

Old Man in the Mountain

Submitted by Judy White

Last year in the fall I visited a former college roommate who lives in New Hampshire. On one of our drives in that beautiful area, we went up the highway through the Franconia Notch, which cuts through the White Mountains. We pulled off the road at one of the viewing areas to see the famous figure left at the mountain edge by the glaciers thousands of years ago: the Old Man of the Mountains.

Unfortunately, this spring with the thaws, overnight the Man dropped off the mountain, making a pile of rubble that cannot be reconstructed into the original phenomenon. As it was, he had been precariously hanging there supported by a network of cables meant to stabilize the figure. It looks as though future maps and road signs will no longer show what was once a very well visited tourist spot.

I sent my creamer of the Old Man to my roommate as she had not known that Royal Bayreuth had made these souvenir creamers. I think that the "locals" will be more familiar with this figural creamer than most of us collectors.

However, I got on ebay right away and purchased another one for me. He still seems to be selling quite cheaply as there appear to be many available, although there is some question about whether Bayreuth made them all as the porcelain of some is quite glassy

compared to most Bayreuth. Also, most of the creamers (has anyone seen any other figural piece except the creamer?) seem to be unmarked and some have the name impressed in the side and some do not. Colors also vary from dark gray to light gray, some with yellow tones applied.

I will not give up my special Man of the Mountain, though. He is on an antique postcard that Jim Davis was so kind as to give me several years ago, something I treasure as a memento of Jim.



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President's Message

By Bob McCaslin, RBCC, Inc. President

Hello RBCC Members!

You are invited to join us at Collins Plaza Hotel in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for this year's Royal Bayreuth Convention over September 23 through September 27. This will be an important year for our Club with all of our officers and three directors to be replaced. You may contact Judy White with names of potential candidates. The election will be held at this year's annual business meeting on September 27. Your input is needed to insure that our Club will select a well qualified set of new officers and directors. The future of R.B.C.C. depends on your willingness to be involved. We wish the new board the very best as they work for the good of our hobby.

We will have a room on September 24 for auction pieces to be checked in and inspected by members of our Auction Committee. In the two years this group has provided their service we have not had one piece returned because of uncalled damage or restoration. Great job, well done!! This room will be open on September 24, 25 and until noon on September 26. Thanks again to all members who have participated in the yearly Club auction. Owners will be responsible for bidding their reserves on the pieces they place in this year's auction.

Our Hospitality Room will be available from September 25 through September 27 for relaxing and visiting. The hospitality room has contributed greatly to the overall warm and friendly atmosphere we have enjoyed at our yearly conventions. This is a great place for us to chip in by bringing fruit, vegetables or cookies. We will also have lunches in this area on September 26 and 27 at noon time. Come armed with your collecting experiences that we may all enjoy. Our hats are off to this group,

Joeleen -
Linda - John
- Carol and
Robert G. for
their help this
year.



On Friday the 26th, Becky Conrad will present a program on those beloved little Sunbonnets that we all enjoy. On Saturday, September 27th, Judy White will host a discussion on various R.B. marks that have shown up through the years. Please join in. We look forward to these programs and thank these two ladies for their study and willingness to share their knowledge with fellow club members.

Friday will be a busy day. We have our Welcome Meeting at 9:00 a.m. followed by our noon lunch in the Hospitality area, the Sunbonnet program Friday afternoon, then move auction items from the check-in room to auction area for our viewing before the auction. Our Club is most fortunate to have Rollie doing the club's yearly auction. The 5% commission has allowed us to upgrade your newsletter with color and still have a positive balance to work with.

Saturday starts off with our annual business meeting featuring the election of new officers and three directors. Then, lunch will be in the Hospitality area, with Judy's program on marks following. We will then have our room visitation and the banquet and entertainment will close our 2003 Convention.

Another thank you to all members, directors and officers who have made the four years as president a time of joy filled with high hopes for the future of R.B.C.C.

Best Wishes
Bob



Secretary's Message

By Mary McCaslin

Hello
Members!

This will be
my final note to

you as your Club Secretary. My, how four years have flown by!! I want you to know that I have really enjoyed the personal contact with you all, and the many new friends that we have made. We share a wonderful hobby and I am very proud of our Club and its progress. Not only have we tried to make it an informative and "fun" club, but, the association and fellowship with our members is the most important thing and many lasting friendships have come from it.

Looking back in our archive books (found in the hospitality room at the conventions) triggers many good memories of years gone past. And there are many more to come!!

I know we will have a good convention this year in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. WE WILL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!!

I also hope those of you that have my books will enjoy them and

that they will help you in your search for Royal Bayreuth. (The price guide may fluctuate high and low, but, please remember it is only a guide, and changes for many reasons.)

Our new officers will also enjoy their part in keeping our Club a good, progressive one...even the work -- Ha! It has all been worth the efforts. We can be very proud of our "Royal Bayreuth Collector's Club"!

Again, thanks for your cooperation in making my term a good one, even on getting dues in on time -- Ha! There are only (as of now), 15 that have not paid their dues, and they probably will, with another "Dues Late" card. Don't you just love to get those? But, they do help, because people are busy and forget.

Bye for now and see you at the Convention and those of you that can't come, we will have a good newsletter afterward to let you know what went on.

Very sincerely,
Mary

Our Look at the Current Antique Market

Submitted by Bob McCaslin

We have seen the living proof of this old adage that is heard among many collectors when asked to name the secret of their success, they say, "We buy high and sell low." Some of us have found that there is more truth in this expression than we had imagined.

On page 12 of the August 27 *Antique Trader* we find the following article, "Prices realized fall 15% at Sotheby's," so the slow-down in the antique world reaches even to the top markets, among the very finest auctions. This covers the 2nd quarter of 2003, but a brief look ahead at the consignments for the 2nd half of 2003 are heavier than expected for the 2nd quarter of 2003, compared to total revenues of 127 million for the same period of 2002.

Some 30 years ago Mary and I promised Woody Auction Co. the privilege of selling some of our various collectibles and this came to pass at the 2003 R.S. Prussia Convention in Dayton, Ohio. We put 70 pieces in 35 lots to be sold at their Friday evening auction. The old saying "You'll gain on some and loose on some" was very true in our case. We lost on 16 items and gained on 19 items. Woody Auction sold 250 pieces to 250-300 members. Sale totaled about \$190,000 in what seemed a fairly strong Prussia market.

We look forward to seeing you in Cedar Rapids at this year's R.B. Convention. Safe travel both ways!

Best Wishes
Bob

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance ... \$18,269.19
Disbursements 3,120.89
Receipts 1,946.00
Ending Balance as of 7-31-03
\$17,094.30

Congratulations
to Mike & Nancy Rublaitus
as they celebrate their
50th Wedding Anniversary on
August 31, 2003

NOTICE:

Bev Brumbaugh's email
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The phone number area code
on page 1 should be: 507
Please correct your records.

Royal Bayreuth Prices from Ebay

Submitted by Judy Stockwell (4/5/03)

1. Rose Tapestry Hair Receiver Pink Roses, BM \$92.00
2. Wall Pocket, Pink and Lavender Floral, Gold, Black Mark \$201.50
3. Babes in the Woods Vase, Girl holding a doll, BM, \$330.00
4. Old Blue and White Tea Pot with Cover, #7 Mark \$125.01
5. Childs Dish 7 1/2", BM, Little Miss Muffet, no rhyme \$132.00
6. Green Teapot with cover, Penguins, Small chip on rim of the top \$154.01
7. Portrait Vase with Lady in Big Hat Holding a Fan, 7" BM, \$150.00
8. Black Man's Oxford Shoe, inside brown/white color, Unm \$120.00
9. Lovely Planter with Sheep 5 1/2 x 3 1/4 BM \$138.49
10. Pair of Ladies Shoes Camel Tan, #13 under side of heel \$399.00
11. Dark Brown Ladies Shoe Unm, \$229.00
12. Tapestry Bowl, Mill House Scene 10 1/2" x 3 1/2" BM \$260.66
13. Hand Painted Ivory Vase 7" BM and H.P.Ivory on the bottom \$199.27
14. Babes in the Woods Pitcher, 4 1/2", Girl holding doll, BM \$135.50
15. Vase with Castle Scene, 7" high, BM \$175.00
16. Man and Turkey Teapot with cover, BM \$126.99
17. Straw Hat with advertising inside. \$521.99
18. Tray with sheep scene, 7 1/4" x 11" BM \$158.50
19. Water Pitcher with Man/gun/Dog scene, 7 1/4" high, wear on handle \$122.39
20. Penguin Soap dish or ashtray, Green, BM \$140.28
21. Hand Painted Ivory Demi Cup and Saucer, BM and H.P. Ivory \$227.50
22. Bowl 3 1/4" x 10 7/8" Lady and Horse Double marked with BM and "T" \$398.00
23. Tomato Cup and Saucer 2" high \$33.50
24. Goose Girl Cup and Saucer, BM \$49.00

Figurals

25. Turtle Creamer 3" x 4 1/2, BM \$315.00
26. Devil and Cards Creamer, BM \$172.50
27. Tomato Water Pitcher, BM \$199.99
28. Mallard Duck Milk Pitcher, BM \$229.28
29. Elk Beer Stein/Mug, 5.5 tall, 6" wide, BM \$200.50
30. Owl Water Pitcher 7" tall x 4 5/8" \$3,011.67
31. Crow Milk Pitcher, 4 3/4 tall, BM Black with orange beak \$185.00
32. Platapus Creamer 4 1/4" x 5 2/3" \$815.00
33. Red Clown Creamer BM \$97.00
34. Fish Head Creamer, Unm, \$120.00
35. Lobster Mustard Pot with spoon/ on leaf plate BM, \$127.50
36. Poppy cup and saucer, Red, BM, \$105.38
37. Pineapple Covered Sugar, BM \$407.99
38. Santa Creamer, Red, BM, \$2,032.00
39. Bird of Paradise Creamer, 3 3/4", BM and depoinert \$278.00
40. Devil and Cards Candy Dish, Green Mark, \$407.00
41. Newfoundland Hound Milk Pitcher, 3 1/2" x 6" BM \$332.00
42. Rooster Creamer, Black, Unm, \$283.00
43. Low style Orange Creamer, BM \$233.61
44. Pearlised Geranium Water Pitcher, BM & depoinert, purple.green & gold \$1,730.00
45. Parakeet Creamer, red, blue and yellow, 3 1/2" Unm., \$252.51
46. Devil and Cards Clock Plate, BM \$334.99
47. Gray Poodle Creamer 4 1/2" small hairline \$90.00
48. Pair of Pearlised Shell Salt and Pepper Shakers, Unm. \$49.88

49. Radish Salt & Pepper Shakers with orig. corks, unrm \$276.01
50. Yellow Poppy Standing Wall Match \$688.98

