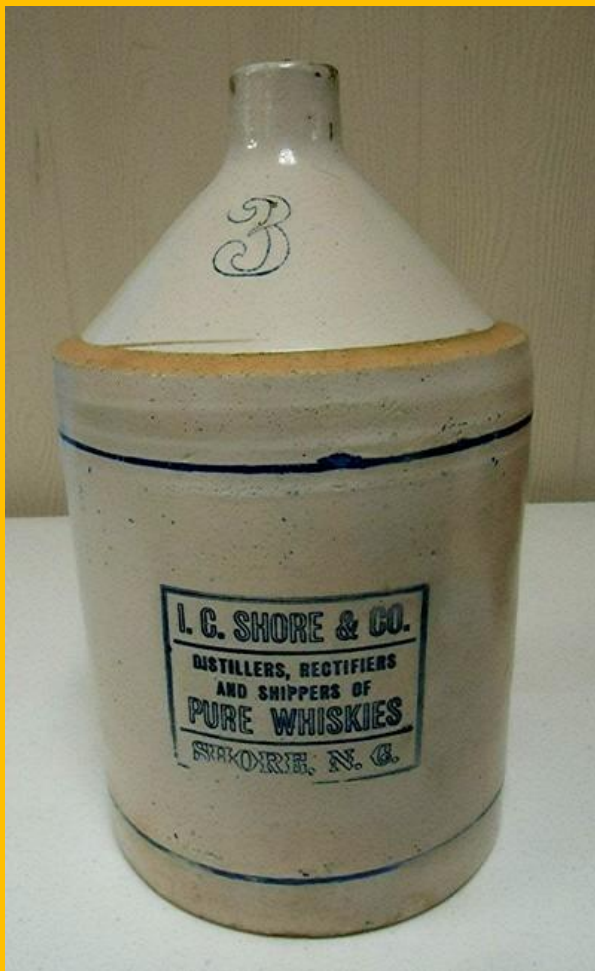
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Bottle Talk Feature Of The Month



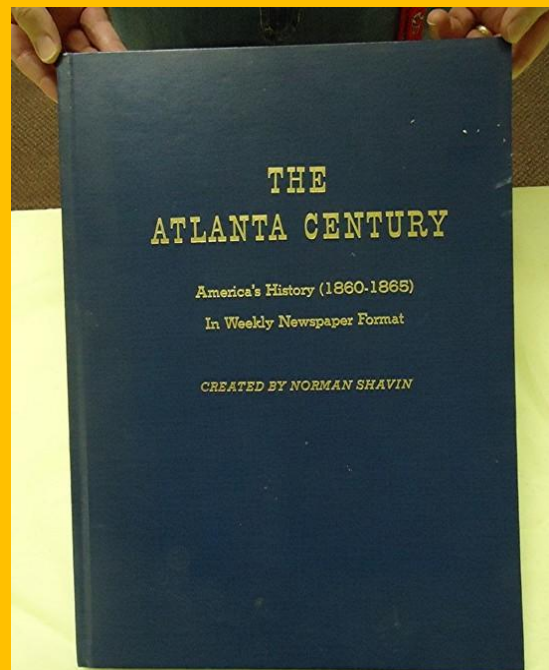
If you like N.C. Pottery or grow blueberries or have a Bluebird house with "Homes for Bluebirds" stamped on the front, then you, more than likely, have met Dan Finch. I got to know Dan through his brother, Gerald, a long time friend and co-worker. I attended one of Dan's first pottery sales on the family farm in Bailey, N.C. He was not as well known as he is today. Of course that was more than 25 years ago. At that time I could better afford some of Dan's pieces since he had not yet discovered just how talented he was. I am pretty sure the Finch "signature pot", depicting a tobacco barn and tobacco leaf, was purchased at the bargain price of \$100.00. He'll sell you one today but the price might be ten times that amount. (still a bargain) If you want a real treat, take an afternoon and strike out for Bailey, N.C. for a visit to Finch Pottery and Nursery. Buy yourself a nice "Finch" pot or bowl, several of those Bluebird houses and a blueberry bush or two. It's about time I made that trip again. Maybe I'll see you there. For more information GOOGLE "Finch Pottery". You'll be glad you did.

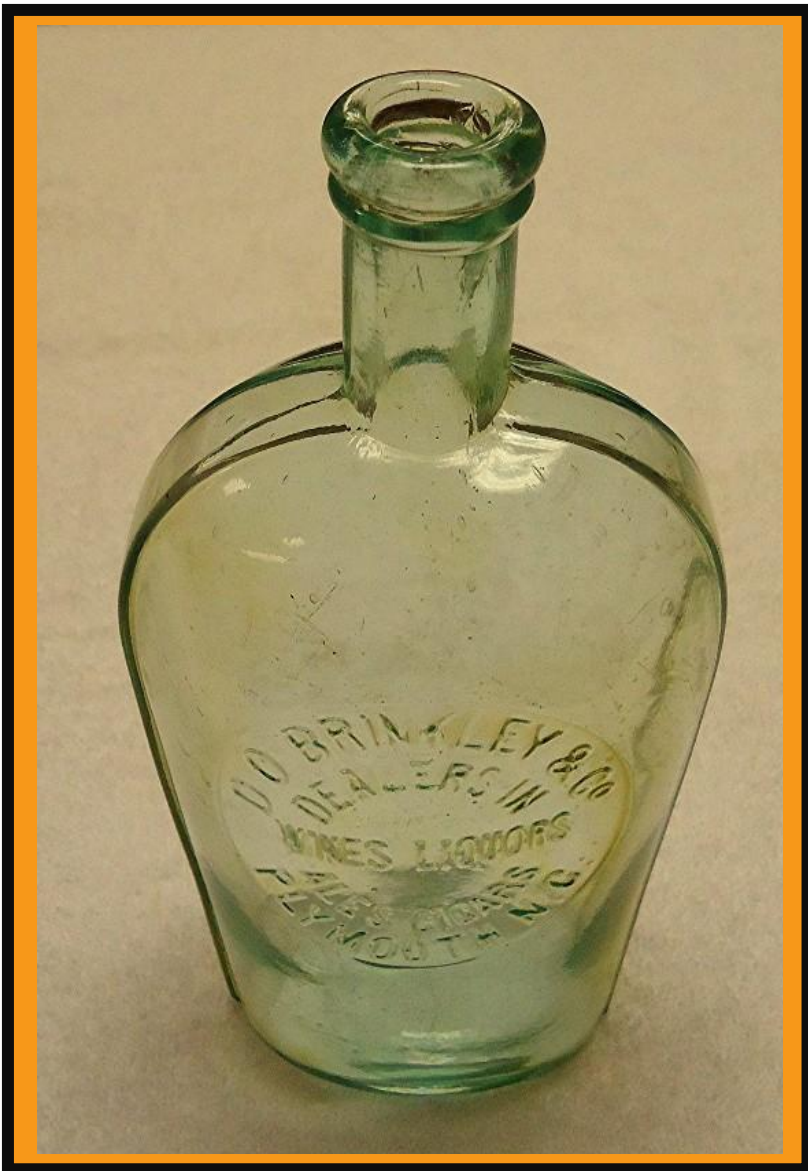
SHOW AND TELL



Joe Williams brought this nice three gallon I.C. Shore whiskey jug from Shore, NC The three gallon is a pretty tough jug to find.

Sterling Mann brought this unusual collection of weekly newspapers. If you want to know anything about the early history that led up to the Civil War, you can surely find it in THE ATLANTA CENTURY, a collection of early 1800's newspapers. Thanks Sterling for showing this great piece of early U.S history.

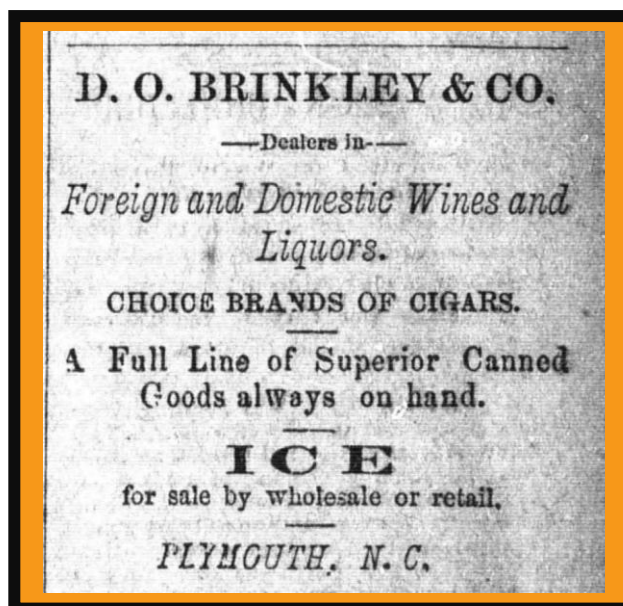


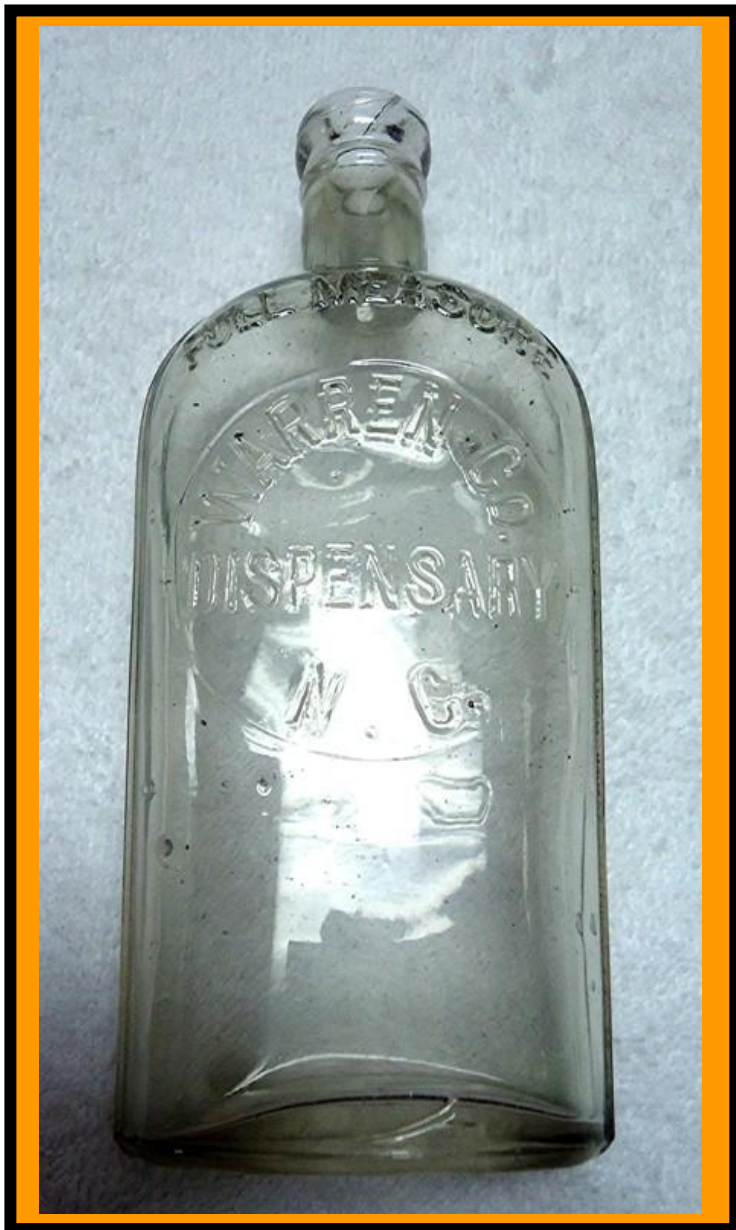


Donnie Medlin presented this nice D.O. Brinkley quart whiskey flask from Plymouth, N.C. The embossing in the circular slug plate is very unusual. It is extremely rare to see "Ales & Cigars" embossed on a whiskey flask. This is a very difficult piece to find. You may never see another one.

If you attend the monthly meetings of the Raleigh Bottle Club you will see a lot of rare and unusual items.

Thanks to David Tingen for the early D.O. Brinklev Ad.



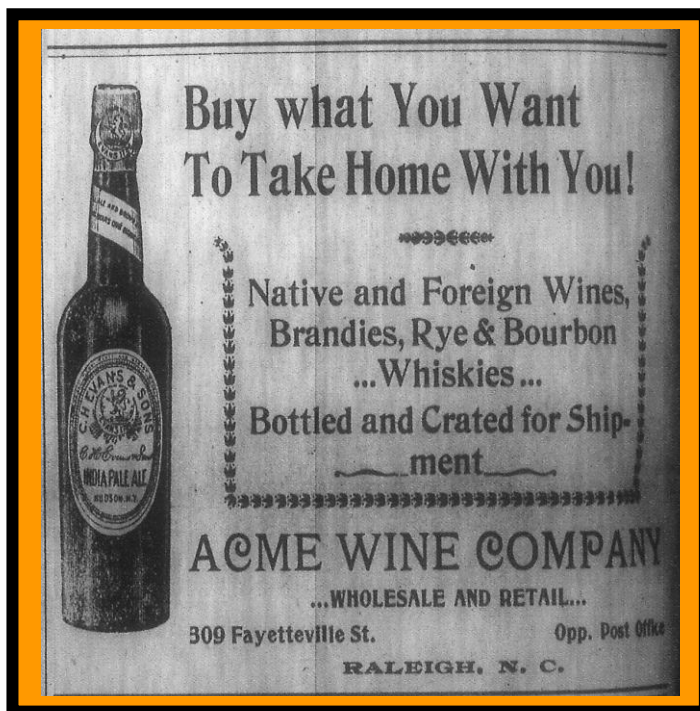


Joe Williams brought this nice "WARREN CO. N.C. DISPENSARY" flask to 'Show and Tell'. The embossed "FULL MEASURE" on the shoulder adds to the value of this hard-to-find whiskey flask



Over the past couple of years RBC President, David Tingen, has shown us bits and pieces from his vast collection of vintage beer bottles. At the meeting in June David did a presentation showing eleven of his special pre-1900 paper labeled beers. Seeing the various bottle colors, beautiful graphic labels and the various closures made this a very interesting presentation. David is currently doing research for a book on early beers and from time to time he shares some of research data with us. If you have any pictures or stories related to the early beer industry, please contact David. The two old ad pieces appearing in this month's issue are from Dave's collection of materials for his book.





Whit Stallings gave an interesting presentation covering two very familiar but different types of bottles, the Henry T. Hicks medicines and Cheerwine sodas. Henry Hicks bottled his concoction and sold it in and around the local Raleigh area. There are three different sayings embossed on the bottles and they come in various sizes and colors. 1) Henry T. Hicks, Crabtree Company, Uptown Store. 2) Henry T. Hicks, Uptown Store. 3) Henry T. Hicks, Corner of Fayetteville and Morgan St. All of the bottles are embossed Raleigh, NC.

Cheerwine sodas are embossed with the name of the town where they were bottled. There are 24 different locations that have been identified. The bottles come in 6 ½ and 8 ½ ounces with the larger one being very rare (\$200-\$300). Bottles from Sanford, Greenville, and Rockingham are three of the most sought after Cheerwines. Very early Cheerwines with cherries embossed on the shoulder are rare and very expensive.



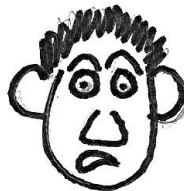
Reader Feedback – Dennis Johnson

Bottle Talk reader Dennis Johnson sent me the above photos of an early 20th century battery jar. Battery jars are showing up at auctions and bottle shows in increasing numbers. It appears a unique group of collectors are emerging on the bottle scene. Battery jars come in various shapes, sizes and colors with the most common being similar to the one shown above (rectangular or square). Occasionally you will see other shapes. The Edison jar (1903) is probably the most common but there are at least three earlier jars: 1) Plante' Lead-Acid cell (1859), 2)Gravely Cell (1800's), 3)Laclanche Battery (1896). The use of these early batteries was left up to the imagination of the user. They were extensively used during the Civil war to power the early telegraph systems. They were also used to power early telephone systems and to power various things around the early farms where no other power source was available. The 20th century jars, in good condition, sell for around 20 to 30 dollars. The nineteenth century bottles will bring 50 to 100 dollars depending on condition, size, shape and color. Battery jars with all the "guts" could go for several hundred dollars. You could get a real charge out of collecting these. Thanks to Dennis for the nice photos.

The Monthly Meeting



"I was an officer in 2004. let someone else do it for a change"



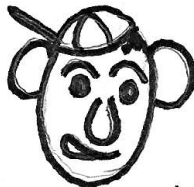
"Naw! I'm too busy to give an hour a month to support the club."



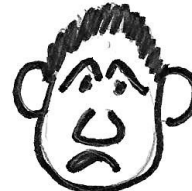
"Let The show chairman do it again. He already knows what needs to be done."



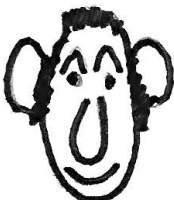
"I know what the by-laws say, but we don't have to do it that way."



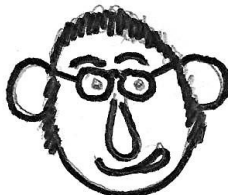
"Have I ever brought refreshments? Naw, but I've been thinking about it."



"Why can't The raffle make money? I brought a nice Clorox bottle last month. Just a small lip chip."



"I don't do email. Why can't The club have some copies made and mail them out?"



"We need more monthly presentations. Why don't someone work on that?"



"Why doesn't someone do something to revitalize This Club?"

Are You Doing Your Part?

SHOW CALENDAR

19 – 21 July 2013 (Friday thru Sunday) **Nashville, Tennessee** – **The National Insulator Association's 44th Annual Show & Convention**, at the Franklin Marriott Cool Springs, 700 Cool Springs Blvd., Franklin, Tennessee 37067, Capacity for 135+ dealer tables, 25+ Display tables, Raffles & Walk-in appraisals, Incentives for early sales table registration. [Visit NIA web site for more information](#)

. 27 July 2013 (Saturday) **Birmingham, Alabama** **10th Annual Birmingham Antique Bottle & Folk Pottery Show**, Bessemer Civic Center, 1130 9th Ave SW, Bessemer, Alabama 35022, Saturday, 27 July from 8:00 am thru 3:00 pm, Early Buyers on Friday, 26 July from 4:00 pm thru 8:00 pm, Dealer Set up Friday, 26 July from 4:00 pm thru 8:00 pm, Saturday FREE Public Admission; Friday Early Buyers \$10, Alabama Bottle Collectors, www.alabamabottlecollectors.com, Tom Lines, Show Chairman, PO Box 382831, Birmingham, Alabama 35238, 205.410.2191, albottlecollectors@hotmail.com **FOHBC Member Club**

27 & 28 July 2013 (Saturday & Sunday) **Adamstown, Pennsylvania** – **12th Annual Shupp's Grove Bottle Festival** at the famous 'Shupp's Grove', 1686 Dry Tavern Road, Denver, Pennsylvania 17517, 6:00 am to dusk, early buyers Friday, 3:00 pm, Contact Info: Steve Guion, 717.626.5557 affinityinsurance@dejazzd.com

28 September 2013 (Saturday) **Memphis, Tennessee** – The Memphis Bottle Collectors Club presents their **28th Annual Antique Bottle & Advertising Show** at Agricenter International, 7777 Walnut Grove Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38120, Collectors from 25 States, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, Early Admission Available, Admission \$5.00, www.memphisbottleclub.com, Show Chairman: Gene Bradberry, 3706 Deerfield Cove, Bartlett, Tennessee 38135, Tele: 901.372.8428 or 901.359.8428, **FOHBC Member Club**

29 September 2013 (Sunday) **Greensboro, North Carolina** – **12 Annual Greensboro Antique Bottle Show** at the Farmer's Curb Market, 501 Yanceyville Street, Greensboro, North Carolina 27405, Sunday, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, No early admission, Dealer setup Sunday 7:00 – 9:00 am, Admission: \$1, [Southeast Bottle Club](#), Contact: Reggie Lynch, President, PO Box 2286, Forest, Virginia 24551, 704.221.6489, rylynch@antiquebottles.com, **FOHBC Member Club**

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

www.glswk-auction.com

WANTED

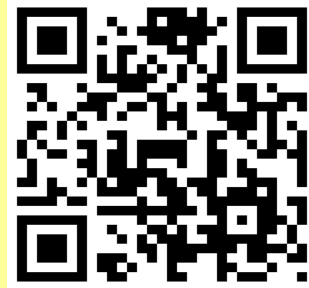
STYROFOAM COVERED SODAS

Any size larger than 20 ounce

Marshall Clements (919) 423-8557

blobtop@gmail.com

Smart Phone scan-able link to
<http://www.Raleighbottleclub.org>



Oxford Bottle Man

Taylor Currin
Antique Bottle Collector

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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 old Coca-Cola Plant is located in the small town of Whitesburg, Kentucky. I attempted to find some information about the age of the plant but had very little success. My best guess is the building was built sometime in the late 20's. My real question is why this plant was built so far away from everything else. I guess this will always be a mystery. The building is now being used as a Technical School.

Photo from Marshall Clements collection of old soda signs.

