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**Jersey Shore Bottle Club's
37th Annual**

ANTIQUe BOTTLES - POSTCARDS
and LOCAL MEMORABILIA

SHOW & SALE

SUNDAY, May 3, 2009

DONATION \$3.00—8:30 AM -2:00 PM

BRICK ELKS

2491 Hooper Ave., Brick, NJ 08723

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Children Under 12 Free when accompanied with an adult. No Early Admission

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PROGRAM: FLEA MARKET.

SHOW n TELL: Not at this meeting –

Editor's Desk – hWell it has been a cold couple of months. It is time to clear out the Garage and get rid of some stuff, or maybe bring home some replacements from other people. Bring a friend also.

UP and COMING SHOWS

Courtesy of www.FOHC.com

March 29 - Brewerton New York Empire State Bottle Collectors Association presents its 39th Annual Spring Show and Sale at the Brewerton Fire Hall (9am – 3pm), 9625 Rt 11 Brewerton, N.Y. Directions Syracuse, N.Y. Rt 81 North to exit 31 Follow signs. \$2 donation.

60 Show tables. Info: John Spellman, **ph: (315) 365-3156.**
email: spellmanjc@tds.com

APRIL 26 - ROCHESTER, NEW YORK **NEW** The Genesee Valley Bottle Collectors Association's Show & Sale (Sun. 9 AM - 3 PM) at the Minett Hall, Monroe County Fairgrounds, Rochester, New York. Over 200 tables, exceptional educational displays, over 100 dealers from 14 states & Canada, bottles, insulators, whimsies, fruit jars, poisons, inks, apothecary, stoneware, ephemera, art glass & more! INFO: Show Chairmen: **AARON WEBER**, PH: (585) 226-6345 and Co-Chair: **LARRY FOX**, PH: (585) 354-8072. Dealer Chairman: **PAMELA WEBER**, PH: (585) 226-6345 or E-mail: GVBCA@frontiernet.net. Exhibit Chairman: **CHRIS DAVIS**, PH: (315) 331-4078 or E-mail: cdavis016@rochester.rr.com. Website: www.gvbca.org.

APRIL 26 - ANTIOCH, ILLINOIS **NEW** The Antique Bottle Club of Northern Illinois 34th Annual Antique, Collectible & Bottle Show & Sale (9 AM - 3 PM) at the Antioch Senior Center, 817 Holbeck, Antioch Illinois. Free Admission. Featuring Table Top Antiques, Bottles, Postcards, Advertising and Ephemera. **INFO: GREG SCHUENEMAN**, 270 Stanley Ave., Waukegan, IL 60085, PH: (847) 623-7572, E-Mail: anteak_gramps@yahoo.com.

MAY 3 - BRICK, NEW JERSEY **NEW** The Jersey Shore Bottle Club's 37th Annual Antique Bottles & Post Card Show & Sale (Sun. 8:30 AM - 2 PM, Donation \$3) at the Brick Elks, 2491 Hooper Ave., Brick, New Jersey. **INFO:** RICH PEAL, PH: (732) 267-2528 or E-mail: manodirt@msn.com.

MAY 3 - WHITESBORO, NEW YORK (UTICA SHOW) **NEW** Mohawk Valley Antique Bottle Clubs 15th Annual Antique Bottle Show and Sale, Sunday 9:00 am - 2:30 pm at the Utica Curling Club, 8300 Clark Mills Road, Whitesboro. **INFO: PETER BLEIBERG**, 7 White Pine Road, New Hartford, N.Y. Phone: (315) 735-5430, Email: PMBleiberg@aol.com

MAY 30 - COVENTRY, CONNECTICUT **NEW** The Museum of Connecticut Glass Inc.'s Annual Outdoor Tail-Gate Bottle & Glass Show & Sale (Sat. 9 AM - 1 PM, Early Buyers 8 AM) at the Museum of Connecticut Glass, Rt. 44 & North River Road, Coventry, Connecticut. **INFO: JAN RATUSHNY**, PH: (860) 428-4585, E-mail: janratushny@aol.com.

AUGUST 22 AND 23 - MUNCIE, INDIANA **NEW** Hoosier Chapter of Coca-Cola Collectors Club, PO Box 387, Clear Creek, IN 47426 will be hosting their 13th annual swap meet (Saturday, August 22 9am - 6pm and Sunday, August 23 10am - 3pm) at the Horizon Convention Center, 401 S High St, Muncie, IN 47035 info: **Alice Clark**, email: c.alice@sbcglobal.net or **Jeff Cummins**, email: jcummins@bluemarble.net Beach Blvd., Jacksonville, FL. Info: Mike Skie, 3047 Julington Creek Road, Jacksonville, FL 32223, ph: (904) 710-0422 or Jackie McRae, ph: (904) 879-3696.

OCTOBER 18th - FINDLAY, OHIO **NEW** This is our 33rd annual BOTTLE SHOW AND SALE! The show is held at the Old Barn Auction House 10040 St. Rt. 224 West / Findlay, OH. - Directions: Go WEST on SR-224 from I-75 (exit 159). The show is open to the public on Sunday October 18 at 9am. "Dealer-only" set-up is the day before. - Sat. Oct. 17 (from 1pm till 9pm) Set-up day includes our **Fabulous Free Dealer Supper!** It's a great chance to get in a visit with your bottle collecting friends before the hectic sale day. Contact show chairman Fred Curtis (419-424-0486) to reserve sales tables. **Contact/Show Chairman: Fred Curtis 419-424-0486 or Secretary/Marianne Dow 419-648-5600 - E-mail: fabcoil.com - Website: www.fabclub.freeyellow.com**

Editor's Note: I was searching on the web and came across this article of Glenn Harbour and one of his recent finds.

Treasure hunter's find may be prehistoric



Glenn Harbour holds up what he believes is a mastodon bone he found on the banks of Big Brook in Marlboro.

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FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP — Glenn Harbour lives for the treasure hunt. Antique bottles. Shark teeth. Arrowheads. Harbour spends his days searching for pieces of the past, casting about for the next great thing. "Treasures are everywhere. You just have to be . . . persistent enough to keep on going," said Harbour, a wiry, energetic man who can talk for hours about his many passions. Harbour, 50, of Freehold Township, is an amateur fossil hunter and historian. Harbour delivers medical supplies for his regular job. But in spare time, Harbour said, he is a hard-core collector who goes the extra mile in pursuit of his treasure. Harbour wades through cold creeks for hours in hopes of finding another artifact for his extensive collection.

He drives hundreds of miles for a dig and scans local riverbeds after a long day at work. And Harbour's diligence may have paid off. A long bone Harbour said he discovered in October could be from a mastodon, a large elephant-like mammal that roamed the earth until about 10,000 years ago. Harbour said he stopped by Big Brook in Marlboro, a popular fossil-hunting site, after work on Oct. 11.

He took a quick walk along the riverbed and found a few shark teeth and an arrowhead. Mindful of the twilight descending, he started to head home when he said he saw something poking from the mire. "I thought, "Whoa, that's the biggest cow bone I've ever seen in my life!" " Harbour said. After conferring with another collector, he said he soon discovered it was no cow bone. The bone clocks in at roughly six pounds and is 22 1/2 inches long by 12 inches wide. Based on its weight and fossilization, Harbour said he believes the bone may be 12,000 to 15,000 years old. The bone's owner was likely alive during the last Ice Age, Harbour says. The New Jersey State Museum in Trenton has several mastodon bones in its possession, including at least two from Monmouth County. The area is rich in fossils, so Harbour's claim could be legitimate, said David Parris, the museum's natural history curator. "It's perfectly plausible. . . . They (mastodon bones) are not extremely rare," Parris said. Parris examined pictures of the bone and said it probably is from a mastodon. He cannot say for sure without seeing it in person, but he said it appears to be a chest vertebra.

Harbour said he ordinarily keeps his finds. He said he believes he will keep this bone for a while before giving it to a museum. He sells less valuable bones or fossils at flea markets for small money. If Harbour can verify the mastodon bone, it will be one of several highlights over nearly four decades of digging up the past. His passion for collecting started as a teen in Holmdel, a period when he says antique bottles were popular. "Everyone dug antique bottles," Harbour said. "It was like streaking: It was a craze."

Ten years ago, a fellow collector turned him on to fossil-hunting, he said. Not one to do anything halfway, he started learning everything he could on the subject. Harbour memorized the relevant call numbers at the library and read everything he could. He pored over hobby magazines and befriended hunters more knowledgeable than himself, Harbour said. Harbour has often thought of going back to college to study archaeology (he already has a degree in music composition), but finances have held him back, he said. "I'm a working guy. I've got bills to pay," he said. Facing this obstacle, Harbour said he resolved to pursue fossil hunting as a serious hobby instead. And a decade later, the hunt for fossils and other historical relics has become an overriding passion. He writes and lectures on the subject. Books like the "Encyclopedia of Dinosaurs," "Civil War Collectibles," and the "Big Book of Marbles" line his bookshelves, and a tall glass case in his townhouse is filled with cloudy glass bottles, smooth round marbles and a photograph depicting what he believes to be a Lenni Lenape Indian skeleton found in Middletown. So immersed has Harbour become in his hobby that he has even taken to painting the animals whose fossils he's found, imagining them as they may have appeared in life. In one, he has sketched a large Cretaceous Period sea turtle being attacked by a mosasaur, a sea-dwelling reptile that could reach lengths of nearly 60 feet. Harbour said he is at work on a new painting of a mastodon. When Harbour gets out in the field, he forgoes fancy tools in favor of his eyes and a shovel to find his artifacts. He is driven, he said, by the never-ending desire for treasure.

That quest for treasure is universal, though the object of desire varies for each person, Harbour said. "To one person, (the treasure) is a pile of money. To another, it's the latest gadget. To another, it's a beautiful woman or man," Harbour said. "Me, I'd rather be digging," Harbour said. "I just want to put my shovel in the ground and see what goodies come out."

Tension exists between amateur, pro diggers. There are thousands of amateur fossil hunters like Glenn Harbour of Freehold Township throughout the country and around the world who seek undiscovered artifacts. The American Society for Amateur Archaeology boasts about 1,300 members, and organizer Richard Gramly estimates there are probably 25,000 amateurs nationwide. "Amateur archaeologists . . . are lay scientists," Gramly said.

Though some amateurs can be better than professional archaeologists, Gramly said, "In certain circles, they are not regarded highly." Such was not always the case.

Amateurs and professionals used to coexist peacefully. That all changed when the National Historic Preservation Act was amended in the 1980s to include archaeological sites, Gramly said.

The legislation required that an environmental impact statement be created any time public money is spent on certain historic projects. After the amendment was passed, those statements had to have an archaeological component, Gramly said.

"It provided a lot of employment for archaeologists," Gramly said.

The act was good for professional archaeologists, but also bred competition between those who pursued careers in the field and those who enjoyed archaeology as a hobby.

"This drove a wedge (between amateurs and professionals) . . . They (the professionals) didn't want the amateurs out there digging it," said Gramly, who straddles both worlds. Gramly started as an amateur but went on to receive his doctorate in archaeology.

But some amateurs like Harbour have won their stripes with the professional crowd. "He (Harbour) is a pretty knowledgeable guy," said David Parris, natural history curator for the New Jersey State Museum in Trenton.

Donald Dorfman, a biology professor at Monmouth University who has known Harbour for years, agreed. "There's a cadre of people (that) to me are better than professionals. . . . Glenn is one of those people," Dorfman said. Harbour is self-taught, but describes his discoveries with an academic's authority. That knowledge comes from hours in the field, he said, as well as years of study. "When I get involved with anything, I research (all about) it," Harbour said.

OUR DECEMBER MEETING WAS OUR ANNUAL PENNY AUCTION AS YOU CAN SEE, THERE WERE MANY ITEMS



ALSO AN ASSORTMENT OF INTERESTING SHOW AND TELL ITEMS



