

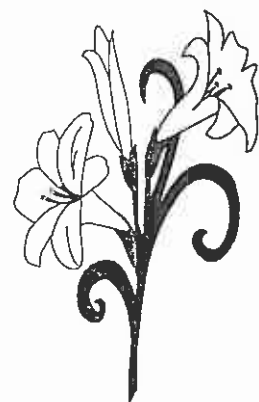


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - By Tim Gaudet, RBCC, Inc. President ---

It is now March which is either late winter or early spring depending on where you live and what the weather is like in your area. October seems to be far off but it will be here before we know it and it isn't too early to be making plans for the 1999 Convention. Our greatest problem seems to be getting our reservations made. Please remember it is MUCH easier to cancel a reservation at the last minute than it is to GET a reservation at the last minute; experience has proven this to be true!

Sincere thanks go to Bob McCaslin for his work with the hotel. He has up-dated and fine tuned the convention schedule and has done a great job; it looks like the events are set and ready to go and all arrangements made. Thanks Bob for your efficient work!

Our last auction was a huge success and we anticipate holding

another outstanding sale. Paul and Colleen have had verbal promise of some excellent items and club members should be giving thought to items that you might want to submit. Auction ads start around the end of August so Paul and Colleen want to hear from club members in time for inclusion in the ads.

The California mini-convention sounds like it won't be "mini" at all. The convention has yet to be held as I write this but approximately 35 members plan to attend. It sounds like a great time; my schedule of work and antique shows won't allow me to attend this time around. Perhaps this event will lead to some other regional meetings in other parts of the country.

The past three months have been busy ones for antique buffs in South Florida with several large, important shows. I was able to attend a few of them and found many dealers showing and

selling more tapestry, which seems to be gaining interest again. I saw high level pieces like toothpicks, large vases, shoes, clocks, etc. and dealers I spoke with reported selling several pieces at different shows. I also saw more scenic pieces, which are generating more interest.

By the time you read this I will have joined the "high tech" society by getting on-line with Web TV. It seems to be an easier way to sell as my jobs take more and more time away from my antique business and I have less time to travel. It may also be easier to reach me if you have need to do that.

Until the next Newsletter, keep making plans for the convention, keep thinking about items you might wish to put into the auction and keep on hunting for those great, unusual items.

Sincerely,

Tim Gaudet, President

CONVENTION UPDATE - By Bob McCaslin, Convention Coordinator

A short update about the plans for our 1999 Convention in Columbus, Ohio, while trying to keep in mind the great St. Louis Convention in 1998. We owe a thumbs up to those who put on the programs, who headed the Hospitality Room, who worked so hard to make this years auction the best so far and to Al & Wanda who devoted so much that we really have many fine memories from 1998.

Per letter from Marriott Sales Director our 1999 plans have been formed as the rooms for RBCC Members are promised on either first or second floor of the Marriott, with the meeting rooms all having first floor locations.

Hospitality Room
Chairpersons Mr. & Mrs. Craig Heeley and Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Cappel were provided a list from our 1998 members as to the 1999 supplies needed. Thanks Nancy.

When your making your 1999

reservations please let them know as to the type of room you may desire, either King, Double, Smoke or Non-Smoke. The earlier requests will get first floor rooms on an as available basis. If you desire an in room display table have Marriott put you on their list of tables needed.

As the years for the RBCC slip away, 1999 will be our fifth convention. We need the continued help of each member to help the growth level of our knowledge to be shared with our new collectors, like all collector clubs, RBCC shall never be any better than the effort we put into it. Truly its future will be as good as the willingness of its members to give their best efforts in the tasks they perform.

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:

Nancy Rublaitus
2713 Everett Road
Ottawa, IL 61350



MEMBERSHIPS

LET'S INCREASE THEM!!

Let's help increase our club memberships by recruiting friends, family members, antique enthusiasts, dealers, or just anyone who is interested in increasing their knowledge of Royal Bayreuth.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

By Judith White

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

- By Alma Biddlecome

As of February 7, 1999, there are 97 current members in the club. I have sent 53 reminders to those of you who have not paid your 1999 Dues. If this is not done, you will no longer be receiving this Newsletter. Because I am in California until April 1, there may be a week's delay in your mail reaching me, but I do have it forwarded. My temporary phone number is 619-435-5684 if you have any questions.

So far in 1999, current members have received nine new members. Thank you Tolands, Beck Conrad, Passows, Bernsteins, Sullivans, and the Belchers.

By: Judith White

Well here we are again and another Newsletter closer to the Convention. As per the Convention Report (1999) from our December Newsletter, the dates are September 30th at 8:00

a.m. through October 3rd at 12:00 noon. Please call and make your reservations as soon as possible. The phone number for the Marriott Inn North in Columbus is (614)885-1885. The last report I have from Bob McCaslin the room rates will be \$89.00 per night. Any changes in price will appear in the June issue of the Newsletter. Also the tables are \$10.00 each one time charge (6 foot table with drape to floor). The directions to the Marriott will also be in the June Newsletter. Please read all information carefully.

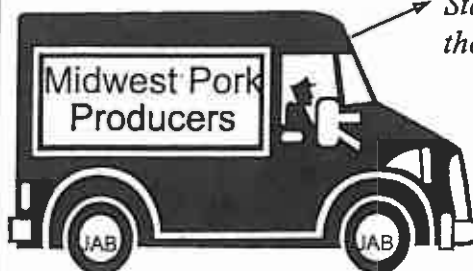
I am very happy to report that since our last membership roster which went out in the December 1998 Newsletter, we have 14 new memberships.

I think that this is just great! Everyone keep up the good work in your recruiting efforts. Also remember the note from our Secretary Judy White, all dues are now past due, so please renew or this will be your last Newsletter!!!!

Please help out the Editor with your articles, any unusual or great finds, recent auction results, and also some suggestions for our cartoon corner. Please read all the changes that are in the Newsletter in regards to people's collection items, phone numbers, e-mail and fax numbers. Add them to your members list.

Well good hunting, until next time, this is your Editor signing off.

Alma Biddlecome

Cartoon Corner

Hey - We'll change the USDA Grade Stamp to a Royal Bayreuth Back Stamp then they'll be worth thousands!

Submitted by Jack Biddlecome

LETTERS FROM MEMBERS

Thoughts & Opinions:

By Tim Gaudet

First, let me stress that the thoughts and opinions in this article are just that: thoughts and opinions.

I recently was sent a club member's renewal form with comments on the back that suggested the club was focusing on figural pieces and paying less attention to the other categories. I did not view this as a complaint and it prompted me to think about:

COLLECTING TRENDS

Having been a dealer in, and a collector of Bayreuth for about thirty years, I have seen some changes. In the 1970's and even the 1980's good figurals could be bought for under one hundred dollars while many tapestry pieces were priced much higher. I recall a large hand painted ivory vase I listed in the Antique Trader three times before it sold; today it

would sell instantly at quadruple the price. Ten years ago I could sell a rose tapestry creamer or hair receiver for two hundred dollars or more but not so on today's market. I shudder when I think about the kangaroo creamer I sold for under three hundred dollars and the portrait tapestry pieces I passed up because collectors then mainly wanted rose tapestry.

In my opinion, the most popular category right now is figurals. Is this because Mary's book had so many figural items or has the interest always been there and the book simply heightened the interest? That leads me to thoughts about:

PERSONAL TASTE

There is an old saying "A thing of beauty is a joy forever." but beauty, just like value is a relative thing. Some collectors of Bayreuth collect only the figural flowers while someone else may

be drawn to the animals. Someone may collect only baskets while another person may seek out only toothpicks or matching sugars and creamers. I recall Virginia Salley telling me many times that she loved the figural pansy pieces because they looked like tiny, smiling faces and it made her feel happy when she saw them.

As prices of figurals continue to rise, will some collectors switch to other categories, and is price the only factor that changes the shape of a collection? Living in a smaller house and having limited room, I now seek smaller, cabinet-size pieces of tapestry such as shoes, toothpicks, and small vases, while shying away from dresser trays, large bowls, and similar pieces. I tend to avoid duplicate pieces. That leads me to thoughts about:

SCARCITY AND SALEABILITY

LETTERS FROM MEMBERS, WANTED & FOR SALE

There is a short supply of grape wall pockets but not a great demand. The same is true of tapestry creamers. While no tapestry is common anymore, creamers are more plentiful and unless you are a new collector you probably have several already. Scarcity or rarity does not always mean an item is readily saleable. When I look at an item to buy for resale or for my collection, I make a decision based partly on how many times I have seen it or had a chance to buy that item before. That brings me to thoughts about:

SUPPLY

There are only so many antiques to go around which probably explains why a choice item with good restoration is more acceptable now than a few years ago. I recall returning a tall art nouveau candlestick several years ago with a tiny flake on the handle. No way was I going to

pay almost three hundred dollars for a piece that was damaged! Today I'd buy a dozen at that price if I could find them.

One trend I see clearly is that on-line shopping has hurt the antique shows overall. Several dealers I used to buy from don't do shows anymore; they sell everything via computer. A couple of my best "pickers" never call me anymore when they have something good; it gets sold on-line. I still like to do shows, meet people and hunt for great merchandise, but it has perhaps become easier to shop at home. I wonder if, over the next few years, E-Bay and other sites will put some of the smaller antique shows out of business leaving just a few large shows instead.

WANTED

Lid for Small Apple Figural Teapot: Thomas M. Landis
PO Box 183, Mexico, PA 17056

Location of Devil / Playing Card Pieces

Jonathan Levin

911 15th Street

Santa Monica, CA 90403

FOR SALE

Complete Set of Sunbonnet Babies Bells - representing the 7 Days of the Week. Limited Edition #656/1500

\$375.00 Contact:

Bill Martin

PO Box 1718

Fairfield Glade, TN 38558

(931) 707-8242

Royal Bayreuth T-Shirts for Sale
We ordered several extra shirts, so if you would like one, please call: Mary Anderson
(815)397-4189 or E-Mail address atMary.anderson30@gte.netThe price is \$13.50 per shirt plus \$3.20 for priority mail. First come, first serve.

TREASURER REPORT - By Jack Biddlecome

Royal Bayreuth Collector's Club Treasurer Report

Regular Account:

November 16, 1998 - February 16, 1999

Closing Balance 11/15/98	\$4,911.46
<u>Receipts 11/15/98 thru 2/16/99</u>	
14 new + 54 renewal memberships	<u>1,970.00</u>
Closing Balance	\$6,881.46
<u>Disbursements 11/15/98 to 2/16/99</u>	
Convention Expenses	185.49
Newsletter (Printing, Set-Up, Postage)	<u>362.65</u>
Total Disbursements	\$548.14
Balance 11/16/98 plus receipts	\$6,881.46
minus disbursements	<u>548.14</u>
Checkbook Balance (2/16/99)	\$6,333.32

Special Account (Auction)

Balance 11/10/98	\$4,449.09
Total Disbursements - Expense 12/10/98	<u>644.40</u>
Balance 2/16/99	\$3,804.69

RBCC, Inc. Overall Financial Report

Regular Account	\$6,333.32
Spec. Auction Account	<u>3,804.69</u>
	\$10,138.69

Treasurer: Jack Biddlecome

Following are changes that can be made to your RBCC, Inc. Members List:

Kat Thacker: Area of Interest: Red Devils, Devil & Cards, Figurals
Tindell's Restoration Studio: Fax Number: 615-269-9543
Ricky Kupferer: Area of Interest: Nursery Rhyme, Childrens Tea Sets, Devil & Cards
Robyn & Barry Cox: Area of Interest: Sunbonnets & Nursery Rhymes
Robert & Jeane Larsen: Area of Interest: Hat Pin & Stick Pin Holders
Timothy & Jane Sullivan: Area of Interest: Figurals, Brittany Women & Shoes
Gail Ceciliani: 209-586-9675
Brian & Nancy Owen: Area of Interest: Full Dresser Sets, Hatpin Holders, Tea Sets
Michael & Marie Compton: Work # 918-60-4540, Area of Interest: Brittany Women with blue sky
Scott Porteous: E-Mail: sproyal@aol.com
Bill & Chrystal Schafer: Area of Interest: Farm scenes - sheep
Ron Wastowski: Home # 732-297-8176
Linda Nelson: Area of Interest: Figural Fruit
Bette & Mark Stuart: Area of Interest: Scenic Vases, Mugs, & Tankards
Thomas Landis: Area of Interest: Scenics, Figurals, Polar Bear, General Tapestry
Jan & Bill Martin: E-Mail: bjmartin@multipro.com, Area of Interest: Bells, Phone @ 931-707-8242
Paul & Dale Creighton: Area of Interest: Sunbonnet Babies, Beach Babies, Snow Babies

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Weymouth, MA 02190
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