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## President's Message

### By Bev Brumbaugh, RBCC, Inc. President

Spring greetings to all of you. It snowed this week in

northern Minnesota, but what passes for spring has come to our part of the state. Bobby Jo and I have remained stateside this year which made our informal mid-winter get together in Scottsdale, AZ all the more enjoyable. Paul Stratman and Jim Carter hosted our meeting this year and knocked themselves out. They worked very hard to see that all who attended had a good time. Please see Paul and Jim's write-up in this newsletter.

This newsletter has always had a president's message, but if you want to know where the real work is being done, you have to look at board member reports and articles by members. That is where the real work of your club is being accomplished. For example, we hope you like the format of the treasurer's report. It is the intent that you be given a complete financial report that is up to date with the publication of this newsletter. While I am on the subject of finance, I frequently get questions regarding what many members regard as a large balance in our club account. This balance may appear large in terms of what most of us carry in our check books, it is not large in terms of the obligations we take on when we make commitments to hold conventions three years in advance of our current meeting. Since 9/11 all hotels require that you sign an agreement with them that guarantees that they have some protection in the event we cancel our convention at the last minute. After 9/11 a lot of conventions were cancelled leaving hotels holding an empty bag. Hotels are no longer willing to do this. The guarantee that we are required to sign usually amounts to 85% of the lost revenue the hotel gives up as the result of a last minute cancellation. We can't secure a hotel without making this commitment. It follows that we can't make such an agreement unless we have sufficient funds to keep our promise. It is unlikely that we would cancel a convention, however, that is what a lot of people did following 9/11.

Hotels lost a lot of money. The rules have changed. That's the way it is today!

The thought of conventions leads me to a convention update. Plans are well under way for 2005 in Providence, RI. Steve and Christine Bartlett and their team are working hard on your behalf and I know you will be pleased with their efforts. In 2006 we have secured a convention site in Milwaukee, WI. Bob Gollmar will be our host. The details for that meeting will follow at an appropriate date. To aid in your planning for this year's convention, here are some dates for you: 2004 Convention RBCC Itasca, IL September 21-25; Tues. and Wed. (21 & 22) - Early Arrivals; Tues. 21 through 23 - Auction Check-in; Wed. 23 through Sat 25 - Regular Meeting Events. There will be more details regarding the '04 convention in the next newsletter.

I want to mention that Joanne Lundquist is at home recovering from a heart attack. She is such a trooper. It's hard to imagine that she would ever have a health problem. It is a good reminder that heart issues are not just for guys anymore. Bobby Jo and I know you all will want to wish Joanne a speedy recovery. It is nice when we can use this newsletter to remember someone who can use our thoughts and prayers. When you know about someone who is in the hospital recovering from an illness or accident, let Bobby Jo and I or Carolyn Church, our secretary, know so that we can communicate that information to our membership.

Bobby Jo and I send our best wishes to all of you and hope that you are experiencing warmer weather than we are.

Bev



### Editors Note

Please note that in last month's issue of RBCC, Tim Sullivan's email address was incorrect. It should be tenebrous@aol.com.

## Secretary's Message

**Karen Church, Secretary R.B.C.C.**

Hi Everyone,

Happy Spring!!! I certainly love this time of year and know summer is not far behind. We have had a few warm days already and it was great to see everything coming to life again.

I'll update you on the membership secretary duties. We have had 3 mailings for people that need to renew dues for 2004. We have had 26 people that have not renewed their memberships. We have also had 14 new members since I took over last fall. You should receive your new roster with this newsletter.

Please look over your information carefully and let me know of any additions/corrections etc. I will get any changes to our editor, Linda Titus.

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It's been a fun job so far!!  
Thanks for your help in getting your information to me!! I get so many nice letters and emails!!

*Karen*



## R.B.C.C. Auction 2004

We really need your help for this year's auction. Please let us know what items you will be putting in this year's sale by August 15, then we will make up a sale list for mailing in our September newsletter.

You will be sent a triplicate list for your use. The pink copy is to be retained for your records. The white copy to be sent with the items and the yellow copy to be sent to the auction committee members listed:

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At this time, we have about 50 items while our goal is to offer between 125-150 pieces.

Our club will keep 5% commission, not 15%-25% that is very common in the antique world. Not only is our commission the lowest, but each owner is allowed to put an owners reserve selling price on their items. The purpose of these reserves is to give our members who are supporting our club auction some protection against huge losses. We hope they will be fair in their reserves, as high reserves will lessen the interest in the auction.

We have auction consignment forms ready to be mailed to club members who are interested in helping us in 2004, should you be unable to attend the Itasca convention. Anyone involved with the auction will be glad to handle your reserve bids. Phone (585) 243-2967 or (317) 272-7776 with your request for lists. Thank you for your help with our 2004 auction.

*Bob McCaslin*

## R.B.C.C. Treasurer's Report

**Carolyn Church, Treasurer R.B.C.C.**

February 1, 2004-April 30, 2004

**Closing Balance-January 31, 2004** **\$14,944.22**

**Receipts 2/1/04-4/30/04:**

Membership Dues-New and Renewals \$1,485.00

**Closing Balance Plus Receipts** **\$16,429.22**

**Disbursements 2/1/04-4/30/04:**

Bank fee, Mailing, Credit \$12.20

Newsletter and Postage \$1,038.45

Radisson Airport Hotel Providence (2005 Deposit) \$200.00

**Disbursements Total** **\$1,250.65**

**Closing Balance Plus Receipts** **\$16,429.22**

**Total Disbursements** **\$1,250.65**

**Checkbook Balance 4/30/04** **\$15,178.57**

Are you finding unusual or questionable Royal Bayreuth items? Bring them along to the convention. We all love to see pieces which we have never seen before. A special time to show them will be at our Show and Tell time. Keep looking! You never know what you will find at the next Flea Market, Antique Show or Shop!



### BB Welcome New Members

**Harold & Judy Doll**

29709 Highway M

Edwards, MO. 65326

**Tim & Deb Minnick**

13816 Elvina Drive

Leo, IN. 46765

**Linda Newsome**

25970 Rose Road

Westlake, OH. 44145

## Absolute Versus Reserve Auctions

*Submitted by Bob McCaslin*

Lets notice the fact that there are two basic types of auctions. There are those with reserve and without reserve.

In an auction with reserve, each lot offered will have a minimum-selling price established by the seller before the auction. Thus, an item with a \$500 reserve will not sell if the top bid is \$450. This item would be set back and is still the property of the consignor. Bidders at times do not understand this fact about reserve auctions. No contract for sale will be formed unless the auctioneer accepts the highest bid, which has surpassed the consignor's reserve. Only then may the bid be accepted and the item be marked as sold.

Every auction for goods is an auction with a reserve, by law, unless it is specifically announced to be otherwise. If you see an advertisement for an auction and it doesn't say "Unreserved Auction", "Absolute Auction", or "Sold to the highest bidder", you should assume it is a reserve auction. Also, the auctioneer and seller have no obligation to inform bidders that an auction will be with reserve.

No lot will sell unless its reserve price is met or exceeded. The auctioneer and seller have no duty to inform bidders what the reserve price is for a lot and it is often desirable that they not reveal this information. At anytime during the bidding before the lot has been declared sold, either the seller or auctioneer may withdraw the lot and decline to sell it.

Auctions are out of bounds when they're advertised as absolute and are not. Every lot will be sold to the highest bidders regardless of price and then cry "sold" and knocking that item off to the house. Such an auction has violated their integrity to their bidders. A lot may be designated to sell with reserve prior to bidding being opened.

Who decides the type of auction to be conducted? That's easy! The seller always makes this decision, because it's the seller's assets that will be sold. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of R.B.C.C. your Executive Board made the decision to allow each owner to place a reserve on the items they consigned to each club auction with someone from the auction committee bidding for these

owners. In 2002, the decision was made to allow owners to handle their own reserve bids, which seemed to work real well.

Reserve auctions seem to work best for all members of hobby clubs who are willing to consign their high-end items, just as long as they are allowed the protection of a reserve auction. In 2001 we had a member who had consigned many items to the club auction without putting reserves on most of these items and sure enough many sold for less than purchased value.

In the real auction world, reserve auctions serve as the protective value for high-end value items while absolute auctions are the real venue for all of us who are bargain hunters.

All of this may be summed up in the following situation. At our 2000 R.B.C.C. Auction, we had an owner's reserve on an item of \$2000 and this item sold for \$21,000. High reserves will hurt in most all instances, we urge our consignors to be as fair with fellow club members as is financially possible.

Thanks to Mr. Proffit for his thoughts in the antique week for this article.

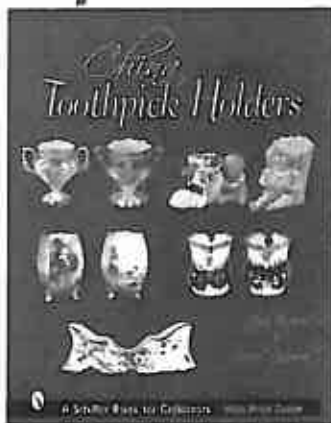
*Submitted by Judy Knauer*

## China Toothpick Holders

I am announcing the availability of a new collector's reference book on China Toothpick Holders.

This exciting new reference is the first of its kind. No other publication focuses exclusively on porcelain toothpick holders. Collecting toothpick holders has long been a popular hobby, and now it will be even more enjoyable! This reference includes over 600 color photographs and shows over 900 toothpick holders.

Whether your interest is in R. S. Prussia, Royal Bayreuth, Nippon, Royal Doulton, or any other type of porcelain, you will find this



reference is a "must have." The photos clearly represent the colors and the design details that make these toothpick holders the treasure they are.

In this reference you will also find collecting tips, information on manufacturers, identification tips, reproduction and contemporary toothpick holders, a glossary, current values, and much more.

Both authors, Judy Knauer and Sandra Raymond, are long-time collectors and students of antique toothpick holders. Judy founded the National Toothpick Holder Collectors Society in 1973 and both authors have been active members since that time.

Orders are now being taken for summer delivery - \$39.95 + \$3.95 for insured mailing.

Order from:

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## *Book that includes Royal Bayreuth shoes just published*

It was great fun for my husband Tom and me to meet so many of you at the 2001 Convention in Harrisburg when I gave a color slide presentation on Royal Bayreuth shoes. That work was part of a larger project on antique porcelain and pottery shoes. The book I have written on this subject has just been published by Schiffer Publishing of Atglen, Pennsylvania. At the convention, I took photos of many uncommon RB shoes that you brought for viewing. And many of those photos are in this 224-page book.

The book is divided into three sections. The first includes simple explanations on manufacturing processes as well as pointers on identifying and dating unmarked shoes, recognizing fakes, and assessing value. Royal Bayreuth was among the big six of German porcelain shoe manufacturers of a century ago in terms of production volume and/or breadth of design. The designs and decors of the popular Royal Bayreuth were so often copied that I felt it necessary to establish identifying criteria in the book as well as to illustrate some of the commonly misidentified copies by other manufacturers. Also covered are "form-offs" to produce the rare smaller versions of a Bayreuth model, and Royal Bayreuth blanks sold to decorating shops for their embellishment.

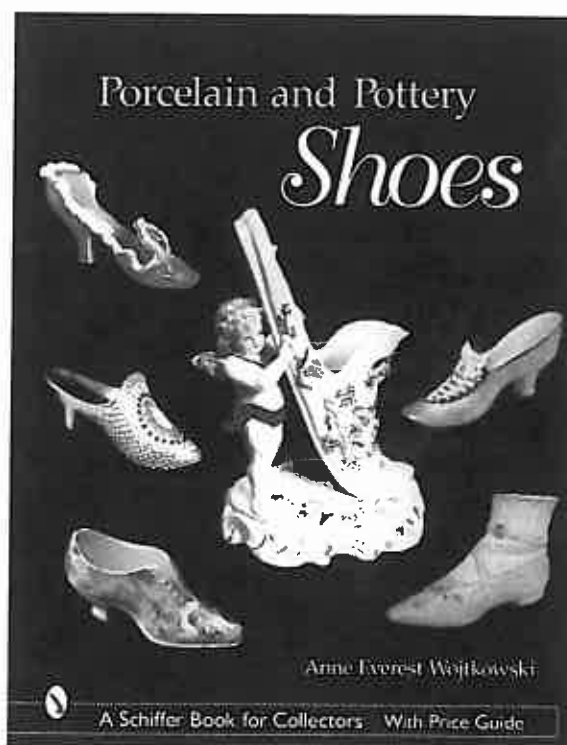
The 146-page central section of the book illustrates over 1,200 porcelain and pottery shoes, most made before the 1920s. This section leads off with the most comprehensive section of Royal Bayreuth shoes that I believe has ever been published. About 50 different Royal Bayreuth shoe models have been identified. Each model was made in a distinguishable "left" and "right". Some models were made in numerous decors. The book illustrates about 110 versions of these models and has scale sketches of many showing in-mold details. These sketches will be an aid to the collector to help distinguish the authentic from the copies.

In addition to Royal Bayreuth, identified manufacturers of these good luck symbols include Royal Worcester, Coalport, Spode, Meissen, Goss,

Heubach, Conta & Boehme, von Schierholz, Dedham, Morimura, and Schafer & Vater. There is also a large section on French faience from such factories as Henriot, the elusive Alcide Chameil, Moreau, Porquier, Verlingue, Longwy, Gien, and the several Fourmaintraux families. Revealed here

for what is believed to be the first time is the factory that made the majority of the variegated green shoes, and many other variegated green novelties, some with pink pigs.

The third section of the book contains an alphabetized list of manufacturers, designers, decorators, and importers, with locations, years of operations, and product lines. The hard cover book is 8½" x 11", contains over 1,700 color



photos and nearly 400 black and white scale sketches of shoes illustrated. Values are provided for all shoes illustrated. The book retails for \$49.95. By special arrangement with the publisher, the book can be ordered directly from the author for \$30.00 + \$5.00 shipping. If you are interested in purchasing a copy, just fill out the form below and mail it with a money order in the amount of \$35.00 made out to Anne Wojtkowski. Your copy will be mailed directly from the publisher.

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## Recent Prices From Ebay

Submitted by Judy Stockwell

### Figurals

Mt Goat Creamer BM 3 ¾" \$80.00  
 Lobster Bowl 7 ½ x 4 x 3 ½, minor paint loss, BM \$153.96  
 Red Poppy Toothpick holder, 4 1/2x 4", BM \$374.99  
 Devil & Cards Candy Dish 6 ¾", 2 chips under devils feet, BM \$186.50  
 Devil & Cards Sugar bowl 4 ½"x5", small chip on edge, Green Mark \$314.99  
 Devil & Cards Open Sugar, Rare, 4"x 5 ¾" BM \$1,225.02  
 Devil Ashtray, Orange 6" x 4" unmarked \$380.00  
 Beetle (ladybug) Water Pitcher 6" high BM \$1,892.00  
 Crow 4 ¾"x 6, Black with orange beak \$88.00  
 Yellow Chick Water Pitcher 7" high \$600.00  
 Frog Creamer, Orange, BM \$282.79  
 Tomato Cracker Jar, 6 ½" x 5 ½" BM \$202.50  
 Lettuce and lobster bowl 4" high 9" dia. \$112.50  
 Lettuce & Lobster Salt and Pepper 2 ¾" unmarked \$327.77  
 Leopard Creamer McCaslin's #639 3" high \$6,325.50  
 Yellow Grape Bowl 9 ¼" x 6 ¼" Unmarked \$94.99  
 Lamplighter Humidor, Brown, 7 ½" x 4 ½" Unmarked Rare \$462.77  
 Pansy Tea Strainer, Lavender/ Magenta, yellow & black stamen Depoinert \$511.01

White Pansy Cracker Jar, 5 ½" x 7" pearlised "T"mark \$921.99  
 Bantam Rooster Water Pitcher 7 3/8x8"x 4 ¼" comb is flat \$1,075.00  
 Shell Pin Tray, Luster 7.75"x5" BM \$84.78  
 Spiky shell creamer "Betterton Beach MD on it, 3 7/8" BM \$104.59  
 Set of four Watermelon Plates 3 in VG cond. 1 has a chip, 9" dia. Umn \$330.00

### Scenic

Heart shaped dish, turkey and man, BM \$47.00  
 Creamer 4" Castle scene \$90.00  
 Babes in the Woods Vase 4 ¼ x 1 ½" Girl and Dog \$326.50  
 Babes in the Woods Ewer 3" high Unmarked \$125.00  
 Fox Hunt Hair Receiver, BM \$152.59  
 Cream Pitcher 2 Men Fishing 3" high #20 on bottom \$67.26  
 Vase 8 ¾" Hunting Scene Man with dog BM \$134.49  
 Set of 6 plates 6" with Hunter, beagle scene \$89.00/set  
 Sugar & Covered Creamer set, scene of two cows, BM \$130.70  
 Cracker Jar with Bird of Paradise 10" x 5" unmarked \$78.77  
 Turkey, man scene celery dish 12 ½" x 5 ½" BM \$125.00

### Sunbonnet

Sunbonnet Dutch Shoe Girls cleaning \$430.00

Set of 3 Sunbonnet pieces, bowl, mug and plate BM \$177.50  
 Sand Babies Plate 8 ¼" BM \$31.65  
 Sand babies plate Kids running BM \$61.00

### Tapestry

Pinched Pitcher, Tapestry, Pink & Yellow Roses 3.25"x2.75" BM \$107.49  
 Silver Tapestry Berry Dish 5 ¾" wide BM \$199.00  
 Tapestry Bell, 3 ¼" Green mark inside \$381.51  
 4 Tapestry 6" Plates – Pink Roses BM \$300.00  
 Rose Tapestry Dish celery type, BM 7 ¾"x 3 ¾" \$80.00  
 Rose Tapestry Basket 5 3/8" pink roses, #8 & #27 & green mark \$147.59

### Misc.

Sontag Blue and White Sugar with cover and spoon \$86.00  
 Pr. Of Brown boots with a few scratches, unmarked \$89.88/pr.  
 Old Tettau blue and white 2.5 square dish with turned up corners \$42.02  
 Chocolate Pot, white with heavy gold 7 ½" high \$14.95  
 10 ¾" Bowl with roses and luster BM \$94.58  
 Corinthian Creamer 3 ¾" with "Corinthian ware and BM on bottom" \$33.00



MI Goat Creamer \$80.00



Lobster Bowl \$153.96



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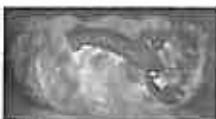
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Tomato Cracker Jar \$202.50



Lettuce and lobster bowl \$112.50



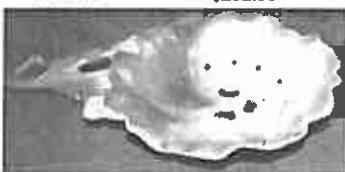
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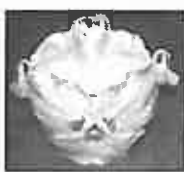
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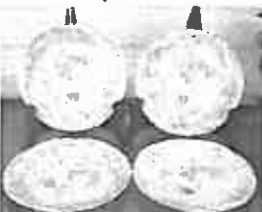
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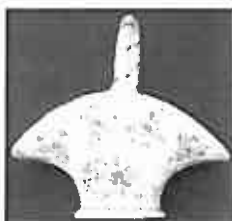
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# How Kat got started in RB

Submitted by Kat Thacker

One of our newest boardmembers, Kat Thacker, has been pressed into service to write the ubiquitous article on how she got started in collecting our "Beloved Bayreuth." Kat's an illustrator by trade, and she's done many children's books. Check out her work at [www.katthacker.com](http://www.katthacker.com). Her collection of whimsical RB figurals make her smile every single day!

Once upon a time, there was a little blonde girl who lived in Michigan and loved playing with her Mother's very weird china whenever she could sneak it down from the china cabinet... There were three odd magical little pitchers - an elk, a lobster, and a really creepy red devil, that spit milk out it's mouth. As she later found out, her Mom had purchased the creamers back in the early 1950's, at a Goodwill Industries store in Sioux City (she worked there summers during college). Her Mother purchased lots of unusual things like authentic samurai swords, bits & pieces of pretty china and interesting old military stuff. Most of the items were really cheap - the creamers were 25-75 cents apiece. She guessed people thought they were kind of scary, so they didn't want them. She knew the pieces were from Germany, because all had little marks on the bottom. Other than that, they were just curiosities she took with her - from Iowa, to military service in San Antonio, to Alaska (when the US government found out she, an Officer, was marrying an Enlisted man - what were they THINKING??? they sent him there!)

OK, enough of their story, back to the little blonde girl, who was born back in Iowa, once her parents left Alaska ...and then moved from Iowa to Michigan. Now, more years have passed, and she's totally forgotten about those odd pitchers packed away heaven knows where. It's now 1976, she's in high school, and wandering around a local mall's antique show. Guess what she sees - it's a HUGE version of the red lobster creamer (a water pitcher) in a locked glass case! Asking if she can see it up close, the dealer says she's sorry, but it's VERY EXPENSIVE, and she won't take it out unless you're a SERIOUS BUYER. I said, how much would a serious buyer have to pay for such a curious thing? It's \$250.

It's very old & fragile and called "Royal Bayreuth". She thought it was the absolute COOLEST thing in the world, but saving for college meant no \$250 lobster for her. She does remember rushing home and asking Mom where the other pitchers were stashed, when Mom calmly told her; "those old things? I was out antiquing with my friend, and found more of it, discovered the incredible price they were getting for it, and promptly sold all three pieces; for \$50 - \$75 each - what a profit!!!" It was disappointing, but with going away to college, getting married to a wonderful, patient guy & moving away, then moving back & attending art school, it would have been a silly extravagance to move around. During all these years, she did attend lots of antique & farm auctions, and aquired lots of McCoy pottery, old crocks & bowls, and misc. porcelain, (like old Bavarian moose creamers, etc.) but never saw any more Bayreuth.

She attended an auction in 1995 - in Monroe MI, that was a mixed antique event - and they had 2 water pitchers - a devil &



cards, and the lobster! The location was a bit "out-of-the way" and didn't generally advertise too well, so she figured no one else would know WHAT it was...so she'd probably get both - really cheap!!! Unfortunately, there was ONE other person (that's all it takes isn't it?) there who knew the value of the pieces so she got outbid on the Devil - (it went for \$650.) but the lobster came home with her for \$450. She was over the moon... and finally got her first Bayreuth - and the big red lobster to boot! Later in the year, she was at some antique shop somewhere, checking out the reference books, & found Mary's wonderful first volume! It was something that blew her away - all the spectacular photos showing the variety & color, hundreds & hundreds of pieces, and the PRICE GUIDE! It was like a Christmas wish book, the poor thing became

dog-eared with her drooling over every page. This was pre-eBay, remember, so it would still be difficult to see much in person...

Over the next couple years, she did pick up a few more misc. bits & pieces, mostly at auctions, some with flaws, but it didn't really matter, she loved the figurals for their sculptural quality, the attention to detail, beautiful colors and whimsical way they looked contemporary, even though they were so very old. In August of 1997 her sweet husband saw an ad for an auction at Mike Clum's - with 244 pieces of Bayreuth to be sold, and she thought it had to be some kind of omen that it was on her birthday, so down they went. They stayed in a really nasty, disgusting- smelling (cheap!) motel, so they could save their money to purchase the porcelain, and got there as soon as they opened the doors. It was really the BEST birthday ever - like an advanced degree in Bayreuth, getting to see (& handle!!!) all the different varieties, and observe the SERIOUS BUYERS (probably all you other club members!) checking out the merchandise. During that exciting day, they purchased 4 pieces, (one of which was her most EXPENSIVE mistake... a tight hairline she didn't see until they got home and washed the piece. LIVE & LEARN!!!) met a lot of nice people, and chatted with a very interesting gentleman name Paul Toland. He let them know about this wonderful group of folks, from all over the world who had a club together collecting Royal Bayreuth! It turned out they were having a convention in just a few weeks, in NY... and they should attend! It just wasn't a trip they could pull together so quickly, but they DID become members that very day, and DID attend the next convention & every one since!

The (so far) happy ending of this tale is that even though they now have more than 50 pieces, (which is extremely small potatoes compare to most club members...) it still is a great thrill for her to find a piece they need, (& can actually afford) but it's even more fun just to SEE all the unusual versions of figurals out there. It's like a great big treasure hunt! Coming to the conventions is truly a continuing educational process - and getting to visit with such knowledgeable & friendly folks, is something they look forward to every year!

Kat & Gregg have been club members since 1997.



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The food should be very good. The hotel chef will make accommodations for those requesting vegetarian meals for lunches and banquet meals. Please indicate that on your form also.

We will have interesting speakers (shh-it's a secret). Nice little gift for attendees (shh-that's a secret too). Oh, and of course a great auction. Come join the fun, the food and the people. Hope to see all the old members and lots of new ones!

The board strongly encourages all club members to attend the Saturday evening banquet dinner. By attending this wonderful dinner, you are helping the club with your show of support. There will be great food and entertainment, so please come and enjoy while supporting the Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club!

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### Choice of salads:

Mixed garden greens with choice of dressing or caesar salad with garlic croutons and caesar dressing.

### Entrees:

Pappardelle pasta with chicken - crimini mushrooms and zucchini in a tomato-garlic white wine sauce

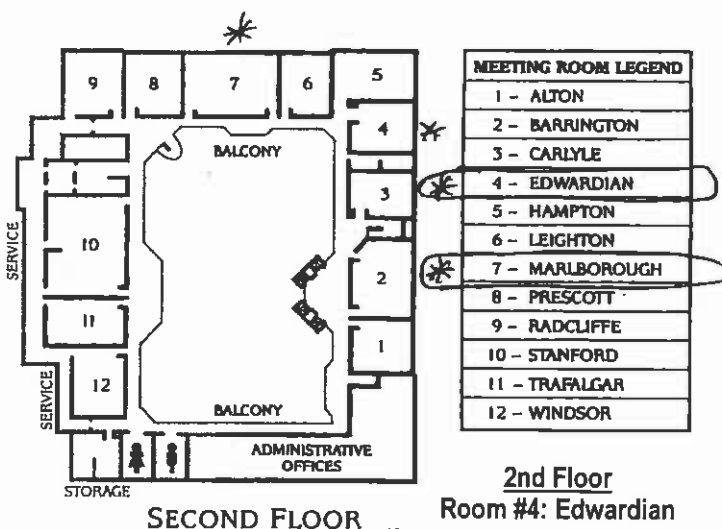
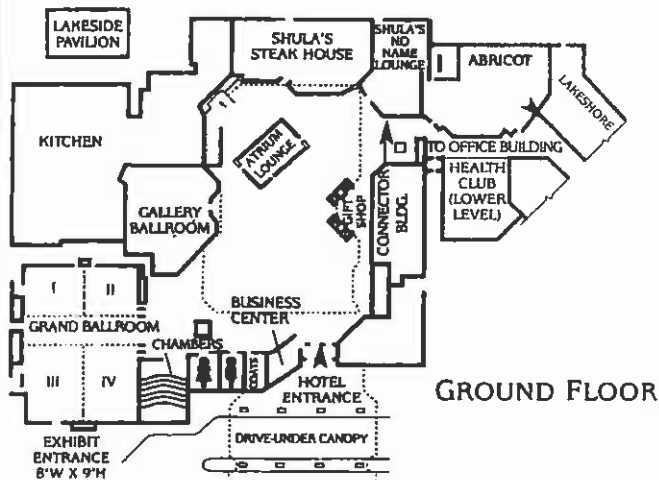
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Herb & mustard crusted flank steak - with exotic mushrooms, seasonal vegetables and grilled polenta with black pepper sauvignon.

### Dessert:

Chocolate mousse, Chicago style cheesecake or lemon torte.

### CONFERENCE/MEETING ROOMS



MEETING ROOM LEGEND	
1 -	ALTON
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6 -	LEIGHTON
7 -	MARLBOROUGH
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9 -	RADCLIFFE
10 -	STANFORD
11 -	TRAFALGAR
12 -	WINDSOR

### 2nd Floor

Room #4: Edwardian  
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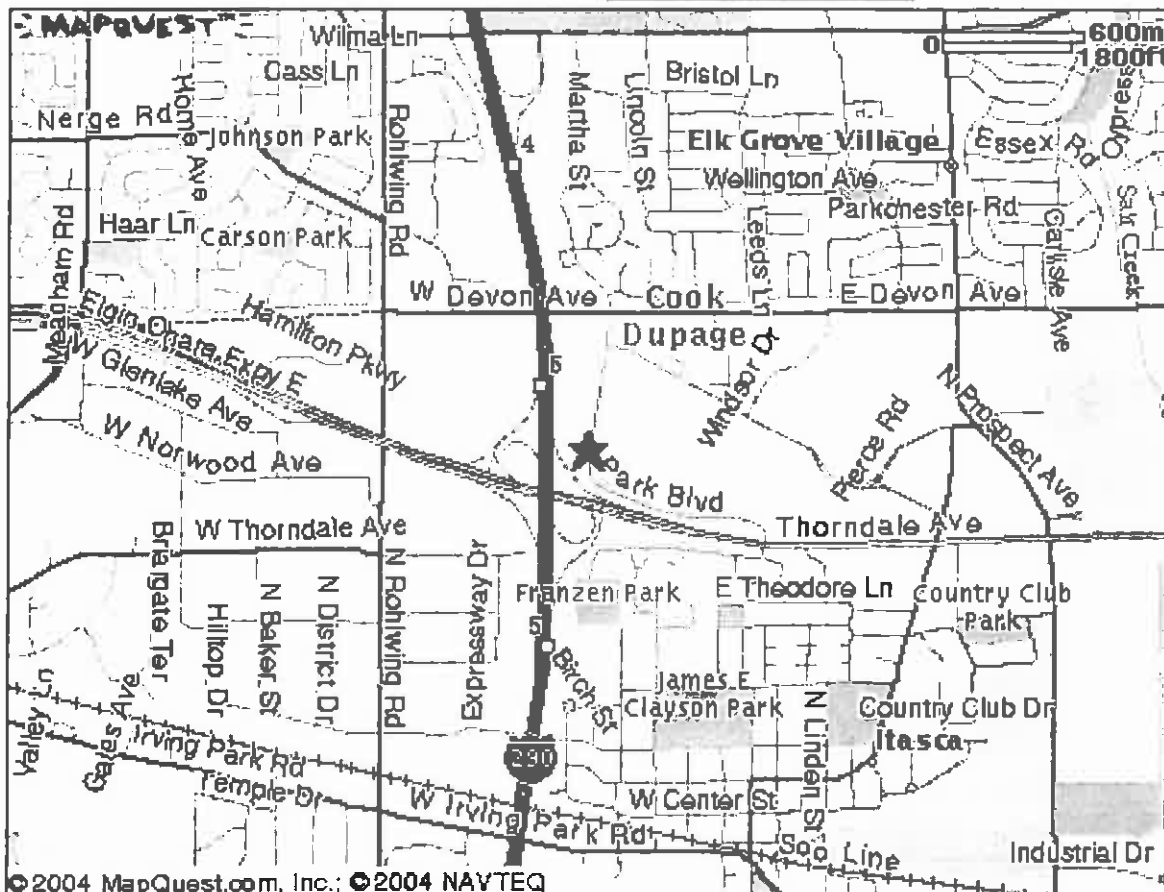
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# 2004 Convention RBCC Agenda

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### September 21, 22, 23, 24 & 25

Tuesday and

Wednesday, Sept. 21 and 22

September 23 through 25

### **EARLY ARRIVALS AUCTION CHECK-IN**

#### **THURSDAY - September 23**

All Day-

Registration in the Hospitality Room

All Day-

Hospitality Room open

2:00 to 4:00 p.m. -

RBCC Annual Board Meeting

#### **FRIDAY - September 24**

Times To be announced -

FREE Continental Breakfast  
in the Hospitality Room

Welcome Meeting

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. -

Lunch in Marlborough Room

1:15 to 2:30 p.m. -

PROGRAM

2:30 to 3:00 p.m. -

Move Auction Items

3:00 to 6:00 p.m. -

Auction Viewing

7:00 to 11:00 p.m. -

Club Auction

#### **SATURDAY - September 25**

9:00 to 11:00 a.m. -

Annual Business Meeting:

Reports, Club Election, General Business

11:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. -

Lunch in Marlborough Room

1:15 to 2:30 p.m. -

PROGRAM

Times to be announced -

RBCC Board Meeting

Times to be announced -

Room to Room Visitation

7:00 to 9:00 p.m. -

Banquet and Entertainment