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# National Bottle Museum®

76 Milton Avenue, Ballston Spa, NY 12020

## THE BOTTLE MUSE

Spring 2022

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Dear Members and Supporters,

Thank you all who have renewed your membership for 2022.

If you haven't yet please think about renewing. Your membership dues keep the doors open.

We have received another grant from The Alfred Z. Solomon Charitable Trust for a permanent exhibit : Mt. Pleasant Glassworks to Saratoga, Product and People educating visitors on the impact of this local industry. We have contracted a professional exhibitor, Paul Orselli, to guide us in this project. If you have knowledge or artifacts pertaining to Mt. Vernon, or Mt. Pleasant, Oscar Granger etc. and willing to donate to the museum please contact us.

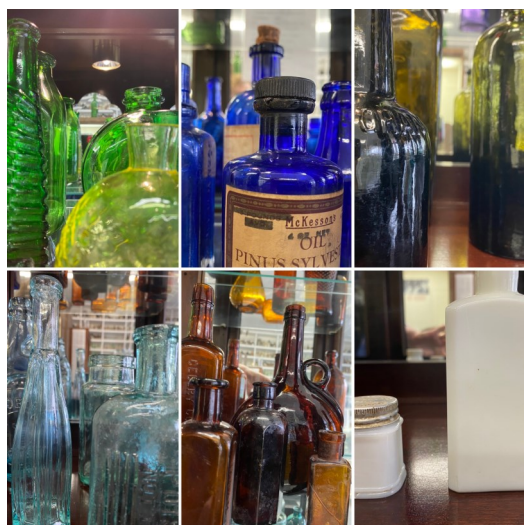
Interior painting is complete and our eyes have turned to the third floor. Currently it is an unheated space but board members have their sights on an elevator to allow access for additional exhibits. So stay tuned!

This is my 6th year as board president. As a board, we have designed a new website, redesigned the museum logo, and painted the exterior and interior of the building. We have watched the JRM Artists' Gallery on the second floor thrive and receive regional recognition. We survived the pandemic and came out solvent.. Since our director retired 2 years ago our board has stepped up and have maintained a rigorous operation.

I am forever grateful to this board for their commitment.

Ellie





## GLASS COLORING

Glass is colored by adding compounds to the glass batch.

To produce	Add
Red	Copper, Selenium or Gold
Purple	Nickel or Manganese
Green	Chromium or Copper
Blue	Cobalt or Copper
Opal, Milk Glass	Tin or Zinc
Brown	Carbon or Nickel
Green, Yellow	Iron or Uranium
Yellow, Pink	Selenium
Black Glass	Iron Slag

Glass is composed of silica (soda ash), lime and sand. This creates a dark green color. This green color varies depending on impurities, oxidation or added iron. Clear glass is pure silica (99.9%) and with higher temperatures and availability of pure silica it was more expensive. Other colors occur when different compounds are added.



We need pre - machine made bottles from Alaska, and New Mexico.



### Wyoming

This whiskey is embossed with W.A. GAINES HP. Hynds & CO'S OLD CROW WHISKEY CHEYENNE, WYO and in the center is embossed THE CAPITAL. (Not referring to the capital of Wyoming but the name of a bar). This bottle is machine made so it was made after 1906. This still puts it in the early years of Statehood which was in 1890.



**Under construction: New exhibit bringing Mt. Pleasant to Saratoga: People, bottles, tools and the mineral waters. If you have any artifacts pertaining to this topic that you are willing to donate please contact the museum.**

Contact the Museum at 518-885-7589

Saratoga Bottle Show 2022

June 5th, 2022

Renew your membership today! Form is at end of newsletter.



## Digs and Stories from the Desk of Roy Topka



Ok it's getting cold out but still perfect digging weather. After digging the 1860's privy from the last story I moved about 15 feet away for a second spot, which turned out to be a 6' wood liner which only went 1890's with sparse bottles.

A third suspected spot was not a privy but ash fill from a pipe connection.

The following week there was a small dilemma to deal with. The 1860's hole from the other week which I could not dig the whole thing out due to a Jersey barrier that if undermined could fall on my head. In the past week construction had taken out the house foundation and concrete pad that was on the other side of the privy. The Jersey barrier was still where it was. The big problem was tons of sand was brought in and filled the foundation void. Do I move a huge amount of sand in the hopes of finding a bottle or two in the far end of the privy? You betcha!!

To make a long dig short, I went down 9' and didn't find a thing except shards. This is the nature of the beast. After I started filling in I decided to take a picture, it's hard to see how much sand was actually moved, but it all had to be put back. A few days after Christmas found me back in an area built up around 1870. Privies had been dug here but not enough to account for the amount of houses. A narrow pit was located that was mid 1870's and I was able to find three Common aqua Albany squats and a Knowles Insect Destroyer. Just a side point, how many bottles are out there that destroy things? Anyways, that was it for 2021.

Two weeks into the new year found myself sticking my probe through leaves into frost free ground, locating a c. 1900 privy. The 6' pit was devoid of anything, including shards, until in a bottom corner I located a complete Radam's Microbe killer jug. Now these things aren't rare pieces, but in 53 years of digging I never found a whole Radam's anything. Well, this could be it for a while, spring come soon!



What better way to spend your honeymoon. The National Bottle Museum is now a destination!

### CAPITAL REGION ANTIQUE BOTTLE CLUB ANNUAL SHOW & SALE BOTTLES, STONEWARE & EARLY ANTIQUES

Free Admission!!!

SUNDAY, JULY 24TH, 2022 9:00AM - 3:00PM

AT THE MABEE FARM HISTORIC SITE

1100 MAIN ST.

ROTTERDAM JUNCTION N.Y.



\*\*\*This Will Be An Outdoor Vendor Show\*\*\*

Dealers will get a 20' x 20' Space for \$25 - Set-up at 7:30am

(Bring your own Tables and Pop-Ups)

Plenty of Parking, Easy access, Picturesque Setting!



Dealer Contact Information:

Show Chairman Jeff Ullman - 518-925-9787

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### THE JAN RUTLAND MEMORIAL ARTISTS' SPACE AT THE NBM



Contact: fred@neustudios.com or cell: (518)4414447

**Photography 101** Deadline for entries  
**April 20th@4pm. Open to All.**

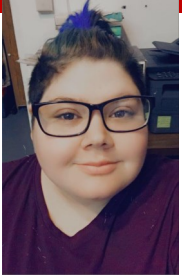
The JRM Artists' Space, located on the second floor of the National Bottle Museum, is currently showcasing **Families Sharing Their Art With Us!** The show will be exhibited till April 14th.

Coming in June the **Art of the Bottle V** to coincide with June 5th Saratoga Bottle Show at the Fairgrounds.



For a donation of \$5.00 you may bring home an orphan bottle. You will be giving a bottle a home and supporting the museum as well!

## FROM THE DESK OF AVONLEA STILES, ASS'T DIRECTOR



With the winter season ending, we are looking forward to an increase in foot traffic here at the National Bottle Museum. We have been hard at work cleaning out storage areas and rearranging furniture to make room for new exhibits for you to enjoy. We also have some fantastic art shows coming up in the Jan Rutland Memorial Artists' Space, as well as our 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bottle Show on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Interesting people visited this winter and it has been a great joy to be able to greet everyone and hear what they have to say.

After all of the times we have had to close and distance ourselves from our visitors, being able to chat and teach has been wonderful. I want to thank everyone who has visited and has followed our guidelines because you helped us keep the museum open and keep each other safe. It is so appreciated.

I look forward to the warmer months and the sunnier days, which I know will bring many more smiling faces through our doors. Thank you for your continued support and just a reminder, if you have not renewed your membership for 2022, please fill out the form at the end of the newsletter and send it in. We are so grateful for you all and we hope to see you soon!

### Adelbert M. Foster Desk Donated

The National Bottle Museum has received the donation of the roll top desk, fully restored, of Adelbert M. Foster. Born in Stoddard, NH in 1859 he joined his father in the glass business when he was 13. He



owned and operated multiple glass manufacturing companies before combining his interests in the Foster-Forbes Glass Company in 1929 at Marion, Indiana. Eventually the company was bought by National Can Company in 1970 but retained the Foster-Forbes name. More recently it was purchased by Saint Gobain.

This desk was restored by the Foster family and is currently located at the home of Adelbert's great grandson. The museum is creating a research area on the second floor of the museum where this desk will reside. We Thank the Foster family for this piece of history.



Interesting box of holistic medicines to add to the Pharmaceutical exhibit.



On a recent trip to The Glass House Museum in Jamestown, Virginia I struck up a conversation with Kathy Liska from Guilderland, New York. She told me she grew up next to the Albany Glass Works. I immediately gave her a brochure and she promised to send info or artifacts she might have saved from her youth. Small World!



# 2022 Memberships, Donations and Grants

(As of 01/2022)

## Grants

The Alfred Z. Solomon Charitable Trust

## CORPORATE DONORS

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### **Own this Jug!**

Join or renew membership for 2022 at the 42nd Annual Saratoga Antique Bottle Show And Sale. to receive a free chance at winning this **Otto-man Bros & Co.** 2 gallon jug.

Win twice with a \$ 5.00 reduction in membership and a chance to take home this jug!. This is being offered as a one time promotion at the show only.

Whether you are renewing or joining for the first

time, this is a wonderful opportunity to help support the National Bottle at Museum!



## **Support the Museum!!**



# 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual



DOORS OPEN TO THE  
PUBLIC AT 9 AM  
SHOW RUNS TIL 2:30 PM

ADMISSION:  
Adults \$5  
CHILDREN 12 & UNDER  
FREE

EARLY ADMISSION  
8 AM / \$20

Become a Museum  
Member  
at the Event for  
Free Admission

## Saratoga Antique Bottle Show & Sale

**Saratoga County Fairgrounds**  
162 Prospect St. Ballston Spa NY  
**Sunday June 5th 2022**



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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 our newsletter containing information on the museum and upcoming shows. 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.

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### PLEASE PRINT NAME & FULL MAILING ADDRESS

Please make checks payable to National Bottle Museum & mail to:

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

Bottle Club (if any): \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_