



Meet the FOHBC Candidates for 2014 - 2016



Ferdinand Meyer V, FOHBC President, is a native of Baltimore, Maryland and has a BFA in Fine Art and Graphic Design from the Kansas City Art Institute and School of Design. Ferdinand is also a principal of FMG Design (nationally recognized design firm). Ferdinand is a passionate collector of American Historical Glass specializing in bitters bottles, color runs and related classic figural bottles. Ferdinand also developed the Peachridge Glass web site. Ferdinand is married to Elizabeth Jane Meyer and lives in Houston, TX with their daughter and three wonderful grandchildren. The Meyer family is also very involved in Quarter Horses, Antiques and early United States Postage Stamps. This will be Ferdinand's second 2-year term as President



Sheldon Baugh, FOHBC First Vice President, is a collector of bottles and go-withs for the many categories that he collects as well as anything that catches his eye. Sheldon particularly focuses on bitters, both figural and squares, from the southern states and national companies. He also specializes in Shaker bottles and paper goods from the Shaker communities. He has been married to his wife Brenda for 51 years and has 2 children and 2 granddaughters. Sheldon had an insurance agency that he owned and operated for 43 years and also served for 14 years as state representative and retired at the end of 2008. He is a life member of the Federation and has also served as midwest director, vice president and president for two terms.



Gene Bradberry, FOHBC Second Vice President, is a retired Memphis policeman, and has a BS degree in police administration from Memphis State University. Gene was one of the founding members of the Memphis Bottle Collectors Club. He joined the ABCA in 1968 and was past president. He has run many bottle shows including the Memphis Expo in 2004 and the Memphis National in 2011. Gene has been collecting bottles since 1966 and is also a Life Member of the FOHBC along with being a Federation Hall of Fame member. Gene has been married for 54 years to his high school sweetheart and has two sons and five grandchildren. He has also been involved in Scouting for 67 years.



James Berry, FOHBC Secretary, is a collector of colored inks, historical flasks, mineral waters and local history. Jim was born and raised in upstate New York. Jim has been married to Valeri for 41 years and have five children, three of which are in the Air Force and ten grandchildren.



Gary Beatty, FOHBC Treasurer, Gary is a former FOHBC treasurer, Midwest Regional Director and First Vice President. Gary also served three terms as Ohio Bottle Club President and was instrumental in getting Harry Hall White, Richard Watson, and Doc Ford inducted into the FOHBC Hall of Fame. Gary and wife Betty are Life Members of the FOHBC. Gary is a graduate with a Bachelors degree from Midwestern Baptist College, Michigan, Trinity Baptist University Toledo, and a Doctorate of Divinity from Heritage Baptist College, Hopewell, Indiana. Gary and Betty collect square bitters, gins, schnapps, beers and Ohio. Gary has been digging, collecting and writing about bottles for 45 years.



Richard (Dick) Watson, FOHBC Historian, for the past 23 years, is a Federation Life Member and was elected to the FOHBC Hall Of Fame in 1968. Dick has been collecting since 1959 was fortunate to know a number of the early collectors. He collects bottles of many types plus three mould decanters, patent models, fruit jars etc. He is also a longtime board member of Wheaton Arts, formerly Wheaton Village and he is a Board rep for the Museum Of American Glass where he is the Museum coordinator for annual FOHBC displays. He is the author of *Bitters Bottles* in 1965 and *Bitters Bottle Supplement*, 1968.



Martin Van Zant, Bottles and Extras Editor, has been collecting bottles since he was 17, when his stepfather took him on a dig. Martin collects historical Masonic flasks, Indiana blob beers, Indiana pontiled medicines, Indiana bitters, Indiana sodas and also lightning rod balls on the side. Martin is the editor for two bottles clubs, Wabash Valley Antique Bottle and Pottery Club out of Terre Haute and the Circle City Antique Bottle Club out of Indianapolis. Martin states that his door is always open to talk bottles, and to take your stories, so give him a call or send him a message.



Val Berry, FOHBC Merchandising Director, Val grew up in Baltimore, Maryland, moving to upstate New York in her teens. She has worked in the medical/home care field as a secretary for 27 years. Val is involved with several organizations in her hometown of Ephratah, New York, and gives many hours of volunteer work. She has held the position of secretary for the Mohawk Valley Antique Bottle Club, Utica, New York, for four years. Val met her husband Jim in high school and they have been married for 41 years. They have five children, eleven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Together they travel throughout the country attending bottle shows and adding to their collections (inks, historical flasks, mineral waters and local history). Val has been active in supporting the Federation for several years helping in any capacity that is needed.



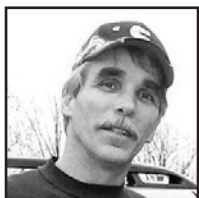
Jim Bender, FOHBC Membership Director, started collecting and digging bottles back in 1972 as a kid in school. Over the years he has collected groups of bitters, inks and Saratoga type mineral waters, which he has sold off. The past 18 years he has been collecting Union Clasping Hands flasks as his main grouping along with many miscellaneous other bottles. He hopes to be the first person to complete a set of Group XII bottles and is only a few bottles away! Best memory to date is the Gardner Sale. "*Even as a kid I knew GOOD when I saw it.*"



Pam Selenak, FOHBC Conventions Director, is a native of Bartlett, Illinois and lives in Orange, California. Pam is married to Randy Selenak and is a registered nurse for 31 years specializing in surgery. She has been the President and Vice President of the Los Angeles Historical Bottle Club, Show Chairman for the 2009 FOHBC National in Pomona. She is interested in quack medicines, civil war medical memorabilia and western glass. Her other interests are traveling, scuba diving, camping in the desert, hiking, and mostly enjoying the company of close friends. She loves meeting new people and hearing their stories.



Elizabeth Meyer, FOHBC Business Manager, Elizabeth is a native and proud Texan living in Houston. She has a love for antiques, collectables and especially her horses and enjoys spending time with her daughter and three grandchildren. Elizabeth has worked professionally at FMG Design for the past 20 years in various positions including Project Management, Information Technology, Accounting, Human Resources and Quality Control. She loves working with people, traveling with family and enjoys going to bottle shows and looking for unique small antiques and holy water bottles. She will take on the Business Manager as a non-voting and compensated contractor.



Rick DeMarsh, FOHBC Public Relations Director, From the Adirondacks, Rick started collecting bottles in 1972 and never really quit. He specialized in poison bottles for years, amassing over 325 of them, including a complete set of Diamond & Lattices. Rick then switched to local (Saratoga, New York) bottles and colored blob tops. He has always thrived on research so in 2007 Rick built a website and offered free research to all collectors. Between his website and other bottle forums Rich has never lacked for the research project and gets great gratification from the collectors that he helps. Rick lives in Galway, New York since his discharge from the United States Navy in 1984 and love digging/searching out his next addition and enjoying the hobby.



John Pastor, FOHBC Director at Large, has been a collector, dealer, auctioneer and appraiser of antique bottles, flasks, and related glass for more than 38 years and is a widely recognized authority of antique bottles, historical flasks and related glass. This experience has brought a broad knowledge of the field and the valued trust of his colleagues and customers alike. John is also the owner of *Antique Bottle & Glass Collector* magazine and American Glass Gallery.



Bob Ferraro, FOHBC Director at Large, is a life time member of the FOHBC and has collected figural bitters and whiskeys and Nevada memorabilia for more than 48 years. He and his wife Connie have amassed the most complete collection of embossed and paper labeled bottles that has been assembled from Nevada. Bob just completed serving his second year as the First Vice President of the Federation. He was President of FOHBC from 1977 to 1979 and has been actively involved in many shows and activities relating to the Federation for the past forty three years.



Steve Ketcham, FOHBC Director at Large, Steve Ketcham began collecting bottles in 1967. He is a charter member of the North Star Historical Bottle Association and a long-time member of Minnesota's First Antique Bottle. He has served as president and show chairman for both clubs. A life member of the Federation, he sat on the FOHBC board from 1982-1998 and was Federation president from 1982-1984. Steve's collecting interests include all types of early American bottles and flasks, antique advertising, and Red Wing stoneware. He currently serves on the Red Wing Collectors Society Foundation board, a group that oversees the Red Wing Pottery Museum. Steve and his wife Chris live in the Minneapolis area.



Matt Lacy, FOHBC Midwest Region Director, is a second generation bottle collector who began digging at the age of six years old along side his parents; and has been actively involved in digging, dealing, and collecting bottles for the past 23 years. Matt specializes in eagle flasks of the midwest region, and also collects local bottles and stoneware from Ashtabula County. Matt is currently working to author a guide on eagle flasks to share more information with the collecting community. He works as a Information Technology consultant, and lives in northeast Ohio with his wife, Elizabeth, and their five year old son, Owen, who collects "fish bottles."



Andrew Vuono, FOHBC Northeast Region Director, Andrew Vuono is a Graduate Gemologist from the Gemological Institute of America and owner of Andrew M. Vuono Appraisals, a company specializing in jewelry appraisals for estate and insurance purposes. Andrew is a graduate of the University of Vermont with a B.S. in Business Administration. Residing in Stamford, Connecticut, Andrew is a student and collector of American historical and pictorial flasks and blown three mold glass. Andrew is passionately involved in the research and identification of all aspects of early American glass, with inspiration from the collections of his father, Mark Vuono, and grandfather, the late Charles Vuono. Andrew has special interests in new mold discoveries and early American glass houses of the 18th and 19th century.



Ron Hands, FOHBC Southern Region Director, a native of northeastern Ohio until 2006 when he and his wife Kim, moved to eastern North Carolina to the city of Wilson. Ron has a degree from Kent State University and has worked in the food/beverage manufacturing industry for the last 25 years as a Plant Director of Quality. He started collecting bottles back in 1973 by digging the old city dump with several friends. Ron focuses on early American fruit jars but also collects pontiled soda and blue decorated stoneware. He has also been president and vice-president of the Ohio Bottle Club for 6 years and was co-chairman of the Mansfield Bottle Show for 7 years. Ron also served as a past FOHBC Midwest and Southern Regional Director.



Eric McGuire, FOHBC Western Region Director, is a California native who has lived in the San Francisco Bay Area most of his life. He attended local schools and completed his formal education at San Francisco State University (MA 1973). Eric entered the field of environmental planning and retired from a 30-year career in domestic water supply in 2008. He began his bottle collecting interest in 1960, and along with digging, and otherwise acquiring bottles, Eric has always been an avid student of all aspects of glass making as well as a researcher of the history of the people who produced the bottles. Beginning in the mid-1960's his name can be found on many articles relating to bottles and glass. Eric's primary interest has been focused on the geographical area of the Western U.S. He is a life member of the FOHBC, and lives in Petaluma, CA, with his wife, Lisa.

