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MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF THE MOHAWK VALLEY ANTIQUE BOTTLE CLUB

DON'T MISS OUR GIANT SHOW & TELL PROGRAM

*This Monday 7:00 pm at the
New York Mills Community Center - Free*

PLEASE BRING A FEW BOTTLES TO SHARE WITH US!

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Dr. Sawen's Life Invigorating Bitters - See Page 8

President's Message...



Greetings fellow MVABC members:

Happy New Year to all of my fellow club members. With Christmas and New Years in the rear view mirror, we can only hope that old man winter will be kind and deliver us a mild rest of the winter season. Thanks to all who attended our annual Christmas Party. As always, there was good food and many friends to talk bottles with. As this will be my last meeting as MVABC President, I wish to thank all who supported me during the past two years, even those who threatened to hold up que cards. It was both fun and rewarding. Time flew by rather quickly. Always remember though, that it is you, the members that make our club active and sustained. Please attend this month's meeting for our giant Show and Tell program. The new slate of incoming officers will also be presented as well.

**I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EACH OF
YOU AT OUR MEETING THIS MONDAY JANUARY 13TH**

*HAPPY
New Year*

*Regards, Your President
Rick Weaver*

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**ON THE FRONT PAGE**

A photo of an exceptionally beautiful, mint, honey amber DR. SAWENS LIFE INVIGORATING BITTERS bottle from Utica, NY. The bottle has a lot of whittle and the embossing is heavy. The bottle photo is from: uticabottles.com. Check out the rest of the photos on this internet site! **SEE YOU THIS MONDAY NIGHT - BRING A FRIEND!**

SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR 2020 OFFICERS

A slate of candidates for 2020 club officers will be presented to the membership by the nominating committee at the January meeting. This is a month late because the November meeting was canceled. Nominations from the floor are and will be open up until the February meeting.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Recently MVABC member Matt Lenhart of Vernon Center was elected President of the Vernon Historical Society. Congratulations Matt! Matt is a history buff of course.

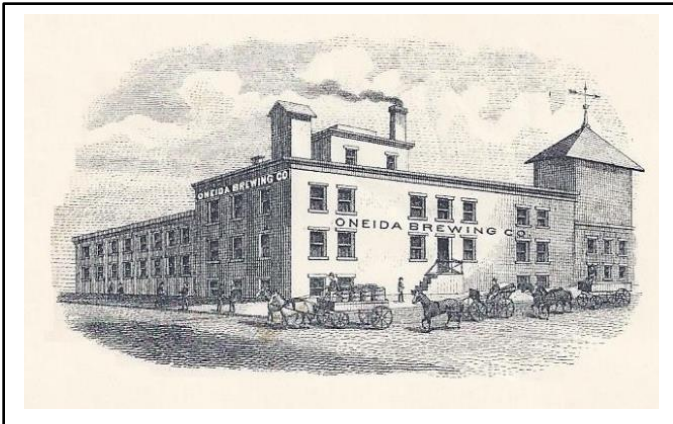
WINTER IS A GOOD TIME FOR RESEARCHING

During the cold weather we spend more time indoors, so winter is a good time to do a little research on the bottles we love so much. Also, reading a good book on antique bottles is always enjoyable. Our club owns a good selection of bottle books. You can check one out to take home at any of our meetings. **MAKE A PLAN TO DO THAT SOON!** Member Tom Andriach is our club librarian. **THAN YOU TOM FOR BEING OUR CLUB LIBRARIAN!**

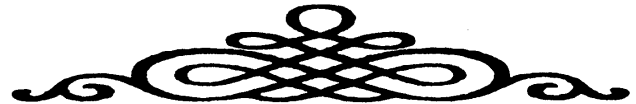
REFRESHMENTS

January 13 - Valery Berry and Yvonne Wall

February 10 - TWO PEOPLE NEEDED!



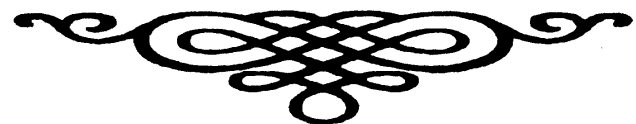
Above: Two different items from old Utica, NY City Directories. Like most businesses, the Oneida Brewery had different owners through the years.

**WHAT BOTTLE?****THIS IS OUR HISTORY**

Answer to last month's question.

Stephen Thorn & Co. owned a Utica, New York brewery, what was the name of the brewery?

Answer: The Oneida Brewery. See items at left.



CAROL ANN SIPP



It is with deep regret that we report the passing of Carol Ann Sipp, wife of member Dr. Herbert Zipp. Carol Ann passed away on December 5, 2019 after a long illness.

Carol was born on January 31, 1942, in Queens, NY, the daughter of William and Mary (Hilsky) Korcak. She was a graduate of South High School in Valley Stream, NY, where she was awarded the superlative "Most Witty" in her class. Carol then continued her studies at Hofstra University where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education.

In 1963, Carol married Dr. Herbert Sipp in North Carolina, a union of 56 years. Together they owned and operated Utica Chiropractic Center for 49 years.

Carol was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She was a wonderful cook, an avid gardener, bird watcher and an accomplished seamstress. A dedicated mother and grandmother, Carol was always present at her children's and grandkid's school events. She was a member of the NYS Chiropractic Auxiliary Association where she earned the position of treasurer.

Surviving besides her husband, Herb are three children, Dr. Suzanne (Neil) Hoyt, Manlius, Gregory (Karen) Sipp, Utica and Dr. Lisa (Dr. Chuck) Vallee, Oneida; six grandchildren, Alyssa, Amanda, McKenzie, Morgan, Devin and Emily; brother, Dr. Ronald (Faye) Korcak; sister-in-law, Patricia Korcak.

Remembrances in Carol's name may be made to the Salvation Army or Wounded Warrior Project. Messages of sympathy at www.mmknfd.com. Herb, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

DR. OSGOOD'S INDIA CHOLAGOGUE



Above: August 23, 1842 Newspaper Ad



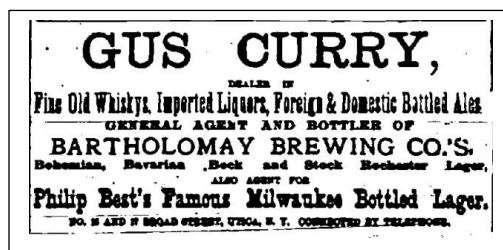
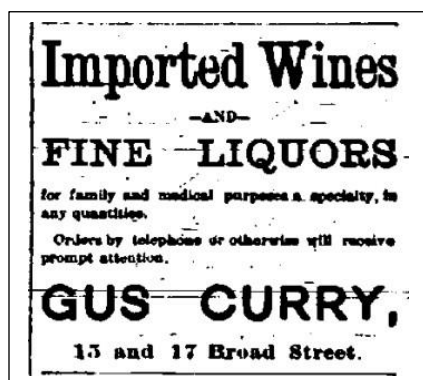
This
very old
Dr. Osgood's
bottle recently
sold on
EBay for
\$50

GUS CURRY UTICA BOTTLER

By Fred DeCarlo

This year I received 2 Gus Curry bottles from member John Staton which started my interest in this bottler from Utica. I then found another bottle during the construction of a pipe line in Utica. Here is what I researched on Gus Curry the Utica bottler.

J. Augustus Curry was born in Trenton, NY in 1840. He then lived a while in Newport, NY before moving to Utica where he was educated in the public schools. In 1857 he and other locals went to Pikes Peak on a mining expedition which proved unsuccessful as a financial venture. April 24th 1861 he entered the Union Army serving in the 14th Regiment and served with distinction. In 1878 "Gus" Curry entered the business of bottling beer and running a restaurant in 2 buildings on the corner of John St and Broad St. with the known addresses of 15 and 17 Broad Street. He became a local agent for the bottling and distribution for Bartholomay Brewing Co. Rochester, NY. He also was a wholesale dealer in wines and fine liquors and stocked a full line of imported and domestic ales. In the mid-1880s Gus Curry advertised as an agent for the Mohawk Valley Cider Mill of Oriskany, NY. He advertised the Celebrated Cider of said Mill to be delivered free of charge to any part of the city. Known bottles include 3 variants of 12 oz blob tops, two in aqua and one in amber. The only difference in the aquas is an 1888 inscribed on the slug plate. Various stoneware jugs mostly of half gallon to 2 gallon size are known. Gus Curry's residence was last listed at #60 Broad St. He passed away at the age of 50 in 1891 and is buried in Forest Hill Cemetery.



Gus Curry Whiskey Jug
Fred DeCarlo Collection



Three nice, scarce Gus Curry blob-top 12 oz. bottles. Bottle on left has "1888," embossed above the Utica, N. Y. *Fred DeCarlo Collection*

**RARE
HOTEL
THURSTON
FRANKFORT, N. Y.
Whiskey Flask**

Photo of a very rare half pint Hotel Thurston flask. This flask was owned by our club at one time and we donated it to the Frankfort Historical Society. A rare piece of local history!



**VERY SCARCE
EXTRACT BOTTLE
EARLVILLE, NEW YORK**

Drawing of a very scarce clear extract bottle from Earlville, NY embossed COTTON'S FLAVORS EARLVILLE, N. Y.



DID YOU KNOW?

A



B



Both these aqua bottles are Avery N. Lord, Utica, N Y squat soda bottles ca 1870's. Bottle B. has UTICA, N. Y. embossed vertically on the opposite side. **For every known example of bottle A., there are about 15 - 20 known examples of bottle B.** Bottle A is much scarcer than B. There are also quite a few known examples of Bottle B. in a beautiful cobalt blue color but without the Utica, N.Y embossing.

WANT TO SEE THESE PHOTOS IN COLOR? IF SO - GO TO:

Website: mohawkvalleybottleclub.com or our Facebook Page: mohawk valley antique bottle club



EAGLE BREWERY BOTTLE SELLS ON EBAY FOR \$154

A beautiful Eagle Brewing Company 12 oz, clear, blob-top bottle exactly like the one shown above with the lightning stopper sold on Ebay recently for \$154. This bottle is a favorite amongst Central New York collectors because of the great embossing. The brewery building is actually embossed on the bottle with a flag on the roof and a beautiful eagle on the shoulder. The bottle is considered scarce but not hardly rare. Another beautiful piece of our local history.

The bottle was not a dug bottle but, the EBay photos were very poor and the bottle needed a good cleaning with Windex. If the seller had better photos and had cleaned the bottle a little better, it probably would have attracted more bidders.





WANTED

GAGE'S DAIRY

ILION, N.Y.

Milk Bottles



Please Contact: Leanne Evans

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1875 Sawen's Almanac

DR. SAWENS' Life Invigorating Bitters,

Are unhesitatingly offered to the public in competition with all others, confidently certain that a trial will place them above all. I have for years prescribed them extensively and successfully in my practice, and from their great efficacy in restoring strength and vigor, in all cases, have been urgently solicited by those so benefited to place them before the public, that all may have an opportunity of testing their unfailing properties in the cure of diseases I have so long prescribed them for. I do not offer them as a cure for all the ills that flesh is heir to, but for those herein stated, the testimony of physicians and patients are numerous.

The Life Invigorating Bitters

are prepared on purely scientific principles, and the strictest chemical affinity observed in the combination of a purely vegetable compound, and the special action of each ingredient on the different organs of the system, so that no possible deleterious effect can arise in any case for which prescribed.

These Bitters possess peculiar efficacy in cleansing the system of all morbid matter, correcting the secretions, and thereby warding off disease, the approach of which one may be warned of by any symptom indicating disturbance of the organism, such as Debility or Languor, Headache, Nausea, Loss of Appetite, &c. These symptoms, from whatever cause, soon give place to strength and vigor.

One of the most valuable properties of these Bitters is its local action upon the Liver; a torpid condition of this organ produces those symptoms known as biliousness, from which most persons are more or less sufferers; and a disordered or torpid condition of the Liver is one prominent cause of that common disease—Dyspepsia. In the whole range of medicines there is not its superior in arousing the Liver to healthy action and restoring harmony to the system.

Its tonic properties are unequalled for Dyspepsia, stimulating the stomach just sufficient to produce healthy digestion, and increasing the appetite when deficient. Consequently its value is inestimable to persons of feeble or delicate organization, or in case of weakness and prostration from disease, where tonics are always required, hastening convalescence more rapidly than other medicine, by improving digestion, and restoring the general tone and vigor to a healthy condition.

WHAT BOTTLE? THIS IS OUR HISTORY

In 1907, Millers Pharmacy, a Central New York Pharmacy sold Millers Cough Syrup for 25 cents a bottle. Where was the pharmacy located?

The answer will appear in the next newsletter.





PROGRAMS



January 13

ANNUAL GIANT SHOW & TELL

The January program will be our annual Giant Show & Tell session. This is one of our favorite programs. Members and friends are encouraged to bring some antique bottles or items for show & tell or **if you prefer**, you can just bring your bottles to show. We are “**bottle nuts**,” please share your items with us. **PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE FUN!**

February 10

RESEARCHING ANTIQUE INK BOTTLES

The February program will be on Researching Old Ink Bottles by member Tom Andriach. Ink bottles are one of the most popular categories of antique bottles. Tom, a serious collector of old ink bottles will relay the techniques he learned through the years on how to research these old glass ink containers. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**



BOTTLE SHOWS



January 12 (Sunday)

TAUNTON, MASSACHUSETTS

The Little Rhody Bottle Club Show, Holiday Inn, Taunton, Massachusetts. Early Admission, \$15, 8:00 am, General Admission \$3, 9:30 am, Contact Info: William Rose, 508.880.4929, sierramadre@comcast.net, Directions: Take Exit #9, off Route #495 for 700, Myles Standish Blvd. **FOHBC Member Club**

February 16 (Sunday)

ENFIELD, CONNECTICUT

50th Annual Somers Antique Bottle Club's Antique Bottle Show and Sale, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm., Admission \$3, Early buyers: 8:00 am- \$10. At St. Bernard's School West Campus, 232 Pearl Street, exit 47W off I-91, Enfield, Connecticut. Contact: Don Desjardins, 22 Anderson Road, Ware, Massachusetts 01082, 413.967.4431 or 413.687.4808, dondes@comcast.net, **FOHBC Member Club**

April 19 (Sunday)

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

The Genesee Valley Bottle Collectors Association's 50th Annual Show & Sale, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Admission \$5.00 (17 and under free), at Roberts Wesleyan College, Voller Athletic Center, 2301 Westside Drive, Rochester, New York 14624. Show & Dealer Information: Aaron and Pamela Weber, 585.226.6345, gvbca@frontiernet.net, or visit gvbca@frontiernet.net 585.226.6345

May 3 (Sunday)

MARCY, NEW YORK

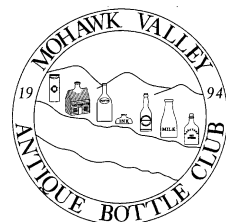
The Mohawk Valley Antique Bottle Club's 26th Show and Sale at the Utica Maennerchor, 5535 Flanagan Road, Marcy, NY 13403 (see **map** on our website), 9:00 – 2: 30, admission \$3. Contact Show Chairman-Peter Bleiberg, 7 White Pine Road, New Hartford, NY 13413, Phone: (315) 735-5430, Email: PMBleiberg@aol.com



Join Now!
You can become a “2020” member of the
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for just \$10 - Family Memberships also \$10



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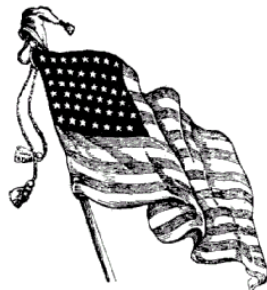
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