

# The Potomac Pontil

The Potomac Bottle Collectors Serving the National Capital

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## March 26th Meeting

**Potions or Poisons:** Please join us in watching a History Channel video on proprietary medicines. While most of us are already at least somewhat familiar with the so-called patent medicines of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, this video shows some great pictures of the labeled medicine bottles. Thank you to the Baltimore club for lending us the video.

**Show & Tell:** Please bring in unusual medicine bottles as well as any recent bottle finds.

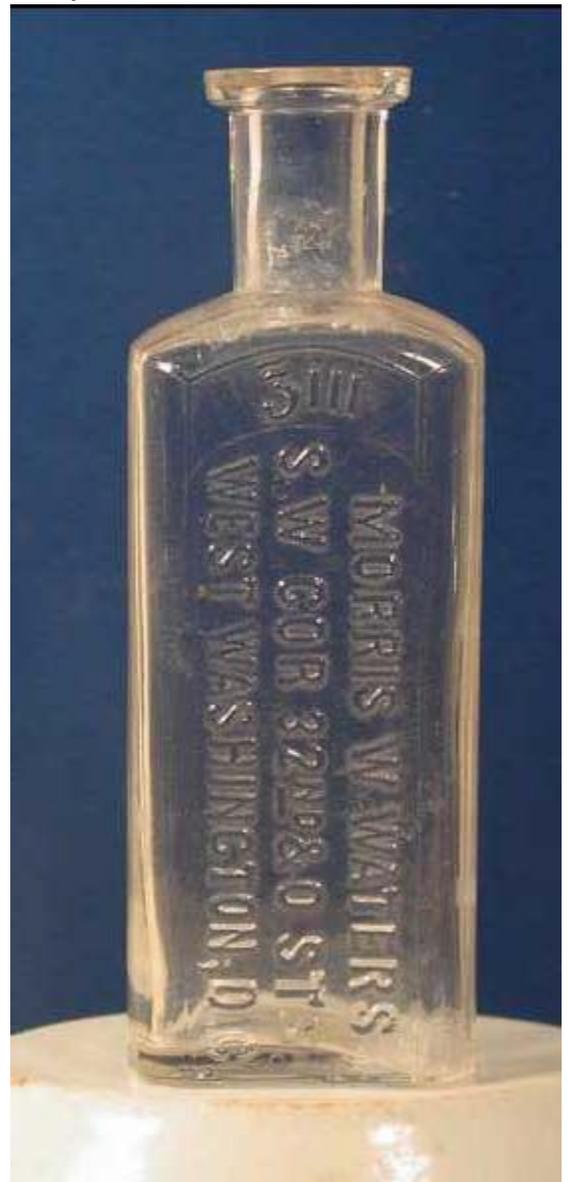
## Three Unknown D.C. Bottles are Seen at February Baltimore Bottle Club Meeting by Peter Rydquist

While attending the February 15, 2002 Baltimore Bottle club meeting, I was very surprised to discover not one but three previously unlisted D.C. bottles at collectors tables.

Baltimore club member Jason Jess brought in an unlisted D.C. gravitating stopper soda that he recently bought at a very reasonable price at an eastern shore antique shop. The bottle is embossed vertically **Whitney & Landers / Washington / D. C.** embossed in a circle on the base **Made by John Matthews New York Patd Oct 11, 1864.** The bottle is applied top aqua, with a slightly rounded base, about 7" tall and complete with clear gravitating stopper. Our book lists a M. M. Whitney squat, gravitating stopper, and a hutch. There is no entry for Landers. One would suspect this is the same Whitney and that for a short time was partners with Landers.

The second bottle was for sale at a collector's table and is an unlisted drug store from Georgetown. It's embossed vertically on front **Morris W. Waters / S. W. Cor. 32nd & O STs. / West Washington, D.C.** It's embossed **W.T. & Co. U.S.A.** on the base. Bottle is 5" high, clear, tooled top, and dates from about 1905 - 1910. Happily, I was able to purchase this bottle and add it to my collection.

The third bottle is an unlisted strap sided flask that was for sale at a dealer's table. It's embossed within circular slug plate on front **C. G. Bryan / Washington, D.C.** Bottle is clear, pint size, with tooled top.



## Upcoming Area Bottle Shows

**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](mailto: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](mailto:lithiaman1@yahoo.com)

**May 19 (9 AM to 3PM) Washington, Pennsylvania:** The Washington County Antique Bottle Club's 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Show & Sale at the Alpine Star Lodge, 735 Jefferson Ave., Washington, Pennsylvania. INFO: **Russ Crupe**, 52 Cherry Rd., Avella, PA 15312, PH: (724) 345-3653, E-mail: [heidirus@mlynk.com](mailto:heidirus@mlynk.com)

**June 30 (10 AM to 3PM) Bethesda, Maryland:** Potomac Bottle Collector's Annual Show & Sale at the Washington Waldorf School, 4800 Langamore Rd. (off Massachusetts Ave. inside the Washington Beltway), Bethesda, Maryland. INFO: **Jim Sears**, PH: (703) 243-2409, E-mail: [searsjim@usa.net](mailto:searsjim@usa.net)

### Oops, new show time

During our February meeting, we discussed the possibility of starting our **June 30<sup>th</sup> show** at 10AM so that our late-rising dealers would have more time to get their beauty sleep. Although we actually decided against moving the show to 10, my fliers still went out with that time on it. Oops. Since some folks already received fliers with the new time, we are going to have to stick with it. My apologies to everyone who favored a longer show.

*Jim Sears*

### Photos from the March 4<sup>th</sup> Baltimore show



Top Left: Lee Shipman  
Bottom Left: Andy Goldfrank  
Right: Peter Rydquist

Thanks to Matt Knapp for the Photos