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Hello West Region FOHBC members,

I hope you had a rewarding time last year enjoying bottle shows and getting together with your bottle collecting friends. The FOHBC continues to promote the hobby and is very involved in all regions. Our region is hosting the 2012 FOHBC Expo this year in Reno Nevada. This bottle show will be a major event for collectors. The selection of bottles for sale will be one of the largest ever seen in the West. A banquet dinner, great displays and seminars will make this the “must attend” bottle event of the year. Contracts for the Reno Expo are available now on the new FOHBC website or by the contact information in the attached Reno Expo Show Flyer.

2011 ended with the “best of the West” bottle show in Auburn, California. Please see Dar Furda’s article about the “Auburn Experience” on the next page.

As for local show news we have many bottle show events starting soon. The Superior California Antique Bottle Club will hold their 36th Annual Show and Sale Saturday January 28th in Anderson, California. Then the Las Vegas Antique Bottles & Collectibles Club 47th Annual Show and Sale will be February 17th and 18th in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Oregon Bottle Collectors Association 2012 Winter Antique Bottle & Collectible Show & Sale will be held February 18th in Aurora, Oregon. The Phoenix Antiques Bottles & Collectibles Club Show will be held February 24th and 25th. The Bidwell Bottle Club will hold their 46th Annual Antique Bottle, Jar, Insulator & Collectables Show March 9th and 10th in Chico, California. The San Luis Obispo Bottle Society’s 44th Annual Show and Sale will be held March 23rd and 24th in Morro Bay, California.

Please help us promote the hobby by telling your bottle collecting friends about the FOHBC. In addition to individual memberships, bottle clubs can also find value by joining. The FOHBC provides a number of benefits to affiliated clubs. Bottle show and meeting place insurance coverage as well as display award ribbons are just a few of the benefits. Talk to your local clubs about becoming an affiliated club. Forward this news letter to your collecting friends that might enjoy reading about the FOHBC and Western shows.

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The Auburn Experience 2011

By Dar Furda



Dar Furda with Show Chair Mike McKillop and Charley Holt



Displays of the recently dug London Jockey Club House and Wister's Club House bottles were a highlight of the show. Even the rare color glass shards captured the attention of many of the collectors that visited the show



Even though, by now, you have probably had an opportunity to read other reviews of the 2011 Auburn Show, I'm including my "take" and a few of the photos I took at the show. Dave Maryo may also include some of his fine photos taken during his experience.

Early December (2nd and 3rd) 2011 drew many dedicated collectors to Auburn, California for a predictable, annual occurrence. The Forty-Niner Historical Bottle Association provides this experience year after year. In more than one write-up I've seen on this annual event I see the words, "The best of the West." So far I have not heard one opposition to this remark.

Almost as interesting as the expectation of handling some rare and fine examples of high-end bottles is the interest I have in seeing the "Celebs" turn out. Celebs, in my opinion, are the heavy-duty collectors that are on the lookout for a variant they don't have in their Whiskeys, Bitters and Gin collections.

Collectors such as Jeff Burkhardt who flies in from Wisconsin to admire an "ear of corn" or Ferdinand Meyer V who flies in from Texas to check out Jeff Wichmann's auction offerings. I caught him taking a picture of what looked like a bottle that caught his eye on Jeff's display case. I think it was next to the light to medium amber Lacour's Bitters Sarsapariphere on the same shelf. I noted a gathering of "lookers" at one of the dealer tables that held an abundance of historical flasks.

I spotted Sonny Cranston, an avid pocket flask collector from Montana, edging his way toward Jeff Wichmann's display case filled with some of the bottles that would be included in his upcoming "American Bottle Auctions" offerings. Sonny was pointing out a brilliant colored bottle to me. He seemed mesmerized with the color. I asked him to pick it up so that I could take a picture of it in his hands. From what I can tell I think it was the Trademark Barkhouse Bros. & Co Gold Dust Kentucky Bourbon N. Van Bergen & Co Sole Agents (I think this was the bottle that sold on Jeff's above mentioned auction for something like \$28,000).

Two Gin displays from the Gold Country caught my eye that were from the 1850s – 1860s. One was the London Jockey Club House with an embossed horse. The other was the Wister's Club House.

A man named Bob Kaiser had a table laden with recent Club House Gins he dug. From where I stood the bottles appeared to be sparkling clean and noted for sale. I couldn't get through the crowd to access his table, but I did get some details on how he came across these great finds. You might want to read about Bob and his rewarding "dig" on Ferdinand Meyer's website: www.peachridgeglass.com There are also some pictures, on that site, of the bottles in their "original dug" state. I think these specimens could be considered desirable bottles for you diggers, as well as collectors, to drool over.

Dealers from The Los Angeles Historical Bottle Club were

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Ferdinand Meyer V capturing a photograph of some interesting glass sparkling like gemstones

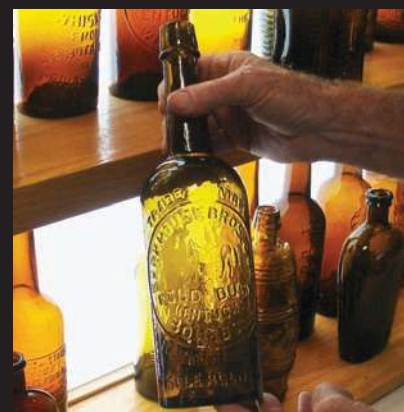


among those represented at this year's Auburn Show, as was the San Diego Antique Bottle and Collectibles Club. Vice President James Campaglia of the Montana Bottle Collectors Association flew in to "load up" for his flight home. It seemed good to see Gary and Darla Antone on the shopping end of a show for a change. They are the President and newsletter folks (plus show chairs) for their club the "Golden Gate Historical Bottle Society." As usual there were several western clubs represented by members either selling or acquiring. I ran into numerous folks that I am always happy to see and visit with.

There is much more I could say, but I think others have done well to represent their views with their coverage of the 2011 Auburn experience. I think no matter who writes about their experience at the show you are left with the feeling that indeed this show is living up to its reputation of being "The best of the West."



Dave Hall comparing colors of a couple of nice gin bottles





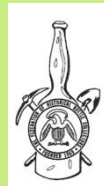
The Federation of Historical Bottle
Collectors Presents

EXPO 2012

Antique Bottle and
Collectible Show
Reno, Nevada



July 27th – 29th, 2012



At the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino

Early Admission:	Friday July 27 th	1:30pm – 6:00pm
Banquet:	Friday, July 27 th	7:00pm
Dealer set-up/Early admission:	Saturday, July 28 th	7:00am – 9:00am
General Admission:	Saturday, July 28 th	9:00am – 4:00pm
General Admission:	Sunday, July 29 th	9:00am – 3:00pm

Show Chairman:

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