



Historical Archaeology
Advisory Committee

Glass Bottles & Jars

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Formerly known as the “Baby State,” Arizona’s rural & urban landscapes took shape following the American Civil War. While a number of communities in Arizona produced glass containers for distribution across the territory prior to statehood, the completion of the transcontinental railroad & connecting branch lines after 1880 allowed bottles & other glass containers to be shipped to the American West from hundreds of factories located across the United States (U.S).

This workshop will provide information on the dating of typical “utilitarian” bottles & jars made in the U.S. in the late historical period (ca. 1865–1973). Topics to be explored include bottle typology & diagnostic shapes; bottle morphology; manufacture techniques; diagnostic characteristics such as color, maker’s marks & trademarks, finishes and closures; & miscellaneous body features including applied color labels, embossing, & engraving & etching. The diagnostic utility of glass insulators will also be discussed should time allow.

Date: April 15, 2023 10am–3pm

Location: South Mountain Park & Preserve
10919 S Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85042

Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/560877147647>



This is an in-person workshop and current Covid-related protocols will be observed.