

# Richmond, Virginia Show Report

By Ed and Lucy Faulkner

The 38th annual bottle show and sale in Richmond, Virginia was held last October 3 at a new crosstown location.

Show co-chairmen Marvin Croker and Ed Faulkner were pleased at how well the show went. Some minor adjustments may have to be made, but we had more dealers and tables sold than last year. Many of these dealers were new.

There were 75 tables sold. A table was also set up for kids and they seemed to enjoy this. Many first-time dealers to our show indicated they would definitely come back next year. Part of the success of this show move was due to early advertising starting at last year's show. The active advertising started with flyers handed out at Baltimore in March and ads in *Antique Bottle and Glass Collector*, as well as listing it on our web. We thank everyone who took the time to list the show on their website.

Tony Townsend drove all over the state putting out flyers and posters promoting the new show location. This helped recruit some of our first-time dealers. Other members also distributed flyers in VA and NC. Several ads were placed in local newspapers the week of the show. So we are very



**Tommy Goodrich (left) is an original founding member of the Richmond Club. Others pictured are: Bert Laine (right) and Tom Jennings (back)**



**Interesting bottle on table?**



**Ten year old Jessica Copal with her first show display.**



**Chesterfield Display with Madelyn Cox**

happy with the move, as was most everyone we talked with. Our goal for next year is more dealers and more local attendance from the public. While early admissions were up quite a bit, the general attendance was about the same as at the old location.

The club provides pizza and soda to everyone who comes Friday evening to help set up. Breakfasts of coffee, juice, sausage biscuits and donuts are also provided the next morning. We were pleased this year to have our lunch catered by a local barbeque restaurant, Famous Dave's. They did a good job and we hope to get them back next year.

Because this was the first year in Chesterfield County, the club did a display on Chesterfield bottles with various members participating. Madelyn Cox was the coordinator of this very popular display. Other displays included Inks and Inkwells by Lucy Faulkner, Taka Kola by Dave Tyree, Buffalo Lithia Bottles by Bruce Wadford, and Cathedral Pickles and Peppersauce by Mary Wadford. One of our youngest members, ten-year-old Jessica Copal, did her first show display on her collection of miniature bottles.

We had three dealer prizes and a 50/50 raffle which was won by a dealer from Massachusetts.

We invite more of you to attend in 2010 at our same Chesterfield location. October is a great time to visit the many local attractions, before or after the show, including nearby Colonial Williamsburg and Jamestown.