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## President's Message

Hello Everyone,

Our September meeting was more fun with less business to discuss after our annual bottle show. The show was the topic of our business portion other than a short discussion on the contract renewal for our meeting room with the Masonic hall. Then we moved on to our raffle and show and tell. There were a lot of nice bottles selected by raffle drawing winners at the September meeting. Remember to bring in your bottles for sale at the next meeting so the raffle winners will have items to choose.

September's show and tell portion of our meeting had a nice variety of items to talk about. Some of the highlights of the show and tell were a very rare Merriam's western soda in cobalt blue and some great early bear figural bottles with applied faces. The show and tell at our October meeting will be our ever popular member's choice of items they would like to talk about.

I hope everyone had a chance to attend this year's club picnic October 1st. The picnic was held in conjunction with the Double D insulator tailgater in Grand Terrace California. It was a great event with good food and a lot of collectibles to buy and sell.

Please join me in wishing a happy birthday to Mike Polak, Ken Loakes and Tom Spellman who have birthdays this month. If I have missed anyone's birthday this month let me know so we can add them to our birthday celebration list.

I hope to see you at our next meeting October 20th,

Dave



## MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 22ND MEETING.

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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 7:00 P.M., the third Thursday of each month. Our meeting location is at the Arcadia Masonic Lodge, 50 West Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA. 91007. Cost of membership is \$25.00 year. Please see application on the reverse cover for membership information.

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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"!

Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Tom Tyshko reported a show profit of \$672.96. Show Chairman Don Wippert mentioned that was more than we have made in a long time. He also said 46 tables were sold. Dave Maryo mentioned we had support from the Hemet and San Diego collectors. We continue to have member as well as other repeat dealer support.

The drawing for a free table was conducted during this meeting. It usually takes place at our show, but this year it got carried over into our September meeting. Don Wippert brought in his list of dealers and checked the ticket that was drawn against his list. The winner was Number 12 which is Don Keys. Don Wippert said that he will call the winner.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Bob Manthorne brought in information he got from the Duarte Elk's Lodge. He gave the information to President Dave Maryo. Bob reported that he was asked how much we are currently paying for a rental fee. The representative from the lodge said that they could probably work with us. Bob also mentioned that the lodge has a ballroom for weddings and a room that will hold up to 75 people with tables in it. He also said that the

Elk's hold their meetings the third Thursday of every month. Discussion was held concerning this fact. Dave Maryo will be checking with the lodge to see if something can be worked out for our club to hold our monthly meetings and annual shows at their facility. One last comment was made that we don't have much time left before the end of the year, so we have to move quickly on this.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Dave Maryo said he will call the badge-making people in Oregon who have been making our club badges and see what has to be done. There are six badges that need to be ordered.

Our club roster is about ready to be printed once Dave Maryo adds three names to it. He said that he would have it ready for our October meeting.

A quick reminder was made of our club picnic being combined with the insulator show on Saturday, October 1. We reviewed some of what was discussed at a previous meeting that there is no cost to sell, but that dealers are asked to donate something toward the raffle. Dave Maryo mentioned that club funds will pay for the hamburgers our club members eat. We should bring side dishes to go along with the hamburgers.

### OCTOBER'S THEME:

We will resume having "Member's Choice."

## Leadville 2011

By Ken Lawler

This year the Leadville Show got incorporated into a “larger than life” driving trip for Dar and I. First we stopped in Ouray as planned and spent a few days taking care of some donations a cousin had entrusted me with to drop off at the museum while in Ouray. Of course we spent quality time with a friend of ours who runs a book store in the historic Beaumont Hotel. We had to make at least one more driving trip up a narrow mountain trail to the famous Camp Bird Mine that was once a hot spot for gold and silver mining. Dar and I have made this trip before. This time we followed our trusty book store owner who is also a rock hound guy. He has appeared in the Rocks and Minerals Magazine from time to time. While I wasn't feeling up to anything strenuous, Dar said I did okay and she took pictures to back up my words. Fumbling and stumbling around over a hillside and on the surface we were able to pick up a few nice pieces while our rock hound friend, Bob Stoufer, was after the “real good stuff” he could cut and polish and sell in his book store. He sells many items besides books in his store, but mostly focuses on books of the area and some fine looking mineral specimens.



After spending a week in Ouray, Colorado, you would think we would be acclimated to the altitude in Leadville, but we weren't. It might have had something to do with my heath and my age. I don't know what Dar's excuse was, but it could have been age, too. It has been years since we have been in good physical shape and able to “mountain goat” the hills.

We got into Leadville about 2:00 p.m. and checked into our Motel. I was puffing like a steam engine from hauling a couple of suit cases into the room. We were

supposed to meet up with Wayne and June Lowry at our motel. They hadn't checked in yet, so we went uptown to get a burger. Upon returning to our motel, we had a message from June saying that they were staying at another motel at the other end of town. Nothing personal here, they just wanted to get checked in and then dash off to do an antique run in the shops that seemed closer to their end of town than ours. We couldn't blame them for that decision. By the way, did we want to join them? You bet! They came by and picked us up



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and then we started hitting the list of antique stores and places that had bottles. Most of the shops had already been pretty well picked over, but Wayne found a fruit jar worthy of taking back to Missouri.

It usually rains in the afternoon in Leadville but today it just clouded up. It got hot and humid, but at that point, no rain. It was the Lowry's first visit to Leadville. They decided to sign up and come on out to Leadville and try their luck at selling. I suggested that Wayne might like to drive out across the Leadville Dump to see what it was really like, after hearing about it. We met some of the dealers from the show that were looking around, too. There were piles of fresh dirt that looked like it had been screened. John Nutting, member of the Los Vegas Bottle Club, had probably been there the week before. I found a small hand-made wine bottle that was turning purple in the wall of one of the abandoned pits. Lots of stuff here, but you have to go deep and screen every shovelful of dirt. Wayne and June found some good looking bottles and stashed them in their van to look at later. Their dog Pepper was investigating and didn't notice a sudden drop-out-of-sight that June and Dar noticed. They caught Pepper in the act of not "looking where he was going." He

dropped into a hole and just like a bouncing ball reappeared in half a second!

Dar and I got to the show before opening time. There was a crowd of early birds waiting outside of the entrance door and the parking lot was full. This is a good sign, that maybe people will be spending some of their hard earned cash.

At opening time there was a rush of people wanting to get in and start looking. First we said "Hi" to Jim and Barbara Sundquist the loyal chairpersons who usually are responsible for the show every year that we have attended, anyway. Another loyal person President Rick Sinner was bouncing around selling raffle tickets and making everyone laugh. He missed his calling. He should have been a comedian (this is a compliment, Rick). John Nutting and his wife had a table full of tokens, some of which he had screened from the dump in the past month. The Lowry's had set up their tables against the far wall and had an extra chair, so I sat with them and gave their Pomeranian, Pepper a good ear scratching. From my point of view I could watch people coming and going. Attendance was good. Lots of people coming in and they were buying stuff.

There were some good displays set up on the stage. My favorite was the display of Colo-

rado Pharmacy Bottles.

We bought a handful of raffle tickets in hopes of winning one of the six prizes, an 8 1/2" cobalt triangular owl poison bottle. Not this time, one of the dealers had the winning ticket.

After the show closed, we had promised June and Wayne that we would meet them at the Golden Burro Restaurant for supper. The rain God had held off until most of the dealers had packed up and then it let loose. It was a real cloudburst for half an hour. Fortunately, we were inside looking out at the rain and lightning.

Wayne and June had an appointment around Pueblo, Colorado so they took off right after supper. Dar and I were beat so we crashed. The next day we headed to Austin, Texas to see relatives. Boy it was a long drive from Leadville to Austin.

Another great show, better than average, I would say. Keep on supporting those shows that you can. They need people like you. Whether you sell or purchase, the shows still need your presence.



## LAHBC Club Member's Visit to the Robert Frank Museum

by Dave Maryo



In March of 2011 a group of LAHBC club members took a trip to Lompoc California to visit the Robert Frank Museum. Members arrived one by one and started a tour of this very unusual museum. The museum curator Brian Shull greeted everyone while Robert was out at a sale looking for more unusual items to add to the museum collection. The museum tour was self guided, but Brian was always on hand to answer questions. The lit wall of bottles was the attention grabber as we walked through the entrance. Rare bitters and whiskeys lined the shelves with the wonderful colors sparkling like jewels. Although the rare bottles could support a museum on their own, there were many other interesting items to be found in the museum. As we walked around the museum our club members slowly moved on from the draw of antique bottles to find Native American baskets, pottery, dolls, and some very unusual arrow heads. I had never seen arrow heads like these in brilliant colors and such pristine condition. I just had to find out more about these fantastic stone tools and asked Brian about them. Wow, was I surprised when he told me they were not old and he had made them by chipping the flint and glass to produce perfectly shaped arrow heads and stone tools. He went on to talk about learning how to produce the stone tools from his father and Native American tribal leaders. The chipped stone items he produced are not just reproductions of early stone tools, they are works of art. Moving on the next item to catch my eye was a huge round fossilized shell. The shell was as large as a small dining room table and had a glistening opalescent surface that sparkled like a piece of carnival glass. Next to the shell was a group of crystals larger than any specimen I have ever seen. By now I had almost forgotten about the bottles that drew me to visit the museum in the first place. Just beyond the fossilized shell there were groups of fossils hanging from the wall that looked like stone pictures. The flat stones had the fossilized remains of fish, birds and other animals. While I was distracted by this ancient art I heard a commotion and turned around to see club members gathering around Robert as he returned from his buying excursion. Everyone was gathering around Robert to hear him talk about some of the items in the

*Robert Frank Museum continued...*

museum. Of course our group was interested in bottles so he focused his attention on some of the items he had found interesting. One group of bottles were not as old as most of the examples in the museum, but they were the highlight of his collecting experience that he shared with us. All of these bottles had a curious design of painted beads around the inside of each bottle. Bottles filled with these beads had a tag indicating the length of the string of beads. If you added up the lengths I am sure it would be miles of beads filling these interesting art bottles. Robert went on to explain how he had come to acquire this unique set of bottles. Many years ago when Robert was a member of the Santa Barbara bottle club he met a man that bought large bottles in unusual shapes to fill with beads. He told us that Mr. Bean was a member of the club, but he did not have the same antique bottle collecting passion as most of the others in the club. Instead Mr. Bean would buy the newer bottles that the other collectors did not want and filled them with strings of beads. Robert would often find Mr. Bean at flea markets buying old beaded bags and purses only to remove the beads so he could paint each individual bead. Mr. Bean would also use the strings from the bags and purses by tying the short lengths together for his artistic bottle hobby. The artistic touch to Mr. Bean's bottles was the way he placed the stringed beads into the bottles by carefully using a stick to guide the strings of beads and filling the inside with uniform layers of spiraled beads. Many years after Robert had last seen Mr. Bean he found these bottles filled with beads at an estate sale. Robert knew these bottles were Mr. Bean's creations. He had tried to buy some of these works of art from Mr. Bean years ago, but they were not for sale. Now finding these works of art at an estate sale he purchase them all to place in his museum with the other wonders to be seen by visitors. If you ever have the chance to visit the Robert Frank Museum you will not be disappointed even if you are not a bottle collector.



**MINUTES CONTINUED**

**DRAWING WINNERS:**

\$ 10: Bob Lee

\$ 10: Tom Tyshko

\$ 20: Lucky Bob Lee

*Members Only:* Dick Homme

*Best Theme:* Chuck Gildea

Meeting Adjourned: 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene J. Furda

(Interim Secretary)



# Event Calendar

**OCT 21 & 22 - SANTA ROSA, CA**

The Northwestern Bottle Collectors Assoc. Annual Bottle Show, (Sat 9:00 am – 3:00 pm; early buyers Friday Noon – 6:00 pm), at the Santa Rosa Veterans Building, 1351 Maple Avenue (across from the fairgrounds), Santa Rosa, CA, Bev Siri, 707.542.6438

**DEC 2 & 3 - AUBURN, CA**

California 49er Antique Bottle & Show “The Best of the West” (9:00 am to 3:00 pm, early admission Friday \$10.00 at Noon – 7:00 pm) at the Gold Country Fairgrounds, Auburn, CA, Info: Mike McKillop, 117 A Estates Court, Roseville, CA 95678, 916.367.1829, pville1871@yahoo.com

**NOV 11 & 12 - CHEHALIS, WA**

The Washington Bottle Collectors Association presents the Autumn Antique Bottle, Insulator & Collectible Show Friday 11 November, Early Buyers \$5.00 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Saturday, 12 November 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Information: Warren (206) 329-8412 wlbottleguy@yahoo.com or Pete (253) 335-1732

**JAN 28 - ANDERSON, CA**

The Superior California Antique Bottle Club’s 36th Annual Show and Sale. (9:00 am to 4:00 pm) at the Shasta County Fairgrounds, Anderson County. Info: Mel Hammer 530.241.4878 or Phil McDonald 530.243.6903

For complete list of bottle shows, visit: [WWW.FOHBC.COM](http://WWW.FOHBC.COM)

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**FOR SALE**

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Barb Selendic

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