

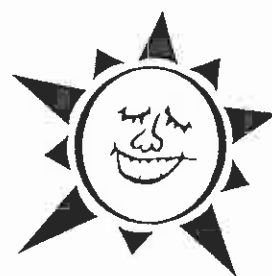


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# SUMMER ISSUE



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

This newsletter will be a large one, as it contains most of the important information about the fall convention. Please read it with care and save it for future reference. Experience has shown it is wise to **MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY!** Even if you are unsure about your ability to attend, a reservation made in June or July can be canceled at the last minute.

If all goes well, I should be in Maine by the time you read this. Contact information is: May 23 - July 1 = PO Box 95, Yarmouth, ME 04096 telephone (207)846-9798. July 2 - Oct. = 18 Circle Drive, Woolwich, ME 04579. E-Mail = [midcoast@webtv.net](mailto:midcoast@webtv.net).

As I write this, we are looking forward to having programs which will deal with repair and restoration and also a program by Chuck Heerhold.

I attended the Old Ivory

Porcelain convention in April, in Baton Rouge, as a speaker and guest auctioneer. I saw photos of the "Parade of Patterns" in Old Ivory and wondered if we could do something similar. If all of us who collect brought pinch spout pitchers, how many patterns and sizes could we assemble? With all the patterns and color combinations in tapestry, as well as all the scenes, floral, children's ware and Sunbonnets it would be quite impressive!

I also want to let the club membership know in advance that I will not be seeking the President's position again, so folks can be thinking about members they might like to have serve in the different positions, as they become available.

Please be thinking about items you might like to consign to the club auction and contact Paul Toland about your selections well in advance. With the convention being moved up a bit this year,

auction lists and ads need to be prepared by mid-August at the latest.

Until next time...

Happy Hunting,

Tim Gaudet

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### **IN MEMORY**

Maurice Hooks, 80, died March 9th at home after a period of illness due to heart problems. He and his wife, Dee, were Charter Members of our club; Dee was on our first Board of Directors, resigning because of Maurice's poor health.

The Hooks became involved with Bayreuth in the 1960's, first of all as collectors, then dealers. Dee has become so expert in her knowledge of the china that she is a source for updating several price guides. While RS Prussia was their first china interest, it wasn't long before Royal Bayreuth became equally important. While the Hooks were also charter members of the 13

## *MEMORY (Con't) & WEST COAST MEETING NEWS*

year old Prussia club, Maurice loved our first Chicago Convention, preferring the smaller size of the club and the closeness of the members.

Ever popular, Maurice was always ready with a joke and a smile. He enjoyed people and loved the conventions and auctions. He talked often about "his ladies", porcelain pieces with the many varied portraits. Another of Maurice's loves was the Air Force, which he served in WWII and from which he was retired.

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### **West Coast Meeting**

Paul and Colleen Toland went far out of their way to host the first meeting of the West Coast group. They planned a complete weekend's activities, starting with a dinner at a nearby French restaurant Friday evening followed by a dessert at their home. Saturday was the actual meeting with 28 people arriving

for a full day of Royal Bayreuth. The morning was spent getting acquainted and looking over the varied pieces that members brought. After a wonderful meal provided by Colleen which included two very special New Zealand desserts, Joyce and Jack Williams presented an informal talk about unusual pieces they have seen in their many years of dealing in Royal Bayreuth. Next, the Tolands' webmaster, Ron Paul, and his partner talked about setting up a web page and how a club could use it. Ron then demonstrated how to put a piece up for sale on e-bay, an activity that most of us present had not done. The group met for dinner Saturday night at a beautiful winery. Sunday morning the group again discussed next year's event, with volunteers looking into finding a hotel near an airport in a more Southern California location. We all went away, glad to have renewed old

friendships and to have made new. And, we are all now looking for an opossum figurine like the one the McCaslins brought for show and tell.

Submitted by Judy White.

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### **Early Import Catalog**

Enclosed with this newsletter are copies of the first known catalog advertisements for Royal Bayreuth. Hopefully, this finding can be a start for better research into how and when the china was brought to this country.

You'll notice that it is described as "pottery", obviously the catalog publisher was not very well informed about porcelain. Also, not much of the great variety of Bayreuth was offered in this particular catalog. However, the prices aren't too bad, eh?

Please keep an eye out for import / trade catalogs from the early years of the twentieth century. If any of you are

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR - Alma Biddlecome

thinking about doing a study of the china, its molds and especially the marks, please let me know.

Our very great appreciation and thanks go to Art Ward for allowing us to make these copies available to all club members.

By: Judy White

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### Letter from the Editor:

Hi everyone. As I write this letter we are just 4 months away from the convention in Columbus, Ohio. THERE IS A LOT OF IMPORTANT INFORMATION IN THIS NEWSLETTER SO PLEASE READ IT VERY CAREFULLY. Be sure to save all the inserts that pertain to the convention. Also be certain to return the forms to Bob McCaslin for the tables if you need one for your room. Return the registration form and the money for the banquet with your choice of food to Judy. Then there is the form for the

auction if you wish to put any piece in for sale. Return the form to Paul Toland.

Make your reservations with the hotel as soon as possible. There is a map to the hotel in the inserts with the phone number. If for some reason you are unable to attend you can always cancel the reservation.

I have been asked by a couple of members to put a note in the newsletter asking for E-Mail addresses. If anyone would like to put their E-Mail address or fax number on the membership list just let me know. You can either call me at (419)542-6533, e-mail at [ooivory@bright.net](mailto:ooivory@bright.net), or mail it to 700 East High Street, Hicksville, OH 43526.

I received a note from J.D. Mooney with his E-Mail address: [jdalayne@earthlink.net](mailto:jdalayne@earthlink.net)

I am very pleased with all the hard work our members have been doing to recruit new members. I would like to extend

my gratitude to all of you. Without dedicated members our club would not grow. We have had 16 new members since our last newsletter in March. We now stand at 145 members.

One last reminder to all of you who plan to attend the convention. Please read and save everything that has to do with the convention and make your reservations now. Return all your forms and do not wait to the last minute because it only makes it harder for the people trying to give everyone an enjoyable convention.

Till next time,  
Alma Biddlecome, Editor  
P.S. See you at the convention.



**Don't Forget  
Reservations, Reservations,  
Reservations!**

## LETTERS FROM MEMBERS

**S**unbonnet Babies - This is the way you wash your clothes, wash your clothes, every Monday morning. Remember your parents teaching you this little ditty as a child? It goes on to sing, this is the way you iron your cloths, iron your clothes, every Tuesday mörning. On Wednesday your clothes got mended. Thursday was a day for scrubbing the house. You washed the windows and mopped the floors. On Friday you swept the floors. Saturday you baked and Sunday you went fishing. So goes the design on the Royal Bayreuth Sunbonnet Babies dishes, made in the early 1900's. There are plates, bowls, cups and saucers, candles, teapots, bells, shakers, lots of creamers and some sugars, and many, many, more designs. EXCEPT FOR SATURDAY. To date, I have never seen a Saturday baking in anything in the old Sunbonnets. In 1974 the factory reproduced

the plates and bells and there is a Saturday baking. But they are all dated and there is no mistake in the difference in the coloring between the old and the new. A novice can read the date 1974 printed on each plate and bell and know the difference.

This holds the price of the old babies up quite well. We first noticed an increase in the collectors of the kids in 1975. Thus the prices have been increasing due to supply and demand since then. Mid 1998 the prices started to level off and have remainder about the same since that time, unless you find a rare piece that is in a design not seen often. Some pieces are fetching a fancy \$1000. Others are more plentiful and remain at a conservative \$200. Plates in the 6 3/8" size are the most plentiful and sell for about \$200 each. 6" plates about \$225 each, and the 7 1/2", 8 1/4" and 9" plates command more dollars due to

their rarity. As many antique dealers can tell you that they are very collectible and one of the hottest items out there in the open market right now.

Submitted by: Becky Conrad

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### "Bargains Are Out There"

After spending a few months in Florida this winter looking for and buying Royal Bayreuth, we came upon a stroke of good luck!! We decided to go to an antique show in central Florida as we were shopping we came across a sweet older lady who purchased a piece of Royal Bayreuth and did not know anything about it. We bought it of course (the Royal Bayreuth Snake Water Pitcher) at a bargain price! She proceeded to tell us that she purchased it two weeks before at a flea market for the sum of \$1.00. She was happy but I was thrilled!!! We surely did get a bargain, we also came home with about twenty other pieces,

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but this was our prize possession!!

So keep hunting, there are good deals still out there.

Submitted by:

Lee & Evie Kalkman

(616)396-4889

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### IT LOOKS LIKE ROYAL BAYREUTH - BUT IS IT MARKED?

In 30 years of buying, selling and collecting Royal Bayreuth, the question of markings has often come up. Over the years I have had dozens of collectors and dealers tell me, "I only buy blue mark," or "I never buy unmarked pieces." We know today that this is a poor path to follow.

In 1969, my dear friend Virginia Salley published the first Royal Bayreuth reference book. Since she was the expert at the time and a pioneer in the field, I took her word as gospel.

In her text, Mrs. Salley wrote that the Royal Banreuth mark was

a reproduction. The letter Y is closed in at the top giving the appearance of a letter N. This mark, we now know, is authentic. It is usually found on scenic, floral and portrait pieces. These often are the style with the wide band of color at the bottoms with the narrow decorative band at the top. It is also found on all-over scenic pieces with the castle scenes and fairy nymph. The pieces are usually heavier in weight and sometimes not as finely done as the work we associate with the Tettau factory but I am certain they are authentic. I have seen the Banreuth mark on a number of flow blue pieces, as well as a tomato mustard, an iris milk and one piece of rose tapestry; a pinch spout creamer.

It has long been reported that the green mark pieces were made only for export to England and her related countries. The green mark is rarely found on rose

tapestry, yet every piece of violet tapestry I have ever seen has carried the crest in green. I can only speculate that the violet tapestry was not a popular item, thus little of it was made which would explain its scarcity today.

I recall going to a show when I was in my teens and looking at a green mark tapestry hair receiver with lily of the valley flowers. The price was some outrageous amount (perhaps \$40) and I passed it because it was ONLY a hair receiver. Needless to say, I have never seen another piece with that decoration, and have often regretted my decision.

Many of the smaller or irregular pieces (shakers, open salts, shoes, bells, figural cups, etc.) carry no mark due to lack of space or the oddly shaped surface. Other items such as the fish head, duck, robin, rabbit, mouse and owl have ample room but seldom are found with the crest mark. We have learned to

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judge a piece on its merits of rarity, color, detail and over-all quality. If you passed a rabbit figural at your last show because it was unmarked, shame on you!

Submitted by:

Tim Gaudet

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Latest (1998) Price Guide for the "Royal Bayreuth - A Collectors Guide" book. \$4.00 each includes postage.

I will be taking orders for Book II later.

Mary McCaslin

6887 Black Oak Ct. E

Danville, IN 46122

(after July 1, 1999, address will be: 6887 Black Oak Ct. E

Avon, IN 46123)

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### California - Here We Come

February 26th finally arrived, and Bob and I were at the airport on our way to California to attend the Royal Bayreuth meeting. It was held at the home of Paul & Colleen Toland in Sebastopol,

CA about 60 miles north of San Francisco. The Tolands met us at the airport and we drove to their pretty, spacious home and enjoyed their wonderful hospitality for 3 days. Our Royal Bayreuth collector friends started arriving on Friday. During the course of the weekend, we ate very well! We visited a quaint French restaurant and a beautiful California winery, but the highlight was the excellent foods prepared by Colleen and "Chef Paul". Their large, spacious living-dining room was a perfect place for the meeting, visiting, and "show & tell". We were also pleased to view the Toland's beautiful R.B., and of course, Paul's fabulous collection of R.B. toothpick holders. A good time was had by all, and plans were made to continue the California meeting next year - "2000" to be held near Los Angeles. If you want to plan a "good" vacation for 2000, mark the date on your

calendar for the meeting and then go on your own sight-seeing tour of beautiful California, as Bob & I did this year. On Monday we rented a car for 3 weeks and started out, first on our places of interest to attend was the Portland, Oregon Antique Show with 1300 dealers (a lot of walking). An old friend of mine from school many years ago lived in that area so we visited she and her family. Wonderful to recall and remember our friendship of 62 years. We drove down the coast from Oregon almost to San Diego. What beautiful scenery! San Francisco, the Golden Gate Bridge, Pebble Beach, Monterey, Herst Mansion, etc. Stopped at Lee and Carol Mayle's home to visit, discussing Royal Bayreuth and R.S. Prussia. Enjoyed seeing their beautiful collection of antiques and lunch with them. On to Los Angeles to have a wonderful 2 day tour of the many sites there with Joyce and Jack



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Williams. We had never been to southern California, so it really was a pleasant experience to see all these places with the Williams. Of course we tried to not miss any antique shops and malls. Have you ever driven in L.A.?! Jack is really a good driver and can get in and out of a situation real fast. We appreciate them taking time out of their busy schedule for us.

Note: In December 1998, I had a bad fall and my knee was hurt, but I thought it would get better so kept walking on it.

By the time we got to L.A., I could hardly walk on it, but I didn't want to miss going to antique shows, malls and shops which didn't help it. We went as we were expected at Coronado Island (across from San Diego) to visit Judy White and John. What a beautiful part of our country! We walked along the beach and had lunch at the Hotel Del Coronado (The Dell) which is

known for its beauty and historical background. (Later after we got home, I saw it on TV in American Castles.) We had a good driving tour of San Diego and Coronado with John and Judy. My leg was beyond walking now, so Judy insisted I go to the hospital for x-ray. Well, I walked out of the hospital with a full leg brace and crutches and orders to go to the Orthopedic doctor as soon as we get home. Judy also had to take Bob to her dentist with a very swollen face, what a sight we were! We really enjoyed their wonderful hospitality and medical service! We had planned to go to the famous S.D. Zoo and Museum, but we will save those attractions for another visit. We felt we had better get on our way due to our physical conditions, from there, we drove to Phoenix, Arizona to visit by 90 year old step-mother, who is very active and still drives. We stayed with her for a week,

dropped our car off, and flew home.

Since then I have had knee surgery and suppose to rest, so I am writing this article as we are on our way to Orlando, FL. The doctor said I could go if I rode in the back seat of the car, Bob won't have to listen to me talk and he can enjoy the radio. We invited all of our grandchildren to come down and go to Disney World with their parents, so they are coming down to visit. I hope Disney has electric wheel chairs or Bob will get tired pushing me.

We did find a couple pieces of R.B., a red clown toothpick holder and a 4" cobalt portrait vase. Also heard there was a Santa in the Seattle Portland area.  
By: Mary McCaslin

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### CAN YOU HELP ME?

I am writing a book on porcelain shoes. It's first part contains a large section on Royal Bayreuth shoes. A question has

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arisen about Sunbonnet Babies sabots (Dutch-shaped shoes). Was each activity produced in both a "left" and a "right"? For example, we know that "Fishing" was made in a "left." Was it also made in a "right?" The same question applies to the other scenes. If you have a Sunbonnet Babies sabot, would you kindly write to me with the information below. I would deeply appreciate any help you can provide.

Please supply the following information: Your name, address, phone, Sunbonnet Babies sabot scene, "Left" or "Right".

Please mail to: Anne Everest Wojtkowski, 85 Ridge Avenue, Pittsfield, MA 01201.

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Following are the results of Mike Clum Auction held March 20 & 21, 1999.

1857 Owl Hatpin Holder \$700

1858 Penguin H.H. \$700

1859 Clover & Leaf H.H. \$3,300

1860 Rooster H.H. \$5,100

1861 Dachshund \$600

1847 Oyster & Pearl \$2,400

1848 Lady w/Ducks \$1,200

1849 Musicians \$550

1850 Turkeys \$525

1851 Man with Horses \$650

1852 Rider on Horse (Desert)  
\$475

1853 Deer (Duck & Doe) \$700

1854 Musicians \$425

1855 Poppy \$2,150

1856 Tomato \$1,100

2029 Boy w/Donkey \$800

2031 Men in Tavern \$700

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### Hello R.B.C.C. Collectors!

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 auctions 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 R.B.C.C. 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 Carpel 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.

As the years from the R.B.C.C. slip away, 1999 will be our fifth convention. We need the continued help of each member to help the growth level of our

## CONVENTION NEWS & MEMBER CHANGES

new collectors, like all collector clubs, R.B.C.C. 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.

See you in Columbus.

Bob McCaslin

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Following are changes to make to your membership listing:

Deanna Gibb

Phone # (613)924-1258

Area of Interest: Scenic, Misc.

Brenda Feldman, Area of Interest  
Rose Tapestry, Old Ivory

Harry & Jill McClurg

44 Carlisle Avenue

Bowmanville, Ontario L1C1W5

e-mail: wicker@speedline.ca

Roland & Ruth Rosenboom

Home (815)694-2140

Work (815)694-2333

Al & Wanda Friedrich

Phone (636)798-2039

Area of Interest: Polar Bear,  
Brown Bears, Miniatures, Stick  
Pin Holders, Sugar Shakers.

Bob & Mary McCaslin

6887 Black Oak Ct. E.

Avon, IN 46123 (after July 1)

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### 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

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# *TREASURER REPORT - By Jack Biddlecome*

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## Royal Bayreuth Collector's Club Treasurer Report

### Regular Account:

February 17, 1999 - May 31, 1999

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| Closing Balance 2/16/99 | \$6,333.32 |
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Receipts 2/16/99 thru 5/31/99

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| 20 new + 25 renewal memberships | <u>1,350.00</u> |
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| Closing Balance | \$7,683.32 |
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Disbursements 2/16/99 to 5/31/99

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| Newsletter Expenses (Printing, Set-Up, Postage) | 385.63 |
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| Office Expense | <u>150.71</u> |
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| Total Disbursements | \$536.34 |
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| Balance 2/16/99 plus receipts | \$7,683.32 |
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| minus disbursements | <u>536.34</u> |
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| Checkbook Balance (5/31/99) | \$7,146.98 |
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### Special Account (Auction)

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| Balance 2/16/99 | \$3,804.69 |
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| No Receipts - No Disbursements 5/31/99 | \$3,804.69 |
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### RBCC, Inc. Overall Financial Report

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| Regular Account | \$7,146.98 |
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| Spec. Auction Account | <u>3,804.69</u> |
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|  | \$10,951.67 |
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Treasurer: Jack Biddlecome