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Take a Guess

By Kat Thacker

Okay, you're now getting a chance to check your own powers of observation. In the cover shot of this issue, can you figure out which types of RB fruit are MISSING from our luscious fruitbowl? And NO, I don't count tomatoes as fruit in this particular case! Please email your answer to me at: editor@royalbayreuth.org. The first person with the correct answer will get absolutely no fancy prize or anything exciting, simply named "RB fruity expert" in next newsletter!

Royal Bayreuth eBay Prices from April

By Dotty Earle

- Dutch boy and girl double
spout pitcher. \$77
- Poppy cracker jar \$257
- Robin ash tray. \$227
- Peacock mini cheese dish \$122
- Pair of ladies low black shoes \$362



President's Message

By Alvin Cappel

Here it is again—the merry, merry month of May! The September 20-22, 2012 RBCC convention is coming up as fast as my grass is growing! We're looking forward to visiting the Embassy Suites again in Pittsburgh. Hope you're there to share the free breakfast with us, or the evening Manager's Special! We're looking forward to seeing all of you again.

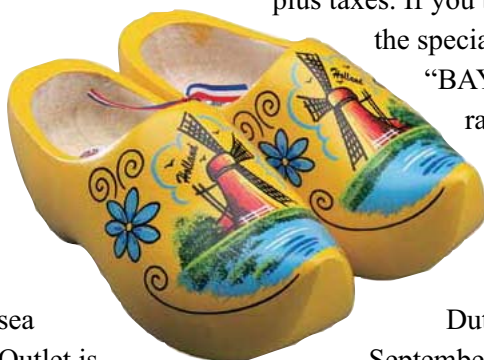
This year's theme is the "Dutch Children." Our older daughter did her student teaching in the Netherlands, so we love those particular scenic pieces. We're never sure if the Dutch women are welcoming the boats home, or sending them off to sea. But we'll be there to welcome you to Pittsburgh—waving our tulips!

One can't "see the sea" from Mt. Washington in Pittsburgh, but there is a breathtaking view from there. If one prefers to stay at "sea level," the Tanger Outlet is

nearby for shopping. As we mentioned in our last newsletter, there are many attractions including the Carnegie Museum and Science Center, the Andy Warhol Museum, the Meadows Racetrack and Casino, and Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater, just to name a few.

If you have an idea for a convention site for 2013 and/or 2014, please let me know. And, if you are willing to present a program or have an idea for one, contact me! No auditions necessary.

"Wooden shoe" please make your reservations early – it helps everyone involved in the planning for the convention. Room rates are \$115 plus taxes. If you book online use the special "Group Code" of "BAY" for the RBCC rate or call the direct line to the hotel 412-269-9070. Tot ziens in September. (That's Dutch for "see you in September").



Welcome to Our New Member

By Chris Bartlett

Malcolm Meyerson

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Roster Updates

By Chris Bartlett

- **Whitney Newland** has a new email address:
whitney.newland@gmail.com
- **Lee & Susan Stahl** updated their mailing address:
15402 Lakeshore Rd
Lakeside, MI 49116-9714
- **Jane Siegrist** was left out of the Roster: 110 Digby Dr
Lafayette, IN 47905
765-742-1712
- **Brenda Feldman** was also left out of the Roster:
1340 Sopera Ave
Coral Gables, FL 33134
305-666-7673
- **Craig Eckhart** has dropped from the club

Get Well Wishes

By Kat Thacker

Our own RBCC president Alvin is currently suffering from pneumonia while his dear wife Roberta is continuing to experience thyroid/blood clot issues. Our healing thoughts and prayers go out to them both, along with any other club members dealing with hardships at this time.

R.B.C.C. Treasurer's Report

By Steve Bartlett

Checkbook Balance as of 1/31/2012.....\$10,450.27

Receipts

Membership dues \$645.00
Total Receipts \$645.00

Disbursements

City of Dayton \$220.00
March Newsletter & Roster \$1,134.19
Annual Web Hosting Fee \$125.10
Total Disbursements \$1,480.29

Checkbook Balance as of 4/30/2012.....\$9,614.98

Convention 2012 Planning Ahead

By Judy Stockwell

I met Harriet Lavine (and Jerry too) in New Hampshire several weeks ago and we planned the entertainment games for the upcoming Convention. We came up with a few different ones and know that you will enjoy them. We now are out looking for prizes and that brings to mind the Yankee Swap/ White Elephant that we are going to have again this year.

As mentioned in the last newsletter you are to be out looking for that “special gift” to bring for the Swap. Remember that the gift is to have a value of \$10-\$12 and it should be something that will be enjoyed by either a man or a woman. So...get out there and find something really unusual.

If you have any questions contact Judy: buckhill1@comcast.net (603-924-3539) or Harriet: harrietlavine@yahoo.com (781-821-1202). See you in Pittsburgh this September!!!

2012 Convention Hotel



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Editor's Message

By Kat Thacker

Fond greetings to all our RB friends. Hard to believe we're in full “summer mode” around here. Thank goodness our extended (and ODD!) cold, wet Spring is finally through. It has been SO beautiful lately with cooler days FULL of sunshiny, glorious blue skies. Needless to say, it's been difficult to drag ourselves indoors to get this issue to press!!! Hope you're taking the time to enjoy the great outdoors yourselves wherever you call home.

We're now officially getting things rolling for upcoming convention in PA. Now is the time to line up your hotel reservations and send in your registration forms to club secretary Chris. You know how summer simply flies by... September will be here before you know it. Our auction chair Steve also needs you to contact him soon if you're thinking of parting with some of your own RB collection. Our club auction is always highly anticipated on that Friday night of our conventions - so do your best to keep it healthy by either buying OR selling some of our favorite porcelain items during the event!

I'm starting to get somewhat desperate once again for submissions for our newsletter. Thankfully this issue we got two interesting items: a rare crow story (Ken Russell) and RB highlights from Woody's recent auction (Nancy Rublaitus). THANKS to you both for sending them in!!! We always need informative articles (or just “ideas/rough drafts”) as well as photos of your rare finds, china cabinets or anything else RB related you'd like to share with fellow members. Something interesting happening between newsletters you'd like to let people know about? Just let US know, and Gregg can post it on our club website. We will also be sending out more email blasts from now till convention letting you know of any additions/changes to all the happenings leading up to our PA extravaganza. Make sure and let us know if you've not been receiving these - we might have bad contact info for you. ***NOTE: We will be pulling together the next newsletter a few weeks earlier this time around due to the convention dates running earlier in Sept. Please send in anything that needs to run PRIOR to the big event by AUGUST FIRST!!! We are attempting to get it to press by the end of that week - so please get your things in on time. Many thanks in advance.

Newsletter Submission Deadlines

- **AUGUST 1 FOR EARLY SEPTEMBER ISSUE**
- November 10 for December Issue
- February 10 for March Issue
- May 10 for June Issue



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Secretary's Message

By Chris Bartlett

Greetings everyone. It's time to be thinking about our 2012 convention in Pittsburgh – and not just thinking about it, but planning on attending it! It should be a fun convention and club members who attended Pittsburgh in 2007 remember the wonderful hotel experience with the Embassy Suites, exceptional food, and many interesting programs.

So we are heading back to Pittsburgh for 2012 and know it will just as exciting and fun-filled as that convention was. Please fill out the enclosed registration form and send it to me with your check as soon as possible – early registration helps us to plan events, hospitality bags and goodies, games, etc. more accurately.

Have you been to almost every RB Convention? Then come again! Have you thought about it but never attended? Well, this is the year to change that. Conventions are an unbelievable way to see the most glorious pieces of RB imaginable. It's a chance to talk to fellow collectors. You have the opportunity to bid at the auction and find some real treasures. You can also shop in members' rooms and find that piece you've always wanted. We have informative programs, a fun banquet, and always tasty goodies in the hospitality room - the list goes on.

My husband Steve and I attended our first convention in Syracuse in 1997 when we only had a few pieces of RB – the friends we made that



year and the knowledge we gained was amazing and now years later we look back to that first convention we attended and we are so glad we did. We've attended many conventions since that first one and always look forward to them. I could go on and on but the bottom line is this – COME TO THE CONVENTION! More information can be found throughout this newsletter.

We are doing really well with membership. We currently have 122 members. Only 7 decided not to renew this year and in most cases it was because the member no longer had a collection. Thanks to the popular 2 year option it was easier to collect dues and thank you to all for renewing your membership.

As always, please let me know of any change of address, phone or email.

Thanks for supporting the club and we look forward to seeing you in Pittsburgh!

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Website News

By Gregg Thacker

Happy Summer RB Fans! Just a quick note to say that we had to change the membership password on June 2 due to a security breach on our site. The new password is shown below– so be sure to keep it handy!

New members will find a wealth of information on our website – with more added each month! Be sure to visit the archive of all past newsletters, conventions photos, links to our Facebook and Twitter feeds, and other RB info.

As always, we continue to send out an e-mail blast monthly (or so) with the latest RB news and info. If you are NOT receiving that please send an email to editor@royalbayreuth.org.

When is a Crow a Kingfisher?

By Ken Russell

Note from Editor: Did you know that a collective group of crows is NOT called a flock, but instead a hover, murder or parcel of crows? Another interesting fact is that the adjective used to designate species of crow is corvine. Whatever they're called, we certainly appreciate Ken's interesting story on his own sighting/acquisition of a rare "greencrow" from New Zealand. Many thanks Ken!*

There are no crows in New Zealand. Kiwis, yes, but not crows. And when a weird green ornamental bird with beady eyes and large orange beak turned up in an estate sale, a dealer in Nelson New Zealand didn't know what to make of it. He was more interested in old rifles than collectable china, so he bought the bird for a few dollars and went on with his business.

When he got around to examining his purchase he noted it was made by Royal Bayreuth in Bavaria. After a bit of research he offered it on an online auction as a "kingfisher jug" for \$45, complete with photos. It attracted a buzz of questions and a couple of bids.

But the dealer wasn't happy. Maybe,

he thought, he should seek a second opinion. Maybe his "kingfisher" would get a better price on the overseas market. So very unsportingly he pulled the auction, much to the disappointment of the small RB community in New Zealand, many of whom, (including yours truly) were preparing to bid on the last day.

The rest is history. He found the RBCC website and the email address of a certain celebrated authority on Royal Bayreuth porcelain. His question was blunt - "what's this green bird worth?" The answer, whatever it was, was sufficient to tell our dealer his "kingfisher" had been a **very good buy**.

Collector networks being what they are, pictures of the green critter were flashed around with lightning speed and the location of it's owner was quickly sleuthed. A quick phone call was all that was required. Inevitably dealers being what they are, this one knew enough to drive a hard bargain. So I bought him!

And inevitably, further deals have been



done, and the "kingfisher-come-crow" is on it's way to join a collection of crows* in the USA, where his rarity will be celebrated.

But questions remain, which hopefully others can answer. How come the only known green crow in existence turned up in a New Zealand estate sale when my country is much better known for scenics than figurals? What were the chances of that? And what accounts for the fact that the Tettau factory released crows painted in such crazy bizarre colours, when every crow known to man is black? And finally, who decided the big-beaked critter so beloved by some of our members was designed as a crow, anyway? Did the Nelson dealer have a point? Looking at the pictures from various sources, the "crow" looks to me much more like a kingfisher.

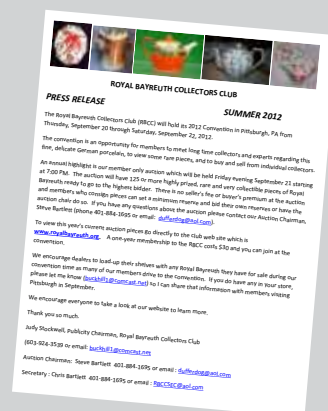


Publicity 2012

By Judy Stockwell

I have just prepared a press release with the date and details of our convention and also have written a little about what goes on during these events. This will be sent out this month to antique and collectible newspapers and magazines. It will also be sent to antique shops in Pennsylvania and surrounding states with the hopes that the shopkeepers will post and others will find out about us. Perhaps the shops will be loaded with Royal Bayreuth when we go in. If you know of any particular place that I should send something do let me know! Better yet, print out copies from this link www.royalbayreuth.org/RBCC_Press_Release_2012.pdf and distribute to people or shops who may be interested.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Pittsburgh PA in September!



Woody's in Wichita - Auction Report

By Nancy Rublaitus



We recently attended a Woody's Auction in Wichita Kansas. Started off leaving from our home in Illinois and picking up our son and daughter-in-law (Jay and Karen, fellow RB members) in Atoka Tennessee. It was a beautiful auction. Some of the art glass was gorgeous! Met up with additional friends/club members Harold (on Friday) and Nancy Brandenburg (on Saturday). Nancy took us for a tour of their native Wichita that was very interesting. We all went out to eat together and back to the Brandenburg's for a nice visit. Although RB prices not great (some listed below), still had a great time!



Red Clown Dresser Tray	\$400
White Clown Ashtray	\$400
Penguin Milk.	\$450
Pansy Water.	\$500
Rooster Water	\$500
Maple Water	\$400
Coachman Hatpin	\$225
Red Clown Water	\$400
Red Clown Salt and Pepper . . .	\$225
White Clown Creamer	\$400
Black Rooster Creamer.	\$50
Pansy Cracker Jar	\$450
St Bernard Milk.	\$220
Iris Milk	\$400
Apple Tea Pot	\$125
Lamplighter Toothpick	\$60
Milkmaid creamer Red	\$70





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A rare “greencrow” was sighted in New Zealand... full story on page 6.

From the Hospitality Room

By Karen Church

Hello Everyone, It's time again to start thinking about convention in September. It'll be here before you know it. We're excited that it's in Pittsburgh again and we're getting things ready for our “Pennsylvania Dutch” theme.

Pittsburgh is a new town of sorts. It has really “cleaned up” since the steel mill days. There are many sightseeing adventures for those of you who might want to come early or stay late on your visit. Here are a few to consider:

1. The Monongahela and Duquesne Inclines/Funicular Railways - The most historical continuously operating funicular railway of it's kind in America. The “Mon” incline goes up the hillside from Station Square (which has shopping and restaurants) to Mount Washington (Has great panoramic views of Pittsburgh from the observation deck).
2. Boat Tours - Duck Boat Tours/Just Ducky Tours, The Gateway Clipper Fleet/Riverboat Cruises, A Submarine called the USS Requin (At the Carnegie Science Center).
3. The Pittsburgh Tour Company has double-decker buses available for city tours. Also Molly's Trolleys.
4. The Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium, The National Aviary.
5. Phipps Conservatory - Beautiful flowers and plants.
6. Many Museums-Carnegie Museum of Art, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Carnegie Science Center, Children's Museum of Pittsburgh, Heinz History Center, Frick Art & Historical Center, Andy Warhol Museum.
7. The Strip District - classic outdoor markets and shops.
8. “Fallingwater” - Frank Lloyd Wright's house built for the Kaufmann Family.

9. Area Casinos like “River's Casino” and “The Meadow's Racetrack and Casino”
10. Many theaters, parks and a whole lot more...

This year for Thursday night, we will be having an ice cream social. Friday night will be a “Pittsburgh Sandwich Station.” Some of us went to Primante Brother's the last time convention was here and got our sandwich's “Pittsburgh Style” with the French fries and coleslaw on the sandwich, so this time you'll be able to build your own instead.

Plans are coming along. I'm sure we'll be serving up a few other “Dutch Treats” when we get there. We would also love to see your favorite piece(s) of “The Dutch Kids” as I like to call them. I never knew I had so many until now! Have a safe and healthy Summer and hope we'll be seeing you soon!!!

Addendum – RBCC Newsletter Volume 17, Issue 2 June 2012

Editor's Note: We are sorry to say that Steve's article was accidentally left out of our June Newsletter –even after proofing by your newsletter team – we all must need new glasses. We have added this page to the electronic copy of our newsletter in the RBCC website archive and sent this to all members via email. Please accept our sincere apologies and show your support to Steve by sending him lots of pieces for the auction!!

From the Auction Chair

By Steve Bartlett

We are less than three months away from the convention in Pittsburgh. I currently have commitments for about 45 pieces for the Club auction. Please take a peek at what you have in your collection and determine what you can part with for the good of the club. eBay prices continue to inch up and a good crowd at the convention will help our selling prices. I know Judy Stockwell is working hard to get publicity out on the convention that hopefully will attract more new members.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have only one or two pieces you want to consign for the auction. Every piece helps make my job easier! If you know of a collector who is downsizing, or making room for other pieces, please encourage him/her to think of our club auction as a way of passing treasures on to a new collector. If you are out antiquing and find a bargain on a hard to find piece you already have in your collection, consider buying and consigning it to the auction. Remember we have no buyer's premium or seller's fees and you control the minimum selling price.

Gregg Thacker soon will be putting pictures of the items consigned on the web site for all to see. I'm pleased as we have a good variety and several scarce pieces that should bring some interest from members. If you decide to consign pieces to our auction, please send an accurate description and good quality digital pictures to me at **dufferdog@aol.com**. I will be driving to the convention this year and will be able to take any auction items I receive before September 1st.

Please remember that even if you can't attend the convention, you can bid on pieces in the auction. I will bid for any absentee bidders if you contact me before the convention in writing or call me for details. The auction has always been a highlight of the convention so let's work together to make it **"Priceless in Pittsburgh."**