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Bottles *Along the* *Mohawk*



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**OUR JULY 13TH
MEETING
IS CANCELED**

**HOPEFULLY, SOMETIME SOON
WE CAN BEGIN OUR MEETINGS AGAIN**



**ABOVE: FRESH OUT OF A PRIVY
TWO RARE UTICA, NY HAIR BOTTLES**

*Read Inside: Two Club Member's Dig
Three Very Rare Utica, N.Y. Bottles*

President's Message...



Hi All,

I hope this message finds you all well. Without bottle shows I guess if you want to buy a bottle you have to go to Ebay or one of the bottle auction houses.

We have taken the time spent home opening up the wall in our living room and front porch. It is now enclosed and finished with large windows and yes, they ARE full of bottles. It is a great room and sitting looking at colored glass from the sofa is great. I hope someday to have an open house so we can share it with everyone.

I see Shupps Grove is still going on as well as the Hudson Valley show. I have mixed feelings on this. I miss shows but still air on the side of safety. Hopefully we can have a meeting soon. Possibly in August.

PLEASE STAY SAFE AND WELL!



*Take Care,
Jim Bender*

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ON THE FRONT PAGE

Photo of a rare large D. BATCHELOR'S/TRICOGENE aqua-teal hair bottle from Utica, NY. The bottle is 7 3/4 inches high. Members Fred DeCarlo and Guy Gazzilli each dug one of these bottles in a Utica privy recently. They also dug a rare large Pond's Extract bottle with large pontil scar from Utica. Read about these bottles in this newsletter.

NATIONAL SHOW TO BE IN SYRACUSE NEXT YEAR

The Federation's National Show will be held in Syracuse, NY on August 5 -7, Thursday - Saturday, 2021 at the On Center. **Information: Jim & Val Berry (jhberry10@yahoo.com) or Jim Bender: jrbender@millservicesinc.com**
FOHBC National Show – Eastern Region

RAFFLE BOTTLE IS A BEAUTY

Our club raffle bottle is a beautiful, mint Summer/Winter historical flask. We will have the drawing sometime this fall. **KEEP SELLING THOSE TICKETS, WHO WOULDN'T WANT TO OWN THIS GREAT FLASK?** See photo of this great flask on page 8 of this newsletter. **THANK YOU!**

CALL A CLUB MEMBER TO CHAT

Most of us are bored from spending so much time at home. If you are, why not call a bottle club friend and have a friendly conversation.

REFRESHMENTS

NEED 2 PEOPLE - IF ANY MEMBER WANTS TO
VOLUNTEER FOR THE NEXT MEETING CALL
Call Jon Landers at 315 864-3541



Above: Rubbing from a quart Conkling Dairy milk bottle. A great milk bottle.



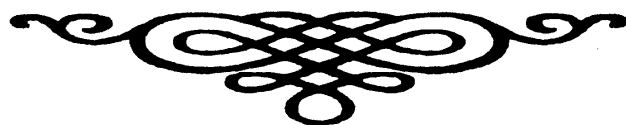
WHAT BOTTLE? THIS IS OUR HISTORY

Answer to last month's question.

Sauquoit Valley Dairy milk bottles with an embossed Indian Chief are a favorite with area collectors. Some other Sauquoit Valley Dairy bottles have a cow's head embossed on them. Sauquoit Valley Dairy was in Utica.

What other Utica milk bottle has a cow's head embossed on it?

Answer: Conkling Dairy, Utica NY.
See a rubbing of a Conkling Dairy milk bottle at left.



D. BATCHELOR'S TRICOGENE
A VERY RARE UTICA HAIR BOTTLE



Utica Morning Herald
July 14, 1855

Batchelor's Tricogene!
PREPARED EXPRESSLY FOR THE
☞ Prevention of Baldness ☞

In any instance where this article does not prevent the Hair from falling off, the purchase money will be refunded cheerfully by the compounder.

D. BATCHELOR
No. 2 Bradish Block, Utica, N. Y.

The newspaper ad shown above appeared in the July 14, 1855 issue of the *Utica Morning Herald*. The original photo copy was of poor quality, so a facsimile was made.



Club members Fred DeCarlo and Guy Gazzilli recently went privy digging and dug two very rare D. BATCHELOR'S TRICOGENE bottles and a large rare POND'S EXTRACT bottle with a large pontil scar. The three bottles are Utica, New York bottles. WOW! WOW! and WOW!

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D. BATCHELOR'S TRICOGENE

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It would have been exciting if Fred and Guy dug just one D. Batchelor's Tricogene hair bottle from Utica, but **the fact they each dug one** in mint condition is almost unbelievable. In modern time, very few people have ever seen one of these bottles. It is believed that none of our club members own one of these bottles even though it is a Utica, NY bottle.

Daniel Batchelor and his brother John F. Batchelor both came from England and were partners in business for many years in Utica, NY. Their names first appeared in the 1842 **Utica City Directory** - Daniel Batchelor, hair dresser at 1 Genesee Street, residence Bridge Street below Bleecker Street. John F. Batchelor, hair dresser, boards at Daniel Batchelor's. Later they bottled and sold hair dye and other products for the hair for many years. They were in business separately for some years and then as Batchelor Brothers for other years. Like many early businesses they moved their location several times. In later years, they became a seed store along with being in the hair products business. There is much more history on the Batchelor Brothers and their bottles that appeared in past issues of our club newsletter.

There was a William Batchelor from New York City who had a large firm that also sold hair dye and hair products. The New York City firm sold their products around the northeastern part of the U S, including Utica. Their bottles are embossed BATCHELOR without any initials. The Utica Batchelor bottles have the initials D. or a J. F. embossed with the name BATCHELOR. William Batchelor Tricogene bottles also exist, but again, no initial with the name Batchelor and the rest of the embossing is different.

About 10 or 12 years ago Roy Topka of the Albany Club dug a D. Batchelor's Tricogene bottle in a Utica privy. He sold it at the Saratoga Show for \$425.00. That bottle is believed to be the only other D. Batchelor Tricogene bottle known to our club members. While D. Batchelor and John F. Batchelor hair dye bottles are not common, they are not rare like the Utica Tricogene bottles.

It is great to know that two of our club members have dug examples of this rare Utica hair bottle. Hopefully, Guy Gazzilli and Freddy DeCarlo will bring them for us to see whenever we can have our next meeting. Keep up the good work and happy digging to both of you!



Above: After it was cleaned, photo of a very rare, beautiful D. BATCHELOR'S TRICOGENE bottle with a large pontil scar. This is a Utica bottle and members Guy Gazzilli and Fred DeCarlo each dug one of them.

PONDS EXTRACT

A VERY RARE UTICA, N Y EXAMPLE

As stated in the previous story Guy Gazzilli and Freddy DeCarlo were recently digging an old privy in Utica and dug two rare Utica hair bottles. Freddy also dug a large size Pond's Extract bottle that was 9 1/2 inches high with a large pontil scar. The bottle is not marked Utica, but the earliest Pond's Extract bottles with pontil scars were from Utica, NY. Most Pond's Extract bottles are much smaller.

What makes this bottle so rare is the large size and the pontil mark. Fred has contacted several experienced bottle collectors who are familiar with Ponds Extract bottles and none of them have ever seen one that large. One person offered Fred \$1000 for the bottle.

Member Mark Yates owns a smaller very rare Pond's Extract bottle with 98% of the label that has Utica, NY printed on it. It also has a pontil scar on it. Mark has never seen a Pond's Extract bottle with a pontil scar that large before.

The original formula for Pond's Extract of Witch Hazel came from a medicine man from the Oneida Indian Tribe and he taught Theron T. Pond of Utica how to make it from the Witch Hazel bush.

The T. T. Pond Company was founded in 1848 by Pond and the Oneida Indian Medicine man. At first, Pond named the extract "Golden Treasure" possibly reflecting the yellow flowers on the plant.

Theron T. Pond died sometime between 1847 and 1850. Before he died, Pond and the Indian Medicine Man sold their business to Hart and Munson, who owned an iron foundry business in Utica. Another partner in that firm was Isaiah A. Palmer, a friend and neighbor of Pond. In honor of Theron T. Pond, they changed the name from "Golden Treasure," to Pond's Extract of Witch Hazel.

Pond's Extract of Witch Hazel would eventually come to be sold and used everywhere the English language was spoken and is still made and sold today. And while Theron T. Ponds' achievements didn't make him wealthy; it did cause two other Utica men to do quite well in their business endeavors.



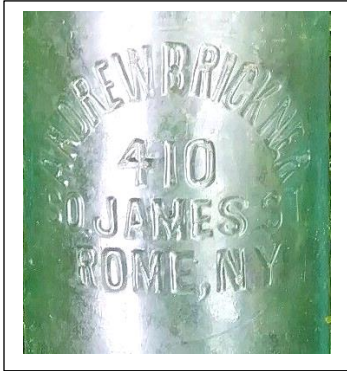
Above: Photo of a very rare, large size (7 1/4 inches H.), POND'S EXTRACT bottle ca. 1850 with a large pontil scar. This is a Utica bottle and was dug by members Guy Gazzilli and Fred DeCarlo.

At left: Bottom view showing the large pontil scar. The bottle is crude, has a sloping collared lip and has a lot of whittle marks. A very beautiful and rare bottle.



ADD TWO NAMES TO OUR ROME, N. Y. LIST

Over the years, our club members have maintained a list of known Utica, Rome and Herkimer 12 oz blob top beer and soda bottles. The original list was made by member John Staton of Boonville. It isn't often that we can add the name of a bottle to the list. Recently, photos of two Rome, NY bottles were put on our Facebook Page by two people who joined the Page. The fact that we learned about two bottles that were not on our master list from our Facebook Page shows how important our Facebook Page is.



**TWO ROME, NY
12 OZ BLOB-TOP
SODA OR BEER
BOTTLES NOT
ON OUR LIST**



ANDREW BRICKNER/410 SO. JAMES ST./
ROME, N. Y. Put on our Facebook Page on
June 9, 2020 by Al Parker.

GEO. SCHMITT & SON/ROME N. Y.
Put on our Facebook Page on June 27, 2020
by Peter Leonard.

UPDATED ROME, NEW YORK LIST - July 2020

L. BOTTINI & SON (Aqua)
F. E. BREEN (Clear)
ANDREW BRICKNER, 410 SO. JAMES ST. (Aqua, no slug plate) added June 9, 2020 by Al Parker
I. D. BUTTLES (Aqua)
W. J. BYRNES (Aqua)
HOTEL BYRNE (Clear)
B. COLANGELO (Aqua)
M. HACKER (Aqua)
JAMES MABETT (Aqua)
ANTONIO MASTRI (Aqua)
MOHAWK BOTTLING WORKS
W. F. MONROE (Aqua)
D. V. PAGE (Aqua)
GEORGE PEGLOW (Aqua)
C. H. SAULPAUGH (Aqua)
GEO. SCHMITT & SON (Aqua) added June 29, 2020 by Peter Leonard
CHAS. SCHNELBLE (Aqua)
TONY SPADAFORA (Clear)
R. L. UTLEY (Amber, Clear)
UVANNI BROS. (Aqua)
F. H. WETZEL (Clear)

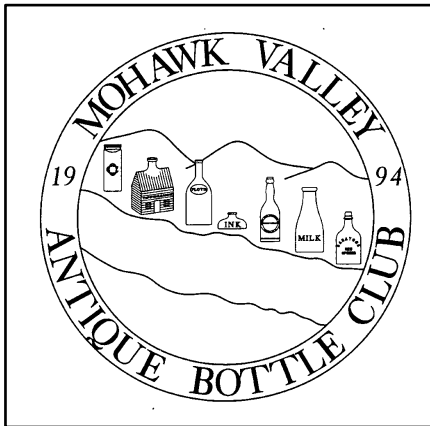
All of the above bottles have a slug-plate unless noted. All of the bottles are embossed with **ROME, NY** and some of them have the word **REGISTERED** on them.

Many of the bottles listed above were also made with a crown top lip which was first used in 1895.

DON'T FORGET TO
SEND YOUR
2020 CLUB DUES
TO PETER BLEIBERG



DUES ARE ONLY \$10
FOR SINGLE OR FAMILY



*Old Bottles
Old Jeans
Old Sneakers
Old Friends
the
Good Stuff*

**JUST GETS
BETTER WITH
TIME**



Tom Andriach Photo

Keep selling our raffle tickets.
We will have a drawing for our
mint winter/summer historical
flask sometime this fall.

WHAT BOTTLE? THIS IS OUR HISTORY

What Utica patent medicine
manufacturer made and distributed
Anderson's Compound of Buchu?

The answer will appear in the next
newsletter.





PROGRAMS



**ALL MEETINGS ARE CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
MORE INFORMATION WILL BE IN THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER.
FOR NOW STAY SAFE AND WELL! BEFORE ATTENDING
ANY EVENTS CHECK TO SEE IF THEY HAVE BEEN CANCELED**



BOTTLE SHOWS



July 11 (Saturday)

RICHMOND, RHODE ISLAND – The Little Rhody Bottle Club Tailgate Swap Meet, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Free set-up for all who wish to attend. Free coffee, donuts, and pizza for participants. Bring your own tables! Show Address: Jules Antique Center, 320 Kingstown Road, Richmond, Rhode Island (3 miles East of Route #95 on Route #138), Contact Info: William Rose 508.880.4929.

July 30 – August 3 (Thursday – Sunday) **IS CANCELED**

RENO, NEVADA

Federation of Historical Bottle Collector's National Antique Bottle Convention & Expo, Grand Sierra Resort & Casino, Information: Richard Siri (rtsiri@sbcglobal.net) or Ferdinand Meyer V (fmeyer@fmgdesign.com), **Mini-Contract, FOHBC National Convention**

August

BOUCKVILLE, NEW YORK – BOTTLE NUTS AT BOUCKVILLE

49th Annual Madison-Bouckville Antique Show, Outdoor antiques and collectibles including two huge bottle tents! Over 100 vendors located on scenic Route 20, Bouckville, New York. For table rentals, contact: Jim Burns, 518.521.3207 or Jim Bartholomew, 585.705.8106. **DON'T MISS THIS EVENT PUT ON BY MEMBER JIMS BURNS OF OUR CLUB AND JIM BARTHOLOMEW OF THE ROCHESTER CLUB.**

September 20 (Sunday)

CHEEKTOWAGA, NEW YORK

The Greater Buffalo Bottle Collectors Association's 22nd Annual Show & Sale. PPvt. Leonard Post Jr. VFW, 2450 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga, New York 14225. General Admission \$4: Sunday 9 am – 2 pm. Contact chairman Joe Guerra, 29 Nina Terrace, West Seneca, New York 14224, 716.207.9948 or jguerra3@roadrunner.com, or www.gbbca.org.

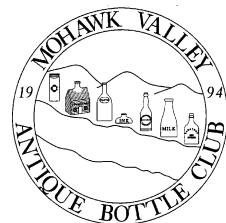
October 3 (Saturday)

MANSFIELD, OHIO

The 42nd Mansfield Antique Bottle Show, hosted by the **Ohio Bottle Club**, at the Richland County Fairgrounds, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, Early admission, October 2, 3:00 to 6:00 pm. Info: Matt Lacy at 440.228.1873 or email info@antiquebottlesales.com or Louis Fifer at 330.635.1964, fiferlouis@yahoo.com,



Join Now!
**You can become a "2020" member of the
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for just \$10.00**



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Due to the Precautionary Shutdowns
Our July 13th Meeting is
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