

# The Potomac Pontil

The Potomac Bottle Collectors Serving the National Capital



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## Meeting October 29th

**Program:** **Jim Sears** will speak on fruit jar closures. Home canning began in the 1850s, and inventors immediately began experimenting with various ways of sealing jars. A wide variety of patented closures remained on the market until about 1900, when a few large firms began to dominate the market with machine-made jars. Jim will display a group of 19<sup>th</sup> Century closures and will also discuss reproduction closures.

**Show & Tell:** Please bring in unusual fruit jars and closures. This would be a good time to have dug closures identified.

**Club Business:** We need to nominate club officers for 2003. The elected offices include president, vice president, and treasurer.

Lee Shipman reports that our meeting place would also be available on Monday or Wednesday nights if we want to avoid the AA meeting time.



## September Meeting

**Matt Knapp** organized a contest in which other club members had to identify bottles from photographs that did not show any embossing. Congratulations to **Peter Rydquist**, who correctly identified all the bottles.

**Summer finds** were September's theme. **Marco Fuster** found the Electric and Deerfoot Farms fruit jars at left. **Al Steidel** bought the unlisted Washington, DC pharmacy bottle in the center photo at the Delmarva show. **Lee Shipman** (at right) has a box of salt cellars and perfume bottles that she recently found in a forgotten nook in her own home.



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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**Lee Shipman** took these photos of our September 14<sup>th</sup> Bottle Club picnic. Thank you to **Peter Rydquist** for scanning them into the computer. Thank you also to **Henry Fuchs**, who donated money for the burgers and hotdogs.



At left:  
Andy Goldfrank (right) acknowledges the hard work of Jim Sears (left) in cooking the burgers.



At right:  
Roland Longerbeam enjoys the apple pie his sister made.

Near right: Al Miller came to the picnic with his daughter and joined the club.

Far right: Peter Ryquist, Randy Manning, and Andrew Manning all looked patriotic and well-fed.



## Upcoming Area Bottle Shows

**November 3** (9 AM to 3 PM) **Elkton, Maryland:** The Tri-State Bottle Collectors & Diggers Club's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Show & Sale at the Singerly Fire Hall, Routes 279 & 213 (I-95 exit 109A), Elkton, Maryland. Info: **Warren Cavender**, PH: (302) 998-0690.

**November 10** (9 AM to 3PM) **Greensboro, North Carolina:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Greensboro Bottle Show at the Farmer's Curb Market, 501 Yanceyville St., Greensboro, North Carolina. Info: **David Jackson**, PH: (336) 288-2677 or **Reggie Lynch**, P. O. Box 13736, Durham, NC 27709, PH: (919) 789-4545, E-mail: [greensboro@antiquebottles.com](mailto:greensboro@antiquebottles.com), Web site: <http://www.antiquebottles.com/greensboro/>.

**November 10** (9 AM to 2 PM, early admission 7 AM) **Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania:** Pittsburgh Antique Bottle Club's Annual Show & Sale at the Washington Township Fire Hall, Route 70 exit 43 to Fayette City, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Info: **Bob DeCroo**, 694 Fayette City Rd., Fayette City, PA 15438, PH: (724) 326-8741 or **Jay Hawkins**, 1280 Mt. Pleasant Rd., W. Newton, PA 15089, PH: (724) 872-6013.

## Bottle Show Notes

The September 15<sup>th</sup> Lewes, Delaware show faced conflicts with both NASCAR racing and a New Jersey bottle show, but there were still over 350 paid admissions. Richmond's October 5<sup>th</sup> show featured Sargent Santa, generous goody bags" for dealers, and plenty of walk-in traffic from a nearby antique show.