

## GOLDEN GATE HISTORICAL BOTTLE SOCIETY

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**Next Meeting: SATURDAY October 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Where:** Round Table Pizza  
1938 Oak Park Blvd.  
Pleasant Hill

**Time:** 12:00

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### Agenda:

- Previous Minutes
- Treasurers Report
- Show Report
- New Business
- Show and Tell
- Bottle Drawing

**Upcoming Club Meetings: *Normally* 1<sup>st</sup> SATURDAY of every other month @ 12 noon at Round Table Pizza at 1938 Oak Park Blvd in Pleasant Hill**

- October 11<sup>th</sup> 2025
- December 6<sup>th</sup> 2025 – Club Xmas Party
- February 7<sup>th</sup> 2026
- April 4<sup>th</sup> 2026
- April 10/11 2026 – GGHBS Show

### Presidents Message:

I hope this finds everyone happy and healthy and enjoying time doing whatever makes you happy- and hopefully finding some treasures along the way. I saw a few of you at the Williams show, and had to miss the Santa Rosa show, but heard feedback, and now looking forward to Auburn next month.

### GGHBS Club News:

Our club BBQ (back in July) was a fun event and think everyone had a good time. It's always fun to hang out, have good food and beverage, and share stories with all of you. I have locked in the date with the fairgrounds for our 2026 show, which will be on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. There was a slight price increase (go figure!) so we had to increase table cost from \$55 to \$60 – but it is still one of the cheapest amongst all of the shows, The flyers and contracts are ready for distribution, so we can get an early start on getting the word out. I attached copies of both to this Corker email. Please make copies and distribute while you are out and about. We will talk about our upcoming Club Xmas party at the club meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup>, but most likely will return to Beeps in Livermore. If you have other ideas, bring them for discussion.

See you Saturday

**For Sale:**

Antique Bottles and Glass

Free List Published Quarterly

Contact: **John Ronald (707) 762-8515**

Email: [jlantiques1@att.net](mailto:jlantiques1@att.net)

**Wanted:**

Vallejo and Mare Island items. Collectibles include: Bottles, Advertising, Postcards and Photographs. Especially interested in Vallejo Dairy Bottles and go-withs.

Contact: **Rudy Peretto (707) 980-3417**

111 Los Santos Ct. Vallejo, CA 94590

Email: [jperetto@comcast.net](mailto:jperetto@comcast.net)

Owl Drug Co bottles, tins, boxes, paper, anything & everything from the Owl Drug Company. Also, old bottles from Montana including liquor bottles, flasks, sodas, beers, patent medicines, even common drug store bottles and milks. Also crocks, jugs, calendar plates, match safes, & related items.

Contact: **Marc Lutsko (406) 291-0861**

2300 Harris Street / Unit 6922 Helena, MT 59634

Email: [letsqo@montanasky.net](mailto:letsqo@montanasky.net)

Looking for historic items from Rio Vista, California – milk bottles, large Spivey bottles, advertising items, trade tokens, post cards & etc. Contact: **Nick Oestreich (707) 205-5312**

Email: [norcalbottlehunter@gmail.com](mailto:norcalbottlehunter@gmail.com)

Martinez items. Collectibles include: bottles, documents, advertising, tokens, postcards and photographs. Also interested in purchasing **elusive** Coca Cola bottle from Martinez.

**\$50 finders fee for Martinez Coca Cola Bottle**

Contact: **Manuel & Linda Cunha (925) 228-0559**

5830 Alhambra Valley Rd. Martinez, CA 94553

Email: [mandlcunha@gmail.com](mailto:mandlcunha@gmail.com)

Livermore items. Vintage prior to 1970 Bottles (Sodas / Milks / Drug Store / Etc.) Photographs and Images, Postcards, Calendars and other advertising items. Especially (Good For) Tokens, Businesses Saloons and etc. All other advertising items.

Contact: **Gary Antone (925) 373-6758**

Email: [packrat49er@netscape.net](mailto:packrat49er@netscape.net)

**SERVICES PROVIDED:**

The Glass Doctor – Sick and injured glass restored to good health. Professional quality care since 1985..Also visit our **eBay store at leisal** Nice inventory of antique bottles

Contact: **Lou/Leisa Lambert (707) 823-8845**

Email: [lou@oldwestbottles.com](mailto:lou@oldwestbottles.com)

**\*\* CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SHOWS \*\***

**November 7-8 – Auburn CA**

49er Historical Botte Association Antique Bottle and Collectibles Show 2024

Gold Country Fairgrounds & Event Center

1273 High St. Auburn, CA

Friday Noon – 5:00 PM early bird (\$15)

Saturday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM free

Contact Info: Dan Bell (530) 305-8794

**January – Anderson, CA**

Pending details

**February 13-14 – Phoenix, AZ**

Phoenix Antiques, Bottles, & Collectibles Club 2026 Show

El Saribah Shriners Auditeorem

552 N. 40<sup>th</sup> St. Phoenix, AZ

Dealer set up Friday Noon - 2:00 PM

Friday 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM -early bird (\$15)

Friday 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM – (\$5)

Saturday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM – (\$5)

Contact Info: unavailable

**March – Chico, CA**

Pending details

**April 10/11 – Antioch, CA**

Golden Gate Historical Bottle Society's 58<sup>th</sup>

Annual Bottles, Insulators, Antiques &

Collectibles Show & Sale

Contra Costa Event Center (Fairgrounds) Sunset

Hall, Antioch, CA

Friday 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM – early bird (\$10)

Saturday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Free

Contact Info: Gary Antone (925) 373-6758

# GOLDEN GATE

HISTORICAL BOTTLE SOCIETY  
Presents

58<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL



**BOTTLES,  
INSULATORS,  
ANTIQUES &  
COLLECTIBLES  
SHOW & SALE**

**FRIDAY APRIL 10<sup>th</sup> 2026**

12:00 pm to 5:00 pm (\$10)

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11<sup>th</sup> 2026**

9:00 am to 3:00 pm (FREE)

CONTRA COSTA EVENT PARK (Fairgrounds)

SUNSET HALL, ANTIOCH, CA

*\*FREE WALK-IN APPRAISALS BUYERS AT SHOW\**

DEALER SETUP - FRIDAY April 10<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to Noon

For Show Information, Contact: GARY or DARLA ANTONE (925) 373-6758

Email: [PACKRAT49ER@NETSCAPE.NET](mailto:PACKRAT49ER@NETSCAPE.NET) or [www.gghbs.org](http://www.gghbs.org)

## REQUEST FROM EDITOR -

**reminder if you have not already submitted**

I think it would be fun to have each of the Club Members submit a short “bio” on how long you have been a club member, how you got started, what you collect, your greatest “find” and anything else you want to share with other club members about you, the hobby, or your treasures.

Please send via email to [packrat49er@netscape.net](mailto:packrat49er@netscape.net) and I will gather them up and publish in an upcoming Corker

## CALIFORNIA VOLCANIC MINERAL WATER COMPANY



Quite a while back I acquired a bottle that I knew absolutely nothing about and had never seen before. What intrigued me about the bottle was the name *CAL. VOLCANIC MINERAL WATER CO.* embossed on the side panels of the bottle. Even though the name Cal. Volcanic was enough to spark my interest the "R's" in MINERAL and WATER were of the curved variety. Those curved "R's" are associated with the bottles blown in San Francisco and that was the clincher for the purchase.

The first mention of the Cal. Volcanic Water Co. product, that I could find, was in the 1880 Sacramento Daily Union newspaper. As you can see in the ad the mineral water was discovered in Southern California and was known as Fahrenkrug's Eradicator.

The California Volcanic Mineral Water Company exhibit mineral spring water from Southern California, for which fine medicinal qualities are claimed. This water is known as Fahrenkrug's Eradicator.

*1880 Sacramento Daily Union mention of the Volcanic Water*

The Sacramento Daily Union of March 1883 lists "California Volcanic Mineral Water, San Francisco, Cal" under the heading "Business Announcements". I am not sure if this is the beginning of the mineral water business or just a mention of an established

business. It seems like the above ad from the 1880 Sacramento Daily Union would be the beginning time frame for the business and the advertisement below a mention of the established "up and running" mineral water business in San Francisco

**BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENTS.**  
Agricultural Implements—Baker & Hamilton, S. F.  
Hardware—Huntington, Hopkins & Co., S. F.  
"Abel Stearns Ranchos"—A. Robinson, S. F.  
Land—Chas. L. Harris, National City, Cal.  
Eggs—Oak Lane, Dwight, Mass.  
Sickle Grinder—Wiester & Co., S. F.  
California Volcanic Water, San Francisco, Cal.  
Agricultural Superintendent, Los Angeles, Cal.  
Chicken Louse Destroyer—D. D. Hill, Oakland, Cal.  
Seeds—J. A. Bull & Co., Springfield, O.  
Evaporator—H. Topping, Marion, N. Y.  
Nurseries—John Rock, San Jose, Cal.

*March 1883 Sacramento Daily Union*



*Notice the curved "R's on the indented panel embossing*



*Flat western style medicine base*



*Early tooled type top*



*Shoulder and embossed indented panel*

**CALIFORNIA** **F. FAHRENKRUG'S** Volcanic Water.  
**BLOOD** **ERADICATOR** **DISEASES,**  
Rheumatism, Kidney Diseases,  
Liver Complaint  
**CATARRH,** **DYSPEPSIA,**  
Female Complaints.

Thousands are suffering from one or more of the above complaints. We confidently place before the public a pure, natural remedy, safe, sure and reliable. From Mexico and Europe and other foreign countries we are constantly receiving orders. We assert that no remedy now known can show as many radical cures, or can compare with it as regards cost, time of cure and actual lasting benefit.

**CALIFORNIA VOLCANIC WATER CO.,**  
Office, 671 Howard St., San Francisco.

*1883 Pacific Rural Press advertisement for the California Volcanic Mineral Water.*

A remedy for blood diseases, rheumatism and liver complaint. A cure for kidney disease, dyspepsia and female complaints. Heck, this is not a mineral water. This is a western medicine in H. Fahrenkrug's disguise of some sort of a mineral water eradicator hallucination. The bottle is shaped like a medicine, the contents are from southern California - and really mineral water in southern California?

I think this bottle is going on my western medicine shelf.



*Cal. Volcanic Mineral Water*

### John R. Williams Stockton Druggist

Mr. John R. Williams has a reputation as a skillful druggist and compounder of medicines. He is proprietor and manufacturer of the National Horse Liniment, which is growing in favor and has been pronounced by horsemen and ranchmen one of the greatest specifics of the age in the ailments common to cattle and horses. He also manufactures the Egyptian corn cure, which will remove corns and excrescences without the use of the knife, and, from the testimonials before us, those who have used this remedy regard it as a boon to afflicted humanity. For the ladies he manufactures a dressing for the face and hands known as Cream of Roses. It is a fluid preparation of different colors suited to different complexions, and is recommended to remove pimples, and by stimulating the cuticle make the face and hands rosy and beautiful.



FOR CHAPPED FACE AND HANDS THERE IS NOTHING BETTER.

**WILLIAMS'**  
**BALSAMIC**

**CREAM OF ROSES**

FOR  
*Beautifying the Complexion,*

SOFTENING THE SKIN AND PRODUCING THAT NATURAL FRESHNESS NOT  
OBTAINED BY ANY OTHER PREPARATION.

**JOHN R. WILLIAMS, Druggist, Proprietor.**  
STOCKTON, CAL.

The Williams Balsamic Cream of Roses bottle is a tough one to acquire. It was blown at the San Francisco and Pacific Glass Works circa late 1880's as shown in the following picture:



It stands 5 1/4 inches tall with a tooled top and as far as I know only comes in this medium blue color. I acquired my example from Chuck Erickson several years ago at the Santa Rosa Bottle Show - Thanks Chuck!

**WILLIAMS' NATIONAL**



Trade Mark

**HORSE LINIMENT.**  
A POSITIVE CURE FOR  
Stiff Joints, Callous Lumps, Wind Gall,  
Sweeny, Poll Evil, Ringbone, Etc.  
As a Family Liniment it is Unequaled.  
PRICE—50 cents and \$1 per Bottle.

**JOHN R. WILLIAMS,**  
Successor to Williams & Moore,  
Proprietor, - - STOCKTON, CAL.  
FOR SALE BY DRUGGISTS AND DEALERS GENERALLY.

As for the National Horse Liniment - I haven't, as of this date, seen an embossed example

**PIONEER RESIDENT  
OF STOCKTON DIES**

**John R. Williams Crossed the  
Plains in 1853**

STOCKTON, Sept. 8.—Stockton lost a pioneer citizen in the death today of John Richard Williams. He was a native of Arkansas, crossed the plains in 1853 and located in Stockton that year. He has been a resident of Stockton almost ever since.

Williams was one of the pioneer druggists of this city, where for the past 20 years he was associated with the firm of Williams & Moore. He was a past grand of Charity Lodge No. 6, I. O. O. F., and a district deputy grand master.

Two sons, Walter E. and J. Harry Williams; a daughter, Mrs. Lucille Baldwin; two sisters, Mrs. H. H. Moore and Mrs. Amanda Debnam, and a brother, C. E. Williams, ex-mayor of Stockton, survive him.