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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The warm weather has finally arrived! We can all get out to the bottle fields, auctions and flea markets without fear of a Nor'easter or a blizzard ruining our plans. Our Manville Show was a huge success thanks to Bob Strickhart and his team of volunteers. The hall proved to be a great place to have a bottle show and its just great that this will be the new home for our annual Super Bowl Sunday Bottle Show. Our next show will be September 28<sup>th</sup> at Batsto Village in Wharton State Forest, Hammonton, NJ. We are hoping for good weather for this outdoor event. Our show Chairman in Batsto is Paul DelGuercio and he can be reached at 856-252-7730 or email [paulhavoc@comcast.net](mailto:paulhavoc@comcast.net). Club members should contact Paul if you want to help at the show. Our next meeting will be Tuesday May 27<sup>th</sup> at the East Brunswick Museum from 7 – 9:30 p.m. Please bring any items you would like to show and share with the group. If anyone would like to give a presentation at this meeting please contact me at 732-236-9945.

Kind Regards, Joe Butewicz



# New Jersey Antique Bottle Club

PRIVILEGED INFORMATION



*"c1890 LITE CITRON HUTCH SODA -  
A.W.THEILER MORRISTOWN,N.J.  
item # 261419284121  
Ended 3/9/14  
sold for \$29.99  
Description: c1890 LITE CITRON HUTCH  
SODA embossed in slug plate " A.W.  
THEILER MORRISTOWN,N.J. ".The Bottle  
is in Good Clean condition with No chips or  
cracks.Hand finished lip, 6 3/4 in. tall.I  
combine shipping but Please wait for Invoice  
before You Pay.Thanks"*

John Orashen of Stanton Station, NJ sent the NJABC the eBay information on this bottle –

This is one of many irradiated bottles that have sold on eBay. This one was listed by seller [gator-ben](#) with no disclaimer that this is a tainted bottle. As we are used to seeing clear bottles turned into PURPLE irradiated bottles, other colors can irradiate depending if certain metals were mixed with the glass cullet for a certain batch of glass. The seller [gator-ben](#) has come across OR is turning bottles into fantasy pieces which will probably ruin some aspect of the hobby. Any thoughts on this subect?? – please email the NJABC with replies or thoughts on this matter – we would like to pursue this epidemic further.

# History of Krauszer's Dairy - New Brunswick, New Jersey

*Written by Kenneth Blaine / Information provided by Alyssa Anderson and Richard White  
Items from the collections of Robert Hrapsky and Kenneth Blaine*



**Krauszer's Dairy – 1917 (Photo courtesy of Alyssa Anderson)**

John Krauszer (b. 1882) was the original owner and founder of Krauszer's Dairy established in 1910. Krauszer appears in early New Brunswick Milk Supply reports published in newspapers dating to 1914. The above photo from 1917 shows an already large and successful business with a long lineup of delivery wagons. Directory listings from the late teens show that John Krauszer both lived and operated the business at 70 Guilden Street in New Brunswick, New Jersey.



**Early John Krauszer Embossed Quart - Date not known**

**John Krauszer Embossed Quart - 1917**

The earliest examples of embossed Krauszer milk bottles bear John's name and date to the mid-late teens. In 1917, the dairy was passed on to John's younger brother Peter (b. 1885) and then in September 1926 was sold to the three youngest brothers: Jacob (b. 1889), Nicholas (b. 1894) and George (b. 1899). The majority of embossed and prevalent Krauszer bottles from the early to mid-1920s are embossed with Peter's name. In 1926 the embossing of "Krauszer & Decker" appears suggesting a very short-lived partnership with Decker's Dairy (Decker's Dairy began in 1926 and then went on to become an independent and successful dairy in Hightstown, NJ until 1971).

By the end of the 1920s, all subsequent embossed and later pyro-glazed milk bottles eliminated any of the owners' first names and simply show "Krauszer's Dairy." Between the years 1926 and 1928 the Dairy was owned by Jacob, Nicholas and George Krauszer. After Nicholas' death in 1928, the dairy was operated by Jacob and George until about 1940.



From 1940 through the 1980s, George and his three sons Nicholas, Jacob and George held ownership of the family business. The young Nicholas Krauszer began working for his father in 1941. The later generation of Krauszer siblings continued to lead the dairy business through tremendous expansion. By the 1950s, Krauszer's milk was made available in vending machines. After their father, George, passed in 1960, the three brothers opened their first convenience store at the 70 Guilden Street location. Throughout the next 20 years, the company expanded rapidly opening over 300 locations primarily in New Jersey. Nicholas retired in 1983. Upon Jacob's retirement, the business was sold and remains active today under the name Krauszer's Food Stores.

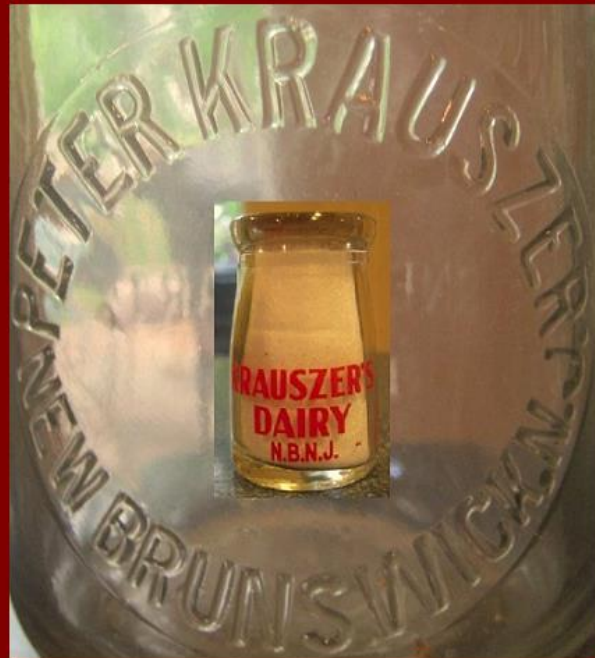




Set of 3 Round Pyro Krauszer's Dairy Bottles



Two Pyro Krauszer's Dairy Jar Variants



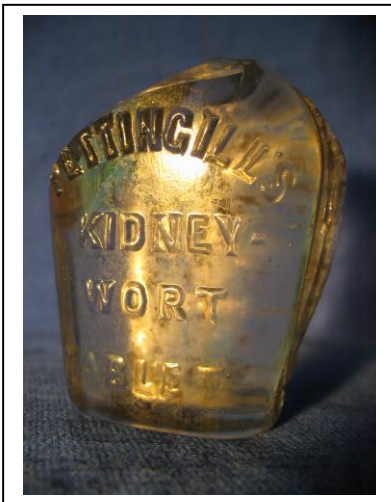
Pictured: Small pyro creamer and the slugplate of a rare quart variant

# MOLD WARMERS and REJECTS from Glassboro, New Jersey' s Glass Making History

Photo Contributors – Mike Bernstein, Walt Waholek and Tom Kennedy-Jansen

A simple inquiry via email can spark a sudden interest. That is exactly what happened when NJABC contributor Mike Bernstien emailed Joe Butewicz via NJABC's website. Please take note that each artifact in this section should have been recycled, the pieces featured here have escaped that demise.

*“Attached are photos of a few of the objects that I donated to Rowan University in 2012. Ed Pfeiffer (if you're old enough to have known of him) called them “mold warmers.” He said they were gathers of glass placed in molds in order to heat the molds. They're solid plugs of glass, which I dug from a deposit of waste and cullet in Glassboro, so I'm sure they're from the Whitney Glass Works. Just a few inches tall. Also found some defective McIlhenny Tabasco sauce bottles. Nobody at Rowan I could locate knew their value. Can you help? Thanks. Mike Bernstein.”*



Left -

Pettingill's Kidney Wort Tablet bottle mold warmer - photo courtesy Mike Bernstien

Right -

Pettingill's Kidney Wort box - photo courtesy Mike Bernstien

NJABC President Joe B. wasted no time responding to Mike's inquiry, confirming Ed Pfeiffer's assessment as mold warmers...

*“Mike, First, let me thank you for sending me the photos. Second, I do remember Ed Pfeiffer, never met him but knew plenty of old time glass collectors that knew him well and traded with him. Third, the items are mold warmers, that hot glass got the molds ready quickly. I do exactly the same thing when molding fishing sinkers, the heat transfer is accelerated using this method. As far as value, it's very difficult to predict because there is no reference point from previous sales because the items are one of a kind. I've sold some similar items on eBay and I would guess these would sell in the \$15 - 35 range, again just a guess. Are you sure they are from Whitney, there were other glass houses in Glassboro such as: the Heston-Carpenter Glass Works, Olive Glass Works, Harmony Glass Works and the Temperanceville Glass Works. In closing, I would like your permission for me to include the photos on the web page of the New Jersey Antique Bottle Club website. Of course we would give credit to you. Regards, Joe Butewicz New Jersey Antique Bottle Club”*



The Economical Drug Company  
Chicago bottle mold warmer -  
photo courtesy Mike Bernstien



Extract bottle mold warmer -  
photo courtesy Mike Bernstien



Harlem Oil bottle mold warmer - photo  
courtesy Mike Bernstien



C P BONDS mold warmer - photo courtesy  
Walt Waholek



C P BONDS mold warmer in display -  
Historical Discovery by Walter JG Waholek -  
photo courtesy Walt Waholek



Unidentified mold warmer - photo courtesy  
Walt Waholek

## SOME REJECTS...



Rejected ELY'S CREAM BALM – photo courtesy Tom Kennedy-Jansen



The cracks occurred after excavation, the rejected bottles were not annealed properly – photo courtesy Tom Kennedy-Jansen



Rejected CALDWELLS SYRUP (angle view) – photo courtesy Tom Kennedy-Jansen



Rejected CALDWELLS SYRUP (front view), note that the lips were not finished – photo courtesy Tom Kennedy-Jansen



Below are pictures from latest 'Gotham City Dig' on St. Patricks Day 2014. You can read more and check out previous privy digs from the Manhattan Well Diggers at [themanhattanwelldiggers.com](http://themanhattanwelldiggers.com)! All photos were contributed by Daniel Mcgee





AND A REMINDER ...

**The New Jersey Antique Bottle Club  
Is Hosting the Annual Batsto, NJ Antique and Bottle Show**



**Sunday September 28, 2014**

**9 a.m. till 4 p.m.**

**Batsto Village**

**Wharton State Forest  
Hammonton, NJ 08037**

**For information call Paul DelGuercio 856-252-7730**

**or email [paulhavoc@comcast.net](mailto:paulhavoc@comcast.net)**

**Food and refreshments will be available.**

**No early buyers – Free Admission**

**Sales spaces available until September 22 are \$30 each**

**Sales spaces available after September 22 are \$40 each**

**To reserve a sales space, mail check payable to**

**New Jersey Antique Bottle Club to:**

**Joe Butewicz, 24 Charles Street, South River, NJ 08882**

**Information and show contracts can be found at:**

**[www.newjerseyantiquebottleclub.com](http://www.newjerseyantiquebottleclub.com)**