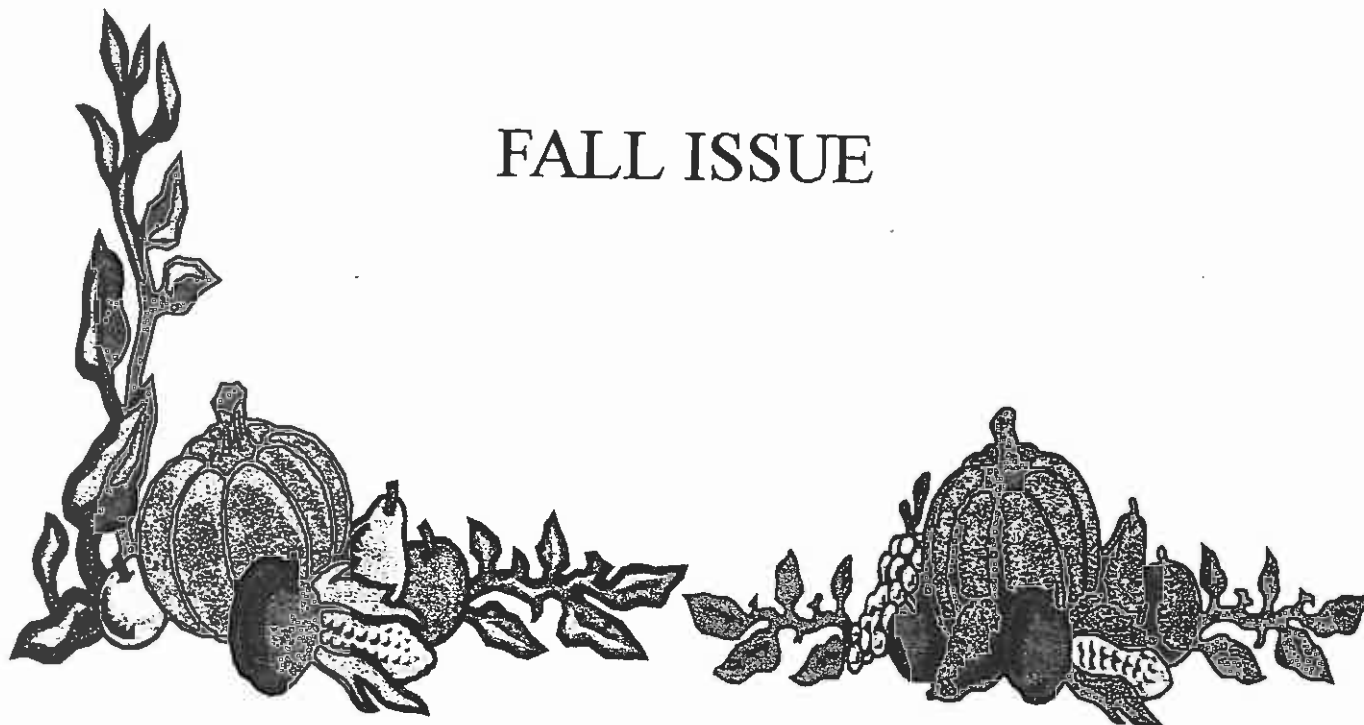




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The RBCC, Inc. Newsletter welcomes articles and letters pertaining to Royal Bayreuth. We assume no responsibility for statements made or opinions expressed by contributing writers.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - By Tim Gaudet, BCC, Inc. Acting President

Dear Members:

The swamp maples are tinged with red, the Canadian geese have left and local papers are full of "back to school" ads. All that surely means that summer is on the wane and I can only wonder how it flew by so quickly. I hope your summer was a happy and healthy one.

With fall fast approaching, September will disappear and that means the St. Louis convention is right around the corner. I hope many of you have made plans to attend as early indications show this will be our best and biggest convention yet.

As of mid-August our block of hotel rooms was sold out and Wanda Friedrich was able to get a few more rooms at Harrahs. If you still want to attend, the Harley Hotel (3 miles from Harrahs, exit 231 B North) had some rooms and would pick up the overflow. They will provide shuttle service to the airport and Harrahs. The telephone number is 314-291-6800.

I want to offer my most sincere thanks to those of you who have given so much of your time and effort to the Club during the past year. Our newsletters have been out-

standing, the committees for the convention and hospitality have run smoothly and all that remains now is for us to arrive, enjoy, and continue the progress we have made.

Special thanks must go to Paul and Colleen for all their work on this year's auction. They deserve a dozen roses (Royal Bayreuth ones of course!) for their effort and planning. Paul and I have been in constant touch during the month of August and have blocked out ads, shipping, absentee bid procedures and have tried to cover all aspects of the auction in detail. The auction is not huge but the quality and variety of items being offered is unsurpassed. I believe this to be the finest offering of choice and rare pieces to come to market in the last few years; it is a real Royal Bayreuth bonanza! Paul has prepared information about write-in bid's so you can participate even if you are unable to attend the auction.

On a personal note please contact me if you have any questions for concerns. From September 3-15 I will be working in Portland, ME (207-773-3708) and from September 15 - October 31 I will be house sitting for friends while they travel (207-443-8051) but mail will continue to go to the West

Bath address.

I look forward to seeing many of you in St. Louis.

Sincerely,

Tim Gaudet
President, RBCC, Inc.

Note From Our Historian:

Nancy Rublaitus, our Historian, requests that any articles from any source on Royal Bayreuth be forwarded to her, by any member who might find them. The Date, Source and other pertinent information would be greatly appreciated.

Submit articles and pictures to the following address:

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Notes From The Secretary - By Judith White

As of August 19, 1998, the club has 128 memberships, 30 of them new this year, thanks mostly to present members who took an active part in getting others to join us. If any of you want copies of the membership application to hand out or to send to someone, please let me know. If you want me to send any, mail me the address.

As seems to be usual, again this year there are more rooms reserved than people who have registered with me for the convention. (Yes, Rollie, you are one of them.) Because Wanda and I need this information to reserve meals, make name tags, and packets, etc., please register right away if you have yet to do so. Call me at 616-343-6066 or E-Mail JUDYKAZOO@AOL.com if you have any questions.

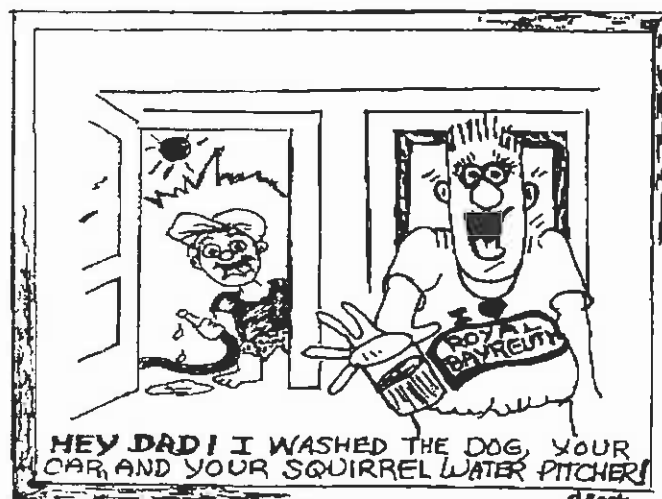
Judy White
Secretary



Laugh for the Day

This is a story about four people: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when actually Nobody asked Anybody.

Cartoon Corner



Letter From The Editor - By Alma Biddlecome

Well here we are at long last. Time for another wonderful convention and get together of many old friends. Also a special time to meet new members and make them welcome into our Royal Bayreuth family. From all my conversations with Wanda Frederick this is going to be our largest attended convention and auction. Paul and Colleen Toland have also put a lot of hard work into this years auction. You will find a packet from the Tolands in this newsletter. **Please read all the convention highlights and auction review very carefully** because there is a multitude of information that everyone needs to know. It has been said many times in this newsletter about registration and reservations. Wanda has included in her write up the number and directions to the Harley Hotel if Harrah's is all booked up. Also **please, please** be sure to register with Judy White for your meals and also for your name tags and packets.

Everyone's help is needed to make the convention run smoothly and to make everyone's job a little easier. My husband Jack and I are getting very excited about the convention. Hoping to see

many of you there.

If you have noticed there are no Wants or Sell items in the newsletter, I guess everyone is waiting for the convention!

Also want to extend a hearty welcome to all our new members. Have had a total of 12 new members since our last newsletter in June. Great work and a BIG Thank You to everyone responsible for helping our membership to grow and grow and grow.

Your Editor,

Alma Biddlecome

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Articles From Members

Using eBay

By: Judy White

Because I am practically computer illiterate, it took me quite a while to find eBay and to learn how to use it. That is probably a good thing, because I fear it could become addictive! Aside from that, however, I started by just looking at the items and the prices they were realizing. Getting braver, I then applied for a password, but didn't really get one - or so I thought. But, when I tried later to again apply for a password, I was told I already had one. And so it went. Discovering how to "find" a lost password, I was sent to a terribly long-addressed place where I was to get something that would be sent by e-mail, etc., etc., etc. Did it work? No, because I was continually told that that address could not be found (I tried several times, thinking I had typed it wrong or something). In the meantime, I learned how to get Help from eBay - they told me to do the same things I had already done. Finally, I wrote to them and said, "I quit. I am no longer going to try to get a new password or find my old one or whatever." Soon after that an e-mail came with a new (I still

don't think I had an old) password.

Do you wonder why I am not as enthused about this computer business as some other people are?

Of course, I then bid on a RS Prussia item. Luckily, the dealer who listed it is extremely helpful and extremely honest. I "won" the bid but when she went to pack it, she found that the gold seemed to have been repaired and wrote me of this, giving me the opportunity to "back out of the deal" which I did with regret as I was excited about the piece. She and I have had several e-mails since then, and she had given me some very good advice about buying from the Internet. As she says, she hates to sound paranoid, but she wanted me to be aware of some practices she has learned about. Her worst experience was buying from someone who had a fuzzy picture and who had a policy of no returns. When the fake item arrived, she wrote politely telling the dealer it was a fake and asking to return the item. That dealer wrote a "blistering" reply about her no-return stated policy and that she would have told it was a fake if she had been asked! Out "only" \$40,

my dealer decided on a new strategy for bidding on eBay.

Since then, she has e-mailed the dealers asking all questions she has. Not accepting "excellent" as a condition, she asks if there are any chips, cracks, etc. and asks about the return policy if the ad does not state it. (She has heard about a "restocking" fee for returns and knows of dealers who expect the buyer to pay postage both ways plus the eBay fee, even when the item is damaged or misrepresented.) If the dealer doesn't answer the questions, she won't bid.

She says that most dealers on eBay are nice and fairly represent their items. She has had returns with no problems, even apologies for unsatisfactory sales. She said that the eBay chat room has good information on it. With enough bad feedback, eBay will drop a dealer, but that dealer could just come in with a new e-mail and start over again. The bottom line seems to be, though, that she still deals regularly over the eBay. But, we would all do well to exercise a little caution.

If any of you have any experiences or advice to offer about using eBay, please send them

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to Alma Biddlecome for future newsletters. That is what this club is all about - sharing our experiences and knowledge with each other. Happy shopping!

Auction Results

By: Tim Gaudet

If you have wondered whether the Royal Bayreuth mark has been reproduced, I think we can answer the question in one word "YES!"

On July 15, veteran auctioneer Dick Withington held an estate sale at his auction barn in Hillsboro, NH. Included in the sale were approximately 75 pieces of Royal Bayreuth from the west coast of Florida.

Club members at the sale included the Stöckwells, the Earles, Larry Brenner and myself. After careful examination with eyes, magnifying glasses and a jewelers loop we were in agreement that some of the pieces were not "right"

The items in question included a tomato style creamer, geranium style creamer, a blue flower creamer trimmed in gold and elephant creamer in shades of black, orange and lime green.

The mark in question is like #9 in Mary's book and is about the size of a thumbtack head and difficult to read with the naked eye. When viewed with a loop it is composed of many small dots somewhat unevenly spaced and is irregularly adhered to the base of the pieces. While remotely possible it may be authentic, other characteristics lead me to believe otherwise.

In all cases the pieces in question did not seem to be of Bayreuth quality. They were lighter in weight and less dense, with a grainy texture to the porcelain. All were rather poorly painted and lacking the fine detail usually associated with Royal Bayreuth. The bases of the pieces were flat and unglazed except for one piece which seemed to have been reglazed and showed brush or stroke marks. The one exception was a lonely white man's buck shoe which was definitely Bayreuth and probably had the mark put on at a later date to "enhance" the piece.

While we know there are variations in marks it seems unusual to have 5 pieces appear all at the same time with an unfamiliar undocumented mark.

Some items sold are listed below; prices do not include the 10% buyers premium.

Tall Shell Creamer \$50
 Short Shell Creamer \$40
 Elephant Creamer \$250
 Shell Shakers (pair) \$40-
 Alligator Milk \$700
 White Man's Shoe \$150
 Apple Water, Tea Pot and Creamer \$1,050
 Corset Rose Tapestry Creamer \$140
 St. Bernard Creamer \$200
 Red Clown Creamer \$250
 Parakeet Milk \$450
 Lavender Satin Poppy Chocolate Pot \$650
 Red Clown Table Top Match Striker \$300
 Grey Pig Creamer \$425
 Robin Creamer \$225
 Black Mt. Goat \$250
 Shell Celery \$90
 Red Frog Creamer \$200
 Brown Cow Creamer \$200
 Daschound Creamer \$300
 Red Clown Toothpick \$375
 Hunt Scene Cigar Ashtray \$120
 Pelican Creamer \$350
 Devil & Card Milk \$275
 Devil & Dice Cup \$175
 Duck Creamer \$250
 Ship Scene Sugar and Creamer \$110
 4 pc. Bat of Black Corinthian \$70
 Small Rose Tapestry Basket

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\$175

Blue Flower Creamer \$90

Just when you think you've seen it all...

In early July I saw and lovingly held, a super rare piece. It was a full size adult slop jar from a chamber set fully marked and decorated with Beach Babies and Ring Around the Rosie.

For years I have heard stories of someone unknown in the mid-west with a Sunbonnet Wash Bowl and Pitcher. I always doubted the stories but I don't any longer. Is there one somewhere in rose tapestry? I wouldn't be surprised.

Auction Results

By: Wanda & Al Friedrich

The following is a list of some of the Royal Bayreuth prices that were auctioned at the Pence Auction Aug. 6th.

Yellow Rose Figural Salt & Pepper Shakers (chip) \$300
Purple Grape Figural Covered Sugar \$75
Pedestal Scenic Cup & Saucer, Cows in Pasture \$75
Cavalier Scene Toothpick Holder 2" \$75 B.M.

Brittany Woman Scene Three Handled Toothpick Holder 2 1/2" B.M. \$60

Roses thru Handled Toothpick Holder 2 1/4" B.M. \$55

High Top Shoe in Brown \$110

Oak Leaf Nappy \$90

Strawberry Nappy \$95

Rose Saucer \$30

Strawberry Humidor \$700

Old Ivory Hair Receiver \$140

Sunbonnet Babies Toothpick Holder 2 1/4" (hairline in handle) B.M. \$45

Lady Riding Horse Scene thru handled Toothpick Holder B.M. \$85

Donkey Boy Scenic Wall Match Holder 4" B.M. \$225

Man with Pipe Portrait Miniature 2 1/2" \$55

Maple Leaf Figural Creamer, Red, Green & Yellow 3" B.M. \$170

Black Cat Figural Creamer (Deponent Mark) 4 1/4" \$200

Red Poppy Figural Sauce Boat \$75

Peacock Scene Bowl 10" (McCaslin #98) B.M. \$775

Figural Tomato Teapot B.M. \$130

Figural Monkey Creamer 3 3/4" \$400

Figural Spiky Shell Wall Match Holder Pearlized B.M. \$170

Rose Tapestry Flower Planter Vase, Yellow Roses 3" B.M. \$165

Figural Moose Creamer 4" B.M. \$110

Figural Strawberry Wall Pocket 8 3/4" B.M. \$750

Figural Oak Leaf Platter 13 1/2" B.M. \$190

Old Ivory Floral Footed Nut Bowl 5 1/2" B.M. \$130

Wall Match Holder & Striker, Cows in Stream Scene 4" \$200

Wall Match Holder, Work Horse Scene 4" B.M. \$200

Rose Tapestry Creamer, pinched spout 3" B.M. \$155

Spiky Shell Mustard Pat with underplate B.M. \$140

Swans in Lake Scene Plate 9 1/2" B.M. \$425

Duck Water Pitcher, registered mark, 6 1/2" \$575

Figural Penguin Hatpin Holder, red & gray 5" B.M. \$1,150

Sunbonnet Babies Washing diamond shape Pin Tray 3 1/2" B.M. \$145

Figural Parakeet Creamer 3" \$300

Lemon Figural Sugar \$190

Figural Oyster & Pearl thru handled Toothpick Holder 2 1/2" B.M. \$800

Jack in the Beanstalk Scene thru handled toothpick holder 1 3/4" B.M. \$500

Jester Scene Stick Pin Holder Signed Make 2" B.M. \$650

Jester Scene Ladies Humidor Signed Make 4" B.M. \$900

Peach colored Rosies Humidor 7 1/2" B.M. \$225

Work Horse Scene Stick Han-

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dle Cocoa Pot 6 3/4" B.M. \$175
 Figural White Poppy Chamberstick, Satin, 4 1/2" B.M. \$500
 Figural Coachman Milk Pitcher 4 1/2" \$230
 Devil & Cards Toothpick Holder 2 1/2" B.M. \$375
 Tapestry Cavalier Scene Vase 7 1/2" (McCaslin #110) B.M. \$400
 Figural Frog Creamer, Green \$250
 Figural Pelican Water Pitcher 5 3/4" \$925
 Brown Bear Scene Handled flower Pot Vase 3" B.M. \$1,100
 Figural Monkey Creamer 4" \$375
 Figural Art Nouveau Lady Dresser Tray, white 10" B.M. \$700
 Frog on Burgundy three handled Toothpick Holder 1 3/4" B.N. \$500
 Devil & Cards Milk Pitcher 4 1/2" B.M. \$290
 Figural Yellow Rose Chamberstick 5 1/2" B.M. \$450
 Miniature Teapot with Phyll Portrait Rare 3" \$2,500
 Figural Rabbit Creamer, registered mark 4" \$5,000
 Figural Apple Small Teapot 3 1/4" B.M. \$200
 Figural Oval Creamer B.M. \$370
 Japanese Chrysanthum Tapestry Chamberstick, rare

green background 3 1/4" B.M. \$1,200
 Figural Eagle Milk Pitcher 4" B.M. \$375
 Figural Shell with Sea Horse Handle Creamer 4" \$400
 Figural Clown Toothpick Holder 2 1/2" B.M. \$350
 Figural Open Mouth Fish Water Pitcher 6" B.M. \$600

Figural Water Buffalo Creamer 3 1/4" B.M. \$325

The End!

Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club Treasurer's Report

June 1, 1998 - August 31, 1998

Closing Balance - May 31, 1998	\$5,441.22
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Receipts 6/1/98 thru 8/31/98

(11) New Membership 6/1 to 8/31	330.00
Renewal Memberships & Convention	<u>2,323.05</u>
	2,653.05

Closing Balance 5-31-98 plus Receipts	\$8,094.27
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Disbursements 6-1-98 to 8-31-98

Office & Administrative	\$230.68
Newsletter (Printing, Set-Up, Postage)	187.97
Convention Expense	<u>238.87</u>

Total Disbursements	\$652.46
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Balance (5-31-98) and Receipts	\$8,094.27
Disbursements	<u>652.46</u>

Checkbook Balance (8-31-98)	\$7,441.81
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RBCC Treasurer: Jack A. Biddlecome

Convention Highlights

This years convention is coming along great! Be sure to get your reservation in before Sept. 8th to get your Royal Bayreuth "special" room rate, and don't forget to send in your forms by Sept. 1st to Judy White for the Saturday night banquet, and if you desire the Thursday or Friday night "special" dinners - specify the number of people coming. Please check your last newsletter for complete information, and forms for these dinners.

Our Royal Bayreuth auction will be big and fabulous! Paul & Colleen Toland already have a nice selection of Figural and Scenic items, plus rare items that are seldom seen. These will be auctioned Saturday morning Oct. 10th - preview Friday night and Saturday morning. Don't miss this one!

I am adding more gifts in the packets for all that attend the convention this year, and the Saturday night banquet will also have surprises - you will be glad you came!

Snacks and Finger Foods would be greatly appreciated by the Hospitality Room. Contact Nancy Rublaitus or Arvena Pearson, letting them know you are bringing the items.

For those who have a lot of luggage, or boxes to bring up to Harrahs Hotel Room, please notice the elevators directly in front of you AFTER you enter the building from the LOWER LEVEL covered parking garage.

Now this information is for anyone who is making a late reservation for the convention and there is no occupancy at Harrahs Hotel. You may call **Harley Hotel** at (314)291-6800 ask for Andy for reservations. This Hotel is located just a few miles North of Harrahs Hotel. Take Exit 231B North of Hwy 70 (in St. Louis County). They have a free shuttle bus to and from the airport, plus a free shuttle bus to Harrahs Hotel. Please mention you are with the Royal Bayreuth Convention, and you will get our "special rate" if we get five or more room reservations.

Your personal packets will be in my room to pick up on the 8th floor near the Hospitality Room (which is also located on the 8th floor).

The Polar Bear & Brown Bear, plus Rooster collection will be on display in our room Friday, Oct. 9th from 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Also, please register your Royal Bayreuth pieces that are being placed in the auction in Paul & Colleen Tolands room on the 8th floor.

I am so glad to report that according to the amount of reservations already registered, this will be our largest attended convention! Thanks for all of your support!

If any further information is needed before the convention please contact me, or any of the club officers.

We looking forward to seeing all of you at the convention.

Happy antiquing!
Wanda

See You In St. Louis!



Convention Highlights - Tentative Agenda

Thursday: October 8, 1998

4:00 p.m. -

Hospitality Room Opens

Registration Packets Available

Dinner Buffet

Evening -

Executive Board Meeting

Friday: October 9, 1998

9:00 - 11:30 A.M. -

Welcome Meeting with
Show & Tell Program

Lunch (on own)

1:00 - 2:30 P.M. -

Speaker / Slide Show

3:00 - 4:30 P.M. -

Auction Check-In

Dinner Buffet

7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

Auction Preview

9:00 - ? P.M.

Members Rooms Open for
show / sale RB

10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. :

Friday ONLY

Al & Wanda Friedrichs
Room Display of Polar
Bear, Brown Bear, and
Rooster Pieces**Saturday: October 10, 1998**

9:00 - 10:30 A.M. -

Business Meeting
Election

10:30 - 11:00 A.M. -

Auction Preview

11:00 - 1:00 P.M. -

Auction

Lunch (on own)

2:30 - 3:30 P.M. -

Speaker Program:
Insuring Your Antiques

3:30 - 6:30 P.M.

Room/Room Viewing
Buy/Sale

7:00 - 9:00 P.M. -

Banquet

9:00 - 10:00 P.M. -

Board Meeting