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President's Message

Hello Everyone,

We did not have a meeting in March as most of our members were traveling to Morro Bay for the bottle show. Los Angeles Club members attending the show usually have a great time and I believe they did again this year. Some had barbeque at the Veteran's Hall after the show on Friday while others enjoyed the local area and restaurants. But most of the members attending the show were there to see the fantastic selection of bottles and to talk with some of their bottle friends they have not seen in a while. I hope you enjoy the photos of the Morro Bay event in this month's newsletter.

Show and tell at our April

meeting will be the popular "members choice". Bring in an interesting bottle or item to discuss. I wonder what items purchased in Morro Bay will be at the April show and tell?

We will have our annual benefit auction during our May meeting. Please bring in some items to donate. Don't miss the May meeting as I am sure it will be as much fun as our last auction event.

I hope to see you at our next meeting April 24th, Dave.





April Announcements

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THE PURPOSE OF THE CLUB: To socially unite the bottle collectors of Los Angeles County and to promote, foster and encourage all legal activities toward the betterment of bottle collecting. We encourage the exchanging of information and the exhibiting, promoting and researching of bottles and related collectibles.

MONTHLY MEETINGS are held at 7:30 P.M., the fourth Thursday of each month. Our meeting location is at the Elks Lodge in Duarte at 2436 Huntington Drive, CA 91010-2153. Cost of membership is \$25.00 a year. Please see application on the reverse cover for membership information.

Opinions expressed in *The Whittlemark* are those solely of the editors or others who contribute editorial and other material to the newsletter. These opinions do not necessarily reflect those of the members. Any corrections or comments should be addressed to the current President and Secretary at the Whittlemark.

For information about the **Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors** write to Business Manager Alan Demaison, 1605 Clipper Cove, Painsville, OH 44077. (440)358-1223 a.demaison@sbcglobal.net

This newsletter won First Place in the 2008, 2002 and 2010 FOHBC national newsletter contest. Second place in 2006, 1996 and 1993. And third place in the 1991 and 1995 national newsletter contest. This newsletter is dedicated to all those members, past and present, that have contributed so much of their time and efforts to keep our club the "Best in the West"!

ANNUAL AUCTION NIGHT: Coming May 22nd.

Mark your calendars to remind yourself to bring in items for auction that you think people will want to bid on. We will discuss the auction again at our April Meeting.

Please bring in items for the auction that you think people will be interested in bidding on. Also be prepared to keep track of the items you win, so you will know what you owe our club treasurer at the end of the auction. Appreciate your participation in contributing towards our club's continued success!

PLEASE NOTE: March Meeting Minutes.

Due to our March meeting canceled this year, no minutes were recorded.

That's it for this month. Remember, if you have any articles, announcements, comments or just want to say 'Hi', send us an email or letter and we'll get it published in the Whittlemark (as space permits).

Bottles and Etcetera: Message in a Bottle

This week, a German fisherman pulled a 101 year old message in a bottle out of the Baltic Sea. Written by Richard Platz and set to sea in 1913, it may be the oldest message in a bottle ever recovered, according to authorities.



According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the oldest known message in a bottle is from 1914, a year after this one. But a man named Steve Thurber claims to have found an even earlier bottle written and set afloat in 1906.

Thurber alleges you can read a date through the glass on the message inside, which he says reads Sept. 29, 1906. Thurber has declined to open the bottle. This makes independent verification difficult, and will probably lead to the German bottle being officially declared the oldest by the Guinness Book of World Records.

The Lambert Experience

By Dar Furda

I think most of you are aware that there is an annual bottle show held in Santa Rosa. Some of you even may know Leisa and Lou Lambert who live in Santa Rosa. I think some of you have stopped at Lou and Leisa Lambert's dealer table(s) at the Santa Rosa show or at other bottle shows up in northern California. A look out his kitchen window is two views in one. Close up, it is some of the variety of bottles they have. Further out, your gaze meets Hood Mountain.

Their home is comfortable with every available spot filled with something they have dug or collected. You know that anyone who collects always runs out of room sooner than later.

My stepson's wife Leigh and I drove up to the Lambert



home and we were in awe the moment we stepped inside. This was Leigh's first introduction to the hobby. I did not completely trust my ability to take pictures of some of their collections, so Leigh stepped forward and is responsible for the pictures of the pot lids, doll parts, marbles, vases, and a few smaller bottles and other interesting chards. These items were optimally displayed on a shelving arrangement in their living room area. Leisa explained that many items that Leigh and I looked at were dug, while others were purchased.

Lou is kind of quiet until you get him going on how he started to get interested in the hobby at eight years and old

and then started actually digging when he was 10. Leigh and I were allowed inside of Lou's favorite display room that has no windows, but has sets of shelves with lighting. He does not allow pictures to be taken in that special room. I can understand his security issues. I asked if I might list some of what he has displayed and he said yes. He also added that most of his bottles are from the 1800s. There were variants of colors within the whittled variety of bottles that



The Lambert Experience

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were blob tops, whiskey's, pickles, pharmacy types, inks, fruit jars and Civil War hospital bottles.

While Lou and Leisa are proud of their collecting and selling efforts, I think Lou's smile grew wider when he showed us what he calls his bottle cleaning room. In addition to his being a dealer at shows, Lou is also recognized for his bottle cleaning. He built a shed tight to his hillside home to house his machines and accompanying items he uses during his cleaning process. When I first entered I saw what looked like heavy rubber bands around lumps that were bottles strapped to his cleaning machines. He proudly explained that he cleans not only the insides of bottles but the outsides as well.

While this was Leigh Furda's first exposure, she caught on, asked good questions and showed interest in attending the next Santa Rosa show.



Morro Bay Show Memories



LAHBC CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED!

Coca-Cola bottles embossed with the script logo and town names.

These bottles will have straight sides and would have been used during the period 1900-1920.

In particular, I am looking for an amber colored Coke with "Los Angeles" embossed in the middle.

I am also looking for hobbleskirt Coca-Cola bottles from California towns. I prefer those that have the NOV.16,1915 patent date on them. Roger Koch 714-779-8443 or RKoch444@gmail.com

RUN AN AD IN THE WHITTLEMARK

Run an ad in your newsletter, the Los Angeles Historical Bottle Club's Whittlemark. The cost is reasonable, it's free (as space permits).

Event Calendar

MAY 10 - Mansfield, OH

Ohio Bottle Club's 36th Mansfield Antique Bottle Show & Sale, Richland County Fairgrounds, Trimble Road Exit, U.S. Route 30, 9am to 2pm, Donation: \$3, Set-up, Fri May 9, 3pm to 6pm, Early Bird \$25 during set-up. Contact: Bill Koster, 330.599.3380, Info: Ohio Bottle Club, P.O. Box 585, Barberton, Ohio 44203

MAY 31 & JUN 1 - Santa Rosa, CA

48th NWBCA Show & Sale - Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Ave. Santa Rosa, CA 95404, Sat 10am to 5pm, Sun 9am to 3pm, No early admission. General admission \$3. Contact: Lou Lambert, PO Box 322, Graton, CA 95444, 707.823.8845, lou@oldwestbottles.com

JUN 14 - San Diego, CA

San Diego 2014 Antique Bottle & Collectibles Show & Sale, Sat June 14 at Al Bahr Shrine Temple, 5440 Kerney Mesa Road, San Diego, California 92111, General Admission: 9am - 12pm \$2, Free Admission: Noon - 3pm, Early Bird 8am - \$10, Kids under 12 free with adult, Mike Bryant, Show Chairman, Info: Jim Walker 858.490.9019 jaw@internettewr.com,

JUN 27 & 28 - Reno, NV

Reno Bottle Club 51st Annual Show & Sale at the Grand Sierra Resort, 2500 E Second St, Nevada Exposition Ctr. Free Sat Show: 9am to 4pm, Fri set-up: 8am to 4pm, Friday Early Bird: 9am to 4pm - \$15, Helene Walker, 775.345.0171 Marty Hall, rosemuley@att.net

For complete list of bottle shows, visit: WWW.FOHBC.COM

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