



“Preserving The History of Our Nation’s First Major Industry”

National Bottle Museum®

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THE BOTTLE MUSE

Winter 2017

Dear Members,

The annual appeal again reinforced that bottle collectors and clubs throughout the country generously support the National Bottle Museum. We, at the museum, thank you.



This brings me to another appeal. With the age of technology and the opportunities that “Facetime” presents I would like you to consider sitting on the Board of Trustees. Meetings are the second Sunday of the month at 1:00pm. We could easily set up Facetime so Trustees could attend meetings. Don’t let your geography deter you. If you are someone interested in preserving this unique museum and can donate a few hours a month please contact Meg Stevens or Gary Moeller at the museum. Both can be reached by email: NBM@nycap.rr.com

More renovations are in the pipeline for this spring and summer. Rumor has it that the museum will have hot water and a kitchenette by fall! Work will be done by tireless volunteers Meg Stevens and Ken Hahn.

Please put a visit to this unique Museum on your calendar for 2017.

Sincerely,

Ellie Dillon

President, Board of Trustees

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Meg Stevens, Treasurer

Sara Stiles, Secretary

Board of Trustees

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Mark Juda

Patti Southworth

Phil Bernard

Roy Topka

Stephanie DelSignore

Museum Director: Gary Moeller

Volunteer Director of Glassworks Studio: Heather Longacker

Volunteer Director of The Artists' Space: Fred Neudoerffer

Annual Meeting: November 13, 2016.

Election of officers for 2017: President: Ellie Dillon, Vice President: Mark Juda, Treasurer: Meg Stevens and Secretary Sara Stiles. New Board Members: Roy Topka (Board member approved 12/11/2016) and Stephanie Del Signore.)

Budget for 2017 approved.

Annual Meeting for 2017 is scheduled for November 12, 2017.

The annual Saratoga Bottle Show will be held again at the Saratoga County Fairgrounds in Ballston Spa on June 4, 2017. Please contact Roy Topka at 518-779-1243. Email: rmt556@yahoo.com or Phil Bernnard at 518-429-7641. Email: explomar@hotmail.com

An Open Letter to you:

Dear Bottle Collectors,

We are looking for a generous individual! The National Bottle Museum would like to raffle a desirable bottle at the summer Springfield show. The Museum has undergone renovations, and collections have been expanded. In order to maintain a quality experience for visitors and preserve the history of bottle making we seek your help with this fundraiser. Thus, the search for a donated bottle for this raffle is underway. Can you help?

The donor will be recognized on request and it will be tax deductible. We will nationally advertise this raffle.

Please contact Ellie Dillon email: elliedillon25@gmail.com, Roy Topka at 518-779-1243 email: rmt556@yahoo.com or Phil Bernnard at 518-429-7641, email explomar@hotmail.com

Thank you.

Volunteerism:

Volunteerism is the heart of the NBM. Last year a Volunteer of the Year award was initiated. The first award was given to Evelyn Kramer, a generous supporter and avid volunteer for the past 30 years. She in turn awarded Roy Topka with the 2016 Volunteer of the year award for his years of organizing the annual Bottle Show and service on the board. Roy was reinstated to the board this year and immediately dove in to organizing this year's annual Saratoga Bottle Show. Welcome back Roy!



New Brochure and a big Thank you!



When we needed to update our brochure for the museum we turned to Ferdinand Meyer and the Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors. Ferdinand Meyer offered his graphic skills and the FOHBC kindly provided funding. We thank them for their generosity of time and money.

Musings:

In the museum is a case with a plaque on it. Periodically we change the display. We decided to do a little research on the case and Lolly Carroll who the case is dedicated to. And this is what we learned. The case was built by Fred "Duke" Skelton. Applied to the case is a bronze plaque which reads: "This display case is dedicated in memory of Lolly Carroll for her promotion and support of the National Bottle Museum, the bottle collecting hobby and her club. This memorial was funded by donations from the Gulf Coast Bottle and Jar Club and from other of Lolly's friends." Again we turned to Ferdinand Meyer who discovered a reference to Lolly in a 1988 Ramblings & Rumblings, the Federation newsletter. Lolly and Don were the FOHBC Editors back then. Lolly was an officer of her club, Gulf Coast Bottle & Jar Club and 8 year editor of their newsletter. Originally the case



housed a green powder horn flask on loan.

The display case routinely houses some unusual aspect of glass. A longtime member recalled that it once displayed a green powder horn flask on loan. So thank you all for your contributions that provided for this display case. As I serve my tenure as board president I am continually impressed and grateful for those who support this museum in so many ways.

Fireball Run

The Fireball Run which showcased Ballston Spa and its two museums, The National Bottle Museum and Brookside, took the village by storm this fall. Teams of two participants raced through pausing long enough to hold Saratoga Bottles from the Ralph and Eleanor Work Collection before continuing on their scavenger hunt. The show will appear on the internet predominantly in Europe next year.

New Exhibits: Gerard Dauphinais loaned the museum an extensive display of tools and molds from mold maker Malcolm Jones who was employed by Anchor-Hocking and Clevenger Bros. Of particular interest are the one of a kind Sulphur casts for checking cutting work.



Tools and molds



Sulphur casts

Another addition to the museum this month is on loan from board member Stephanie Del Signore. Her collection of poison bottles is an added attraction to the pharmacy exhibit.



Director's Report



79 visitors signed the guestbook during January. They came from seven different states, and one from Hong Kong.

Membership renewals were received from:

Warner W. Bouck

David Kuntz

Roy Topka

Dorothy Licini

Eileen Schoch

Meg Stevens

Jeffrey Ullman

Sally Kolesar

A new membership was received from David MacDougall.

Annual Appeal: (In order of receiving)

Larry Rutland

Frederick Albert

Fred Stein

Patricia Holt

Minnie Bolster

Duane Braidwood

Tom Dudarchik

Tom Paskiewicz

David Kuntz

Donald Garrison

James Hagenbuch

Christ Kappas

Eileen Schoch

Roy Topka

Tony Gugliotti

Chris Davis

Sally Kolesar

Ben Bouck

Charles Bukin

Rita Zenzen

Stewart Wagner

Jon Peterson

Bob Dicker

Sandy Spense

Linda Macica

John Rauch

Bottle Clubs

Reno Antique Bottle Show

Northwestern Bottle Collectors Association

Gennese Valley Bottle Collectors Association

National Association of Milk Bottle Collectors

Yankee Bottle Club

Somers Antique Bottle Collectors

Little Rhody Bottle Club

Stephanie and I attended a seminar about funding opportunities through the NYS Council on the Arts. NBM might be able to secure funding for maintenance and improvements to the building. We may also be able to secure a grant to pay for Community-based Arts instruction, like classes at the Glassworks. From the presentation: "NYSCA supports arts and cultural nonprofits offering hands-on, sequential arts instruction in any arts discipline, either in partnership with public schools, or in community based settings. Such classes must be led by professional, paid teaching artists."

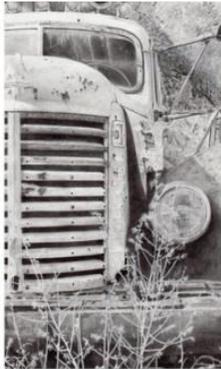
NYSICA also provides funding for Capital Projects, which can include elevators and wheelchair lifts. The awards are limited to 50% of the costs of construction materials and labor. If NBM wanted to pursue the idea of an elevator, it would require a Capital Campaign in order to secure one of these grants.

Semi-Monthly First Friday Pop-Up Art Show

The Artists' Space @ The National Bottle Museum

A Group of Diverse Artists
sharing their passion for creativity with the public!

On Display February 3rd thru March 11th



**Meet the Artists at the
Opening Reception
Friday February 3rd 6-8pm**

The National Bottle Museum 76 Milton Ave. Ballston Spa NY 518-885-7589

*"It was an amazing and beautiful show.
We spent much time viewing and
appreciating the paintings. What surprised
me was the number of people in what
seemed to me a a remote place ."*

(Gallery visitor opening night reception)

*"I dearly love this studio! It's a great place for
teaching and learning. Glassworks opened a
fascinating, VERY SHINY world to me!"*

(Glassworks Student)

GLASSWORKS STUDIO



A Hot Glass Teaching Facility Owned and Operated by
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP in the National Bottle Museum is open to one and all in the following categories:

\$20.00 up to \$49.00 ---FRIENDS

\$50.00 up to \$149.00 --SUPPORTERS

\$150.00 and up-----BENEFACTORS

\$500.00 and up-----CORPORATE DONORS

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Members receive an annual newsletter containing information on the history of antique bottle manufacturing, identification, and collecting. Each spring, the Museum sponsors a Bottle Show & Sale known as "The Saratoga Show" which attracts enthusiasts from coast to coast in the United States and several provinces of Canada.

PLEASE PRINT NAME & FULL MAILING ADDRESS

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Name: _____ Phone : () _____

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Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ New: _____ Renewal: _____ Gift: _____ Date: _____

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