

# The Potomac Pontil

The Potomac Bottle Collectors Serving the National Capital



## October 2001

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**We mourn the loss of our friend and Potomac Bottle Collectors Vice President Allan Einseln**



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## October 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting

We will discuss the possibility of updating our book on DC bottles. One question to consider is whether we want prices in the next edition. We might even decide to replace our paper book with an electronic list. See page 3 for some of **Matt Knapp's** suggestions.

**Show & Tell:** Bring in unlisted DC bottles for Matt to photograph.

**Vice President:** We need someone to take over for the late **Allan Einseln** as vice president of the Potomac Bottle Collectors. The vice president runs the meeting if the president is absent, but the main duty has traditionally been scheduling speakers or topics for our monthly meetings. All club members are encouraged to suggest topics and to volunteer to speak themselves, but the vice president keeps track of who will be speaking when.

**Dues:** We will be collecting annual dues of \$10 per individual or family. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please use the form at the end of this newsletter to send in your dues.

## September Meeting

Thank you to **Dave Matthews** for presenting part 2 of his talk "Baltimore: Can you dig it?" Dave showed a video he had made illustrating digging at a privy, a water dump, and a "woods" dump. Dave also displayed examples of stoneware, which he has repaired with epoxy and oil paint. The piece at the right is a work-in-progress showing the white epoxy prior to painting.



Meetings: 7:30 PM on the last Tuesday of each month in the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 6201 Dunrobbin Dr., Bethesda, MD 20816.

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Vice President: Needed

Secretary: Jim Sears

Treasurer: Ken Anderson

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## Remembering Allan Einseln

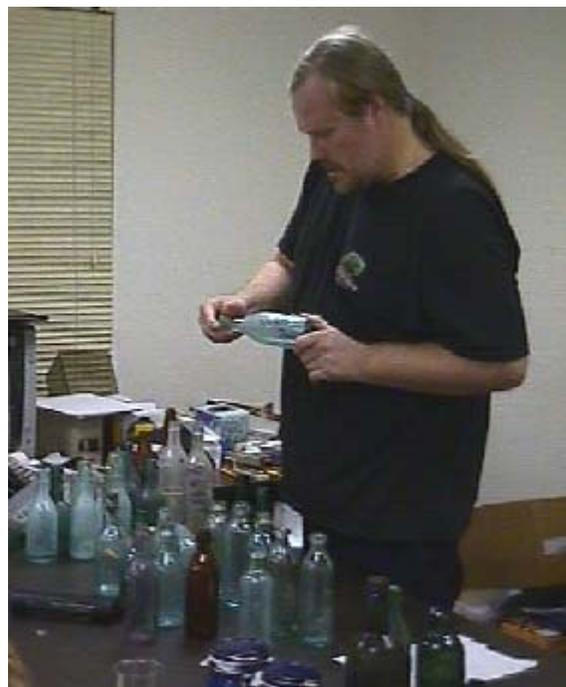
by Jim Sears

I will always remember Allan for his enthusiasm as a bottle digger and collector. He delighted in finding even common bottles or shards, and he made an effort to educate everyone he met about his collection.

Allan served as vice president of the Potomac Bottle Collectors for two years, and, even before he took this position, he helped to find several interesting speakers for our meetings. Allan was proud to be a part of our club. When he was out digging, he would always introduce himself to passers-by as a member of the Potomac Bottle Collectors. This occasionally worried some of us who noted that the club was not sponsoring digs, but it also occasionally succeeded in bringing new people to our meetings.

I remember Allan for two things besides bottle collecting. The first was his passion for helping homeless people. He was willing to take food and water wherever homeless individuals needed it, even though he knew they were as likely to curse him as to thank him for his efforts. The second was Allan's steadfast religious belief. He did not fear death but was completely confident it would bring him to a better place.

Allan suffered a variety of health problems and missed some recent meetings due to a kidney infection. Still, his death was completely unexpected, and we have not yet found an appropriate memorial for him. We believe that his family will designate an organization that helps homeless people in the local area.



**President's Message**

by Matt Knapp

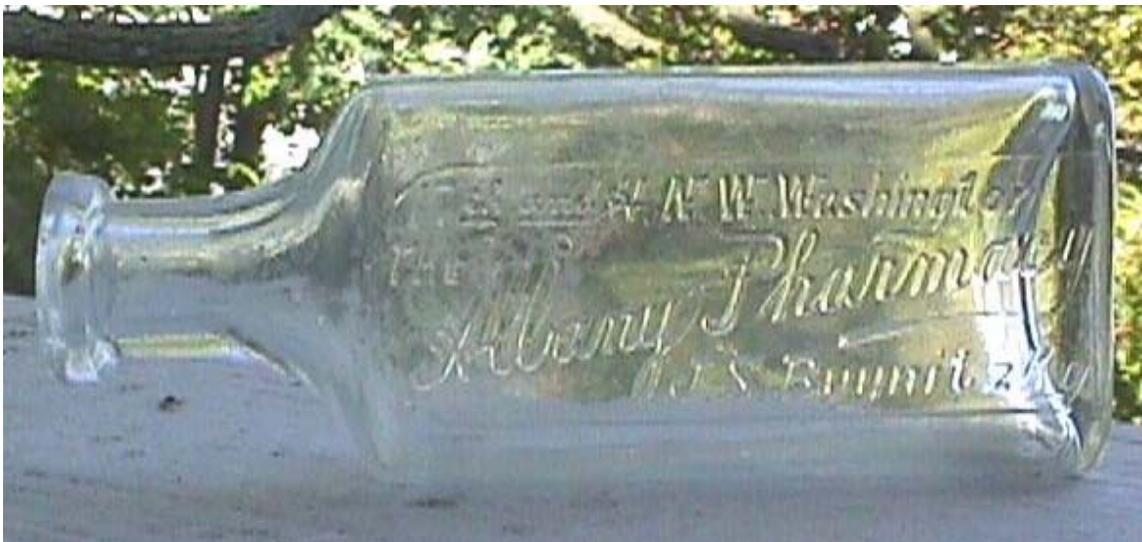
I would like to see a section in the *Pontil* dealing with DC bottles that people found that are not listed in the Club's bottle book. This would give us a way to help document these finds for later addition to the bottle book. People should submit a photo, description, and any history they have on the bottles. If they don't have photos they can bring them to the meetings, and I will take a photo for them.

I would also like to start collecting photos of bottles that ARE listed in the Club's bottle book to be used on a CDROM version. People can email those photos (mknapp@erols.com) or bring the bottles to the meetings to be photographed. I would like to ask whomever has the latest text file for the DC bottle book to email it to me, or bring it to the next meeting, or if you want, volunteer to be the compiler of new DC bottle data.

Here is my first unlisted submission ...

**embossing :** The Albany Pharmacy 17th and H N. W. Washington J.S. Buynitzky  
**color :** clear  
**size :** 4 1/8" tall  
**shape :** rectangular with tombstone shaped slug-plate  
**manf :** blown-in-mold flat tooled lip  
**date :** circa 1890-1910  
**comments :** bottom embossed but difficult to read. May be WTC CO PAT DEC 11, 1894

I don't really know anything about the Albany Pharmacy. Anyone have any info on it or what is at the address now?



## Upcoming Area Bottle Shows



**October 28 (9 AM to 3PM) Timonium, MD:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mid-Atlantic Bottle Show & Sale at the Maryland State Fairgrounds, just north of Baltimore on I-83. Info: **Holiday Promotions**, P.O. Box 845, Abingdon, MD 21009, **Bill Thomas** – PH: (410) 538-5558 or **Rick Lease** – PH: (410) 239-8918.

**November 4 (9 AM to 3PM) Elkton, MD:** The Tri-State Bottle Collectors & Diggers Club's 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Show & Sale at the Singerly Fire Hall, Routes 279 & 213 (I-95 exit 109A). Info: **Dean Shippy** – PH: (302) 368-0549.

**November 11 (9 AM to 2 PM, early admission 7 AM) Fayette City, PA:** The Pittsburgh Antique Bottle Club's Annual Show & Sale at the Washington Twp. Fire Hall, Route 70 exit 20. Info: **Eng Johnson**, 650 Hood School Rd., Indiana, PA 15701, PH: (724) 465-8287 or **Bob DeCroo**, 153 Coal Valley Rd., Jefferson Hills, PA 15025, PH: (412) 233-8109.

## Bottle Show Report

*Ed Faulkner's report below comes from the Richmond club newsletter The Digger. I concur with Ed's assessment of the show's success. Richmond has been steadily building its show over the past few years, and the Showplace Annex appears to be an excellent location for continued expansion.*



### 2001 Show Report by Ed Faulkner

The 2001 Richmond Show appears to be another success to be chalked up to the credit of show chairman Judy Foles. We had approximately 250 attending, with 60 dealers at 92 tables. We also had an impressive 9 displays set against a freshly painted Showplace Annex

There was a pretty good sized crew for show set-up on Friday evening. After the tables were arranged and covered, those present were treated to pizza, subs, and sodas by the club. After this everyone was allowed to bring their table materials in and set up their tables or displays if they wished.

The weather cooperated nicely with us; the promised rain started only after everyone had brought in their sales items. Dealers were treated to a breakfast of sausage and egg biscuits, doughnuts, coffee, and juice. Dealers were also given a "goodie bag" with Richmond souvenirs, tools key chains, and food samples donated by local merchants. The Richmond club really treats its dealers well. There were also door prizes given out to show attendees.

The rain seemed to spread the attendance out through the day so there was a fairly steady stream of people coming in up to the end of the show. We had 19 people who paid the \$15 to come in at 7:30, and this helped our show budget a lot, while not greatly impairing the dealers' chance to do some buying before the public arrived at 9 AM.

There were collection jars for the Red Cross and Sgt. Santa this year in lieu of a 50/50 raffle. The Red Cross received \$42, and Sgt. Santa \$293 in direct donations, and the club will also contribute to each after a final accounting of the show is made.

Everyone that I talked to seemed pleased with their sales and plans to be back next year. I know that this was our best Richmond show thus far. Hope to see you here next year!



The Potomac Bottle Collectors (PBC) is a non-profit antique bottle club serving collectors from the District of Columbia, Northern Virginia, and the Maryland suburbs. The club was founded in 1972 and continues to be a dynamic, active organization. While some club members are diggers and general collectors of old glass, others specialize in areas such as fruit jars, inks, insulators, milk bottles, or pontiled medicines. Anyone with an interest in antique bottles, from junior collector to national expert, is encouraged to join the club.

The club meets at 7:30 PM on the last Tuesday of every month, at the Church of the Redeemer, 6201 Dunrobbin Drive, Bethesda, Maryland. An important feature of PBC meetings is the presentation by a guest speaker. Past speakers have included museum curators, local historians, and club members with expertise in various aspects of the hobby. Another highlight of the evening is "show and tell," where members show off recent acquisitions and old favorites. The PBC is dedicated to increasing enjoyment in the hobby as well as to preserving and disseminating historical information. Therefore, much club business is relegated to separate business meetings, which all interested club members may attend. Visitors are always welcome at the regular monthly meetings.

In addition to monthly meetings, club activities include an annual swap meet and picnic, an annual awards banquet, and publication of the monthly newsletter *The Potomac Pontil*. The PBC also publishes an identification and price guide to bottles of the D.C. area. For additional information, please visit our web site: [members.aol.com/potomacbt/bottle2.htm](http://members.aol.com/potomacbt/bottle2.htm). Club dues may be paid at any club meeting or mailed to Ken Anderson, 4028 Williamsburg Court, Fairfax City, VA 22032-1139.

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### Potomac Bottle Club Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Collecting Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dues are \$10 per year for individual or family. Make checks payable to Potomac Bottle Collectors.

**29<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
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SHOW AND SALE**

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Elkton, Maryland**



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