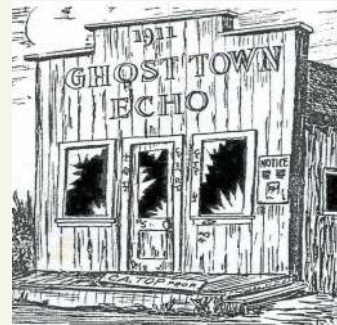


"GHOST TOWN ECHO" NEWSLETTER

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS
OF THE WASHINGTON BOTTLE &
COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION
(AND THEIR UNDERSTANDING FRIENDS AND FAMILIES)



W B C A P R O U D L Y C E L E B R A T I N G 3 5 Y E A R S O F
B O T T L E C O L L E C T I N G A N D F E L L O W S H I P

THE DIGGER AND HIS WIFE!

Yes digger, you have a wife. How do you plan on being gone in day long chunks? Well, by making up for it in other ways probably. Fortunately, you can include your wife in the thrills of privy digging, even if she stays home, which she should.

There are items, nay, **TREASURES**, within the pit that are there just to give the privy digging husband a slight edge when trying to get out the door. When coming home from a dig, crusted with filth and caked with grime, it is nice to be able to say, "**Oh look Honey Bunny, look what I got for YOU!**"

Then you will whip out the following items, if possible:

- Buttons (there are many glass buttons in an average dig, snag them all).
- Marbles.
- Tea set and play dolls dishes.



- Doll heads, and arms and legs.
- Parasol handles.
- Toothbrush handles.
- Etc, etc, etc...

Try to get them interested in a certain type of

bottle, hopefully of the type that you will actually find on a semi-regular basis; "Look Babe, I got you another";

- Cologne or perfume.
- Shoe polish.
- Stove Blacking.
- Local Pharmacy or Drug Store.
- Sewing machine oil.
- Etc, etc, etc...

If you can occasionally sell a bottle or two and take her out on the town, reminding her a few times that it was the privy digging that paid for it, that is also a fine way to be a big super digger husband.

Except Courtesy of Eddie Brater III from his publication: The Essentials of Privy Digging.

If you have not already had a chance to view Eddie's web page on Privy Digging or his online publication you can do so on his informative and humorous website: www.privydigger.com where both his ebook and other interesting digging related articles and items can be found!



U.S. MARINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES BOTTLES - MYTHOLOGY DISPELLED

For some time I had wondered about these interesting bottles and their origin as there seemed to be a lot of misinformation on Ebay about what they actually were used for?

The Marine-Hospital Service was an organization of Marine Hospitals dedicated to the care of ill and disabled seamen in the U.S. Merchant Marine, U.S. Coast Guard and other federal beneficiaries. Aside from the well-being of these sailors, the hospitals provided a key monitoring and gate-keeping function against pathogenic diseases.

The Service was created by an act of the 5th United States Congress, which was signed into law on 16 July 1798 by President John Adams. The Act required the Department of the Treasury to "provide for the relief and maintenance of disabled seamen." This Act led to the formation of several loosely-controlled hospitals at sea and river ports all across the United States, which was officially the Marine-Hospital Fund. The Act specified the revenue for the Hospital Fund to come from the merchant seamen. Merchant seamen that used the early hospital fund hospitals were charged "20 cents per month." This series of hospitals to care for merchant seamen was based on the British practice of establishing hospitals to care for sailors and merchant seamen. The Marine Hospital Fund was a unique and early mechanism to provide the first publicly-funded health care and disease prevention federal agency in the United States.

. In 1871, the Marine Hospital Fund was formally reorganized as the Marine Hospital Service, under the direction of Dr. John Maynard Woodworth. This eventually led to the creation of



the modern-day Public Health Service Commissioned Corps. Dr. Woodworth, using Army-style heraldry, created the Marine Hospital Service fouled anchor and caduceus seal which is used to this day by the Public Health Service. In 1873, Dr. Woodworth's title was changed to "Supervising Surgeon General," a forerunner of the modern-day office of Surgeon General of the United States.

It was the point of origin for the Public Health Service and the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps of the present-day Department of Health and Human Services, and current Operating Divisions (OPDIV) and Staffing Divisions that include the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Indian Health Service, and a host of other federal-level health programs.

Our local history of this organization includes the founding of a Marine Hospital at Port Townsend in 1855 to provide medical services for merchant seamen, the relocation of this facility to Port Angeles between 1862-1866, when it again was relocated back to Port Townsend.

In 1878 Congress passed the National

Quarantine Act, which prevented vessels from carrying infectious diseases into any United States Port, and as a result an offshoot facility In November 1893, the Federal Marine Quarantine Station for Puget Sound opens at Diamond Point, located at the northeastern tip of Clallam County across Discovery Bay from Port Townsend. The Quarantine Station provides disinfection services for vessels wishing to enter Puget Sound, and an isolation hospital for passengers found to be suffering from or suspected of carrying infectious disease .

Article courtesy of sources from both Wikipedia and HistoryLink.org, Essay 8203

-Scott Gibbons



H I M A L A Y A N B L A C K B E R R Y : D I G G E R S W O R S T E N E M Y O R U N E X P L O R E D I N C O M E P O T E N T I A L ?

Yes, we encounter this most favorite and or public enemy number one almost every excursion into our hidden places to dig , but did you know this nemesis has been around for a much shorter duration than many of the bottles and treasures we seek buried underneath?

Introduced to the United States in 1885 by Luther Burbank from India to the United States, this berry has

origins as mysterious as some of the bottles that come out of the ground, but has been traced back to Armenia and has made a number of immigrations with folks from Armenia, to Germany, and then throughout the English empire, finally making an appearance in the Northwest United States.

Originally brought to the United States as a way to create a better Blackberry

plant than our anemic native varieties, this plant over the next 100 plus years has now become one of the most invasive and noxious of weeds despite its great tasting berries.

What can you do? Suck it up and bring extra band aids or take advantage of the possible added income and diversion created from those holes in the ground the party can do when not digging!!



PVC Berry Picker courtesy of www.instructables.com
-Scott Gibbons

A S H O V E L - R E A D Y D I S C O V E R Y O F J A P A N E S E A M E R I C A N H I S T O R Y I N P U G E T O P O L I S



While many of us are aware of the local history of our area and the great impact the Japanese Americans had on our local society and economy in the Puget Sound area, I am constantly reminded of those in nearly every shovel of relic that comes out of the ground.

The evidence of a thriving and vibrant culture from the

pre WWII internment camp days can be found in a number of privies, pits, and dumps throughout our regions, especially given the richness of the soil in the pre dam days.

Whether in the form of medicine bottles, broken pottery/dishes, or other relics it is a reminder of the rich history that lives under our feet. -Scott Gibbons

W A S H I N G T O N B O T T L E & C O L L E C T O R S A S S O C I A T I O N

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WBCA Founded in 1966
Visit Us Online: www.wbcaweb.org

Meetings are held at the Tukwila Community Center the Second Friday of Each Month, Except in June, July and August when everyone should be out chasing bottle s and what nots

Business meeting begins at 7pm
Trades, Selling, and Tall Tales occur slightly before!

SEPTEMBER MEETING NOTES

- Meeting called to order 7:54 by Niel.
- No old business from May.
- New business:
 - Warren sent the money for the entire year of meetings.
 - 10/14 is Canyonville show. Several people will be there.
 - M/2/P to move the club meeting to 10/7.
 - Reports on Reno: Rick, Pete, Niel were there.
 - National will be there next year. \$75 admission for non-Federation members. It's cheaper to be a dealer. It's a 3-day show.
 - Thursday has Federation seminars. Contact Marty Hall for a table.
 - The Newsletter. Scott Gibbons graciously stepped forward.
 - Elections are at the December meeting.
 - Chehalis Show in November.
 - Decided we will hold the show on November 12, coinciding with a glass show.
 - Advertising: need to be sure the show is advertised on Craigslist!
 - We live in Earthquake country, note on collectors insurance. see Mike. \$160 / year up to \$50k, covers a full collection for all circumstances. Homeowners earthquake coverage only covers entire house, not contents.
 - It would be easy to have a Facebook page. Someone would have to lock it down, monitor it carefully.
- 8:12 done with business.
- Show & tell. Finds of the summer:
 - Niel - for his honey collection, artwork of boys being stung by bees.
 - 1860 Benicia glass.
 - Creepy trinkets are Niel's new addiction.
 - Pete took one trinket of a dog taking a leak, from a 1930s hole.
 - A few schnapps bottles.
 - They dug an intact Weller pot, glaze falling apart.
 - Ggot a Stoddard at Reno for \$30.
 - Pacific Galleries antique mall - Scott went to buy some things that used to be Niel's.
 - Another dealer there: Seattle wine bottle with label. Buck & Co., distributors. see city directory.
 - Electric Bitters, with label
 - Shell gasoline label, Atlas jar. Ball sold kerosene containers before going into fruit jars.
 - 1920s, keep a glass jar full of gas in one's car.
 - Pete - Owls.
 - Niel & Pete on a beach, a few Hutches.
 - 1870s Sarsaparilla, dug on the beach, sand, no salt or wear.
 - Granite, MT Hutch dug in the ghost town.
 - Celadon bowl.
 - Fred: Kimball's toothacke drops.
 - Stoddard, Granite glass works. (eBay, dealer sells only Stoddard)
 - Keith - Connecticut Ginger & Brandy featuring topless lady. Is she Ginger or Brandy? Inquiring minds want to know.
 - Scott - drugstore bottle dug with those other guys. Fremont Drug Seattle.
 - Mike Parris -1913 (from Jeff Hooper) booklet thing from a 'saloon' in Seattle.
 - Silver Grill, Spokane etched glass
 - Lou Hunt, Paulson Bldg, Spokane - corkscrew, foldable shot glass, flask mini jugs, Walla Walla, Ballard Busy Bee grocery, Spokane huge Cooper & Levy jug from eBay, with a story about the seller Cooper & Levy sold along the railroad lines. see their catalog. so their stuff traveled far afield.
 - Rick - one bottle. 1850s star whiskey, NY - from Reno show
- Topic for October 7 meeting: Everybody bring something you bought from Pete, with stories that go with it.
- Niel will bring his pus cure.

BOTTLE

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TIME

OLD BOTTLE I MAY BE
IN A BOX OF LIGHT I GO
PURPLE WILL I SOON BE?

The Washington Bottle Collectors Association

Presents

THE Autumn
**Antique Bottle,
Insulator & Collectibles
Show**

***** Nov 11th & 12th *****

**Southwest Washington
Fairgrounds
I-5 Exit 79 Chehalis**

Friday Nov 11th - Early Buyers \$5 - 1pm-7pm
Saturday Nov 12th - 9am-3pm

For Information:

Warren 206-329-8412
wlbottleguy@yahoo.com

Pete 253-335-1732



Dear Collecting Enthusiast,

On Saturday, November 12th, the Washington Bottle Collectors Association invites you to be a part of our Fall Collectibles Show in Chehalis, Washington.

The Southwest Washington Fairgrounds are located a short distance from Interstate 5, exit 179, and boasts ample day and over-night parking. Motels are abundant in the area. Antique shops abound a couple of miles up the road in downtown Centralia.

The show will be held in the Community Events building. It's clean and well lit with white walls that enhance the lighting and visibility of sale items.

Warren Lhotka and Pete Hendricks will co-chair the show this year.

Dealer drop off begins Friday, November 11th, at noon. Early lookers may enter the building at 1:00pm. Set up ends at 7pm. For those unable to set up Friday, set up will resume at 8:00am Saturday morning, November 12th. Saturday show hours are 9:00am - 3:00pm. Overnight parking with or without hookup is available.

Please be prepared to stay until the close of the show at 3:00pm on Saturday.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Warren (206-329-8412), wlbottleguy@yahoo.com
Pete (253-335-1732)

SALES TABLE RESERVATION

NAME #1 _____

* damaged, repaired, and reproduction items
must be marked as such

NAME #2 _____

* two people only per reservation

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

of TABLES @ \$35 each _____

need table cover: yes____ no____

OVERNIGHT PARKING \$16 _____

with electric/water \$16_____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

PLEASE MAIL RESERVATIONS TO:

Warren Lhotka
905 - 24th Ave. S.
Seattle, WA 98144



TREASURY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2011

Beginning Balance 9/1/2011	\$3934.58
Tukwila Community Center	(\$420.00)
Ending Balance 9/30/2011	\$3514.58
Submitted by Warren Lhotka	10/1/2011

UPCOMING WESTERN BOTTLE SHOWS

14 October & 15 October 2011

Canyonville, Oregon Jefferson State Antique Bottle, Insulator & Collectible Show & Sale at the Seven Feathers Casino Resort. Dealer setup will be on 14 October from 12:00 noon to 7:00 pm and 15 October from 7:00 am to 9:00 am. Doors will be open to the general public from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday, 15 October. Dealer take-down will be after 3:00 pm on Saturday. Regular Saturday admission is FREE! Early Admission: Early buyers are permitted NO EARLIER THAN 12:00 noon ON FRIDAY, 14 October, AT A COST OF TEN DOLLARS (\$10) PER PERSON. Early buyers shall be provided a special badge. Info: Bruce Silva, Show Chairman, P.O. Box 1565, Jacksonville, Oregon 97530, 541.899.8411, jsglass@q.com, Website: www.ecandm.com/canyonville/

21 & 22 October 2011

Santa Rosa, California The Northwestern Bottle Collectors Assoc. Annual Bottle Show, (Sat 9:00 am – 3:00 pm; early buyers Friday Noon – 6:00 pm), at the Santa Rosa Veterans Building, 1351 Maple Avenue (across from the fairgrounds), Santa Rosa, California, Bev Siri, 707.542.6438

02 & 03 December 2011

Auburn, California 49er Antique Bottle & Antique Show "The Best of the West" (9:00 am to 3:00 pm, early admission Friday \$10.00 at Noon – 7:00 pm) at the Gold Country Fairgrounds, Auburn, California, Info: Mike McKillop, 117 A Estates Court, Roseville, California 95678, 916.367.1829, pville1871@yahoo.com

28 January 2012

Anderson, California Superior California Antique Bottle Club's 36th Annual Show and Sale. (9:00 am to 4:00 pm) at the Shasta County Fair grounds, Anderson County. Info: Mel Hammer 530.241.4878 or Phil McDonald 530.243.6903

21 July 2012

Leadville, Colorado Antique Bottle Collectors of Colorado's 8th Annual Show & Sale (9:00 am – 4:00 pm with setup at 6:00 am). \$3 admission, at the National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum Convention Center, 117 W 10th St, Leadville, Colorado, Jim and Barb Sundquist, 2861 Olympia Lane, Evergreen, Colorado 80439, 303.674.4658, FOHBC Club

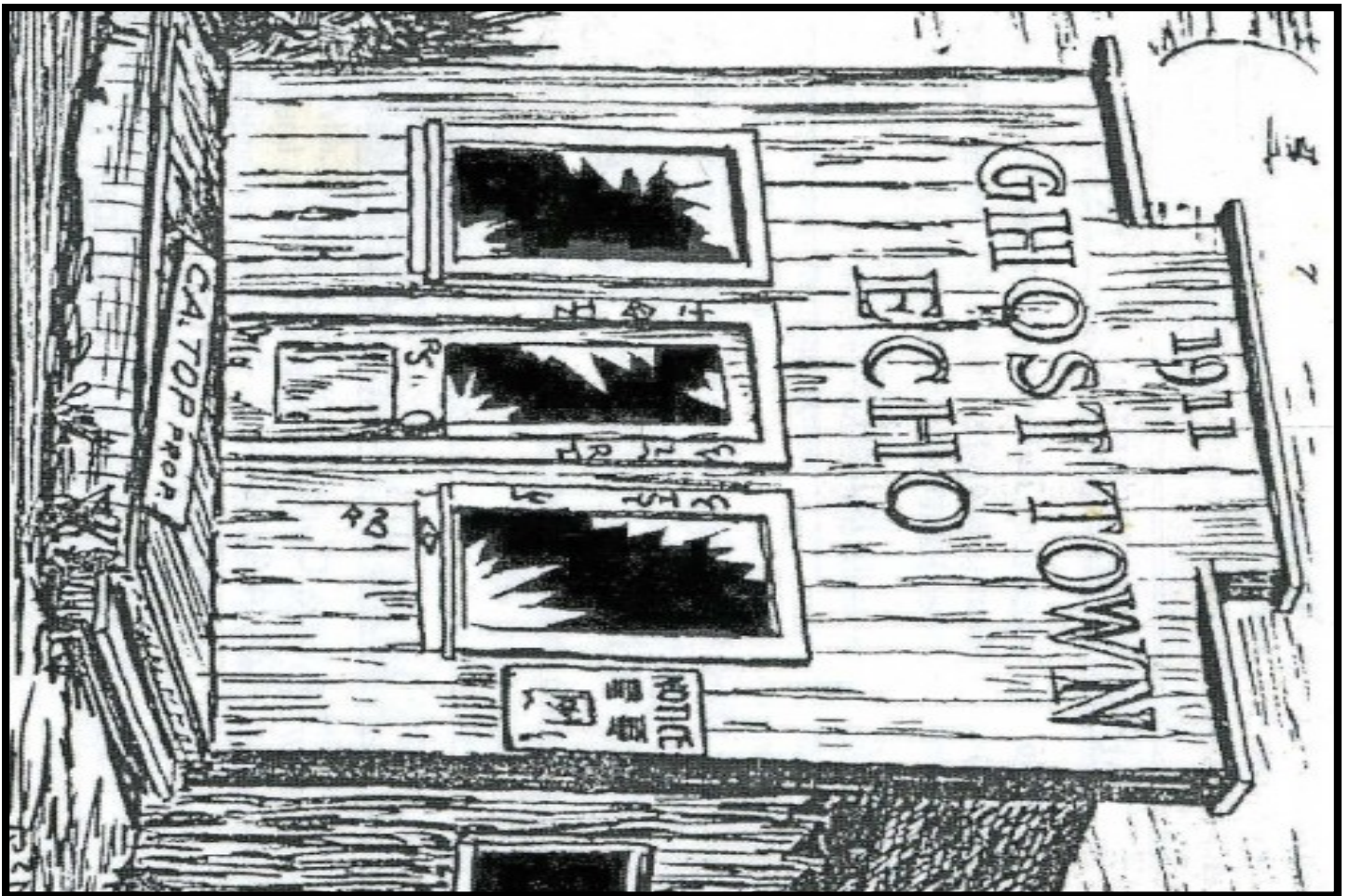
27 – 29 July 2012

Reno, Nevada Federation of Historical Bottle Collector's EXPO at the Grand Sierra Hotel and Resort, Reno, Nevada, Marty Hall, Show Chairman, 775.852.6045, rosemuley@charter.net, FOHBC Club

2012 AURORA OREGON SHOW DATES

**FRIDAY FEB 17 – SATURDAY FEB 18 2012
FRIDAY JUNE 8 – SATURDAY 2012**

**SAVE YOUR \$\$\$\$ NOW!
DIG MORE BOTTLES TO TRADE AND SELL!**



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