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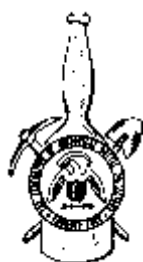
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## SPECIAL FEATURE

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## President's Desk



Hey Gang !

Hope all is well ! Spring is in the air and the dirt will be flying again.



I was heading to Phoenix for my winter break and I ran into Vince Martonis at the airport. He was heading to Florida to meet his newest grandchild as his daughter was having an emergency c-section. Congrats to Joanne and Vince on their new grandchild.

Saturday I was at Salamanca Antique Mall taking a load of antiques when I ran into Bob Watson who was adding some bottles to his cases. We had a nice conversation about digging and his latest acquisitions. If you have bottle fever you can quench it with a stop at the Salamanca Antique Mall.

Our April program will be Chris Hawley: *The History of City Planning In Buffalo.*

Mark your calendar the Rochester bottle show is Sunday April 17th.

On behalf of the Board Members and Myself We wish you and your family a Blessed Easter & a Mokry Dyngusa ( a wet Dyngus)

Until Next Time

Good Digging !

Peter

## Greater Buffalo Bottle Collectors Association

**18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SHOW & SALE**  
ANTIQUES, BOTTLES, INSULATORS, ADVERTISING, ANTIQUES, BREWERIANA, POST CARDS, PAN-AM EXPOSITION AND BUFFALO, NY COLLECTIBLES

Sunday, September 18, 2016  
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

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Tables \$20/\$10 for additional tables  
Set-up Sunday 7:00 to 9:00 AM



## Travelers Companion Third Place 2015





2/10/16- Minutes- General Meeting-GBBCA

7:05 PM Meeting called to order by Joe Guerra

### Minutes read by secretary

Treasurer's Report: by Tom Stengel

- \$1,478.50 in club funds
- dues being collected by Tom
- 16 paid members so far this year
- 2016 Show hall deposit paid
- Year End Report passed out-loss of \$371.94
- Corrected Show Report passed out-same profit of \$284.03
- \$200 donation to Church for 2015 passed by members

Newsletter: by Joe

- latest issue sent out
- send articles, show reports, stories, etc to Craig by 20<sup>th</sup> of the month

General Business:

- Programs-Joe to check with Vince Martonis about Spring program
- dinner at Park Meadow in nicer weather?
- Chuck LaChiusa?
- Dave Mik/John Eiss?
- Tom Stengel to check on Antique Clock Club presentation
- 2018 FOHBC Show to be in Cleveland/discussion about Buffalo Club display?

Show Report: by Dave

- flyers and contracts available for passing out
- raffle tickets being passed out
- Show information sent to AB&GC Magazine, FOHBC, Reggie Lynch/antiquebottles.com, taverntrove.com
- NY-PA Collector newspaper ad costs \$50/discussion about putting Show article in the newspaper?

Presentation: 2015 Finds by members

8:00 PM: Meeting adjourned

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*Joe Guerra, Secretary*

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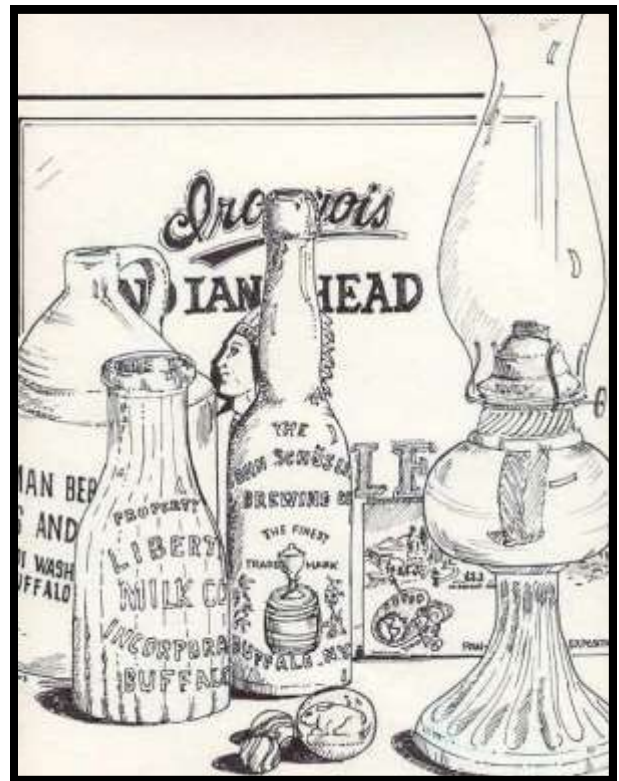
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***Pictures from Buffalo's Past***

1827 bill from the Eagle Tavern Buffalo



# Greater Buffalo Bottle Collectors Association

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## *Membership Application 2016*

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Can we email the Newsletter as an Adobe PDF file (Requires Adobe Reader a free download from Adobe)?    ☐ Yes    ☐ No

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All Memberships with Newsletter by U.S. Mail (\$20.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: (What would you like to see as a club or in programs?) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Can we put your name in the Membership Directory? (Given to Club Members Only)

Yes

No

\_\_\_\_\_





## February Meeting Photos



Left, Ed with his Find

Right, Tom and his Borth pottery jug



Left, Don Portik and his 1850s stoneware jug

Right, Bob and his pottery water filter



Left, Tom presenting the annual report

Right, Bob Watson's pottery water filter @1890-1915



Left, Borth jug, circa 1900 stoneware jug

Right, Dave Potter's green Lockport druggist bottle @1860-75





ANOTHER "GREAT FEATURE ARTICLE" FROM THE PAGES OF  
ANTIQUE BOTTLE AND GLASS COLLECTOR MAGAZINE  
THE MAGAZINE OF THE ANTIQUE BOTTLE COLLECTING HOBBY

[A.B.&G.C.-HOME PAGE](#)

## FLAVORED BEERS OF WESTERN NEW YORK

By Ann E. Spear

Lockport, N.Y.

Our first mystery bottle was found in 1968, and we soon began to classify it as a flavored beer. After seventeen years of research, that name seems to fit the classification of this type of bottle best. It certainly isn't a mineral water, a pop or soda bottle, or a regular hops beer bottle. It seems to be in a class all by itself.

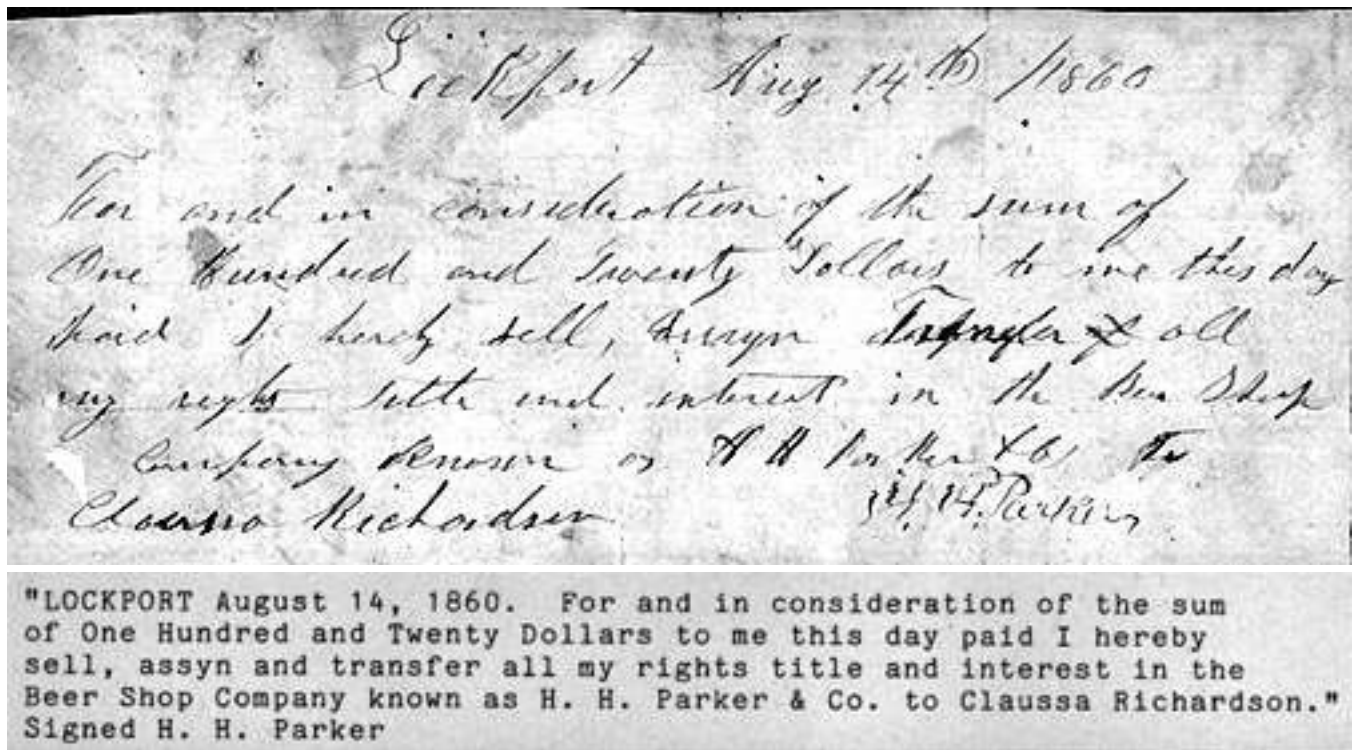
An old store in Youngstown, New York was being emptied fore modeling into apartments. When clearing the basement of colorful advertising posters from the late 1800s (all of which were hauled to the dump), a quantity of old bottles embossed D. Davis were found. The bottles were sapphire blue, emerald green, and one black olive-amber, 10"x 3 1/2", smooth base, and had twelve panels. As the bottles were brought up, a relative of the D. Davis family saw them and took them home, giving one or two to an antiques dealer who was with her. A few of the bottles were dispersed among relatives, including an entire case of emerald green reportedly taken to the East Coast. The remaining sapphire blue bottles and the one black glass could be seen in many of the windows of her home.

We were just beginning to collect old bottles in the mid1960's and my husband, who was a Fuller Brush man at the time, saw the blue bottles in the window and was able to purchase one, then two more. Finally, shortly after the lady died, we were able to purchase the black bottle. The remaining bottles were kept in the family. No one knew just what they had contained, but they had probably been returnable, as they showed much wear, especially on the base.

Soon after, a second, similar bottle embossed J.B.G. came in to our collection from a bottle collector. The collector's brother-in-law had found the bottle while hunting in the local woods and had given it to her. Again, no clue to the contents, but the bottle had much wear on the base. This bottle was also sapphire blue.

The third bottle we found was originally dug near the Harrison Radiator Div. GMC plant in the Town of Lockport. Again, sapphire blue in color, paneled, same dimensions, but with an iron pontil and embossed Dr. Cronk, obverse R. Mc C. Although much has been written about Dr. Cronk, we have not found reference to the initials R. Mc C. We did find a pottery bottle of the same style embossed sarsaparilla beer.

By 1971 we had added a beautiful, sparkling, sapphire blue flavored beer embossed M. Richardson. This bottle was very similar in style to the others, but did not have the panels. This bottle fell from the ceiling of a home on Chestnut Ridge in Wilson, N.Y., during remodeling. (Soon after, a Lockport Traveler's Companion (circa 1860) came from the cistern of the same house). The bottle was so full of a varnish-like substance we thought it was amber. In fifteen minutes we had cleaned the bottle and were amazed to see it was blue.



Quickly following the purchase of the M. Richardson bottle we were able to buy another flavored beer embossed H.H.P. from a digger in Shelby, New York. We then bought a variant to the H.H.P. embossed H.H.P. & Co. that had been found in some woods. And finally some pieces of the puzzle began to fall into place.

In the 1970s we belonged to an antiques club that met at the Niagara County Historical Society building in Lockport. We gave a program about old bottles and at that time met Francis Swanson, a local history buff. Visiting with Fran, we discovered he owned a notebook filled with 68 leaves containing 267 documents from the business of M. Richardson. He loaned us the book and allowed us to photograph several of the receipts. When Fran passed away a few years ago, we purchased the book from his widow.

The most exciting document we found in the notebook was the bill of sale of the H.H. Parker & Co. business to Claussa Richardson, as quoted exactly: **"LOCKPORT: August 14, 1860. For and in consideration of the sum of One Hundred and Twenty Dollars to me this day paid I hereby sell, assign and transfer all my rights title and interest in the Beer Shop Company known as H.H. Parker & Co. to Claussa Richardson."** This bill sale was signed H.H. Parker.

A call to the Niagara County Historian verified a listing in the 1859 Lockport City Directory of H.H. Parker, owner of a lemon beer business at 6 Lock Street. The call also confirmed that Claussa Richardson was the wife of Mortimer M. Richardson, who continued to make lemon beer until at least 1866. The record book has numerous tax receipts to confirm this, and one read: **"NO. 2270 UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE Collector's Office District of Lockport Sept. 17, 1866 Received of M.M. Richardson Twelve 70/100 Dollars for Excise Tax on August Lemon Beer \$12.70. Annual Watch 1 \$1 and (unreadable) \$1. Total \$14.70 being amount assessed on August 1 for 1866. M.L. Burrell, Dr. Collector."**

Richardson purchased his bottles from the Lancaster Glass Works, Lockport Glass Manufacturing Co., Lockport Glass Works (same business location, different proprietors), and the Whitney Glass Works. On

5/14/67 he purchased 3 cask 1 bbl 3 86/144 quart beer bottles for \$53.96 from the Lockport Glass Manufacturing Co. Although the color of the bottles is not mentioned, and we do not see tax records after 1866, the bill does say QUART BEER BOTTLES.

Our collection also includes an emerald green M. Richardson, paneled, found on Sand Hill, close to Rapids, N.Y., and an aqua example, no panels, found in the basement of a home in Barker, N.Y. In 1983 we purchased an emerald green J.B.G. from a young man named Jim who was remodeling a house on Harvey Avenue in Lockport built in 1858. While deepening his basement, he unearthed several fragments and one whole bottle. Jim's dad thought the bottle was worthless and tried to throw it out. Jim knew we collected old bottles and sold it to us, going home with enough cash to show his dad old bottles did have worth.

Other examples of flavored beers include a pint Boughton and Chase, iron pontil, ten panels, sapphire blue, dug in a garden on Route 104 between Lockport and Gasport. Burt Spiller from Rochester kindly supplied **the following from the Rochester Daily Union, Sept. 23, 1852, page 3 Col. 2: "About 2 o'clock this morning** a small wooden building owned and occupied by Boughton and Chase, situated on the Feeder near Mt. Hope Ave., was totally destroyed by fire. The premises were used for the manufacture of Cronk's Beer and Gleason's Mineral Water. The property was insured for \$1500, which, the owner says, will not cover the loss. The origin of the fire is unknown. The building was nearly destroyed before a general alarm had been spread." **We once owned a blue E. Tousley Cronk's Beer, twelve sided.**

Two Skinner Gallery auctions offered flavored beers for sale. The Gardner collection contained a seven-paneled Boughton and Chase Rochester N.Y. Bottle Registered According To Law, pint, sapphire blue, heavy sloping collared mouth and iron pontil. The description listed the bottle as a soda. It sold for \$950. The Pattridge collection (from Rochester, NY) sold a J.B.G. listed as a beer or soda, iron pontiled, sapphire blue, some damage, which sold for \$375 plus buyer's fee. Also in the Pattridge collection was an E. Tousley Cronk's Beer in emerald green, twelve panels, sloped collar, which sold for \$600 plus buyer's fee.

This receipt from the United States Internal Revenue dated Oct. 29, 1866 shows that M. Richardson paid \$10.25 tax on his "Lemmon Beer".

All of the flavored beer bottles in our collection show considerable wear, and were probably returnable. At one time Richardson received credit from the Lockport Glass Works for glass cullet. Although many of our bottles were dug, they are all in very good condition.

Beer made from the blending of various roots and barks was popular in Europe and America since colonial times. Ingredients could be spikenard, ginger, sarsaparilla, wintergreen, or fruits such as lemon. Yeast and sugar were added to the flavorings and water. As the product aged the sugar were converted into alcohol of about 2 to 5%, the same alcohol content as today's hops beer.

In 1970 the Hamm Brewing Co. of England introduced an alcoholic soft drink under the trade name Shandy. The company offered a flavor choice of cola, lemon-lime, or grapefruit. The drink was advertised to have the same alcohol content as beer.

Thus we conclude that the name-flavored beer is appropriate for this class of bottle. This category is uncommon with less than 100 examples known to us. All of the bottles we have seen came from the local area within a hundred-mile radius covering Niagara, Orleans and Monroe counties in New York State. The bottles were probably made locally in Lockport and possibly Lancaster. And finally, we will continue to classify the bottles as flavored beers until someone can convince us that another classification is more appropriate.



Wm. Cook, green, (pint size)



H. Sproatt / Toronto, (cobalt blue)



R. Green / Toronto, (cobalt blue)



H. Sproatt / Toronto, (small letter)



E. Tousley / Cronk's Beer (green)



E. Tousley / Cronks Beer (cobalt)



H.H.P.



J.B.G. (green)





J.B.G. (cobalt)



S. Smith / Auburn, N.Y.



M. Richardson (green)



B. &amp; G.



Dr. Cronk



Dr Cronk - RMcC (on reverse)



R. McGoun



M. Richardson (aqua cylinder)



M. Richardson (green cylinder)



M. Richardson (cobalt cylinder)



D. Davis



Boughton &amp; Chase (pint size)



D. Davis (black olive green)



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H.H.P.



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**STONEWARE COLLECTORS' GROUP**SPRING 2016 EVENT

March 1, 2016

Dear Stoneware Collector,

**It's time once again for the semi-annual Stoneware Collectors' event in Bennington. This Spring's gathering** is scheduled for Friday, May 6 (4:00 pm) and Saturday, May 7 (9:30 am - 3 pm) in Bennington, Vermont. We intend to follow the same format that we've had for the last several events, having the lecture and dinner on Friday, and a one day sale on Saturday, which seems to be working out quite well. While the tent again will be set up for a good part of Friday on the grounds of The Antique Center at Camelot Village, the actual event itself will be kicking off with the lecture at the Bennington Museum at 4:00 on Friday. People can certainly meet friends and catch up earlier at Camelot Village under the tent on Friday, if they choose to do so. Some people even unofficially set up on Friday, which is perfectly fine. **However, we will be starting the "official" sale on Saturday at 9:30 am, which is the opening time for Camelot Village.** This is truly a wonderful venue for the show with the availability of the large tent, the increased road visibility and the foot traffic that comes through the Antique Center. Camelot Village is a premier destination for antiques dealers, collectors and retail buyers alike in southern Vermont, **and we're very fortunate to have their support. Please visit their website at [www.antiquesatcamelot.com](http://www.antiquesatcamelot.com).** Camelot Village is approximately 1 mile west of the Bennington Museum on Route 9. Special thanks to Brian Lewis, Camelot Village owner, for all of his work towards making this a huge success. **With Brian's help, we will arrange for a 20' x 40' tent to be erected on the Camelot grounds. For those who wish to set up,** the fee is still \$35, which will be payable at the time of set-up. We will continue to work with a local deli to get lunch delivered for those who choose to do so.

I am very pleased to announce that we have arranged with Dr. John Sladek, recently retired Professor of Neurology and Pediatrics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, to give a presentation on the wonderful stoneware potteries of Rochester, NY, including Harrington & Burger, at 4:00 pm on Friday afternoon at the Bennington Museum. His talk will provide a broad overview of these Rochester potters, which have produced some of the finest examples of early American stoneware. John currently lives in Colorado, and after many years of collecting, he has put together one of the finest collections of Rochester pieces. John will be bringing with him several pieces from his personal collection for us to see. Please plan to meet at the Museum by 3:45 pm on Friday in order to gain access and seating for the lecture. You also may want to consider coming earlier to see the stoneware collection at this outstanding museum. Their Norton stoneware exhibit is one of the best collections in the country. We are very grateful for the support and assistance that the Bennington Museum has provided us over the past several years as the lecture series has really added a lot of interest in the semi-annual events. The Bennington Museum is at 75 Main Street, Bennington, VT. Their telephone number is 802-447-1571 and their website is [www.benningtonmuseum.com](http://www.benningtonmuseum.com). A group dinner will follow immediately after the lecture at the Madison Brewing Co. in downtown Bennington. The dinner is always a big success. If you want to check them out, here's a link to their website: <http://www.madisonbrewingco.com/>

You are free to make your own motel reservations. Information on various hotel suggestions follows:



Bennington Motor Inn: 143 West Main St. (800) 359-9900

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The Paradise Motor Inn: 141 Main St. (802) 442-8351

We again will be placing press releases and advertisements in the Bennington Museum Newsletter, local community newspapers and the antiques trade newspapers. We also have a page on our website at [www.madriverantiques.com/Bennington.html](http://www.madriverantiques.com/Bennington.html), and will be passing out flyers about the event at our upcoming antiques shows.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions at (860) 653-5733 or email us at: [madriverantiques@aol.com](mailto:madriverantiques@aol.com). Furthermore, if you know of any stoneware collectors or dealers who might like to be **included in our event and on our distribution list, please let us know as we'd love to include them as well.** We are always interested in adding new people to our email list.

We do need your confirmation for set-up, lecture attendance and/or the group dinner, so please RSVP no later than April 25. **It's imperative that we have an accurate count for dinner to pass** on to the folks at the Madison Brewing Co. so they are best prepared to accommodate us.

If you are no longer interested in receiving these notices, please let us know so we can remove you from our distribution list.

**Thank you, and we're looking forward to hearing from all of you!**

Best Regards,

Steve & Lorraine German

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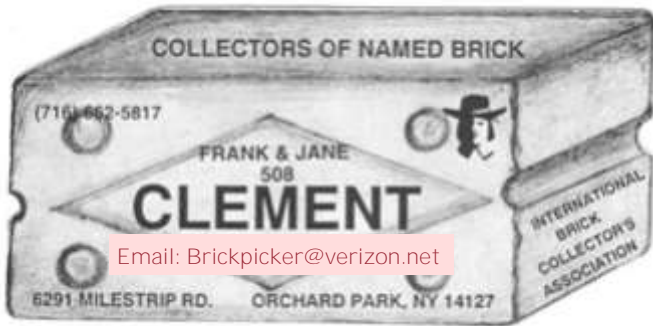
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### Find of the Month

This is a 9 1/4 inch tall aqua blob embossed "LANG'S/ BOTTLING WORKS/2253 10TH AVE/REGISTERED/ NEW YORK"

I have read that the Gerhard Lang Brewery from Buffalo shipped beer to New York City. I also know that Lang's shipped beer to Washington, DC and Pittsburg where it was bottled. I don't know if this bottle was used to bottle Lang's beer. Any help on this would be appreciated.



### Club Notes

The Greater Buffalo Bottle Collectors Association's March General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 7:00 PM at St. Peter's Episcopal Church on Longmeadow Road in Amherst.

For information regarding club meetings and events, including potential weather related cancellations, please feel free to contact: Joe Guerra 716/207-9948 or Pete Jablonski 716/440-7985

Suggestions for programs should be sent to Club President::Pete Jablonski 12489 Hunts Corners Rd Akron NY 14001



### SHOWS & EVENTS

13 March 2016 (Sunday) **Baltimore, Maryland** – The Baltimore Antique **Bottle Club's 36th Annual Show & Sale**, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. For contracts call: Andy Agnew, 410.527.1707 or e-mail [medbotls@comcast.net](mailto:medbotls@comcast.net), [baltimorebottleclub.org](http://baltimorebottleclub.org) at the Physical Education Center, CCBC-Essex, 7201 Rossville Blvd. (I-695, Exit 34) Contact: Rick Lease, 410.458.9405, [finksburg21@comcast.net](mailto:finksburg21@comcast.net), **FOHBC Member Club**

03 April 2016 (Sunday) **Cicero, New York** – Empire State Bottle Collectors Association 46th Annual Show & Sale at the Cicero American Legion, 5575 Legionnaire Drive, Cicero, New York. 9:00 am – 2:30 pm, Dealer set-up: 7:00 am, Three dollar donation and under 12 free. Show info: Keon Kellog, Show Chairman, [kkel32369@aol.com](mailto:kkel32369@aol.com), 315.963.8681, **FOHBC Member Club**