



Royal Bayreuth
Collectors Club



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"2000" Convention Auction

Rare Chimp
Water
Pitcher in
beautiful
condition
with
markings of
light to dark
greys
fetched an
all time
record of
\$21,000.



This rare
Rabbit
Water
Pitcher
went to
an
absentee
bidder for
\$16,500.



Horse Milk Pitcher (left) fetched \$3,500 and
the Horse Humidor (right) sold for \$4,000



An unusual Possum Water Pitcher with
strong Royal Bayreuth characteristics
sold for \$19,000 despite a questionable
mark.

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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 Bob McCaslin, RBCC, Inc. President

We (Mary and I) have about forty years in collecting antiques of various categories. Starting with, and still impressed with Carnival Glass. Then, we have been involved with R.S. Prussia, and Royal Bayreuth for 30 + years. From each hobby, the friends that we have made are the real treasurers that bring us our fondest memories. This past year, as president of RBCC, has been a real pleasure because of your help, encouragement and friendship as members of RBCC. Makes the work all work while.

The changes in various policies of RBCC that came from the Saturday Ex-Board Meeting, proves that all board members have a genuine concern as to what is best for our club. It is a real pleasure to see people work together in making the right choices to govern RBCC. Thanks again. Please read the minutes of this meeting in this newsletter.

We were sorry as we accepted the resignation of our Club Editor, Alma Biddlecome. This good lady had done a fine job and helped to make our jobs easier throughout this past year. ("Good Job Alma!") Your new Editor is Colleen Toland, 545 Bloomfield Rd., Sebastopol, CA., 95472., Phone #707-823-6890. Colleen will be in charge of the Newsletter starting with our December issue. She will need your articles on any RB news from your part of the country. Your contributions of news determines the quality of future newsletters. I know she will do a super job, so let's all help her!!

At Indianapolis, our numbers were off somewhat. We had reserved more lodging space that was taken. Our high number was 51 rooms on



Friday night, not counting 5 late cancellations. Do you think that Indiana is too far west? Is October a good month for you to be able to attend the convention? Your comments and input are greatly appreciated ... After studying the state by state numbers, it appears that Ohio to western PA is more central membership wise. Would these states be better for you? Thanks for your help at Indy a great Convention!

What a fine Hospitality Area Great job, Becky Conrad It was well planned, well supplied, great place to relax and visit. I know you echo our thanks to your helpers. I would thank your VP, Bob Gollmar, for his efforts throughout the years in the hospitality room (His wife, Dorothy, has taught him well). Also Alvin and Roberta Cappel, another beautiful theme. (Her artwork is outstanding)..Could have fooled me, my vote was for Mr. Rabbit. As far as price went, Mr. Turtle sold for \$9,500 in 1999, and Mr. Rabbit went for \$16,500 in 2000. Amazing!!!!!!

We thank Ken Bougher for a very informative program on Friday P.M. and Chuck Hoey for sharing his

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Becky Conrad takes a moment to pose for the historian during her round-the-clock Hospitality marathon.

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longtime passion for Royal Bayreuth Sport items (Table tennis or ping-pong). Very well done, Chuck! Also a word of appreciation to Mr. David Richardson for his after-dinner program at the banquet. We may all have 'treasurers in our attic' that display the love of our family and friends.

Mr. Richardson, Mary's publisher, brought about 100 copies of her new book, *Royal Bayreuth, Book II* to the convention hot off the press Mary hopes you will enjoy reading her research, and that it will be informative in the factory history, 112 pages of color displaying over 1500 pieces (different than Book I).

For those who were able to attend the RB 2000, we hope you did not go home disappointed. The effort that it takes to bring 500-600 pieces to be offered for sale is a part of the excitement that draws us back year after year. It is a joy to see a new collector add six or seven pieces to their collection. That is what RBCC is all about.

We hope to go to Harrisburg, PA in November. We will meet with the Sales Director at the Harrisburg Marriott and make final plans for the 2001 Convention on September 18-21. A few other locations are being looked at for future conventions....Atlanta, GA, Cedar Rapids, IA, and Columbus, OH, are being considered. Your suggestions and input are appreciated as to where you would like a convention to be held. It takes time and contacts to visit any new sited, so if you have any suggestions, let us know.

Bob



Secretary's Report -

By Mary McCaslin, RBCC, Inc. Secretary

Hello Friends,

By now you have recovered from our exciting October Convention, Halloween, and Thanksgiving! Christmas is the last holiday of year 2000.... so, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from our home to yours!!

For those of you that were unable to attend the Convention, I know you will enjoy reading about it and seeing photos in your newsletter.

The Convention Mug (made in Tettau) was given to each member that attended the Convention, and were allowed to purchase more at that time. Bob and I have been busy mailing them to you after we arrived home Everyone seemed to like them, and the factory made a special mark for the club (on the bottom with their present mark). We still have some left to sell, so if you want one or more, please contact me, and we will mail it to you.

Our attendance was good, even C.J. James from Alaska, and Ken and Judy Russell from New Zealand were present to take part in the fellowship of collectors from many states. There were approx. 65 + memberships attending. The Marriott Hotel was so cooperative and helpful. We did not get one complaint, as our rooms were blocked together, which is always our main objective. About 80 attended the Saturday night Banquet and enjoyed their delicious meal. Following the dinner, we were entertained by Mr. Dave Richardson, of The Glass Press in Marietta, Ohio . As our after-dinner-speaker, he presented a program titled "Treasurers in the Attic". He attributed his love and appreciation of antiques and printing to his father and grandfather. We could all associate our-

selves with a 'treasure in our attic' also. Dave is my publisher and photographer for my two books on Royal Bayreuth. We have shared business and friendship for the last ten years.

The Friday night auction proved to be another exciting and eventful evening. It brought record-breaking prices for some rarities that most of us had not seen before. Paul always does a fine job of collecting these great pieces throughout the year. Our members have been so good to share their collections with us What will be offered next year???

Our special programs were a huge success! Ken Bougher (an R.S. Prussia Collector) is a technical director for a ceramics Co, and his presentation was so interesting to hear and see about the history of making porcelain. Chuck Hoey, (one of our members), presented a very interesting program and had a display of memorabilia on "Ping-Pong", which included his Royal Bayreuth pieces.

Alma Biddlecome was presented (at the banquet) a plaque for her dedicated years as our Newsletter Editor. Alma did a fine job. Colleen Toland is our new Editor, so you may send all of your articles for the Newsletter to her.

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Ken and Judy Russell from New Zealand.

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I would also like to "thank" everyone that purchased my new Book II at the convention. I hope that you are enjoying it. The last couple of years, I have been asked numerous times "When, When, When will your book be out?" Now you know "WHY". I have tried to put as much information and photos in it as I could. Thank you again!

Sincerely,
Mary



President Bob McCaslin addresses a full house at the Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club annual convention.



Dynamic Trio -- Board girls (from left) Joanne Lundquist, Judy Stockwell and Harriet Land.

Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club

October 12, 2000 - Opening Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club met at 2:00 p.m. and was called to order by President, Bob McCaslin. The first portion of the meeting was open to all Club members for input regarding the direction of efficiency of the Club.

Becky Conrad, Hospitality Room Chairperson, suggested that nametags for next year be worn on a string around the neck to avoid having to pin on nametags and possibly ruin clothing. She also suggested that new Club members' nametags could have a yellow border with "Welcome" printed on it. Becky informed the group that lunch on Friday and Saturday will be provided by the hotel at a cost of \$6.00 per person. The doorstops in the convention bag were Bob Gollmar's idea, and Becky made one for each room reservation. She indicated that \$1,000 was more than enough to cover the hospitality room expenses since no lunches were included this year.

All bills should be turned in to Sandy Heerhold or Bob McCaslin. A list of items purchased for the hospitality room and related convention materials will be passed on from one chairperson to the next. Evie and Leon Kalkman have volunteered to help with the hospitality room at Harrisburg. Bob Gollmar will be the Chairperson, and Richard Chubb will assist.

Next year's convention at Harrisburg Marriott will be Thursday, September 26 to Sunday, September 29, 2001. The question of whether to book future conventions at Embassy Suites or Marriott was raised. Bob explained that most Embassy Suites want more money up front for the hospitality room, auction room, and meeting rooms—

between \$600 and \$800 more. Bob also explained that the hospitality rooms available at Embassy Suites are much smaller and may not fit the Club's needs.

Paul Toland was asked to comment on and provide suggestions for convention auctions. He would prefer June 30 as the cut-off date for submission of auction items. Paul stated that the 2000 auction contained no pieces from non-members, even though he had many such offers. He also suggested a price of \$30 for any non-member wishing to obtain an auction listing (the cost of a membership). Another suggestion was to do away with the 3-piece maximum per member since most items come from around 10 members. Paul and Colleen both felt that a 1/4 page ad rather than a 1/2 page ad announcing the convention auction would help cut costs. When asked if the \$1500 auction budget was sufficient, the Tolands stated that they were about \$100 over budget this year, but the amount should remain the same for next year.

The closed portion of the Board meeting began at 2:40. Bob McCaslin thanked all directors for their time and introduced Ann Heeley, Recording Secretary, and Art Ward, Parliamentarian.

Under Old Business, Bob asked for a motion to retire and archive the minutes from 1995 to 1998. Judy White submitted a written summary of the highlights and major points of Club minutes and discussions. Harriet Land motioned to archive the old records; Judy Stockwell seconded. The motion carried.

Bob McCaslin reported his meeting with the Marriott staff in Harrisburg and the Embassy Suites staffs in Indianapolis and Kansas

City. He stated that there was a considerable cost differential involved in switching back to Embassy Suites. Sandy Heerhold pointed out that Embassy Suites provides a full breakfast, complimentary cocktails, and a separate sleeping area within each room. A slightly higher registration fee, between \$5 and \$10, would be easily justified. She stated that her discussions with other members confirmed this. In fact, Sandy added, the \$20 registration fee for the 2000 convention had already been doubled from last year's \$10, and this could help offset an increase for future conventions. A general discussion ensued outlining the pros and cons of booking a convention with Embassy Suites versus Marriott. Bob McCaslin suggested postponing a decision to Saturday night when the new Board of Directors would convene. There was no opposition.

The next discussion covered complimentary lodging and banquets. At the present time, members and non-members presenting programs receive 2 nights' free lodging and a banquet dinner. Al Cappel made a motion to withhold any honorariums to club members presenting programs at future Club conventions. Sandy Heerhold seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Bob McCaslin shared requests from Judy White and Tim Gaudet. Would the Board consider allowing members to auction off all or part of their collections as estate auctions? Such estate auctions would only be from members or their spouses. The auction committee could charge an additional 4% or 5%, and the estate items could take the place of or be added to the regular convention auction. It was noted that the auction committee chairperson would need to obtain the signature of collection owners or the executors of their estates in order to proceed

legally. Further discussion was tabled until Saturday's Board meeting.

Bob Gollmar, Nominating Committee Chairperson, reported that of the three terms expiring this year, Harriet Land and Judy Stockwell have agreed to place their names in consideration for renewal. Debra Tuttle's name will not be on the ballot.

Judy Stockwell, Advertising Chairperson, reported that most ads have appeared in New England magazines and newspapers. There were no problems or concerns.

Mary McCaslin, Secretary, reported that 87 people had registered at the convention. 62 had signed up for Friday's lunch; 60 for Saturday's lunch; and 77 for the banquet. 201 names are currently on the Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club roster. Minutes from the last series of convention meetings were mailed in the newsletter to each member. Bev Brumbaugh motioned to approve the minutes; Nancy Rublaitus seconded. The motion passed.

Sandy Heerhold, Treasurer, handed out copies of the Club's account. Prior to paying any convention bills, the following balances were reported:

General Account:	\$7852.57
Auction Account:	\$7458.86
Total:	\$15,311.43

Bob McCaslin asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's report pending Saturday's audit. Bev Brumbaugh so moved; Alma Biddlecome seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Under New Business, Mary McCaslin reported that there were no shipping charges on the second set of convention souvenir mugs.

Alma Biddlecome, Newsletter Editor, has resigned and will be turning over her job to Colleen Toland. She asked that articles be

sent to Harriet Land or Colleen. She also requested more color photographs. Bob McCaslin stated that he has received requests from other members to print prices from items on eBay in the newsletter. Bob McCaslin thanked Alma for her hard work over the past several years. He also thanked Alma and Mary McCaslin for their cooperative efforts in providing a Club roster booklet. A new roster will be published and distributed again in March or June, 2001 with the newsletter. Bob Gollmar felt it would be helpful to list the Board members with their respective term expiration dates in the roster. Other Directors reported that members' email addresses, if available, would be useful.

Nancy Rublaitus, Historian, reported that she needs articles, photos, and short stories for the scrapbook. The scrapbooks will be available for viewing in the hospital-ity room.

Also under New Business, Bev Brumbaugh suggested that if the first part of future Board of Directors meetings will be open to all members, an agenda should be made available indicating which items are open for public comment. It was felt by other Directors that printed agendas would be helpful for all meetings. Art Ward stated that Robert's Rules of Order specify the following sequence:

1. Reading of minutes from the previous meeting;
2. Old Business;
3. New Business
4. Closing Comments
5. Adjournment

Bob Gollmar moved that the meeting be adjourned. Alma Biddlecome seconded; the motion passed.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Ann L. Heeley
Recording Secretary*

Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club

October 13, 2000 - Welcome Meeting

President, Bob McCaslin, opened the Welcome Meeting of the Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club by introducing Officers and Directors. He reminded members that an election will be conducted at the Business Meeting. There are three Directors who will continue with their two-year term: Joeleen Passow, Bev Brumbaugh, Alvin Cappel.

There are three Directors whose terms are expiring: Harriet Land, Judy Stockwell, Debra Tuttle

Of those whose terms are expiring, Harriet Land and Judy Stockwell have agreed to allow their names to remain on the ballot for re-election.

Bob McCaslin recognized first year attendees as Gene and Kathryn Sinn from Ohio, Catherine (C.J.) James from Alaska, and Ken and Judy Russell from New Zealand.

Bob Gollmar, Nominating Chairperson, announced the following members have tentatively agreed to run for the office of Director: Judy Stockwell, Harriet Land, JoAnne Lundquist, Bob Mazza

Judy Stockwell, Advertising Chairperson, told members present that press releases were sent to 80 magazines and newspapers. It would be very helpful if members would send a copy of these releases to Judy when they spot them so that her committee can keep a record. Judy also encouraged members to write and send in individual articles.

Mary McCaslin, Secretary, presented information on membership: As of October 10, 2000 the Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club had 205 members; 93 members registered for the convention; 77 planning to attend the banquet; 62 lunch orders on Friday; 60 lunch orders for Saturday; and 45 new members since the last convention. Only 16

people chose not to renew their memberships. Mary also announced that her new Royal Bayreuth book should arrive today.

Sandy Heerhold, Treasurer, reported the following balances with outstanding bills yet to be paid:
General Account: \$7852.57
Auction Account: \$7458.56
Total: \$15, 311.43

The Audit Committee, Alvin Cappel and Jack Biddlecome, will examine the books later today.

Bob McCaslin announced that meetings will be held in Salon A and B, auction items will be available for preview in the Harrison Room, and the hospitality room will be open whenever there are no programs or meetings. The convention auction will be held in Salon A tonight, and a general business meeting and election will be held in Salon A at 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning. Ken Bougher will present a program on the making, marking, and decorating of porcelain at 1:00 p.m. today in Salon A. Chuck Hoey will present a program on the history of table tennis and its connection to Royal Bayreuth on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. in Salon A. Dave Richardson is the banquet speaker.

Bob McCaslin commended Becky Conrad and Roberta and Alvin Cappel for the wonderful hospitality room and creative artwork.

He also thanked Alma Biddlecome, Newsletter Editor, for her years of service. Alma stated that an updated roster will appear with the March or June, 2001 newsletter. Members who wish to have their email addresses listed or excluded should contact Mary McCaslin.

Bob then thanked Nancy Rublaitus, Historian, for maintaining a Club scrapbook and for agreeing to continue in this role for another

year. Nancy said that she will record Royal Bayreuth items and prices from ebay to include in the newsletter.

Bob told members that Harold Brandenburg, a "mover and shaker" in Bayreuth, was not able to attend this convention due to illness, and that he and Nancy would be missed.

Paul Toland, Auction Committee Chairperson, thanked everyone who contributed to making this year's auction possible. He reminded members to check the preview room and pay special attention to red-tagged items. The red tag indicated damage, repair, or questionable authenticity. Any mail-in bids for red-tagged items will be voided. Next year, Paul stated, items to be considered for the auction should be preceded by a clear photo and complete description. In this way, the auction can be more accurately advertised. All ads will state that this is a members-only auction. There will no longer be a 3-piece maximum, and items will be accepted on a first-come/first-served basis. Only the first submission of any very rare item will be accepted. A disclaimer in the Club's auction policy printed in the auction listing indicates that the auction committee members are not experts and do not guarantee any item.

Bob informed members that the 2001 convention in Harrisburg, PA will take place September 26-29 at the Marriott. He invited members to provide input on the 2002 convention.

Ken and Judy Russell informed members that there were publications in Australia to insert articles and advertising, and Becky Conrad stated that she was shipping Royal Bayreuth to the U.K. and Italy.

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**Questions asked
by members present:**

- Q: What is the status of the Club's website?
- A: Paul Toland does not have time to develop or maintain the site, but as domain owner, he will provide the domain name "royalbayreuth.org" to the Club free of charge. Paul suggested that the Club consider hiring someone to develop and maintain a site.
- Q: Can space be provided in the newsletter for "Wish Lists?"
- A: Alma Biddlecome said that such space was already available. Members need to provide the newsletter editor with a copy of their Wish Lists, and these lists will appear in the next newsletter.
- Q: What is being done to identify repaired or reproduced pieces? There has been a problem with sellers knowingly misrepresenting items, especially on the Internet.
- A: If the seller is listing such items on ebay, the ebay site managers want to know about it. They will take steps, including prosecution, to prevent this from happening again.
- Gigi Tindle told members that her daughter, DeAnna, was unable to attend the convention because of the flu. But pamphlets on china restoration and classes for china repair would be available in Room 103.

Bob Gollmar reminded members to keep motel room curtains closed and doors locked, especially during meetings and programs.

Bob McCaslin ended the informal Welcome Meeting and introduced an equally informal Show-and-Tell session. Here's what some of our members brought:

Al Friedrich - An elephant-head candle holder; the elephant has a carrot in the middle of his face for the candle.

Evie Kalkman - A Masonic Lodge ashtray; the outward edges of the ashtray are curled in, and Masonic emblems are in the middle.

Ken Russell - A deer and doe bowl; the bowl is about 10" across and the piece is perfect; found in the U.S.

Karen Church - a tri-cornered tray, green mark, with rolled-over edges; Centaur scene;
- Bridge set; 4 card trays- 2 each of 2 different designs;
- Whiskey jug with blue mark.



Roberta and Alvin Cappel - Very large waste water or slop jar; the bottom looks like a round waste-basket; the lid has a hole in the middle so that when the water was poured, it wouldn't splash back up; basket part has Girl and Dog; lid has Ring Around the Rosie.



Chuck Heerhold - Clown creamer with polka dots on the outfit; a mold was made from an original creamer, and the piece was reproduced; it is slightly smaller than an authentic piece; purchased on eBay.



Judy Stockwell - Cologne bottle with Turkey;
- Man in the Mountain creamer with a paper label that says "Made in Japan";



- Old Tettau tapestry dish;
- Shell salt and pepper;
Tim Sullivan - Lobster shoe;
- Turtle creamer with "Made in Japan" and blue RB mark;

At the end of the Show-and-Tell session, Bob McCaslin spoke briefly about the itinerary for the 2001 trip to Europe since the scheduled speaker was unable to be present. The trip will take place August 1-14, 2001, includes 13 breakfasts and 9 dinners, airfare, hotel/transfers, and tours of porcelain factories in Germany and Prague. The total cost is expected to be around \$2,600 per person. So far, 27 members have signed up. Membership in the Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club is not necessary.

Chuck Heerhold motioned for the Welcome Meeting to be adjourned. Bob McCaslin declared it adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Ann L. Heeley
Recording Secretary*



Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club

October 14, 2000 - Business Meeting - 9:00 a.m.

President Bob McCaslin made several announcements prior to opening the Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club Business Meeting. He reminded members that the banquet will be held in Rooms 6-7-8 at 6:30 p.m. tonight. He asked if members liked the Marriott (response was positive) and asked for suggestions on improving the type of facilities or agenda. One suggestion was to include "smoking or non-smoking" on room reservations. Another was to make the ice cream social later in the evening, perhaps 8:30 or 9:00 p.m.

Bob read a letter from Kath Wicks who expressed her wishes to return for next year's convention. This was the first convention she had missed since the formation of the Club. She added that everyone has become "real dab" (translated by Colleen Toland as "very efficient") at relieving others of their Royal Bayreuth treasures.

Bob then reminded members that Chuck Hoey will be hosting a slide presentation at 1:00 p.m. on Royal Bayreuth table tennis pieces. Following Chuck's presentation, members are asked to open their rooms for viewing, allowing 30-45 minutes for each wing of the motel. Bob asked if anyone knew how many pieces of Royal Bayreuth had been

brought to the convention. (No one had a clue.) He thought it might be a good idea to take a count and include this number in a newsletter to attract new members.

The business meeting was formally opened at 9:20 with Parliamentarian, Art Ward, officiating by remote. Under Old Business, Bob McCaslin introduced and thanked all officers and directors for their efforts during the convention and throughout the year.

Vice President: Robert Gollmar

Secretary: Mary McCaslin

Treasurer: Sandy Heerhold

First-Term Directors: Bev Brumbaugh,

Alvin Cappel, Joeleen Passow

2nd-Term Directors: Harriett Land, Judy Stockwell, Debra Tuttle

Bob remarked that Judy Stockwell has been in charge of advertising with Bob Gollmar's assistance, and that Becky Conrad was in charge of the hospitality room with Roberta and Alvin Cappel assisting.

Bob Gollmar made a motion to keep membership dues at \$30.00 per year per household. Jack Biddlecome seconded, and the motion passed.

Jack Biddlecome made a motion to accept the minutes of the October, 1999 business meeting as printed in the newsletter. Tim Sullivan seconded, and the motion passed.

Secretary, Mary McCaslin, informed those present that each member or household had received a souvenir mug as part of the registration packet. Additional mugs were available at \$10 each, or \$13 if shipped. Mary also stated that while we had lost 16 members, the Club had gained 45 new members now listed a total of 205. Judy White motioned to accept the Secretary's report; Catherine (C.J.) James seconded; the motion passed.

Treasurer, Sandy Heerhold, reported that the balance, including both the general and auction accounts, now stood at \$15,311.43. The unofficial total gross at last night's auction was \$90,700. The audit committee, Alvin Cappel and Jack Biddlecome, reported that the audit had been completed, and that the books reflected an accurate accounting of the Club's treasury. Becky Conrad motioned to accept the Treasurer's report and the audit results; Bev Brumbaugh seconded. The motion passed. A discussion followed concerning what some members felt was a rather large balance in the Club's treasury. Bob McCaslin asked that this discussion be held during the New Business portion of the meeting.

Bob announced that Alma Biddlecome has retired as newsletter Editor. Colleen Toland has accepted the position as newsletter Editor. All articles, photos, wish lists, and news items should be sent to her. The next issue will be mailed in December.

Bob Gollmar, Nominating Committee Chairperson, presented the slate of officers. There were 3 Director openings on the Board. Harriett Land, Judy Stockwell, and JoAnne Lundquist agreed to have their names placed on the ballot. Bob McCaslin asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor; there were none. Chuck Heerhold motioned to accept the slate as read; Alvin Cappel seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Bob McCaslin thanked the Nominating Committee for their hard work.

Under New Business, Bob McCaslin reported that the Club proceeds from the convention auction was approximately \$3722



Paul Toland (turning a little green) and Craig Heeley check out Craig's rare shaped Nursery Rhyme Toothpicks.

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based on an estimated gross of \$90,700 to \$105,000. He commented that the small items were "paying the freight" based on the sales commission guidelines established by the Board. A discussion followed with these suggestions:

- drop the \$150 commission limit; reduce the Club's percentage of the item gross from 8% to 6%;
- institute a buyer's premium of 5% and a seller's premium of 5%;
- no changes should be made; the Club auction is a service to members, not a money maker;
- substitute a graduated percentage based on the final sale price;
- substitute a 2-step graduated percentage;
- why charge a commission at all?

The Board will discuss these suggestions at the next meeting and report back to the membership.

Bob McCaslin shared with members that Becky Conrad had spent \$386.58 for the hospitality room and door stops out of a \$1000 budget. This budget also covers entertainment. The Club will no longer cover lodging for members giving presentations at the convention.

Bob also gave members information on the 2001 convention in Harrisburg. The convention will be held at the Harrisburg Marriott from September 26 to September 29, 2001. The room rate will be \$91 plus tax. Suggested sites for the 2002 convention have included Kansas City and Atlanta. Bob reported on the membership from each of those areas, and pointed out that it is imperative that the members from any chosen site be available and willing to host a convention.

Under New Business, Judy White stated that she felt the programs were the most important parts of a

convention. She also asked that Club members consider donating a piece of Royal Bayreuth to the original factory in Tettau. This factory has very few pieces of the old porcelain on display. There is also a Royal Bayreuth museum in Caldwell, Ohio run by the Bakers that would accept donations.

Judy asked if and when the Royal Bayreuth website would be up and running. It appeared that members were definitely interested in having such a site. She also suggested using Club funds to sponsor sending someone to restoration classes.

Discussion continued on the website. It was agreed that a well-done website requires professional design, set-up, and maintenance. Several Club members had relatives who design web pages professionally, but individual members lacked either time, knowledge, or both. It was generally felt that the Board should pursue hiring the appropriate personnel with Club funds and with design input from Club members.

Paul Toland invited members to the Royal Bayreuth spring convention to be held in LaHabra (Orange County), California. Dates had not yet been finalized, but would be published in the newsletter.

The next item of business concerned voting rights. Until this meeting, each \$30 membership equaled one vote. Bob Gollmar moved that each adult member in a household have a vote in Club matters. Tim Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

As more discussion continued informally on starting a Royal Bayreuth website, Bob McCaslin made a statement that the business meeting was adjourned.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Ann L. Heeley
Recording Secretary*

Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club

October 14, 2000 - Board of Directors Meeting - 9:10 p.m.

Bob McCaslin opened the Board meeting at 9:10 p.m. He appointed Colleen Toland to the position of newsletter editor. A motion to accept her appointment was made by Bob Gollmar and seconded by Judy Stockwell. The motion passed unanimously. Alma Biddlecome, retiring newsletter editor, explained to Directors and to Colleen Toland that she should encourage and expect members to send in articles on "How We Started in Royal Bayreuth." Nancy Rublaitus will send in photos from the convention to be included in the newsletter.

Under New Business, Bob asked for the Board's approval in mapping out an agenda for the Harrisburg convention, similar to what was approved for the Indianapolis convention. Harriett Land moved to approve; JoAnne Lundquist seconded. The motion passed. Bob added that he plans on visiting the site in November to establish an activity calendar.

Harriett Land has agreed to act as Nominating Committee Chairperson with Terry Anderson and Judy White on the committee. There will be seven slots to fill at the next business meeting. The President, Secretary, and all Directors can run again. The Vice President cannot. Harriett indicated that she expects help from all members in filling those slots.

Bob Gollmar was appointed Chairperson of Hospitality for the next convention. Alvin and Roberta Cappel and Karen and Carolyn Church have agreed to assist.

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The auction policy was then discussed with input from Paul Toland. Paul stated that 90 pieces have been tentatively accepted for the 2001 auction. He told Directors that all pieces must be described in detail for consideration, and that no damaged pieces will be accepted unless they are extremely rare. The general consensus was that the Auction Committee should have final discretion in accepting any damaged or questionable pieces, and that all pieces will be juried by a three-person committee. As of now, this committee includes Paul Toland, Craig Heeley, and Chuck Heerhold.

Questions posed by Directors to Paul and Colleen Toland:

Q: What happens when an absentee bidder wants to return an item?

A: Bids are not executed unless the item is in pristine condition.

Q: How quickly does the Club send checks to sellers?

A: Paul contacts each seller and informs them of the amount due to them less any postage for returning unsold items.

Amounts are approved by the President and turned over to the Treasurer. The whole process should take 2 to 3 weeks.

Bob Gollmar made a motion and Harriett Land seconded to establish a new auction policy rule. The rule reads as follows: Each piece submitted to the Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club auction will be juried by a 3-person committee before being accepted for auction sale. Pieces deemed unacceptable for just cause will not be put up for sale. The motion passed. An amendment motioned by Bob Gollmar and seconded by Harriett Land added: and will be returned at the owner's expense. This motion passed unanimously.

After considerable discussion on

an auction commission policy, Bob Gollmar motioned and Alvin Cappel seconded the following rule: There will be a 5% across the board commission charged for each piece sold at the Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club auction. This rule will supersede the 8% and \$150 cap previously used. The rule will be in effect beginning with the 2001 auction. The motion passed unanimously. It was also agreed that an announcement will be made before the auction begins clearly stating all rules and policies governing the auction.

Directors then discussed convention sites and facilities for future conventions. Bob McCaslin commented that the Embassy Suites have adequate facilities except for small hospitality rooms, but charge quite a bit extra for meeting rooms and auction rooms. The Marriott staffs have been very easy to work with in every city. It was brought out that the convention facilities are self-supporting through auction proceeds, and that the extra cost should not be a factor. Embassy Suites also offers divided rooms that most members seem to prefer.

Judy Stockwell made a motion and Bev Brumbaugh seconded to accept the Marriott in Indianapolis as the 2002 convention site. The motion passed. A site search committee was then formed to look into other cities and facilities. Art Ward volunteered to check into Atlanta, GA; Joeleen Passow and Bob Gollmar will check Cedar Rapids, IA.

The website issue was discussed. Paul Toland had already agreed to cooperate with whoever actually designs and maintains the site by providing the domain name free of charge. Mary McCaslin agreed to act as Website Chairperson and will contact Linda Nelson, Bob Mazza, Bob Willis, Ken Gentry, and Becky Conrad for input on hiring a professional design and maintenance staff

on behalf of the Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club. No funds were allocated at this time.

Bob Gollmar asked Directors for suggestions regarding the hospitality room in Harrisburg next year. Members seemed to like the motel-provided lunch, and this was much easier for the hospitality room committee. They also felt that breakfast was not necessary. No other ideas were offered.

Joeleen Passow suggested a way of increasing membership: Have a drawing 4 times per year for a free renewal membership. The drawing pot would include all current members. Sandy Heerhold made a motion to start this drawing with the December, 2000 newsletter. Joeleen Passow seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

With no other business before the Board, Bob McCaslin motioned for adjournment; Alvin Cappel seconded, and the motion passed at 11:25 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Ann L. Heeley
Recording Secretary*

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

Auction Entries



2000 RBCC Auction

A word of appreciation to each member that consigned their 'goodies' for our 2000 Club Auction. Should future auctions continue offering the same level of high demand items, it will be because of your help in sharing some choice pieces from your collections. Our club continues to grow and progress due to the trust shown by our members. Our auction committee continues to work very hard in the various areas necessary to gather and offer your RB at our yearly conventions. Thanks to our fellow collectors. Please keep up your help!

Let's look at some of the figures of our 2000 auction -- We had 162 items listed. There were three items that did not arrive for the auction, leaving 159 for sale. Out of 159 for sale, we had 141 pieces which had owners reserves on them. So 89% of you took advantage of our club policy. Out of the 141 pieces with

reserves, 92 sold, while 49 were 'no sales'. This made a 65% for 'sales', and 35% for 'no sales'. Not too bad, but, we might try to work a little on the thought process that we use in arriving at our reserve amounts. Mary and I had three items in the auction with two sales. The third piece did not reach the purchase price, so we do not expect members to lose money on the items placed in our RBCC Auction. Just try to be as fair with one another as our purchases will allow.

We had a grand total of \$107,435.00, plus \$490.00 handling charges on the 49 'no sale' items. \$107,435.00 plus \$490.00 equals \$107,925.00 actual sales plus handling charges. RBCC receives Sales commission plus \$490.00 for 'no sales'. Total of \$4350.80 minus Auction expense (\$1729.47) This leaves a profit of \$2621.33 from the 2000 Club Auction. We are very

grateful for your good RB pieces, but, in order to upgrade the overall condition (which means less restoration and damage) our auction committee has the option to refuse items because of their condition. Our members travel great distances and are entitled to RB items that are in A-1 condition. The quality of our auction will depend on your willingness to help offer pieces that are free of restoration and damage. Thanks again for your help.

At the Saturday night Board Meeting, the decision was made to change the commission paid to the club...from 8% with a top limit of \$150.00 per item...to a straight 5% commission on the total value of each item. Your comments are welcome on our club auction policy, as well as any suggestions to better our club.

*Best Wishes,
Bob*

Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club 2000 Convention Auction

Figural maple leaf creamer	\$175	Possum water pitcher/gray brown, bm, 7"h ..	19,000
Grape S & P/purple, bm on one	50	Tea strainer/oxalis, green & yellow	500
Tapestry pheasant vase, stick spout, 8"h, bm	425	Figural elk candlestick	450
Candlestick/woman riding/farmer & girl, bm	50	Maid creamer red dress	
Scenic tapestry vase/4"h, with stag & stream, bm	65	Figural Bear ash tray/brown, um, gold 48 stamp	150
Figural Rabbit water pitcher / registered mark	16,500	Corinthian vase, multicolored	
Pineapple cracker jar /6½"h x 4"w, bm	650	Tapestry bulbous vase/cow scene, 4"h, bm	150
Scenic vase/fluted, dutch girl, 4"h, bm	50	Shoe/high ladies, brown, gm	75
Portrait bowl/lady w/lavender hat/10-5/8" prof rim rpr, bm	700	Figural elk water pitcher	350
Scenic dresser box/2½" sq x 1½"h, um		Rose tapestry low shoe, um, no lace	400
Scenic milk pitcher/musicians/bottom & handle green	75	Tea strainer/cornflower, blue	675
Buffalo covered sugar /reddish brown, bm, 3"h x 4¾"l	700	Silver rose tapestry ashtray/tri corner, bm	
Floral urn vase/handled 10¼"h, cut out, pink roses		Rose toothpick/yellow	500
Figural grape covered cracker jar/pink iridescent ...		Needle case , hinged top, gainsboro scene/3-7/8"h, 1¼"d, um	
Blue onion lithophone stein / um	550	Pitchers, scenic pair/sailboat scene/4½"h, bm	
Scenic babes in the woods bud vase/ 5-1/8"h, bm	250	Wallpocket, grape, green	150
Dealer sign/royal tettau/3-1/8"h x 3¼"w		Jester tall candlestick	700
Figural poppy hatpin holder, red	650	Pansy milk pitcher, purple	600
Devil & cards open sugar / double devil handles/4"h, gm	625	Scenic polar bear creamer 3-3/8"h, bm	
Rose tapestry pinch spout milk		Wallpocket, peach	750
Scenic fairy sample vase/cobalt, 4-5/8"h, um		Tapestry shawl lady vase/bulbous, stick, spout, bm .	
Parrot handled creamer, red	225	Figural maple leaf milk pitcher	500
Figural Monkey water pitcher /brown/ black, bm	6,250	Figural Horse creamer/white/gold, bm	3,500
Figural devil creamer/red, bm		Radish salad bowls, 3	150
Figural Horse humidor /white/gold, bm	4,000	Wallpocket, grape, purple	175
Scenic fairy pitcher/5¾"h, bm	425	Art nouveau creamer	450
Tapestry vase/colonial couple, 5¾"h, bm		Oak leaf candy dish-green pearl	100
Scenic choc pot/farm work horses, 8¾"h, bm		Figural orange creamer	125
Tapestry basket/colonial couple, 3-5/8"h, bm		Pansy creamer & sugar, purple	265
Poppy wall pocket, red	600	Babes in the wood vase, blue boys scene/ bm, 6"h	375
Scenic tapestry polar bear vase/bulbous, stick spout, bm		Figural pr Robin shakers /one has sm chip on base	700
Figural pear creamer	425	Wallpocket, grape, yellow	150
Blue onion bowls/4 pcs. green lion mark		Oyster and pearl creamer & sugar	
Water melon milk pitcher/repair	100	Figural orange milk pitcher	175
Figural Santa creamer/bm		Parrot handled milk pitcher, green	425
Stirrup tray	125	Shell creamer/seahorse handle/flake on rim	75
		Poppy salt & pepper, red	225
		Figural Santa match holder/red, bm	
		Tomato celery bowl, blown wall/chip	75
		Dachshund candlestick, black	
		Rooster creamer, white	275

Poppy teapot, red	275	Devil & cards covered sugar	
Shell celery bowl	275	Figural art nouveau milk/bm	700
Figural bellringer shaker /sm chip on base	450	Tapestry tumbler, bathers scene	
Elephant candlestick /gray cream, bm, 3¾"h, 6"l		Tapestry bell, cow scene	400
Tomato cracker jar	250	Figural grape tea set/yellow	475
Strawberry wallpocket	250	Match box holder, peering lady 3½"h	225
Scenic sunset creamer, 3¾"h	65	Scenic sunset vase, 3"h	75
Watermelon creamer	200	Tomato salad bowl	125
Scenic sunset vase, 7½"h	100	Tapestry violet dresser tray, 10¼"x7¼"	
Radish salt & pepper	225	Frog & bee mug, 4¾"h	
Figural Art Nouveau toothpick, bm	2,300	Rooster sugar, double headed	900
Strawberry salad bowl, blown out	400	Alligator milk pitcher, 5½"h	
Rose tapestry creamer/squat		Rose Planter Vase 3¾"x4"	75
Rooster creamer, black	250	Scenic Fisherman planter 3"h	75
Radish, small relish	100	Butterfly Closed wing creamer/4"h, bm	
Tomato serving bowl, blown out wall	75	Oyster & pearl creamer 2¾"h	50
Figural Art Nouveau bowl tray/7", bm	900	Tall clown candlestick , red	
Strawberry cracker jar	225	Tapestry Hatpin holder portrait/bm	1,100
Scenic tapestry creamer, wood nymphs swimming	125	Dachshund milk pitcher	
Devil & cards covered sugar	325	Polar Bear lemonade pitcher/8¾"h, bm	
Poppy water pitcher/lavender	750	Devil & cards humidior, repair	
Melon water pitcher	350	Frog water pitcher	1,100
Pansy Cracker jar/white green gold, repair to inside rim	1,250	Pig creamer pitcher	
Strawberry water pitcher	550	Lobster creamer/on lettuce leaf, nm	50
Chick plate/green leaf 10"	250	Jester cream pitcher	475
Scenic vase, castle w/gold gild/9"h	125	Maid creamer blue dress	
Tea set/turkey & goose girl, 21 pcs		Shoe luster /Dutch shape	225
Scenic Polar Bear vase/4½"h, nm		Figural Chimp Water pitcher /gray, bm	21,000
Blue onion tea strainer/marked Germany	125	Red pepper mustard pot	325
Labrador dog creamer/brown, un, 4"h	650	Elk stirrup creamer	
Rose tapestry milk pitcher 4"h, 3 color roses bm		Poppy water pitcher/orchid shape, bm, 7"h, 8"w	
Rooster water pitcher /black, bm, 7¼"h x 9"		Poppy tea strainer, red	275
Figural buffalo creamer, grey/white 3½"h, bm. 125		Scenic fairy tankard/mug, 4-7/8"h, bm	325
Elk inkwell/brown, gm, 3½"h, 5¼"l		Tapestry miniature portrait hat girl vase 3-7/8"h, um	375
Apple box, small w/underplate	75	Oak leaf milk pitcher, green pearl	250
Tapestry miniature castle scene stamp box 2"x2½", um		Toothpick holder/2 handle sheep scene, silver rim, bm pristine	100
Coachman milk pitcher, red		Spickey shell candlesticks, pr	775
Scenic toothpick holder, 2 shepherd girls, bulbous shape, bm	175	Old ivory hair receiver & powder jar set, colonial couple scene, bm	525
Tapestry vase, pheasant scene, stick spout/ 6"h, bm	225	Rose tapestry plaque/9½"d	
Clown covered sugar/bm, repair to finial	150	Peach creamer/um	
Rooster creamer/multicolored, bm		Chick creamer/yellow	200
Scenic Brown Bear vase/10"h, bm		Poppy creamer & sugar/red	165
		TOTAL SALES	\$107,810

Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club

October 14, 2000 - 1:10 - Guest Speaker - Chuck Hoey

Chuck Hoey has collected table tennis and ping pong memorabilia for many years. He has even published a book, Vintage Tennis Treasures: The Story of a Lost Art, which covers the history and popularity of table tennis. Chuck told his audience that the course of tennis wannabees languished until 1901 with the invention of the celluloid ball and sheepskin-vellum rackets. The name "ping-pong" came about as a result of the sound made when the ball hit the racket. Early rackets were much smaller and had longer handles than today's paddles. Chuck brought examples of these paddles, some of which were elaborately decorated. As table tennis grew popular throughout Europe and the U.S., so too did the variety and number of items associated with

table tennis: napkin rings, books, fans, racket-and-ball sets, postcards, art, and porcelain to name a few.

Royal Bayreuth artists picked up on this theme by incorporating at least three different patterns on items. Chuck noted that all three patterns have American flags on them, suggesting that they may have been used as trophies. In his slide presentation, he pointed out that the Royal Bayreuth mark on the table tennis pieces is slightly different from the usual mark. Chuck showed viewers the shapes he had located so far: tumbler, sugar and creamer, cup and saucer, ashtray, wall pocket, dice-shaped toothpick holder, and demitasse teacup.

After his presentation, Chuck displayed some of his rare table tennis items and Royal Bayreuth on a



Chuck Hoey - Table Tennis memorabilia collector with a Table Tennis lidded sugar from his collection.

table for the audience to see and photograph. He also distributed reproductions of a turn-of-the-century postcard featuring his favorite sport.

As members were leaving the room, Mary McCaslin announced that her new book would be available at 4:00 in Room 147. (Mary will be using arthritis cream on her autographing hand for many moons to come.)

*Respectfully Submitted,
Ann L. Heeley
Recording Secretary*

October 14, 2000

Banquet Speaker - Dave Richardson
Special Recognition Award

After a well-attended banquet, Dave Richardson entertained members with a presentation entitled "Treasures in the Attic." Dave is a publisher and photographer as well as a third-generation printer. His company, The Glass Press, Inc. and Antique Publications, has published books on a wide gamut of antiques, including Mary McCaslin's two Royal Bayreuth books.

Dave shared with his audience how both his grandfather and father had veered him toward a love for and appreciation of antiques. He also redefined the word "treasure." His talk was enjoyed by everyone present, and members not able to attend the banquet missed a truly inspirational message.

Bob McCaslin then recognized the Directors and Officers of the Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club. He presented Alma Biddlecome with a plaque for her years of dedication as newsletter editor.

Bob then had Craig Heeley draw a name for a free night's lodging for two and complimentary breakfasts from the Marriott. Craig drew his own name from approximately 80 names in the hat! (Ann congratulated him profusely.)

*Respectfully Submitted,
Ann L. Heeley
Recording Secretary*

October 13, 2000

Guest Speaker - Ken Bougher
1:00 p.m.

Ken Bougher has been the technical director for a ceramics company for the past 35 years. In his presentation, he discussed the history of porcelain, the different types of porcelain, and the high-quality, translucent Suhl porcelain used to make Royal Bayreuth. He explained that the formula for making Suhl porcelain has remained constant since it was first produced in 1709 by a German ceramist, Sieger. The quality of this porcelain allowed for a broad array of decorations, painting, decals, and gold application.

Production methods have also remained rather constant, although the formulas and techniques for various glazes and decorations have been lost. Most old and new Suhl porcelain came or comes from Boston, Bavaria, Egypt, and the Czech Republic.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Ann L. Heeley
Recording Secretary*

The Convention Banquet



Ann and Craig Heeley - Ohio



Joyce and Dale Ender - Michigan



Caroline and Karen Church - Pennsylvania



Harold and Joeleen Passow - Iowa



Fred Zumthurn and Ida Parrot - California



Carol and Harold Edwards - Iowa

Buyer Beware: Comments On Internet Bidding -

By Tim Gaudet

If you are a bidder on internet auction sites there may be some areas of concern. The following comments and suggestions are strictly my own opinions based on a year and a half of buying and selling on the net.

PHOTOS

Keep in mind that a digital photo can be altered and enhanced; colors and contrast can be changed before the photo is pasted. If a photo looks too good to be true, it might be wise to contact the seller and ask if the photo truly represents the item; also, hope the seller gives you an honest reply!

COST

vs. REPLACEMENT VALUE

If you get a "deal" on an item, request in writing that the piece be insured for what you feel is full value; this will cost you more, but may be worthwhile.

I recently bought a piece at a bargain price and paid for full value insurance. The seller did not comply and insured the parcel for just what I paid. The piece arrived badly broken and the insurance will pay only the insurance value NOT the true value of the item.

THE WAITING GAME

On the item above, time becomes an issue. I contacted the seller and asked for a refund, which was denied. To get any refund at all I must wait for the Post Office to settle the claim, which will likely be two to three months.

YOU STAND ALONE

If you encounter a problem with a seller, you are in most cases on your own. Most internet auction sites will not intervene in your behalf. You can post negative feed-

back or file a claim with the internet auction fraud department if they have one.

In the case of the broken item, I posted neutral feedback BEFORE I found out there would be no refund, which was a serious mistake.

CHECK FEEDBACK

The seller of the damaged item had lots of positive feedback, but I did not look closely enough. After my problem, I checked again and found six negative comments from the last four months. That many negative comments in that time frame should have been a "red flag" but I did not look carefully enough.

BUYING OVERSEAS

If you are a dealer buying for stock, keep in mind that buying outside the U.S. may be a slow process.

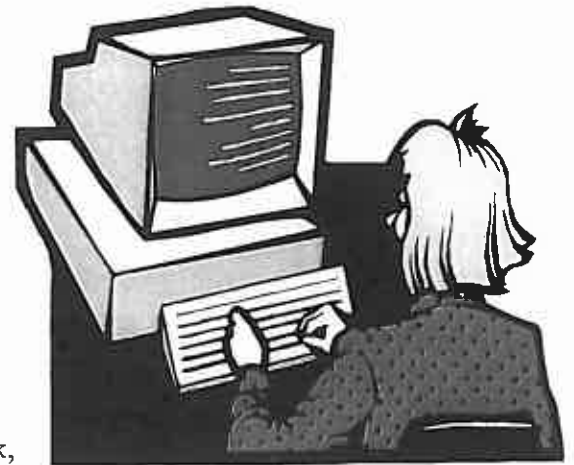
Sending a check overseas, waiting for check clearance and shipping time for the parcel may take six weeks or longer. It may be a fluke, but I have had very poor luck buying from overseas sellers. Also, consider that money exchange rates and the cost of overseas shipping and insurance can considerably raise the true price of your purchase.

FINE PRINT

Read the terms of the sale! If a buyer states they will give a refund "if the item is not as described" you might want to reconsider bidding. If you get that item and you find damage, repair, color variation and so on, it will be your word against theirs.

FEES

I feel reputable sellers should not charge a packing or handling fee. An



exception would be if they state in the terms of sale that he/she uses a professional packer. Packing fees depend on size, weight, and durability. Using a packer will add \$10.00 to \$30.00 to your cost as a buyer. This DOES NOT include shipping and insurance.

DO YOU PACK?

If you pack and ship, DO NOT wrap china or glass items with enamel or gold trim directly in plastic bubble pack. Changes in temperature may cause chemical reaction between the plastic and the decorative painting. Wrap those items in tissue or unprinted newsprint first.

Delicate/fragile items should be double or triple boxed. Always allow a MINIMUM of three inches between the actual item and the sides, top, and bottom of the outside carton.

I round up my values. An item selling for \$120.00 or \$130.00 is insured for \$200.00. An item selling for \$260.00 or \$280.00 is insured for \$300.00 and so on.

If you have a printer, print and keep a record of all email communications -- it may help if you have a dispute. Not everyone does what they say they will do, and it's always better to "get it in writing."



Demi-Tasse Coffee Pots -

By Craig Heeley - Sidney, Ohio

Shown in the accompanying photo are two of the four demi coffee pots that I am personally aware of. Mary McCaslin has one pictured in her second book (fig. 911) with the Work Horses, and I have seen one other with the Sunbonnets (which, unfortunately, is not for sale).

The coffee pots stand approximately seven inches in height and measure six and a half inches from the tip of the spout to the handle. There are two flanges on the inside of the lid to help secure the lid in place. There is one large opening on the at the base of the spout for the liquid to pour from as opposed to several small holes. Both of the pots pictured carry the Royal Bayreuth blue mark as does the one in the book. I do not remember if the Sunbonnet pot was marked or not. The Bear coffee pot is owned by the Passows from Iowa, and I own the Little Miss Muffet coffee pot.

I feel that these are very difficult to come by, and the shape with the long spout and ornate handle make them most appealing. If anyone has this shape with a different scene, I would appreciate hearing from you.

Help Preserve Bayreuth China -

By Judy White

At this year's convention, I brought up the idea of helping to preserve the Bayreuth china by helping to establish a permanent collection. It seems to me that the best place for this would be the factory at Tettau as they have already established a museum room. Sad to say, because of the factory fire and the wars, they have fewer pieces there than many of us have in our collections.

Mary McCaslin, Judy Stockwell, and I have agreed to look into this project. Mary will work with the factory to see what they would be willing to do. I would hope some of us might have a piece or pieces that we may be willing to donate to a collection. Also, the club may wish to start a fund in some way to purchase pieces to be donated.

If you have any interest in this, please send your suggestions to me at 926 Essex Circle, Kalamazoo, MI 49008.

Royal Bayreuth Items Sold on Ebay "2000"

By Nancy Rublaitus

Red Rose Cup and Saucer	\$843.00	Jack and Jill Shieldback Candlestick	400.00
Red Tomato Bowl (tureen)	795.00	Lobster Bowl	125.00
Red Pepper Mustard with Spoon	372.00	Red Poppy Teapot	439.00
Lobster Handled Nappy	170.00	Trout Creamer (chip on fin)	282.00
Shieldback Candlestick Deer and Doe	300.00	Radish Dish	53.52
Monkey Creamer	637.00	Scenic Vase Sheep in Pasture 5 1/2"	171.50
Chick Creamer (chip and hairline)	229.50	Gray Seal Creamer	364.99
Kangaroo Vase (Joey Design)	585.00	Black Crow Creamer	128.50
White Clown Milk	850.00	Orange Mustard (no spoon)	381.01
Goosegirl Toothpick	100.00	Devil Ashtray	227.50
Dachshund Water	2,100.00	Cat Handled Creamer (white cat-green creamer) ..	227.00
Oak Leaf White Satin Bowl	645.00		
Lobster Creamer	64.00		

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Black Owl Creamer	310.00
Tomato Wall Pocker (small hairline)	629.99
Shieldback Candlestick (Jack & the Beanstalk) ..	250.00
Tapestry Hair Receiver (sheep)	112.50
Strawberry Teapot	1,452.00
Devil and Card Wallmatch (full bodied) ..	2,504.00
Horse Creamer	2,575.67
Red Rose Toothpick	493.88
Gazelle Stirrup Cup	4,305.00
Milkmaid Creamer (blue)	546.79
Black Crow Wallmatch	1,892.67
Red Devil Water Pitcher	5,427.99
Demi-Pear Cup and Saucer	340.00
St Bernard Creamer (brown)	130.00
Elk Stirrup Cup	127.50
Alligator Water Pitcher	14,155.00
Basset Hound Candleholder	462.50
Goose girl tray 8"-11"	152.50
Rose Tapestry Powder Box	183.50
Lady Bug Milk	3,250.00
Elk Creamer	113.50
Devil and Cards Matchholder	987.77
Large Covered Tomato Box	75.00
Devil and Card Toothpick	250.00
Rooster Stringholder	426.50
Toothpick (tavern scene)	87.00
Rose Tapestry Ladys Shoe	300.00
Devil and Cards Salt and Pepper	338.00
Lobster Creamer	56.00
1974 Holiday Collectors Plate	5.00
Brown Santa Ashtray	2,899.99
Tomato Mustard and Spoon	48.77
Rose Tapestry Cream Pitcher	131.50
Seal Creamer	201.49
Elk Small Inkwell	585.00
Chimpanzee Humidore	1,900.00
Mouse Creamer	1,121.88
Lady Bug Creamer	1,225.00



2001 -- Germany Trip

You are invited! Join us for a fantastic tour of Central Europe, where Porcelain abounds. Travel with your own special group of Porcelain Lovers. The great part of having your own group, is that if there is a special place you want to visit, as long as the group agrees, you can do it!

Leave the USA August 1st, 2001. Your tour begins in Berlin, where you will be met by your escort for the next 14 days. Spend 3 nights in Berlin. Visit the Pergamon museum; see the sights of Berlin including where "The Wall" once stood. Then it's off to Dresden via Potsdam. Stops include a guided tour of the Sanssouci Palace.

Your porcelain journey begins with the Meissen Porcelain factory. While in the area you will visit the Oldmasters Art Gallery, the Green Vault, and the Alberinum House.

Then off to Prague, with a stop at the Duchov Porcelain factory. Dinner tonight will be a special treat. Enjoy the folk music and entertainment, while dining. Next morning you will visit the Prague Castle, St. Vitus Cathedral, and the Old Royal Palace.

From Prague you will make your way to Ludwigsstadt, stopping at the Hummel Porcelain Factory and 2 Royal Bayreuth factories. Here you will be able to view the production and visit the sales room in Tettau.

Then off to Munich via Nuremberg. A half-day sightseeing is included in both Nuremberg and Munich.

From Munich, you will spend a day visiting the Newswanstein Castle and Oberammegau. See the famous castle that inspired Disney's very own Cinderella castle. Revel in the history of the Passion Play at Oberammegau. Visit the Eagles Nest and King Ludwig's other 2 castles as well.

From Munich your travels will take you to Salzburg, where you will visit Mozart's house and the Swarovski crystal factory. Your farewells will be said in Munich, as the group returns home.

Tour includes accommodations for 14 nights, 13 breakfasts, 8 regular dinners and 2 special dinners, services of your own private motorcoach, with English speaking guide, and much more.

Land price per person based on double occupancy is \$1999* For reservations or additional information please call Susan at Uniglobe Milhon Travel, (317) 839-8705, toll free at 877-274-8747 or via e-mail at Susan.MilhonTravel@wspan.com

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Royal Bayreuth -- A Collectors Guide - Book II

By Mary McCaslin

My second book is now released. It has 240 pages, which include 112 color pages. There are over 1500 items displayed, which are different from the pieces in Book I. I hope that you will enjoy reading the added information that I researched and the amazing discovery of the old ledgers. These valuable tomes (many in disarray and just pages) was a real discovery as the old pattern book shows many of the artists drawings that were used to make the decals which we find on many of our pieces. I am selling some books from my home, so you may order from me. Prices are:

Softback - \$34.95 plus \$3.00 postage each;

Hardback - \$44.95 plus \$3.00 postage each.

I appreciate all of those that loaned me their pieces to include in this book. Without your help, this book would not have been possible. Thank you!

ATTENTION!!! Don't Miss Your Chance To Have A 2000 Convention Mug!!!!

By Mary McCaslin



We still have some '2000' Convention Mugs available to our members! These were made for us by the Royal Bayreuth factory in Tettau, Germany. They were kind enough to make a special 350, limited edition for our club. You may order one or as many as you want, as long as they last. The price is \$10.00 plus \$3.00 postage for each one. The factory made a special mark for our club that is on the bottom. These are 'one of a kind'. Please send your order and money to:

Mary McCaslin - 6887 Black Oak Ct. E. - Avon, IN 46123

Make checks out to RBCC. Thank you and get your order in now. A good item for your children to have, too!

DUES

It is that time again! Please send your dues in as soon as you can, so that you will not forget them. I hope you all have given an application to someone new this year. Let's all help to bring in new members! DUES - \$30.00. Make check out to RBCC and send to:

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Advertising

As a service to members, ads for sale or items wanted may be placed in the Bulletin at no extra charge. You may e-mail your ads to tui@jps.net under the heading bulletin, or send your copy to:

Royal Bayreuth
Collectors Club Bulletin
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Sebastopol, CA 95472

Deadline for the March issue will be March 20, 2001.

The 2000 Convention

The convention is over and wasn't it fun?
For Royal Bayreuth we did run and run.

President McCaslin conducted our
business so well,

He is experienced, for this you can tell.
The hospitality crew did such a fantastic
job.

A special thanks to Becky, Alvin, Roberta,
and Bob.

Roberta's art work was certainly neat.
With her I wouldn't want to compete.

Our auctioneer, Roland Rosenboom, did a
job so fine

You could understand what was going on,
all of the time.

At times the bidding was just furious
Was your bid successful? (I'm just
curious)

I wish I had lots of elephants, santas,
horses and frogs to sell

On the income from these I could do quite
well.

Opossums and monkeys were certainly in
style

But for me to get one, will mean saving
for quite awhile.

Art nouveau didn't do too bad
A bunch to sell I wish I had.

For sure if one had chimp pitchers to sell
He could retire and live quite well.

Colleen Toland is our new editor

So no doubt we will continue to receive a
great newsletter.

Alma Biddlecome has done a super job in
the past

Our thanks to her will last and last.

Now, make plans for Harrisburg, PA Sept.
26-29, the year 2001

As the Lands from Mississippi would say:
Y'all come!

- - Anonymous

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