



# THE "POTOMAC PONTIL"

Official Newsletter of the Potomac Bottle Collectors

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The Potomac Bottle Collectors meet the first Monday of each month at eight p.m. in the meeting room at the Coca Cola Bottling Plant on Seminary Road, Alexandria Virginia near Bailey's Crossroads. Visitors are welcome and membership is open to all collectors.

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President -"Bus" Nusbaum  
Treasurer- Tom Johnson  
Librarian/Historian- Fran Stockdale

Vice President -Jack Stockdale  
Secretary- Dorothy McLaughlin  
Editor- Barry Field

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Don Orth, of the Arlington Historical Society, recently contacted Wanda Kirkpatrick for information on a previously unknown bottle supposedly unearthed at a Metro site by a construction worker in Clarendon.

The bottle is embossed Arlington Kola Mist, Clarendon, Va. and is aqua. It is not known whether this bottle is ABM or BIM.

If you have such a bottle, or know anyone that does, please let Mr. Orth know. Even if the bottle is not for sale, he would like to see it and wants any information on the bottle or company that anyone might have. Call him at 525-8295.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS :**

Thomas P. Bold & Son  
10519 Assembly Drive  
Fairfax, Virginia 22030  
591-6555  
Blob-top sodas & beers.

Ray & Susan Godfrey & children  
4823 Stillwell Avenue  
Alexandria, Virginia 22309  
780-3056  
General collection.

Robert & Ann Hartwick & children  
2212 Orchid Drive  
Falls Church, Virginia 22046  
532-0769  
Poisons, inks & Avons

Mike & Betty Jordan  
8136 Pinelake Court  
Alexandria, Virginia 22309  
360-7870  
Fruit jars, beers, medicines,  
& miniature whiskies.

Loyce & Dorothy Lee  
14727 Dillon Avenue  
Woodbridge, Virginia 22193  
670-4577  
General collection.

Mendel & Trudy Peterson  
P. O. Box 6083  
Community Branch Station  
Alexandria, Virginia 22306 G  
eneral collection through 1850,  
collecting for 24 years; undersea  
digger.

Parker & Virginia Reed  
4000 Cathedral Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20016  
338-5659  
Flasks, including historical

Don Sarver  
2430 Alma Road  
Baltimore, Maryland 21227  
301-242-9604  
Beers

Larry & Linda Thurlow  
Box 1004 NSGA  
Sabana Seca  
Puerto Rico 00749  
Cures & poisons

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**\*\*PLEASE NOTE:** The following changes should be made on your membership lists.

Phone Numbers:

Dick Stockton, 534-5619  
Gene Bowers, 250-9657  
Wanda Kirkpatrick, 534-7271 (This number was left off the list.)

Interests:

John Miklas, from general collection to squat sodas and hutches

Address:

The Irby's new address is 9465 Akron-Canfield Road, Rt. 224, Deerfield, Ohio, 44411.

GOOD DIGS

Jim Irby, while digging in Baltimore in January, 1975, unearthed an historical flask. It is a Washington-Taylor, open pontil, aqua quart, McKearin GI-43. The flask was made at Dyottville Glass Works and is embossed on one side with the bust of George Washington and the inscription "The Father of His Country." The reverse has a bust of General Zachery Taylor in uniform and the inscription "I have endeavoured to do my duty." This flask dates about 1840 and was uncovered at a depth of about eight feet. Nice find, Jim! I hope the Irby's move soon so I don't have to face this type of competition for the "digger of the year", especially with the crummy bottles I've dug recently.

- B. F., Editor

P.S. This must be the year for digging them! Pete Middleton recently dug, not one, but two Washington-Taylor flasks, both Dyottsville, and in D. C. yet. And would you believe they were caught in tree roots? One is a deep green quart, open pontil, GI-54; the second one is an aqua half pint, GI-41.

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THIRD ANNUAL SHOW & SALE

Wow, with each show and sale we put on, we grow and learn from our mistakes. Attendance exceeded 450 paid and more than 500 raffle tickets were sold. Next year we need a bigger site with better parking.

Talking with dealers and club members, I got the impression that the dealers and visitors were pleased with our efforts. Kay Johnson, as show chairperson, did it right; kudos to Kay and all the other club members for a job well done.

Well, what sold and what did we see? The better glass seemed to be of medium quality, \$100 to \$200, but in good quantity. Nothing really spectacular was on sale.

Mike Stuckey had just purchased a collection of pickle jars and had some beautiful pieces in colors. Mike also sold a green Baltimore "Resurgam" flask to Bill Pollard. The asking price was \$600. Mike also had an amber "Resurgam" for \$200 but it had a burst bubble.

Did you see those calabashes? There were at least ten different calabashes for sale. All but one union calabash were in aqua, the union was in amber. A poor quality late reproduction Jenny Lind was being offered at \$50 and the same bottle can be had in the original for \$60-75. The same dealer was offering a repro railroad flask for \$40.

Did you see that tiny bee-hive ink for \$135 and the eight-sided puce umbrella for \$135? How about the McKeon, Washington, D. C. torpedo for \$100? The McKeon had a repaired neck or it would have sold before the show opened, to me.

Two nice sunburst historicals were on sale, one for \$310 and the other for \$800. I don't think either moved. A dealer from Richmond had several Portner hutches which were selling well for \$6-8.

How about the displays? Here are the results with the winners in the various categories:

Novice

Vern Bauckman, Woodbridge, Va.	(Beers)	1st
Hal & Betty Dean, Takoma Park, Md.		2nd
Phil Godwin, Fairfax, Va.		3rd

Intermediate

Kay Johnson, Manassas, Va.	(Warners)	1st
Gene Crone, Windsor, Pa.		2nd
Betty Brewer, Silver Spring, Md.		3rd

Dug

Pete Middleton, Annandale, Va.	(Locals)	1st
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Advanced

Jerry Pickel, York, Pa.	(50 state hutch)	1st
Bunny Russell, Alexandria, Va.		2nd
Fred Rawlinson, Newport News, Va.		3rd

Junior

Gordin Knick, Wheaton, Md.	(Minerals & Sodas)	1st
John Bowers, Fairfax Station, Va.		2nd
Barbara Russell, Alexandria, Va.		3rd

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-SHOW CALENDAR-

May 3 ..... New Jersey Bottle Festival, Moorestown Community House,  
16 East M&in Street, Moorestown, N. J.

May 4 ..... Pennsylvania Bottle Collectors' Assoc. Show & Sale, The  
Guernsey Barn, Rt. 30, 5 miles east of Lancaster, Pa.

May 17 ..... S. New Jersey Insulator Show & Sale. Bridgeboro Road,  
Moorestown, New Jersey.

June 1 ..... Jersey Shore Bottle Club Show & Sale. Southard Fire  
House, Rt. #9 2 miles north of Lakewood.

June 22 ..... Washington County (Pa) Bottle & Ins. Show & Sale.  
Holiday Inn, Washington, Pa. Interstate 70, exit 4.

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STALKING THE WILD ROSEBERRY

For some time I have been eaten away inside for want of a Roseberry soda. If you are not familiar with this Alexandria, Va. graphite pontiled eagle soda, it is considered one of the ten most desirable sodas. It is known in green and blue and I know of two that were dug at the Ramada Inn site at Rosslyn, Va.

The two dug in Rosslyn were sold by the Ohio based digger for \$35 each to Robert Daube of "The Old Brick House." Daube resold them for \$100 and \$150, the lesser price because of a lip chip. Both were green. Darwin Palmer, a club member now living in Texas, purchased one of these from Daube and the whereabouts of the other is unknown.

John Palmer, a Middleburg, Va. dealer, reportedly found the blue Roseberry in an old barn near Middleburg and subsequently sold this bottle to Bill Pollard for an unreported amount.

Mike Stuckey, a well known dealer from Portsmouth, has a handle on a green Roseberry in Pennsylvania and hopes to add it to his collection of local bottles in the near future.

If you have never seen this bottle, there is one on display at the City Manager's office in Alexandria near the main office off King Street.

If you come across this soda, please let me know as I will pay cash or trade an historical flask to remedy the desire to possess this bottle.

-Barry Field

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-ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE-

May 5, 1975:           Speaker, Vern Bauckman. "The Anheuser Busch Story."  
                          Nominations of officers for '75-'76.

June 2, 1975:           Election of officers.  
                          Bottle auction.

July 7, 1975:           To be announced.

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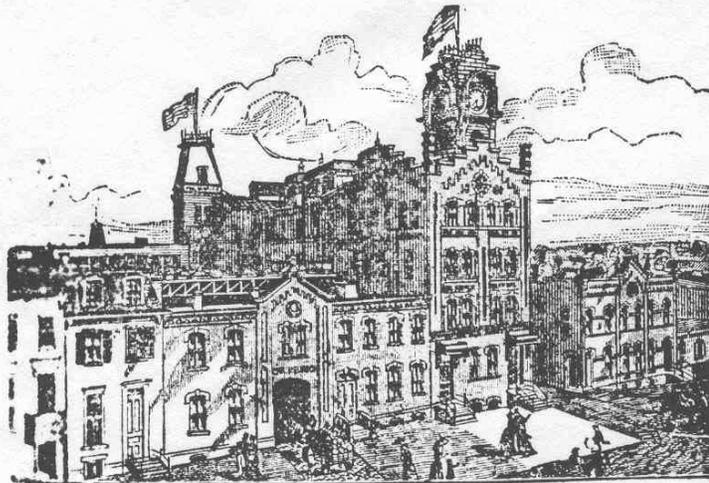
Members may use the classified ad section as a free service to advertise bottles or go-withs for sale, trade or wanted. Non-member rate is 4¢ per word. The Editor reserves the right to limit length of member ads, with notification.

# CLASSIFIED ADS

"For Sale" or "Trade" ads by members must be renewed after 3 issues in order to be continued in the newsletter, "Wanted" ads after 6 issues. Ads may be submitted at each meeting or by mailing them to the Editor.

- \*\*\*\*\*
- WANTED: Milk glass cosmetic jars with milk glass lids (not screw top). Will also buy tops or bottoms separately. Also wanted, eye cups and medicinal measuring cups.  
Gene Bowers at 250-9657
- \*\*\*\*\*
- WANTED: Alexandria, VA and Washington, D.C. hutchinson\_sodas. Mint or near mint.  
Barry Field! 321-9529
- \*\*\*\*\*
- WANTED: D.C. slug plated flasks, rare strap-sided flasks, unusual colors. Reasonable, please.  
John Heenan, 273-7319
- \*\*\*\*\*
- WANTED: D.C. hutches, don't have to be mint. Also, old salt shakers, dug. No depression glass.  
Kay Irvin, 273-6256
- \*\*\*\*\*
- WANTED: Saratoga-type mineral water bottles. Must be mint or near mint, suitable for exhibit at the shows. Call Mike Russell at 820-5726
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- ATTENTION DIGGERS: I will buy your dug cast iron toy cars trucks, trains, etc whole or pieces. Also wanted, World War I lead soldiers.  
John W. Miklas, 893-6569
- \*\*\*\*\*
- WANTED: Old canning jars and jar go-withs. Especially interested in trading.  
V.C.Coyle, 219 E. Baltimore St., Hagerstown, Md. 21740
- \*\*\*\*\*
- ATWOOD BITTERS WANTED. Square or rectangular only. Buy or trade other Atwoods.  
209 Cheryl Dr., Falls Church, Va. 22044. JE.4-0671
- \*\*\*\*\*
- \* WANTED: Nursing bottles, peppersauces, pontiled bottles and better bottles of all kinds. Also want historical flasks (slight haze O.K. if priced accordingly) Have many categories of bottles to sell, singly or in bulk.  
Call Mike or Bunny Russell, 820-5726
- \*\*\*\*\*
- \* WANTED: Any local D.C., Md., or Va. bottles.  
Dick Stockton, 534-5619
- \*\*\*\*\*
- \* WANTED: Sun-colored milk bottles and Holy Water bottles.  
Anne Matthew, 10014 Greenock Rd., Silver Spring, Md. 20901, or call 593-9087
- \*\*\*\*\*
- \* WANTED: D.C. beers, druggists, other local bottles. Call after 6 p.m.  
Phil Godwin, 273-6792
- \*\*\*\*\*
- \* WANTED: Better historical flasks, colored, mint. Pictorials preferred.  
Barry Field, 321-9529
- \*\*\*\*\*
- \* WANTED: Any unusual milk bottles, old, tin-tops, pictures, etc.  
Call Betty Brewer at 622-3928
- \*\*\*\*\*
- \* WANTED: Bixby inks.  
If you have any, please bring them to the next meeting.  
Fran Stockdale, 971-7319
- \*\*\*\*\*
- \* WANTED: Indian artifacts and Civil War artifacts. Must be authentic!  
Call Dane Hannum at 525-6396
- \*\*\*\*\*
- \* WANTED: Any type bottle from Baltimore City or County.  
W. A. Andersen, 1528 York Road, Joe Parks, Lutherville, Md. 21093  
301-252-0024.
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