

Antique Bottle Club of San Diego



SAN DIEGO ANTIQUE BOTTLE AND COLLECTIBLES CLUB

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Prez Sez

by

Jim Walker

2023
Our 58th
YEAR!

Hello to all you "BOTTLENECKERS" for March 2023. First, I want to thank Paul Dragos, your club VP, for covering for me the last 2 meetings. From what I hear, he did an outstanding job. The professionally written minutes from our favorite secretary Carol Serr, kept me apprised of what went down. It's obvious to me that we have a smooth running club, with members who are willing to step up, as needed! I see that the library books being brought in by Terry & Vanessa are either being sold or added to the raffle table, as we decided. It may take a while, due to our extensive library inventory, but we'll succeed in our downsizing plan. I'm aware of the discussions about a possible bottle show site and the board is still working on it. Much of my energy has been in getting our old meeting space back. The YMCA was good to us and with lots of help from Dixie we were welcomed into their spaces and we managed, as it were! Most of you know by now where we will meet hereafter on the third Thursday of the month. Back to the Community center in Clairemont will be a blessing, especially to our treasury? Directions, etc! will appear in this month's newsletter. I hope to see everyone show up on the 16th with a smile on their face? I'm sorry I missed last month's program on local milk bottles by Doug Porter. I hear he has amassed an impressive collection. I'm looking forward to this meeting's program on vintage clocks by Paul Dragos. Paul should be thanked by all club members for the donations he has made, for the benefit of this club! Please take a look at our club website and make an effort to post something each month. Our web master is Jeff Gardner and he has done a fine job on bringing the site up to date. Lots of photos and other club related items for all to see.

THESE SIGNS ARE NOT FOR LAUGHS ALONE, THE FACE YOU SAVE MAY BE YOUR OWN! BURMA SHAVE!



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MEETING MINUTES 2/17/2023



Vice Pres Paul Dragos called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM because Jim Walker was out of town. No guests tonight.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: **Treasurer** DIXIE BRYANT gave the treasurers report. **Editor** MIKE BRYANT thanked Paul Dragos and Jim Walker for sending him articles. But more articles are always needed. **Librarian** TERRY MONTEITH brought in two boxes of books to sell some of the better reference books. Four paperback reference books were added to tonight's raffle. **Sunshine Chair** PAT WALKER was absent, but Lynn Stafford shared that her mom, Nancy Fowler had yet another surgery and was doing better. Both were in attendance. **Membership Chair** PAUL DRAGOS shared that we now have 83 members. Please review the club roster and send him any corrections or additions. **Historian** CLAIR CUNNINGHAM shared that he didn't do much the last month, due to it being tax time. But he shared a small old poster that Larry Westfall donated for our archives – for the Club's Bottle Show in Julian in April 1965 (our first show?). **OLD BUSINESS:** Remember you can order a name badge, for \$10, by giving Paul Dragos or Dixie Bryant your order.

We will continue to deaccession our library books and magazine through auction, raffle, or direct sale. Rick Hall suggested we donate the out of date price guides to a library. As for holding a Bottle Show, do we want to scale it down to find a smaller room to hold it? Mike Bryant said we need around 5,000 sq. ft. At least 20 tables have been "spoken for" by interested sellers. **NEW BUSINESS:** As mentioned in the Bottleneck, we are moving our meeting location back to the Cathy Hopper Clairemont Friendship Center (4425 Bannock Ave.). Due to a new policy, it will only cost us \$21 per meeting there! But, there are only 11 tables available now (but plenty of chairs). Those who bring items to show or sell at our meetings should bring their own tables. It was decided by a show of hands that our meeting date will be the third Thursday of the month (not 4th); we can't hold it on Fridays since they close by 8pm that night. There is a huge gymnasium at this center and Mike Bryant said he will look into it being amenable to holding out Show. The YMCA told Dixie we are always welcome back to their facility. Rick Hall asked how much we can afford to spend on a location for our Show. No more than \$2,000, ideally. Paul Dragos sent out an e-mail with a link to our new website. Our new webmaster, Jeff Gardner, has created a page where

members can Post photos. Rick Hall asked how long postings will remain visible on our Facebook page (that Jeff Gardner also manages). Dave Vilett suggested putting a website link on our Facebook page.

BREAK: Matt Hampton sold raffle tickets and Dave Vilett the 50/50 tickets while we enjoyed the goodies Clair and Pat Cunningham brought. Larry Westfall won \$35 from the 50/50. The raffle brought in \$80. Show N Tell was held before the program.

PROGRAM Doug Porter gave a very interesting and colorful (he brought many examples) program on San Diego Dairy Milk Bottles. He got the "bug" for collecting milk bottles when seeing the high prices for whiskeys, etc. at the first Club meeting he attended. He now has accumulated 350 milk bottles from about 90 San Diego dairies. He has some that are not on the list that Frank Pekarek and Ken Gallo compiled several years ago. These dairies are: embossed Helix Dairy (in cursive), T.A. Evans, of Escondido, Point Loma Dairy, Pioneer Goat Dairy, and Sweet Haven Dairy, of Pacific Beach. The meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

Submitted by,

Carol Serr

Secretary



2023 ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE!

Please fill out the attached Annual Membership Renewal Form and submit it with your \$20 to our Treasurer, Dixie Bryant at the next meeting.

You may also mail your form and check for \$20 made out to SDABCC to our PO Box:

7770 Regents Rd, STE 113-326 San Diego, CA 92122

If you would like to order a name badge include \$10 for the magnet back badge.

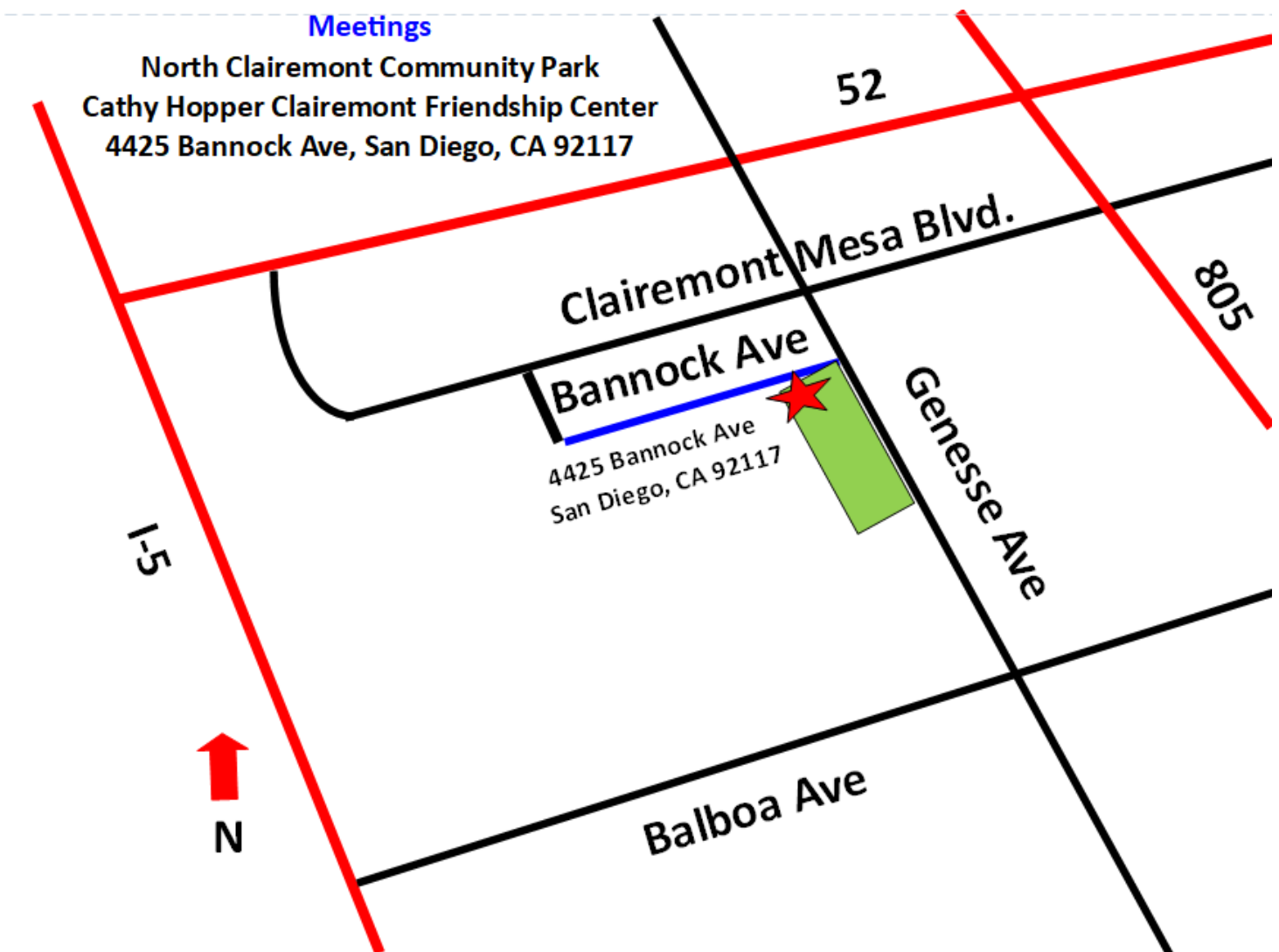
Thank you for continuing to support your club and our hobby!

We're Moving On Up To The North Side To Our Spacious Meeting Room

After a three year hiatus, our old meeting room at the North Clairemont Senior Center has reopened, and welcomed us back. There will be a couple changes though. The biggest is we are moving our meetings from Friday night to the third Thursday of the month. If we stayed with Friday night we would have to be completely out of the room by 8PM. Thursdays allow us to stay until 9PM, with our starting time of 6PM.

There are only 11 tables, so we ask if you are bringing items to show or for sale that you bring your own tables. We have to set up and put away the tables after the meeting.

Our non-profit status and abundance of seasoned members allow us to have a great rate on the room.



Collecting Glass Insulators

(A Hobby With A Purpose
by Clair Cunningham)

Glass insulators grow on telephone poles. My intent was to improve the interest in my brand new back yard fence. Initially, my thoughts were to install hanging pots and flowers, but I'm really not into gardening. Then I entertained the idea of hanging antique tools on the fence. One day while visiting a friend, he showed me his shelf of old glass insulators, Ah-ha, I'd put different colors of insulators on my fence. Since my wife is an antique collector, I spend a great deal of vacation time visiting antique stores. So - - - I started looking for different colors of insulators. I joined the National Insulator Association, subscribed to Crown Jewels of the Wire magazine, and joined the San Diego Antique Bottle & Collectibles Club. After collecting insulators for 15 years, I now have about 500 insulators.

Glass insulators came (past tense) in almost all colors of the rainbow, except red. Red glass is made with gold. Most glass is either clear or aqua in color depending on the impurities in the sand. To change the color specific elements are added to the melted glass like iron oxide for dark green, carbon for amber or black, tin or zinc for white, or cobalt for deep blue.

Insulators for poles came with the invention of the telegraph. In 1844 the telegraph replaced the Pony Express, so the first insulators were called "Pony's". They also had to be small enough to be hauled in horse-drawn wagons. The last glass insulators were made by Corning Glass in the 1950's when it was determined that porcelain was a better insulator. After that glass insulators became very collectable.

The two most interesting things about collecting insulators is the colors and shapes they come in and the nicknames they have acquired. Each glass company had a patent for their shape, thinking their's was better than their competition. Nicknames were usually given by the installing linemen; names like Mickey Mouse, Door Knob, Tea Pot, Baby Bottle, Gingerbread Man.

California has some of the leading insulator collectors. If you'd like to get started, look up Insulator Collectors on the Net (ICON). See web sites below. You'll also need an "Insulator Price Guide" by Donald Briel.

WORD-TO-THE-WISE: Be careful buying insulators. Most are way over-priced. Talk to other collectors first. In most antique stores, a \$7 to \$10-insulator is worth about \$2.00.

Resources (In priority order.)

ICON (www.Insulators.info)

Crown Jewels of the Wire

(www.CrownJewelsOfTheWire.com)

Insulator Price Guide

(www.InsulatorPriceGuide.com)

San Diego Antique Bottle & Collectibles Club

(www.sdbottleclub.org)

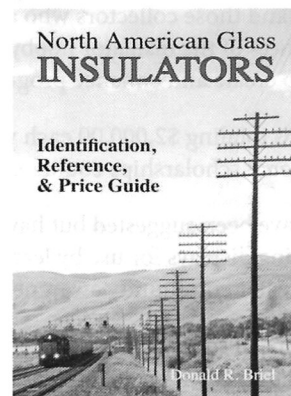
National Insulator Association

(www.NIA.org)

CURRENT (2019) EDITION

North American Glass Insulators – Identification, Reference, & Price Guide

- New CDs & CD Changes
- New Index Listings
- Added Color Listings
- Unverified Questionable Listings Removed
- New and Updated Appendices
- Updated Prices
- 14,500+ listings
- 388 pages – 6" x 9"
- Spiral Bound



Paper Edition -- \$49 ppd* in U.S.

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Access Price Guide information on your phone or computer
Visit: www.PriceGuideBrowser.com for a demonstration of the Price Guide Browser produced by Bill Meier

To order, visit: www.InsulatorPriceGuide.com or mail a check or money order to:

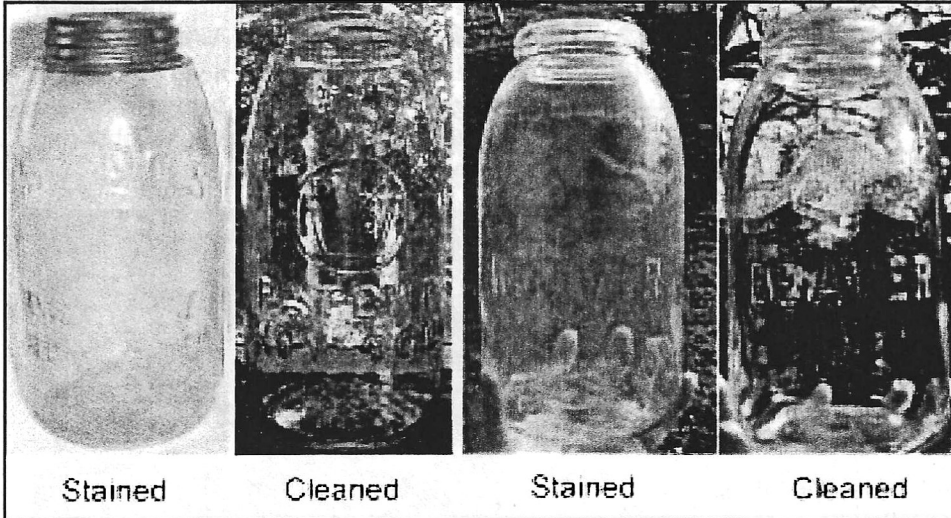
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Contact: Don.Briel@comcast.net or (435) 753-5786

Jar Cleaning 101

by Mike Sollars, Kim Sweetser, and Wayne Lowry
From: www.fruitjars.com



Do you want to take that stained unattractive jar and turn it into something amazing?

Many beginning collectors have not been exposed to the concept of glass tumbling. The basic concept of tumbling is to mix a cleaning media with the correct oxides and let the mixture tumble around the piece for a specified time. It is very possible to remove light scratches and etching with cutting oxides, and then make your jar sparkle with the polishing oxides.

Here are some of the basic terms and concepts involved in glass tumbling:

The cleaning media: Tumbling Copper

Tumbling copper is needed to force

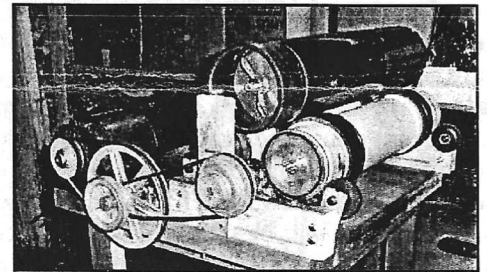
the cleaning oxide against the glass for polishing. It is cut from new 12-gauge wire into 1/8" to 3/16" lengths. Several other mediums have been tested for cleaning including buckshot, aluminum wire, BB's, glass beads, sinker pellets, etc. and so far copper has proved to be the best. The copper will last for many years. Over time the edges will round off and slightly increase your cleaning time. It is recommended that you separate your old round copper for cutting only, and use new copper for polishing.

The cleaning oxides: Aluminum, Cerium, Tin.

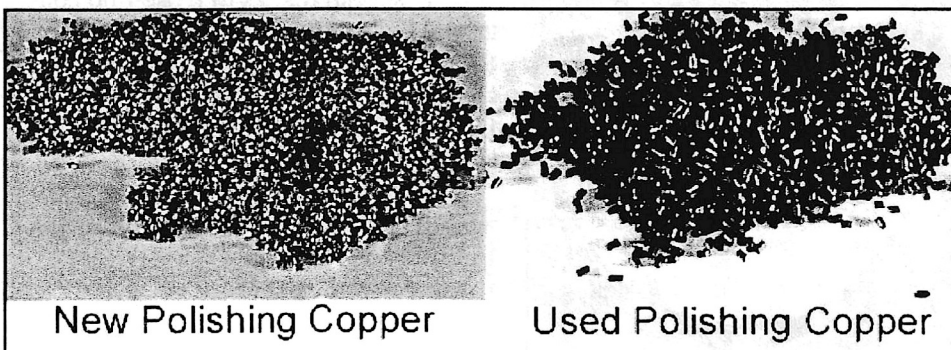
Cleaning oxides are the key to the process. There are basically two types of

oxides – polishing and cutting. The oxides are similar in texture to baby powder. The polishing oxides include aluminum, cerium, tin and others. They all remove stains and give your glass a "spit-clean" shine. This is the same material used to polish eyeglass lenses. They do not, however remove etching or light scratching effectively. This is accomplished by the cutting oxides such as silicon carbide. The cutting oxides are available in various grit sizes depending on the severity of the etching and/or scratching and the properties of the piece itself. The cutting oxides can remove etching and/or scratching in about 3 days, or the entire embossing within 12 hours depending on the grit used. The polishing oxides do not affect the embossing.

Tumbling your piece: Electric Motors and Speeds.



An electric motor is used to power your tumbling machine. Speed is a critical element for safe and effective cleaning. The optimal speed for cleaning round items (such as Fruit Jars, soda, insulators, etc.) is between 75 and 90 rounds per minute (rpm). If the speed is increased, the copper starts running along the outside of the canister and does not cascade over the top of the bottle as desired. When the speed is reduced, it will take longer to achieve the same cleaning results as the faster speed. When cleaning rectangular, paneled, square, or flask shaped items, the speed must be reduced to 15 to 30 rpm. If the speed is increased, the flat panels are "slapped" by the copper. This could cause "frosting" on the glass (which is actually the result of chipping small pieces from the glass).



February 2023 Meeting



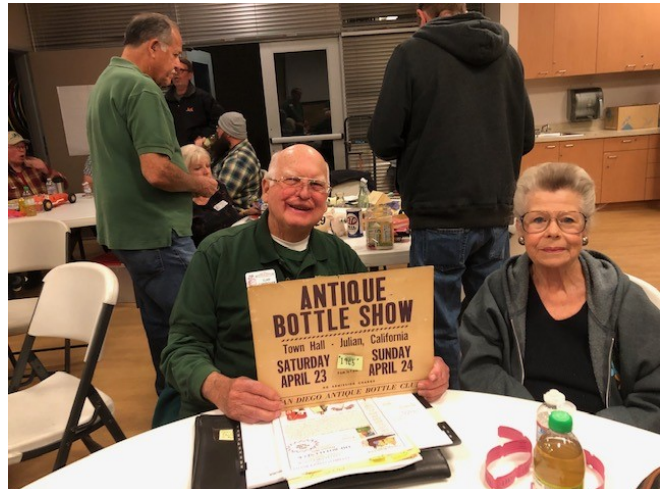
Great Presentation on San Diego Milks by Doug Porter



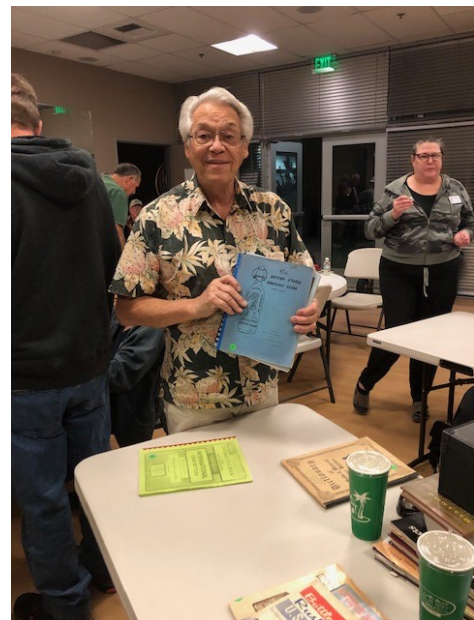
A Nice Turnout of Members



Mike Bragg with Acting Pres. Paul Dragos



Clair & Pat Cunningham with our first Show Flyer 1975



Larry Westfall

NEWS—Upcoming Shows

SHOWS SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION

April 21-22 The Golden Gate Historical Bottle Society's 55th Annual Show **Antioch, CA**

May 12-13 7th Annual Washington Bottle Show **Kent, WA**

May 26-27 57th Annual Las Vegas Antique Bottle & Collectors Club's Annual Show **Boulder, NV**



\$236.50



\$61.00



\$117.50 & \$96.22



\$89.88



\$78.00



\$20.55

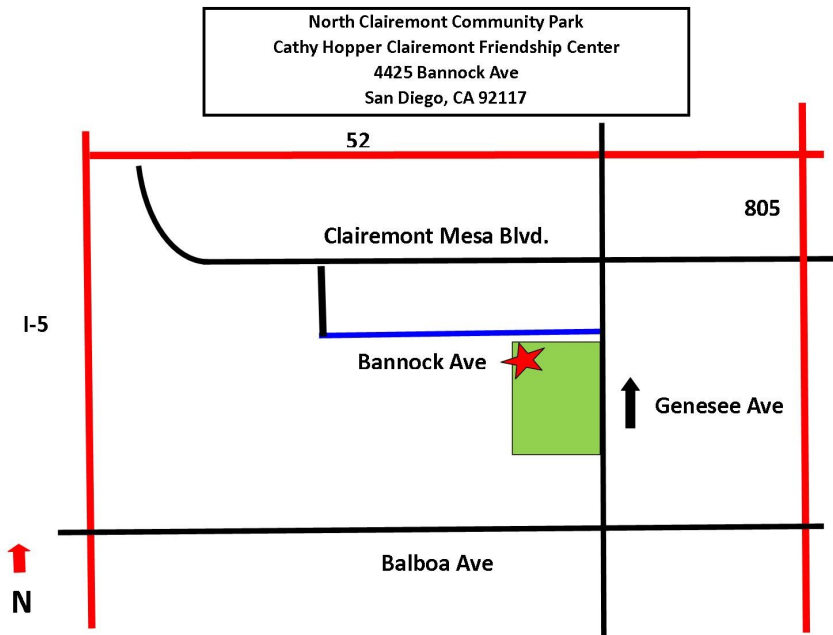
San Diego Items
Recently Sold on Ebay

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- Dairy Mart 1/2 Gal.....\$236.50
- East San Diego Dairy Pt.....\$117.50 & \$96.22
- Escondido Soda Works.....\$89.88
- East San Diego Dairy 1/2 Pt.....\$78.00
- Amber PMD Dairy 1/2 Pt.....\$61.00
- Escondido Rolfes Pharmacy.....\$20.55

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This Meetings Raffle Items



- 1-H.H.H. Horse Medicine
- 2 -The Shaw Pharmacy Bowerman, S.F.
- 3-W & W Blob Top Mineral Water,NEW ALMA-DEN
- 4-Dark Green Squatty Ale, Applied Top
- 5-Green Capers/Sauce, Applied Top

PROGRAMS

Subject To Change

- JAN. 20** Extended Show & Tell
- FEB. 17** Rare San Diego Milks by **Doug Porter**
- MAR.16** Antique Clocks by **Paul Dragos**
- APR. 20** Bake Sale
- MAY 18** Dating Machine Made Bottles by **Carol Serr**
- JUN. 15** Miniature Sample Bottles by **Larry Westfall**
NO MEETING JULY & AUGUST – PICNIC INFO WILL BE PROVIDED
- SEPT. 21** Bottle BINGO & **Ice Cream Social**
- OCT. 19** Bodie, NV Bottles by **Jim Livingston**
- NOV. 16** **WHITE ELEPHANT SALE!!!**

REFRESHMENTS

- Matt Lawson**
- The Cunninghams**
- The Hinners**
- Joni Cooley**
- The Walkers**
- Mike & Dixie Bryant**
- Nancy Fowler & Lynn Stafford**

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS INFO WILL BE PROVIDED

THURSDAY MEETINGS START AT AROUND 6:00 PM

1st Annual Tonopah Rock & Bottle Show
August 4-6, 2023

FIRST ANNUAL
TONOPAH NEVADA

**ROCK &
BOTTLE SHOW**

AUGUST 4TH,
5TH & 6TH 2023

WE ARE IN SEARCH
OF VENDORS.

If interested please contact Chrissy Pope,
Tourism & Events Coordinator
Town of Tonopah at 775-277-0804

chrissy.townoftonopah@gmail.com

THIS EVENT IS HOSTED BY THE TOWN OF TONOPAH

1st Annual Tonopah Rock & Bottle Show

August 4-6, 2023

Locations: Tonopah Mining Park- Workshops, Mining Events, Kids Events, and Demonstrations.

Tonopah Convention Center- Indoor Vendor Booths, Artwork, Demonstrations, and Food.

Joel Friel Sports Complex- RV Dry Camping, Vendor Booths, and Food Trucks.

Vendor Set Up: Friday August 4, 2023, Time: TBD

Times: Saturday 9:00am-5:00pm & Sunday 9:00am-3:00pm

VENDOR RULES & REQUIRMENTS:

- Vendor will assume responsibility for all set up or installation, take down, and removal of their merchandise.
- Vendors are responsible for all clean up and for any damage to their space.
- Vendors must comply with all state and local laws and regulations.
- The Town of Tonopah will not be held liable for losses due to fire, theft, natural disasters, breakage, or damage of any kind.
- Vendor assumes responsibility for obtaining independent insurance.
- Merchandise offered for sale to the public must be correctly represented and labeled.
- Limited tables, and chairs available upon request.
- Vendors must bring their own canopies, tablecloths, skirting and lighting.
- Vendors must cancel 30 days prior to event to receive a full refund. All other cancellations and refunds will be reviewed by the Town of Tonopah to determine any refund eligibility.
- A full refund will be mailed to vendors if the Town of Tonopah must cancel the show due to circumstances beyond our control.
- Bounced checks will be charged a \$42.00 fee.
- Pets welcome but must be kept on a leash.
- Vendor booths must be ready for guest by 9:00am on Saturday and Sunday.
- Vendor booths must remain set up until 3:00pm on Sunday.

Reservations are required. Booth spaces will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

All vendors are asked to provide a raffle item for each space by Friday Afternoon. Raffle will be held on Sunday. Time & Location TBD.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE CONTRACT AND AGREE TO FOLLOW THE RULES AND REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

1st Annual Tonopah Rock & Bottle Show

August 4-6, 2023

VENDOR NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

CHOOSE BOOTH OPTION: INDOOR BOOTH _____ QTY _____ OUTSIDE BOOTH _____ QTY _____

FEES ARE: \$75.00 PER BOOTH SPACE

****BOOTH SPACE IS 10X12 WITH 2 TABLES AND 2 CHAIRS PROVIDED BY THE TOWN OF TONOPAH****

****RV DRY CAMPING IS FREE AT THE JOEL FRIEL SPORTS COMPLEX****

Describe the type of merchandise you plan to sell: _____

COMPLETE AND RETURN YOUR REGISTRATION FORM BY JULY 1, 2023

Make check or money order payable to:

Town of Tonopah

PO Box 151

Tonopah, NV 89049

For additional information please contact Chrissy Pope at 775-277-0804 or by email at

chrissy.townoftonopah@gmail.com

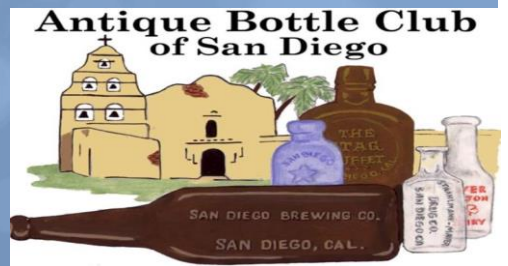
****\$25.00 of your vendor booth fee will be donated to a Tonopah Charity****

We thank you for your participation and you support!



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

“One of The World’s Oldest Active Bottles and Collectibles Club”



Member Information:
January is Annual Renewal Time
***Dues are \$20 per Household or Single Member for the calendar year or any part**
Name Tags are Available for \$10
Mail Check made to SDABCC to 7770 Regents Rd, Suite 113-326 San Diego, CA 92122

- Meetings: Cathy Hopper Clairemont Friendship Center, 4425 Bannock AVE, San Diego CA 92117
- Time & Dates: 6:00-9:00 PM 3rd Thursday of Month except July, August, and December (Holiday Party)
- Purpose: To foster the preservation and study of antique bottles and all other collectibles through research, education and the sharing of knowledge.
- What: We are collectors representing San Diego County; we collect everything from antique bottles and jugs to historical artifacts, railroad items, paper advertising etc. Bottle hobbyists collect other items and are interested in all collections.

Each year this waiver form must be signed by each member to participate in club activities and to update the club directory. Please return it with your annual membership dues written to “SDABCC”.

Effective Dates: January 1, (year) through December 31, (year)

I, the undersigned, hereby waive my rights to any claim against, and release from any liability, the SAN DIEGO ANTIQUE BOTTLE & COLLECTIVLES CLUB, its officers, directors, committee chairpersons, and other club members for personal injuries, death or property damage in connection with my participation in the San Diego Antique Bottle & Collectibles Club, including, but not limited to, all transportation, club meetings, special and social events, such as shows and parties, and defects to equipment provided or sold. I acknowledge that there are risks and dangers involved in my participation in the San Diego Antique Bottle & Collectibles Club and its events. However, I personally assume all of the risks, known and unknown to me, of participation, not otherwise covered by insurance.

A waiver is “The voluntary relinquishment of a right, privilege, claim or advantage”. To release is “to set free from worry, pain, obligation, penalty, etc., or free from something that holds, binds, etc.”

I have read, and do fully understand, the above statement. I am signing this document, granting this waiver and release, and participating in the San Diego Antique Bottle & Collectibles Club and its events voluntarily, with full knowledge and assumption of any risks involved, not otherwise covered by insurance.

Members 18 years of age and older:

Print Name	Signature	Date
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Members under 18 years of age, this waiver and release must be signed by parent or legal guardian.

As parent or legal guardian of:

_____ I hereby execute this form on said person’s behalf and further agree to indemnify the San Diego Antique Bottle & Collectibles Club, its officers, directors, and members for any damage it/they may suffer due to injuries incurred by participating in the club.

Print Parent/Guardian Name	Signature	Date
_____	_____	_____

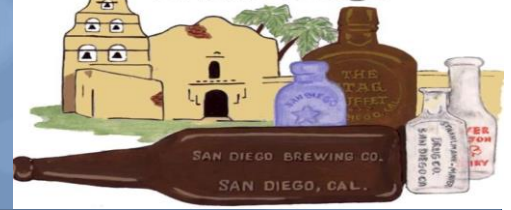




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Date

Print Name above to Order Badge with magnet-add \$10 to dues

Primary Member Name Listing in Directory

Other Household Member Name

Directory Information

Home Phone

Primary Cell Phone

Primary Email Address

Address

City

State

ZIP Code

Collects

Other Household Member Cell Phone

Other Household Member Email Address

Other Household Member Collects

Club activity interests (meetings, shows, digs

social events, programs, research etc.)

Previous Officer in Club?

Interested in Volunteering?

