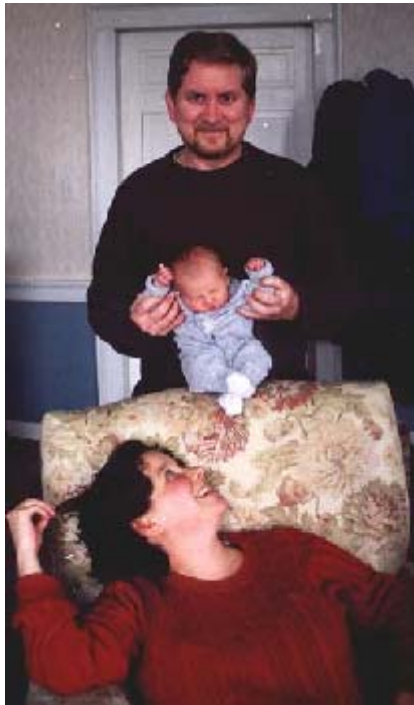


The Potomac Pontil

The Potomac Bottle Collectors Serving the National Capital



February 2002

January 29th Meeting

Awards Banquet: Please arrive promptly at 7:30 to enjoy food and fellowship at our annual banquet. We will be recognizing those who won the club's annual contests and congratulating our president Matt Knapp on the birth of his son. The club will furnish cold cuts & sandwich fixing, and Roland Longerbeam has promised that his sister will bake a pie for desert. Other club members are welcome to bring dishes to pass.



Welcome to James Robert Knapp, born January 25, 2002.

We will break with tradition by announcing the annual contest winners in advance.

Digger of the Year: **Peter Rydquist** easily won this contest with an impressive olive-amber USA Hospital Department bottle. Peter had been surprised to find this Civil War era bottle in an 1890s trash layer.

Shard of the Year: **Andy Goldfrank** reassembled the pieces of a teal iron-pontiled ten-pin from a Baltimore barrel privy to win this prize. The bottle was embossed "C.A. Cole / Cole & Co. / C.F. Brown" in an oval on one side and "Baltimore / No. 118 / North Howard St." in an oval on the other. Andy believes that this bottle was thrown away whole and then broken by other trash or by a later dipping of the outhouse.

Collector of the Year: Other club members appeared ready to concede the this contest to **Jim Sears** for his \$9000 (!) teal Crowleytown Mason jar (see November 2001 *Pontil*). Although Jim was not brave enough to bring in his uniquely expensive jar, he still won in a very close vote. The jar Jim did bring was a yellow small-mouth "midget" pint Mason jar Made by Ball Brothers Glass Manufacturing Company around 1890.

Go-with of the Year: **Ken Anderson** traditionally wins this contest, and his unique packet of Kickapoo Indian Prairie Plants would almost surely have done the job this year. However, Ken disqualified himself because he has won so many times in the past, leaving **Jim Sears'** pint size jar wrench as the most popular remaining go-with. This wrench is attributed to Ball Brothers and could have been used to open the "collector of the year" jar.

Our Show is on for June 30th

This year's Potomac Bottle Collectors show and sale will be held on Sunday June 30th at the Washington Waldorf School at 4800 Sangamore Road in Bethesda. The Waldorf School is about a mile from our regular meeting location. Thanks to **Lee Shipman** for finding this convenient site.

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

President: Matt Knapp Vice President: Needed Secretary: Jim Sears Treasurer: Ken Anderson

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Mississippi Dig-a-thon 2002
by Andy Goldfrank



Over a Dozen Privies were Dug Behind these Beautiful Vicksburg, Mississippi Homes



Loads of Vicsburg, Natches & New Orleans Druggists, Jugs, Biedenharns, and Tonics



Scott Jordan Holding Some Freshly Rescued Amber Prizes: A Natchez Medicine and a DeLacy's Cin-Ko-Na and Iron



Charles Greenlee Sporting the First Jug He's Ever Found – a Crude 1880s Jug that Looks Like a Knock-off of the “Mad Potter of Biloxi” a.k.a. George Ohr



Gee, Justin...
I think These Folks Were Drinkers



Scott Jordan Showing Off a Biedenharn Coke and a Huge Vickburg Sanitarium Druggist

Strange Days Indeed:
12 Feet into a Square Brickliner in Mississippi and Finding Nothing but New York and New Jersey Bottles





Andy Goldfrank Mutter's to Himself:
 "Is that a Pontil? Who Cares...
 This Darn Bottle Smashed that Crude
 Amber Harter's Iron Tonic Bitters!"



Justin McClure (Our Most Hospitable Host) Eyes the
 Growing Pile of Chill & Liver Tonics Bottles along with
 the 1880s Vicksburg Jug.

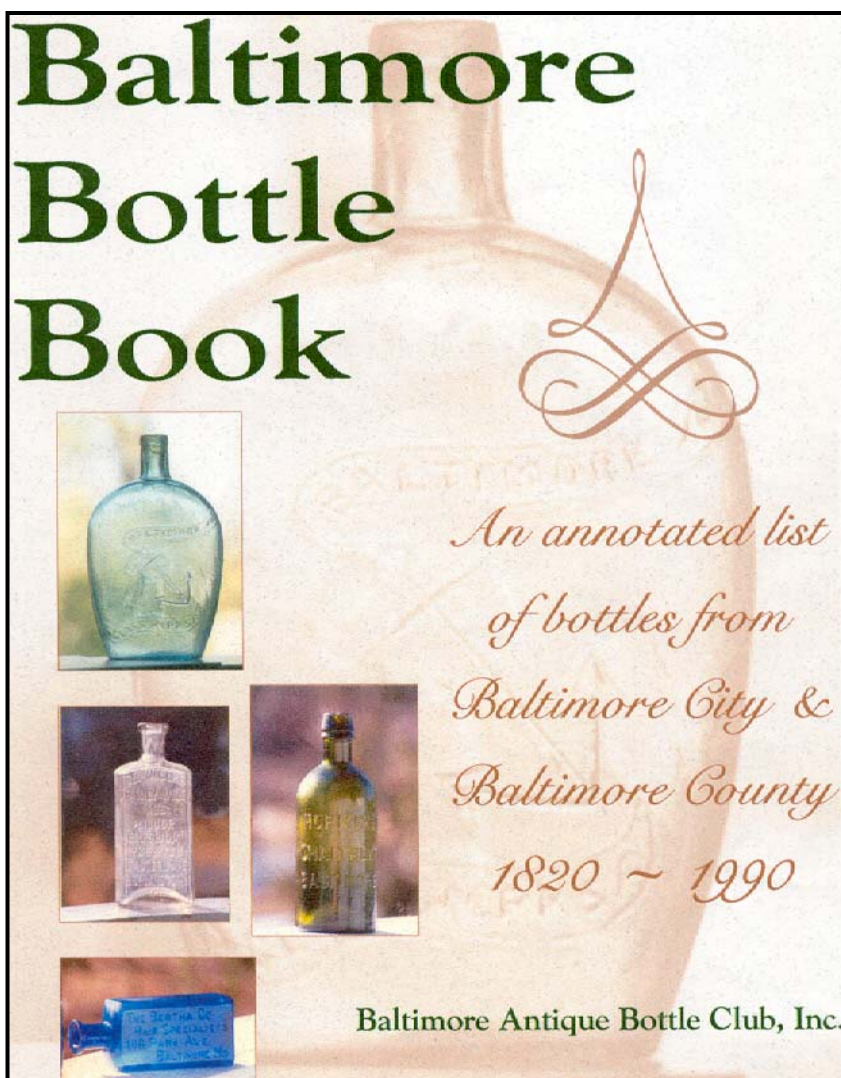
Upcoming Area Bottle Shows

March 4 (8 AM to 3 PM) Baltimore, Maryland: The Baltimore Antique Bottle Club presents its 22nd annual show at the Essex Community College, 7201 Rossville Blvd., Baltimore, Maryland. (off I-95 exit 34) Admission \$3.00. INFO: Bob Ford, PH: (410) 531-9459 or email: antiquebottles@home.com

April 27 (9 AM to 3 PM) Raleigh, North, Carolina: Raleigh Bottle Club 2nd Annual Antique Bottle & Collectibles Show & Sale at the NC State Fairgrounds, Blue Ridge Rd, Raleigh, NC. INFO: **Reggie Lynch**, PO Box 13736, Durham, NC 27709, PH: (919) 789-4545 or email: raleigh@antiquebottles.com

April 28 (9 AM to 3 PM) Harrisonburg, Virginia: The Historical Bottle-Diggers of Virginia 31st Annual Antique Bottle & Collectible Show & Sale, (9 AM to 3 PM), at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds, US RT. 11 South, Harrisonburg, VA. INFO: **Sonny Smiley**, 1025 Greendale Rd, Harrisonburg, VA 22801. PH: (540) 434-1129 or email: lithiaman1@yahoo.com

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