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From the Desk of Ellie Dillon

Dear Friends and Members,



The National Bottle Museum is celebrating its 45th year! This fall the grand opening of the exhibit *Glass Factory Mountain: Making Bottles and Making History* will be completed. This exhibit preserves the history of the people, product, and places of the Saratoga type bottle. The exhibit was extended to include the invention of the automatic bottle machine and its effect on child labor legislation. Stop in and see this new exhibit! It was made possible by a grant from the Alfred Z. Solomon Foundation.

The Saratoga Bottle Show was a huge success! Thank you to all who volunteered and supported this successful show that celebrated its 43rd year! The Saratoga Bottle Show is a major fundraiser but we also depend on you, our members and future members, to continue your support of this museum. If you haven't yet, please renew or sign up for your 2023 membership. Thank you in advance! And if you have not visited recently please plan on a visit to see our building and exhibit improvements!

As always I must thank the Board of Trustees, volunteers, and our new director for endless hours of dedication to this unique museum!

Sincerely,

Ellie

General Admission - \$5.00

Seniors - \$4.00

Children free



Glass Factory Mountain: Making Bottles and Making History

And work continues.....



Photographs will be added to wall above the exhibit, as well as a worker illustrating the size of the furnace next to the scale furnace. An interactive corner table for children will illustrate the concept of glass blowing.

The Grand Opening is scheduled for First Friday, October 6th. We will also be offering a lecture on Women and Patent Medicines in conjunction with the I Love New York Pathway Through History Weekend on Saturday October 7th, making this quite the weekend.



We are seeking a pre-machine made bottle from Alaska. Can you help us? Contact:

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Only one to go!

JRM Artists' Space Director—Fred Neudoerffer

15th Anniversary!



The Jan Rutland Memorial Artists' Space is celebrating 15 years this August. Fred is planning some special events which include an artists' celebration/anniversary party to be held on August 26th. The Summer show is the OPEN CALL Exhibit. This year this show has 38 artists showing over 130 pieces of art. It will run till September 16, 2023.



September and October an exhibit of Chaim Goldberg's paintings will be displayed. This will be followed by The Oakroom Artists from November to January. The JRM Artists' Space is a regional art gallery located on the second floor of the National Bottle Museum. Contact Fred@neustudios.com for information.



Indiana

This Hoosier Fruit Jar is the state bottle for Indiana. The base is embossed with the name of its distributor, HOLLWEG & REESE, INDLS,IND (odd abbreviation!). The glass screw lid is embossed PATD SEPT 12TH 1882 JAN 3D 1883 HOOSIER JAR. It has three lugs on the side and makes a shoulder seal for the ground lip jar.



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Saratoga Bottle Show 2023



Another Successful Saratoga Bottle Show was held on June 4, 2023. Here are some photos of the event. **Saratoga Bottle Show 2024 will be held June 2, 2024.**

Digs and Stories from the Desk of Roy Topka



PART 11 (Continued from winter newsletter)

It was now February 25th, and I'm definitely sure my luck, in terms of both the weather and finding bottles, would soon run out. I started in on the next buried pile of rocks, barely able to move in the tiny open space. The only bottles that survived were a few pontil slicks and pontiled Nowills Pectorals.



The other side only a few slicks survived. March arrived with some snow but not enough to stop digging. The next hole was a relief, an easy to dig 1870's woody with mostly druggists and some J & IEM turtles. More probing turned up the last of the stone lined pits. You could



feel the open space inside with the probe and thank goodness when I opened one side the walls were pushed inward, but were intact, leading to more whole bottles from each end. This was the wettest of the stones, and the extra space allowed me to maneuver to bail water.



No rare bottles came out, but a good cross section of pontil bottles: pepper sauce, blue lipped stoneware, green Boardman, Rogers Liverwort & Tar, Davis Inflammatory Extirpator, plus a bunch of others. Sadly this was the



end of the good holes. The next four pits were 1890 - early 1900's producing sparse bottles. Never did get that dreaded snowstorm! All in all it was a good run. Good collecting and digging to everyone.

Meetings are now on Zoom. Consider joining the Board of Trustees or have you or your bottle Club Zoom in for meetings!! Link will be sent out before meetings by request. Meetings are the first Thursday of each month @6:30pm.

Look what was donated this past quarter!



Thank you, Leo Goudreau for taking this sweet pontiled Columbian ink and cleaning it up like new!

And this bird beak Carter master ink with a tri piece mold found its way to our doorstep, too.



We are always grateful for donations to the museum.

The American Glass Bottle Industry: A Brief History

1608

The London Company constructed a glass house at Jamestown in the colony of Virginia, establishing America's first industry. The original glass house was unsuccessful.



1621

A second glass house was founded in 1621 by Caspar Wistar, the first American to successfully operate a glass manufacturing business over a long period of time.



1645

The New Amsterdam Glass Works was founded. It lasted 9 years, but there are no known examples of glass produced there remaining today.



1739

The Wistarburgh Works was established in Allowaytown, in Salem County, N.J., and produced bottles and window panes. Pieces from this factory were ordinary amber, olive, and green glass.



Dozens of glass factories sprang up within a fifty-mile radius of the Wistarburgh site, capitalizing on the availability of wood, sand, and water.

1779

The Wistarburgh glass works closed as a result of lost markets due to the British occupation of Philadelphia and New York.



1785 & 1806

Two large glass houses were founded: The Albany Glass Works in 1785, and the Rensselaer Glass Works in 1806.



1810

The preserving of fruits and vegetables by heat sterilization was perfected by Nicholas-Appert, a Frenchman. This created a great demand for glass jars.



1850

By 1850, there were approximately 50 glass factories, just in New York State. Each factory produced millions of bottles per year using hand tools and lung power.



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From the Desk of Director Kayla Whitehouse



Hello!

We have been busy the past few months! We have been working on finalizing our newest permanent exhibit, *Glass Factory Mountain*, for the Grand Opening in October. One thing that we've added is a hands-on demonstration to help understand how glassblowing works. So far it's been very popular with kids especially! Some of the smaller rotating displays have been changed, and we're currently working on a new one, featuring figural bottles that were donated by the Mitson family. And if you make it to the museum, you'll be able to try out a new and updated self-guided tour! In addition to the displays, we have also been working hard on events with the museum. We had another successful Saratoga Show in June, and we had two BYOB (Bring Your OLD Bottle) events in conjunction with the Real McCoy Beer Co here in Ballston Spa that were very popular. Coming up in the next couple months are a celebration of the JRM Artists' Space's 15th Anniversary on August 26, the Grand Opening of Glass Factory Mountain on October 6, and a history lecture on women's patent medicines on October 7. Hopefully you will join us at some of our events, and let us know if there's something that you'd like to see here at the museum!

Kayla

Art Dell Recognized:

Art Dell, longtime supporter of the museum was recognized at the Saratoga Bottle Show for his contributions and donations to the museum spanning to many years to count! From glass canes, unique bottles for fundraisers and stoneware exhibits, Art continues to be a strong presence at the museum. We are grateful for Art's support.



Adam Stoddard and Ellie Dillon present plaque to Art at the Saratoga Bottle Show. This plaque will be affixed to a display case at the National Bottle Museum.



First artifact accessioned to the museum collection in 1971

This fan from the 1893 Columbian Exposition highlighting Saratoga Vichy water took a trip to the Conservancy at Williamstown Art in Williamstown, Ma. to be evaluated and repaired. Trustee Barb Trypaluk has been busy working on a grant to provide funds to complete this task and display the repaired fan at the museum.

The **Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors** Virtual Museum and Auction Price Report can now be accessed free at the National Bottle Museum. Come in and peruse this unique virtual catalog of bottles. Become a member of the FOHBC and have access to bottle auction prices, too.



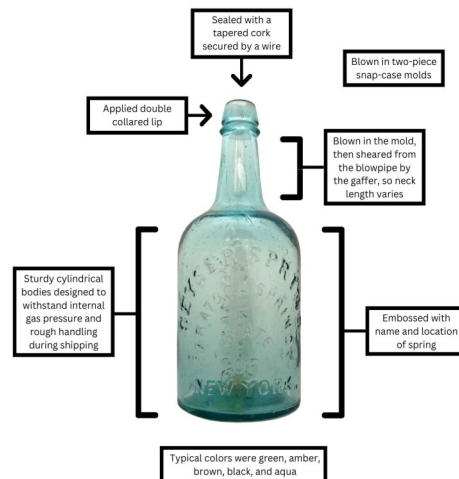
Please rejoin the National Bottle Museum for 2023!

Anatomy of a Saratoga-Type Bottle

In 1823, John Clarke and his partner Thomas Lynch began bottling mineral water from the Congress Spring in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. The owners of the Mt. Vernon glassworks in Oneida County, N.Y. entered into a 25-year contract with John Clarke in the early 1840s to produce bottles with the stipulation that the factory be moved closer to Saratoga Springs. The new factory became known as the Mt. Pleasant or Saratoga Mountain Glass Works. By 1866 the glass factory was located closer yet to the city, and became known as the Congress and Empire or Congressville Glassworks.

The bottles produced at the Mt. Vernon Glass Works and other nearby factories became known as the Saratoga-Type Bottle.

Between 1823 and 1889 mineral waters from approximately 30 springs in Saratoga County were bottled and distributed around the world.



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Double Ring	Double collared	Bead	Stove Pipe or Stacked Finish	Wide Prescription or Flared
Sheared Ring (Occasionally Ground)	Patent, Extract, or Flat	Packer, Deep lip, or Square collar	Prescription, Single collar	Reinforced Extract, Ring and Collar
Oil, Ring, or Tapered Collar	Brandy, Wine or Tapered collar with ring	Globular Flare	Flare or Trumpet	Straight Finish
Screw Threads	Wide Mouth External Thread	Champagne, Applied band	Crown top	Blob top
Grooved Ring	Flared Ring	Stacked Ring	Collared Ring	Straight Brandy or Wine



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Members receive a quarterly newsletter containing information on the museum, and the history of glass bottle manufacturing, identification, and collecting. Each June, 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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