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President's Letter

By Sandy Heerhold

This is the most exciting letter I have ever put together as your club president. Our 15th successful convention is rapidly approaching. We are heading south to the Embassy Suites in Memphis. Now we ask, have you checked your collection for pieces to sell in our club auction? Have vou made vour hotel reservations? Have you decided, are you going to drive or fly? Make your arrangements now. We want this celebration of our FIFTEEN convention years to be the biggest and the best of all!

We generally have a core group that goes every year, while each year we get new faces who very greatly add to our event. Our club needs continuing growth. We welcome ALL members, both new and long-time, to add to our turnout. If you have things to sell or want to buy, you will find it here. If you would like to put your things in our auction to sell amongst our members, bring them. If you want to meet members and talk Royal Bayreuth, just 'come on down'!

We will be experiencing Memphis and what she has to offer. Beale Street for food and music, Tunica for those who want to challenge the slot machines, and of course, we can't forget Graceland, the home of the king, Elvis Presley. We will also have programs on our favorite porcelain. And we will find places to pursue our favorite BBQ and other southern treats.

It was 15 years ago, 1994, that we put together this club in Chicago with about six families, (mostly from the Midwest) selecting an Illinois site and kicking off our first meeting.

Mark the dates of September 17 - 19, 2009 on your calendar. Reservations can be made by calling the Embassy Suites direct at 901-684-1777. Be sure to mention the Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club when making your reservations. The special room rate is \$139, per night.

So, please join us for some "Southern Hospitality". It will be a great time of year to vacation as well as attend our convention. I am looking forward to seeing you all "Down South" in Memphis.



Editor's Message

By Kat Thacker

Hello RBCC friends! Hope things are looking green and gorgeous wherever you call home. We are enjoying some truly lovely warm days/cool nights here in Michigan. Busy times with planting, trimming and weeding, but it's so nice to finally get back outdoors.

Speaking of busy, the convention committee is pulling together all the final plans for the **BIG** Memphis event. It promises to be a great venue for us... so much to see and do around the area. We are including the reservation form in this issue. Please take the time to fill it out now and send in to Onita, along w/your check. (It makes our jobs so much easier if we can get an idea of convention turnout before the last minute). Joanne and her hospitality crew have some surprises planned that sound terrific! Our auction chair Bev is looking for more RB to offer at the event. Please consider placing some items you feel able to sell at this time - auctioneer Rollie always puts on a first-rate show and the more items, the more fun and excitement for everyone!

You will also find the new 2009 club roster in this issue. Please take the time to check your info and contact us with any errors

you might find. We do our best to keep up with all the changes in member's info, but e-mails, phone numbers and addresses can change more frequently than once a year these days.

We are truly needing your help in submissions at this time for both the newsletter and website! Please participate by sending in your photos, articles and anything else you would like to share with your fellow collectors. We can also use your ads and want lists for RB. It's preferable for you send your copy in either Text (TXT) or RTF files and best if you send images/pics as JPEGs. If none of these are available to you, use what you have. Gregg can usually figure something out - don't let that stop you from sharing with our members.

PLEASE REMEMBER: We only have one more edition (early September) of the newsletter between now and the convention, so please get things to me NO LATER THAN August 10 to get it run prior to our get-together on September 17. Of course, we will continue to send e-mails out right up to the convention dates for any last minute notifications.

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Secretary's Message

By Onita Pierce

Hello RBCC members! To date, there are 117 membership renewals and 7 new members. A number of former members did not renew this year for a variety of reasons. Let's all try to encourage collectors who we know to join in the fun of membership in the club. Hope everyone is planning on meeting in Memphis this fall. Let's make it the best and biggest convention ever! See you in my neck of the woods in September.

If you have any changes in your information (addresses, e-mails, etc.) please contact me at:

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Website News

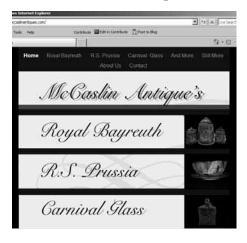
By Gregg Thacker

In May we added several new auction links and news about the convention. We are sending e-mail announcements periodically as the website is updated. If you are NOT receiving e-mail updates please send a note to Editor@royalbayreuth.org and we will add you to the list. Our new user name & password is in effect as shown below. On July 1st we will delete the old password. Please jot down the user name and password for easy access after July 1.

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Announcements

Mary and Bob McCaslin are opening a web business. Our brave Mary has been taking computer classes and created their new website on her own! We think she did a wonderful job - the site looks great. They will be offering a variety of antiques for sale - mostly Royal Bayreuth, RSPrussia, & Carnival Glass. She promises updates/additions daily, so be sure and check back often to see all the goodies! We all wish them the best of luck with their new business. Check out the "work in progress" at www.McCaslinAntiques.com.



2009 BIG Auction News

By Bev Brumbaugh

The RBCC is planning to have an amazing auction in Memphis!
For this year only, we would like to announce a special
"RB Auction Stimulus Package" to encourage our membership to submit their pieces for sale!

Our club auction has always been a popular key element of our convention. We have in the past been able to find a collection of 20 to 40 (or more) pieces as a core group and then drawn from the membership to complete our final list of items being offered for the sale. As of this date, we have not yet found that core collection. That minor issue should not prevent us from having our auction! There is large popular support for this event, but we need you to help supply RB. I believe the club membership can come up with at least 45 to 55 quality pieces. If every member listed in the club directory gave only ONE item, we would have over 150 pieces for sale! This is our club and it is our auction. I know we can do this!

To "stimulate" your support, we are going to eliminate BOTH the buyer's and seller's premiums. In addition, the \$10.00 per piece "charge back fee" to the seller for unsold items will be waived. You can't find a deal like this on eBay or from any other auction house. So, get those boxes of Royal Bayreuth out from under your bed and contact me at 507.645.5382 (or on line at bbrumbaugh01@charter.net) with the pieces you are going to send me for the auction. Lets get together and put our wonderful auctioneer Rollie to work!

Auction Rules for 2009:

- 1. The club has come to expect that the auction committee will present the highest quality items for sale. The club does not guarantee the items offered, but please keep our quality goals in mind when submitting items for sale. The auction committee reserves the right to reject any item for cause.
- 2. Items offered for sale remain the property of the seller until they are purchased by a new owner. Owners are responsible for insuring their items against loss or breakage.
- 3. Owners are responsible for the bidding of their own reserves.
- 4. Club members are the ONLY individuals who may sell items in the auction.
- 5. Owners are responsible for arranging for the shipment, including insurance, of their items to and from the auction. I will provide appropriate addresses to owners on request.
- 6. There are NO buyer's or seller's premiums.
- 7. There is NO charge to the owners of unsold items.
- 8. Items purchases during the auction must be paid for at the end of the auction. Check or cash only. If someone is bidding for you, make sure you have arranged for them to be able to pay for the item you have purchased. Note that we are NOT able to offer bidding by phone during the auction.
- 9. The committee will provide a catalogue of items to be sold. This will also be available online. Every effort will be made to insure that it is accurate and up to date. Keep in mind that last minute changes will occur. this will happen in every auction.

Survey Results

Compiled by Kat Thacker

We wanted to let you all know the results of our convention survey active since the Dublin convention. Between the 20 filled out at the actual event, plus the 10 more sent/e-mailed in, the summarized opinions were as follows:

- 1. Pretty much everyone planned on attending future conventions if their health, finances, and schedule permitted it.
- 2. Location of future conventions was a big concern, with the majority of members still wanting to keep to the Midwest area. Both the Northeast & South with slightly fewer votes, and the Western states with far fewer votes and some definite "no's".

 3. Specific states/cities that
- were suggested were as follows: Midwest; Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri (Chicago, Peoria, Indy, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Kalamazoo, Madison, Milwaukee, Minneapolis) Northeast; Pennsylvania, New York, Rhode Island (Providence, Newport, Boston, DC, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, New England Area for fall color tours!) South; Kentucky, Tennessee, Carolinas, Louisiana, Virginias, Florida (New Orleans, Louisville, Nashville, St. Louis, Kansas City, Orlando) West; California, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico (San Francisco, LA, Phoenix, San
- Diego, Santa Fe).

 4. Some ideas for future educational programs: RB "theme" talks figurals, tapestry, scenics, art nouveau, portrait ladies, children's sets, nursery rhymes, etc... Bring in some outside speakers who are knowledgeable about RB (or other areas of antiques). Early history of RB, Technically how they made RB, More on marks and distribution

marks, Pricing of RB, Restoration of porcelain, Auction protocol, More members sharing their own collection specialities/area of expertise, possibly visit their collection while in area. Q&A with Board and advanced collectors: results to run in newsletter/website.

Several people wanted more time during convention for both educational programs as well as "Show & Tell" sessions. That would mean more volunteers to speak at events! The overall thought was MORE of our members need to participate, they should prepare programs to further share their personal knowledge on RB. 5. Different entertainment at event: Members seemed a bit tired of the ice cream social. Everybody loved the amazing wine and cheese tasting put on by the Cappels last year! Music was at the top of most lists - blues. bluegrass, big band, '60s & '70s tunes, local musicians/from local colleges, singers, a comedian, a hypnotist?, a belly dancer???, and one suggestion for the Pussycat Dolls!!! (Fred).

6. Possible Improvements to **hospitality room:** Most everyone thought we were doing a fine job there. People liked healthier snacks as well as goodies, It's nice to have light lunches available in the room for people who flew into town and/or have no time to go out, Again, loved wine and cheese served, (Suggestions that we put Roberta and Alvin permanently in host spot!) More savories/less sweets, fruit, bottled water, etc. very welcome! Some comments that more members need to bring items to share though.

- 7. Will YOU help out? In asking for volunteers for future conventions, most people said they would as long as they had notice ahead of time and committee asked them to do a job within their abilities/comfort zones. So, we do need YOU to tell us what you can do to participate! (Maybe present a program, help with club auction, host a convention in your area, check out venues ahead of time, etc).
- 8. Some other suggestions to improve convention: Try to keep convention dates to late September/early October and avoid ALL holidays. Get more members attending/participating. Get more young members in club. All rooms on same floor at hotel. Photos and list of auction items available before event. Plan convention during other big antique shows or near big antiquing areas. Buses to local attractions, Visit to local members' homes to see their collections. Make sure any new attendees are properly welcomed and made to feel part of the activities!
- 9. Any additions you can suggest to improve our website/news**letter?** Post more photos of club members so new people can know faces at events. Put more RBCC articles in general area of website to educate non-members as well. Revisit older articles and get updates on their content for members. We need more participation from our members to keep both mediums fresh and interesting (this includes photos of your collection or special pieces of RB, stories of your personal collection, or your area of expertise in RB, sharing info ahead of time on auctions or sales that might interest your fellow members, etc).

Members' Upcoming Auctions

Becky Conrad has sold her antiques business and is finally selling the rest of her Royal Bayreuth Sunbonnets. Mike Clum will be holding the Auction on July 2, 2009. Among Sunbonnets being sold are:

- Child's set -6 cups and saucers with cream, sugar and tea pot
- Scalloped edge dresser tray in Monday washing
- · Tea tile in Friday sweeping
- 8" Relish in Sunday fishing
- Cups and saucers, candleholders, plates, milk pitchers
- Rare stick handled cream and covered sugar in Monday washing
- Rare decoration hair receiver, scalloped edges in Tuesday ironing

Neither of the two rare items are found in Mary's books. Becky still has customers who need items that are unusual so please keep her in mind! www.bethsantiques.com

Grant Crenshaw is selling his RB collection on eBay. Look for "WONDERFUL ROYAL BAYREUTH" in the description from seller "gbc.and.gas". Future listings may include: Devil/Cards (Creamer, Card Tray), Eagle (Milk & Creamer), Butterfly (Closed-wing Creamer, Openwing Creamer), Tulip Demitasse & Saucer, Hunt Scenes (Belt/ Buckle Ashtray, Handled Trays, Creamer, Teapot, Sugar, TP, Vases), Elk (Beer Mug, Water, Creamer, S&P, TP Holder), Poppy (Creamers, Sugars, Bowls, Nappy's), Tomato (Water, Cracker Jar, Lg Bowl, Creamer, S&P), Grape (Water, Cracker Jar, S&P, Marmalade, Creamers), and a 7-day set of Sun Bonnet Baby Plates (new reproduction pieces from the late '70s - but still wonderful pieces).

Time for Change

By Terry Anderson

Summer, economy, politics, weather, and many other things are subject to change. So now may be the time for change at RBCC.

With the blessing of your board members and the auction chairman, Bev, we are instituting a no fee auction this year. This should provide a great stimulus to the members. (Please see Bev's column)

Also, regarding individual RB selling: I was contemplating our lack of enticing new members to join. I asked a friend who belongs to several collector clubs, how they do things. One thing that came up was a member to member selling/trading bazaar. Instead of room to room sales, the time was spent in the ballroom. Each person set up their goods on a table and everyone was going around shopping. Mary and I visited one of these and found that it sparked interest and kept the members in one room with their friends and collectibles. It made sense to me.

Many of us remember how we got hooked on RB collecting. I know Mary and I collected creamers until we bought a Devil & Cards creamer at auction. We researched what else they made and we got hooked. Most members have similar stories.

If we are all in one room



Terry prepares to suggest change for the Royal Bayreuth Collector's Club

selling/trading and having fun (leave the doors open), someone passing by might just get interested. Perhaps letting the local news/tourism bureau know ahead of time may bring some publicity.

This venue might lead us to using boutique hotels so we do not have to have all suite hotels. Peoria will be one in 2010. How about giving this a try in Memphis?

I know that I have peeked into a meeting room at a hotel when an event was going on, curious to see what it was all about. Usually if someone saw me, they were happy to tell what was going on.

Your officers and board are always looking for ways to improve our club.

Have a wonderful Memphis convention. Regards to all.











Royal Bayreuth eBay Prices April 2009

By Judy Stockwell

Fox Candle Holder 6"x3½" marked register applied for (see note below)
• Perch (not flounder) creamer, 4½"x5" BM
• Spikey Shell Candle Holder, #16 btm,5½"x3¾"x 6½" high
• Robin Ashtray, BM
Babes in the Woods Creamer 4" tall, BM
• Stork trinket box, bm, 2"x3", 3 leaf clover shape
• Mountain Goat Cracker Jar, covered, BM
• Spikey Shell Compote $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " tall, #16 on btm
Devil and Cards Tray, 7¼" wide, BM,



Note from Editor: We too, were watching this item during the eBay sale out of curiosity. The seller was a local here in the Detroit area, so I contacted her trying to get info about the remainder of the pair she was selling later. She had already promised the earlier buyer the same price for the second candlestick, so we weren't able to let members know of sale. It seems amazing to us to see them go for just over \$2000 each, when our club auction a few year's back sold a repaired one for over \$14,000! Times sure change.



Convention Hospitality Preview

By Joanne Lundquist and Paul Stratman

Hi RB Friends! The season has come for convention again! It is time for all of you to join all of us and celebrate another wonderful year of RB collecting.

If you have not made your reservations... STOP! You must do it right now! We look forward to seeing ALL of you again this year in good old Memphis, where the ducks will be quacking. If you have the blues, come on down and get them wiped from your brains, with the music on Beale Street. Graceland is calling and Elvis might be your next sighting! Where the specialties include fried peanut butter and banana sandwiches (what do you mean you never heard of these before?),

Goo Goo Clusters, pulled pork and Moon Pies; might be on your list of wants and if not, you might try them anyway, just for fun.

You never know what Royal Bayreuth piece could be waiting for you, either in the auction or at the local antique store or maybe even for sale in someone's room? You don't want to be the one to miss a very important piece for your collection, do you? This might be the opportunity for a treasure of a lifetime!

So come, have fun and join all the "antiques" at the 2009 Royal Bayreuth Convention September 17, 18 and 19.

For Sale

Various scenics including; goose girl, turkey boy, donkey boy, chicken boy, man fishing, English riding scenes and peasant musicians. Figural pitchers including robin, fish, lobster, tomato, and others. Floral patterns include tapestry creamer, old ivory, and more. Muff lady plate and creamer, shell dish and creamer, children sledding. Prices will be quoted in Canadian dollars

Jean and Walter Kipp

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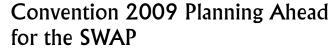
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Our China Cabinets

This month we are sharing our own china cabinets. The collection is small but ever-growing!







By Judy Stockwell

More on the upcoming "Yankee Swap" happening at the Banquet. I wrote in the last newsletter everyone attending the banquet will be asked to bring a wrapped gift to swap. Well, I really meant to say that if you are a couple, you can bring just one gift for the both of you if you prefer (rather than two gifts). It's entirely up to you.

The FUN begins when the gift is chosen, opened and then you either keep what you open or you go to someone else who has already opened one and TAKE/SWAP it from that person if you want THAT particular item... and it goes on and on. So don't feel the two of you have to bring two gifts. Any questions contact me at Buckhill1@comcast.net or Harriet Lavine at hhl1000@comcast.net.

We'll be running the complete info in the next issue to remind you closer to the event. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Convention in Memphis!





Newsletter Submission Deadlines

- August 10th for September Issue
- · November 10th for December Issue
- February 10th for March Issue
- May 10th for June Issue

