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Highlands Coalition hosts first beer bottle share

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The New Jersey Highlands Coalition is gearing up for its first bottle share from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 16 at Poor Henry's Pub & Restaurant, 8 Main Road, Montville.

Attendees are going to try some great, rare beers including some that may never be tasted again, and get to be a part of a very special, very passionate community.

The coalition is gathering craft beer aficionados and novices to celebrate NJ Highlands clean water. This event is designed for inexperienced and experienced craft beer bottle sharers alike. The coalition encourages craft beer newcomers and enthusiasts alike to buy a ticket, pick up or have a bomber of great craft beer and come to the event.

“It's a chance to get together with interesting people from different professions around a common theme of appreciation for clean water, the no. 1 ingredient in craft beer,” said Julia Somers, executive director of the New Jersey Highlands Coalition.

A limited amount of tickets are available at <http://tinyurl.com/kzxdxux>. Tickets are \$60. Your ticket includes a commemorative tasting glass donated by Grandstand Glassware & Apparel.

Beer enthusiast Os Crus will put out samples of some of his own rare bottles, including Hill Farmstead Brewery. Gene Lynch, a New Jersey Craft Beer representative, will be there as will New Jersey Highlands Coalition staff.

A session beer will be provided by Bolero Snort Brewery and Hunterdon Distributors.

There will be food from Poor Henry's Pub & Restaurant. Other food donors include Hackettstown Philly Pretzel Factory, Field Roast chao cheese, Eden's Tamari Roasted Spicy Pumpkin Seed Snacks.

There will be prizes donated by Carton Brewing, Wyeast Laboratories, The Shepherd & Knucklehead Pub & Steakhouse, Barcade Jersey City, The Montville Inn, and Sharky's West.

There are a few ground-rules:

Q: Do I have to bring a rare or fancy beer?

A: It doesn't have to be some kind of limited availability Goose Island Bourbon County Brand Stout, but try to avoid bringing common beers like Sam Adams Boston Lager.

Bring great beer and you'll hear people say, "Y'know, I forgot how great this is," especially if money or time are a crunch. A good rule of thumb: If the beer is 12.7 ounces or less, bring two.

Q: What's the basic etiquette for bottle share events?

A: Don't touch other people's bottles; keep serving size small so as many people as possible can try each beer & make sure you bring a beer. DO graciously take your two-ounce pour of beer. Savor it while mingling with the other attendees, discussing either the beer or whatever else strikes your fancy.

Pace, eat and remember to hydrate. If a particular beer doesn't work that someone brought, don't mention it to that person unless they ask directly. And if they do, be candid but friendly about it.

On the flip side, if someone doesn't like the beer brought by others, that's fine too.

The NJ Highlands Bottle Share: Celebrating Our Clean Water is a community event and encourages responsible drinking by its participants.

The New Jersey Highlands Coalition (www.njhighlandscoalition.org) is the only non-profit organization whose entire focus is on protecting the pristine aquifers, lakes and rivers, rugged forested ridges, rolling farmlands, abundant wildlife, historic treasures and diverse recreational opportunities found in the New Jersey Highlands, the State's prized piece of the Appalachian Mountain chain. The Coalition is a 501©(3) tax exempt organization.