



ROYAL BAYREUTH COLLECTORS CLUB

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How the Cappels...

By Roberta Cappel

As you know, the White House has a blue room, a red room, an oval room, etc. The Cappel house has a Tomato/Pumpkin room, a Fruit room, a Strawflower room (blue/white Tettau), a Dutch room, a Sunbonnet room, a Nursery Rhyme room, a Shell room, a Donkey Boy-Farm Animal-Hunter-



Fisherman room—with some Snow Babies thrown in just to cool things off! (That would be our bedroom.)

The tomatoes and pumpkins that we took to the last convention, grow in our kitchen/family room. The fruit is in season all year in our dining room. The blue/white Tettau will leave the living room only long enough to serve a blue plate special in the dining room. Some tapestry pieces and a few flowers grow in the living room as well. Our daughter, Laura, did her student teaching in the Netherlands—so what better room to display our Dutch children. Even though our daughter, Gretchen, is 38, she will always be our baby, so her room gets the “children pieces” and the nursery rhymes. We have the only remaining avocado bathtub in America in our main bath, and the sunbonnet pieces have just the right color green to blend in. The shell pieces just washed ashore in the bathroom off our bedroom.

As you can tell, we are not mix-and-match people. Our Royal Bayreuth stays in its own family and they all like to sit together. They also don't like to be confined. Almost all of our collection sits out on open shelves where we can always enjoy it. We do have a



barrister in the dining room where some of our fruit is “ripening” behind glass. However, the lemons, oranges, melons, and strawberries stay on their own shelf and know they are not to stray into the pickle patch.

BREAK FOR A COMMERCIAL

Do you love collecting but hate cleaning? Do you have grandchildren running through your house making the floors vibrate?

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Coming Attractions: A “Juicy” Cappel Production

You may have heard through the grapevine that the theme of this year's RBCC convention in Columbus is: THE GRAPES OF REUTH. Now, isn't that a “novel” idea!? John Steinbeck won the Pulitzer Prize and the Nobel Prize for Literature for his classic novel, “The Grapes of Wrath,” and we hope this year's convention will be a winner also. There has been a stage version of Steinbeck's novel, as well as a movie and even an opera. The 2008 convention is a parody featuring the characters (club members) heading to Columbus, Ohio, due to a worldwide shortage of Royal Bayreuth. We know it's going to be a sweet, juicy production. You know that the sweetness of grapes is evaluated by color—we will certainly pick some grapes from our vines to bring along, and hope you will be a share-cropper and do the same. The Pulitzer Grape Prize Patrol will be attending



the convention--you may be eligible to win any number of gifts. If you are interested in donating a basket from your state for a raffle, that would be just vine! Alvin and I plan to bring an Ohio basket featuring grapes and Ohio-made products, including wine and cheeses. We're looking forward to meeting you under the grape arbor in the hospitality room at the Embassy Suites in Dublin. Just bring a loaf of bread, a jug of sparkling GRAPE juice and Thou!

2008 Convention Presentation

by Judy Stockwell

NOTE FROM EDITOR: This comes from Judy Stockwell in regards to her upcoming presentation to be given in Columbus. It is entitled: The Beginning Years of Royal Bayreuth (1794- 1902) It sounds like yet another reason to look forward to our convention!

Since most of the club interest in Royal Bayreuth is with the “famous” Blue Mark which came after 1902... I thought that it would be interesting to look at the Early Years of the porcelain which we all have come to love. At the convention in Columbus, OH, I am going to tell you something about the beginning days of porcelain at the Tettau Factory. The pictures in this



article are examples of the lovely porcelain that was made during the early years. I will be showing some of them in Columbus... plus others. If you have any with the Lion and “T” mark or just “T” mark, bring them and we can all ooh and aah over this great looking stuff!



President's Letter

By Sandy Heerhold

Greetings to all fellow Royal Bayreuth collectors from the unpredictable Midwest. I am hoping that warm weather is with us to stay. I believe this is the longest we have ever had the heat on in the house, even had to use it the end of May. In a period of two weeks, we went from heating to air conditioning the house.

We have just finished with our membership drive and I am pleased with the results. Of the seven people that are not renewing, three have sold their collections, one is not renewing because of age and another is a victim of our economy. This year we had called members and also e-mailed to find out if they would be renewing. We found that people rely on reminder cards and they will certainly be sent next year. A few late renewals are straggling in. Due to our acquiring nine new members since the convention, our numbers have not changed significantly since last year. Our improved website is a direct contributor to our getting new members.

This year our convention will be held at the Embassy Suites in Dublin, Ohio (which is just outside Columbus), September 25-27, so mark your calendar for those dates. The hotel will be providing a cooked to order breakfast and a two hour manager's reception which is included in our room rate. There is also an on site restaurant, The Embassy

Grille which is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Our hospitality room is in the very capable hands of Alvin and Roberta Cappel. Please join us for fun, good conversation and of course, discussion about Royal Bayreuth. Please contact me if you have ideas for the convention or would like to volunteer in some capacity. Refreshments for the hospitality room are always welcomed. Please make your hotel reservations by September 8, 2008, by calling the hotel direct at 614-790-9000 and mention the Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club to get the negotiated rate of \$105 a night. Also, the hotel does provide free transportation within a five mile radius, but unfortunately the airport is out of that range. Visit the hotel website at embassysuites.com and search for Dublin, Ohio for a list of amenities and policies.

Please be aware that the website password is changing JULY 15. This is something that will be done on an annual basis. Our response to our query of whether we should be having an auction has been positive; however; we are in need of pieces to be auctioned. Please contact Bev Brumbaugh if you have pieces that you would be willing to consign.

I would like to thank all who have helped me out this past year and all of you who have stepped up to keep our club running smoothly. It takes a lot of people to have a successful organization.

Cappels continued from the cover.

Do what the Cappels' do! Mix blue and yellow Handi-Tack from Wal-Mart. Put a little bit under each foot of your collectible and arrange your pieces on your favorite shelf. (Mixing the colors of the plasti-tack makes it stick better, and the green color is camouflaged under the green bases) Then, when you need to "dust your tomatoes" grab a Proctor and Gamble Swiffer. The Swiffer allows you to weave in, over, and around your collectibles. Crop dusting has never been so easy and so much fun!



We've included a few pictures of our three washstands. Where else do you put a "Snow Babies" pitcher and bowl while it's waiting for a wastewater jar and a chamber pot to show up? "The Ring around the Rosie/Girl with Dog" wastewater jar is on another washstand waiting for a pitcher and a bowl. The tiny washstand is just the right height for our little Anna to take the sunbonnet baby dolls swimming in the bowl! We have lots more pictures, but that would take more newsletters, and I have to close – I need to go to the Sunbonnet Room.

Corrections for RB Book 1

By Mary McCaslin

In Book 1, Page 70, item# 6 is listed as BUTTERFLY (Closed Wing), it should be BUTTERFLY (Perched Wing). Note: Perched Butterfly Body is on the bottom on the twig. Closed Butterfly Body is on the side (next to the handle).

Secretary's Message

By Onita Pierce

Thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership for 2008. A special thanks to those who sent e-mails and made phone calls to give a friendly reminder that the dues were due. To date there are 132 renewed memberships and nine new members for a roster of 141. Now is the time to begin planning on being in Ohio. Wouldn't it be GREAT to see the entire membership at the convention!

Get Well Wishes

By Kat Thacker

Our prayers and warm get well wishes are needed for these members of our RB family:

Judy White is recovering from foot surgery in California and resting up for her annual visit back to Michigan. Mary McCaslin has undergone surgery on her hand and is currently typing her e-mails with one finger! Chuck Heerhold is on the mend from recent foot surgery, while Ricky Kupferer is undergoing knee surgery and will not be able to attend the convention this fall. Our club Secretary, Onita Pierce is undergoing surgery the first week of July. Longtime member Bob Bernstein is continuing to have poor health at this time. We just heard from her daughter that Wanda Friedrich has undergone heart surgery and is currently recovering in their home. We wish all our RB friends a complete and speedy recovery!

Editor's Message

By Kat Thacker

Greetings to all our RBayreuth friends! It's finally looking green and lush around the yard (by "lush", I really mean all our flowerbeds are now hopelessly weed-filled and jungle-like, and will take a machete to clear!) This must mean that summer is finally here. We have experienced a long, dreary winter and are thrilled to be able to get out without shoveling our way to the car! In retrospect, we truly have nothing to complain about in looking at the recent devastating weather situation in the Mississippi river region. Our thoughts and prayers are with all who live in the flooded area.

Hopefully you're noticing this far into our June issue the new look of our newsletter. Inspiration for the new look came from old-world graphics honoring our favorite porcelain. The goal of the enhanced format is to make things simpler and easier to read. I'm hoping you will appreciate the changes and find the publication continually improving with every issue you get.

We still need your participation to keep up the level of educational and informative articles - that's something this editor cannot do on her own.

A big thanks to Roberta Cappel for sending in her fine article for this issue - it was both informative and highly entertaining! Please don't forget the other monthly columns - the "free to members" classified ads, "rare sightings!", and "our china cabinets". Any interesting RB photos or stories are always welcome. We need you to keep us updated on any changes to your info as well - address, phones and especially e-mails.

Gregg is going to continue sending members e-mails regarding club news between the newsletter issues (of course, we will continue have the newsletters available online too). Do note on your calendars: a major website change is coming on July 15. We will be changing the member's only area password on that date. **YOU WILL NEED THE NEW PASSWORD TO GAIN ACCESS TO THIS AREA AFTER THIS DATE!** Please check out the Website News in this edition to get the new password.

Our next newsletter is an early September issue. This is the last before the upcoming convention in Columbus on September 25-27, so we'll need any items to include **NO LATER** than August 10. The convention registration form is included in this issue - please return yours to club secretary Onita Pierce with your check no later than September 1. It would also be a good time to call Embassy Suites to make your hotel reservations - the info can be found on following pages. Please also note the Cappels are planning a fun-filled, grape-themed hospitality room for us there, and they need your donations of goodies. State baskets are also planned for this year to raffle off at the event - so let them know if you plan on donating one from your state. On the auction front - chairman Bev Brumbaugh is still looking for pieces to include in always popular convention event. Check out your own collections and see what you might be able to part with at this time.

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

By Harriet Land

Checkbook Balance 1/31/08\$13,980.08

Receipts 2/1/08 - 5/27/08

Membership Dues\$3,690.00

Total Receipts\$3,690.00

Disbursements 2/1/08 - 5/27/08

Supplies..... \$8.85

Newsletter \$708.90

Auction. \$225.06

Misc (dues reminders & membership cards) 114.25

Total Disbursements\$1,057.06

Total Receipts\$3,690.00

Less Disbursements\$1,057.06

Checkbook Balance 5/27/08\$16,613.02

Ivory Mystery

By Chuck and Sandy Heerhold

Hi everybody, Received these photos from a collector regarding hand painted ivory, yet this is not a rose. Has anybody seen this before? It is marked and different. If you know anything about these please respond back to us and we will advise the collector.

RESPONSE FROM KAREN CHURCH: Interesting pictures you sent. I don't collect hand painted ivory, but don't think this is hand painted ivory. Mom and I think it looks similar to the old tettau mark tapestry cup & saucers with the castle scenes etc., but not tapestry (Book 2 Number 693). The shape and the handles are different. My c&s's have the matte brown around the edge with gold decoration, but it reminds me more of the an ashtray I have. The outer part of it is the brown matte finish with raised red dots inside the center of stenciled flowers that go around the piece. There is a picture of cows in the center. I think the Japanese made Moriagi with kind of this same effect. (I'm sure all of the companies tried to copy from each other.) His cup reminds me more of my ashtray because the dots in the center of the flowers on his cup edge look raised (?) I have never seen the flower on the cup itself before. Definitely not a rose. We think it may be some kind of lily? Looks interesting at any rate!



Website News

By Gregg Thacker

It is time to change the password on our website. After Tuesday July 15, please use the new password: User name is still **"rbclub"** Password up to July 15 Password after July 15

Please do not share the password with non-members – help support the club by encouraging others to join! If you are selling RB (especially on-line) please let people know that you are a member of the Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club and feel free to link to the club's website to help increase club visibility!

Auction Items Needed

By Bev Brumbaugh

We are currently hard at work planning our club's annual auction. The members' response to last issue's query about continuing to hold the auction every convention was overwhelmingly YES. I have talked to several members and they indicated that they would commit items to our sale. We are additionally continuing conversations with individuals who have collections that they "want to sell". While a direct sale may be an individuals preference, our auction is being presented as an attractive alternative. Please consider submitting your own pieces to sell - it's a good way to keep those RB "finds" you no longer need within the membership of the club.

Thanks to everyone for their positive feedback and a special thanks to those who already committed to placing items in this year's auction. Be sure to contact me at bbrumbaugh01@charter.net or by phone at 507-645-5382.

Upcoming Auction

Janet and Alan Belcher are taking her mother's extensive collection of hatpins and hatpin holders to the Mike Clum Auction Service in Rushville, Ohio for an auction on Wednesday, Sept 24, just prior to the convention. The collection does include a number of RB pieces, tapestry and well as figurals, and RS Prussia, Nippon, and Schaffer and Vater. The auction house is about an hour and 15 minutes SE of Columbus so is a "doable" drive. Mike Clum will be sending out flyers and advertising later this summer but they wanted to give our members advanced notice for their travel plans. A link will be posted on the RB website.

MISSING PIECES

Wanted: A lid for a small syrup pitcher (like a small teapot) and an inkwell and cover for an inkstand both in the black Corinthian Ware. Please e-mail: don.townsend@sympatico.ca.

RB WANTED

Longtime RB collector wishes to purchase figurals, especially water pitchers. Please contact Emanuel Licht at 7 Wood Drive, Morris Plains, NJ 07950, or call 973-267-8204.

RETIREMENT SALE

Figurals, clowns, poppies,
shells and tapestry.
Call Roddy Bernstein
508-358-3411.

The Future of Our Royal Bayreuth Collections?

By Bob McCaslin

I know many fellow collectors have similar thoughts about their collections of Royal Bayreuth. We have spent many years enjoying this fine porcelain. We appreciate the skills of the early workmen and their pride in their product. We have had the privilege and fun of enjoying the 'hunt' for Royal Bayreuth, whether it be Scenic, Tapestry, Figurals, or all three in many cases.

Our club seeks to spread interest, knowledge and desirability among fellow collectors concerning the RB story. Our yearly conventions provide an excellent occasion to play catch-up in gaining years of knowledge from long-time collectors. We all look forward to that time of year when we can go and just talk Royal Bayreuth to our many friends..

Are you blessed with children that enjoy the collections (big or small) that they will inherit in the future? If so, your worries are over and the future of your Royal Bayreuth will be in the hands of your loved ones. Many of us have worn our children out with Antique Shows, Auctions, Sales, and Conventions until they are totally disinterested. Or, their spouses also show no interest. If this is the situation, what next? What is our best course to take to insure a successful future for our R.B. Collections?

A. Should we call an appraiser? If so, do an extensive search and make sure the appraiser has experience in our porcelain. Check with area dealers for names of known persons that they would use. A word of advice. It may be risky to use any appraiser that offers to buy from the things they appraise.

B. Do we go the auction route? If so, there are quiet a few Auction Companies that will work real hard for you. Many have good knowledge of the antique market and will gladly sell your collection either at an absolute or reserve auction. Their cost varies and usually is between 15% and 25%. This will include commission and advertising. Be sure to check your contract and obtain a clear understanding of all the details. Question more than one company before you make your choice.

C. You may have a dealer friend, with whom you could consign your items for sale. If you do this, be sure to get a consignment agreement that covers your business arrangement.

D. The last, and I think the best option for our Club Members, is to contact the Club Auction Chairperson (Bev Brumbaugh at this time) and ask for a copy of the R.B. Auction Rules. Our auction is the only one that I know of that allows you (as a consigner) to retain ownership of the consigned items by placing your reserve price on each item you have consigned! Do you hope to realize a 10% profit on your for-sale items, or even a 20% profit? If so, set your reserves accordingly. By using the R.B. Club, the future of your R.B. collection remains in your hands as to profit or loss.

You still have time, so please talk with Bev B. about our 2008 Convention Auction. Is there any better place to sell our Royal Bayreuth than at an auction for Club Members?



Kansas Kangaroo

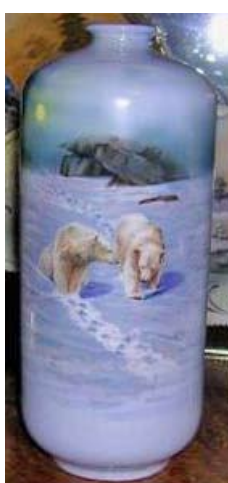
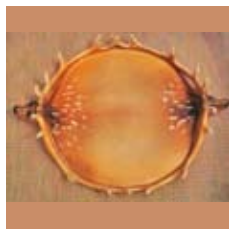
By Harold Brandenburg

Rare Kangaroo spotted in Kansas. Big Roo is the 5 7/8" milk size. He was found admiring a clump of Azaleas. He agreed to be placed on Ebay on June 1, 2008. This is a first time appearance in Wichita, Kansas for the Big Roo.

Royal Bayreuth eBay Prices ~ April 2008

By Judy Stockwell

- Royal Bayreuth Flower Holder with frog, Rider w/dogs BM \$165.00
- Miniature Cheese Dish, Farmer and Chickens, BM \$180.00
- Scenic pin dish, hunting dogs, deer with stirrup, BM \$152.50
- Rose Tapestry Shoe, BM, pink and white roses \$207.55
- Tapestry Bell, with cottage on water scene, wooden clapper \$157.51
- Tiger Creamer, Rare, um \$6,737.70
- Red Poppy Cup and Saucer, um \$98.51
- Polar Bear Vase, 7", BM \$800.00
- Tapestry Basket, Swan scene, \$108.51
- Babes in the Woods Vase, 4 5/8" tall, BM \$159.26
- Elk Beer Tray, 11 3/4" x 9 1/2" wide, BM \$462.59
- Devil & Cards pitcher and Tray \$277.00
- Coralene Beads Shoe, 5 1/2" x 3" tall, beaded flowers \$293.99
- Vanity Tray 11" x 7 3/4" Flowers, , BM \$214.09
- Green Alligator looking Boot with laces \$204.49



2008 Convention Location

As you know this year's convention is being held in the Embassy Suites near Columbus in Dublin, Ohio. The hotel's website provides a very nice summary of their features, local attractions, and maps. Contact information is shown below and a link to the hotel is on our website under "Convention Information". Be sure to mention "Royal Bayreuth" when making reservations to secure the special RB rate. See you there!

Embassy Suites

Columbus ~ Dublin

5100 Upper Metro Place

Dublin, Ohio, 43017

Phone: 1-614-790-9000

Our China Cabinets

This month's photos come from Dotty and Dick Earle. We enjoyed talking to her about their collection of b & w shells last convention, so she kindly sent me these pics. I had no idea they came in so many beautiful forms. Thanks Earles!



Hooray For The Hoopoe Bird

by Ken Russell (NZ)

RBCC members like me probably sat up and took notice last week when Israel named the Hoopoe Bird as its national bird in the course of its 60th anniversary celebrations. Some of us may well have the odd piece that features this colorful but somewhat comical bird. Personally I have a bell, a trinket box, a t/p. a bud vase, and an attractive little plate. The first piece of Hoopoe I ever had I sold to Mary McCaslin in 2000 because I thought she valued it more than I did!

Anyway, it seems the Hoopoe is very much alive and thriving in Israel, and has been elevated to national status as a result of a popular selection process from ten different birds under consideration.

Some of the facts about the Hoopoe make its new-found fame in Israel surprising. For one thing the bird isn't even kosher, and for another, the Hoopoe (duchifat – Heb.) is listed in the book of Leviticus in the Old Testament along with the eagle, vulture and pelican as a forbidden food.

With the drastic drop in value that most of us have suffered in the value of our collections, a not altogether facetious suggestion is that we find the equivalent of Ebay Israel, and offer these great little pieces at exorbitant prices to patriotic Israelis! Surely they would sell like hot cakes.



Double Mark Mystery

By Judy White

I recently purchased the strawberry demitase shown below on eBay from a seller in England. It has an unusual double mark, early Tettau, and the circle with "made in Germany". I would be interested in hearing from anyone that has one of these!

