



The German POW Bottle Project

The Historical Society of Santuit & Cotuit is requesting \$1,825 in Community Preservation Historic Preservation Funds in support of the conservation of paper fragments found in a wine bottle buried at Point Isabella during World War II, and for the creation of a facsimile bottle for permanent exhibition.



**The German POW
Bottle as it looked
when found in
January 2023.**

**The “message” was
printed on the
reverse side of a
Quaker Rice Flakes
cereal box.**

**The visible words
included: Prisoner of
War, Okt. 1944 and
Camp Edwards, along
with the names of
three German POWs.**



We took the POW Bottle to the Northeast Document Conservation Center in Andover in April. They successfully removed the paper fragments and recommended treatments for their conservation.



These images show the fragments after their conservation, with the outside of the cereal box on the left and the reverse side, with the POWs' information, on the right. Conservation involved cleaning, stabilizing and flattening the fragments.



