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Take a Guess

By Kat Thacker

Look closely at this photograph. Can you correctly name the pattern found behind the RB strawberry? For an extra challenge, also name the famous designer of this pattern. Please email your answer to Kat (editor@royalbayreuth.org). First person with a correct answer will be announced in the next newsletter. Good Luck!



RBCC CONVENTION 2011

September 15, 16, & 17

Convention Hotel is the Crowne Plaza
33 East 5th Street in Dayton Ohio

Rooms run \$109 plus taxes

For reservations call

Monday - Friday 8am - 6pm

Use the direct line only: 937.229.9835

(Do not use the 800 number or online service.)

Make sure to tell them you're with the RBCC so
they can keep our rooms somewhat together

SEE YOU THERE!



President's Message

By Alvin Cappel

As I write this in the very merry (wet!) month of May, it's hard to believe our RBCC convention is coming up quickly (September 15-17)! Roberta and I visited the Crowne Plaza in Dayton this week to get a first-hand look at the rooms, meeting spaces, etc. Although the refurbishing wasn't completed, they assured us it would be ready by the time we arrive in September. If the décor isn't finished, perhaps we could suggest they decorate with Royal Bayreuth! Although our hospitality room is in the hotel — our meetings, auction, and banquet will be held in the attached convention center. The parking garage is also attached to the hotel by a covered walkway, so ... if this rain continues until September, no one will need an umbrella!

The hotel Sales Manager and the Account Executive at the convention center couldn't have been nicer and more accommodating. They treated us to a great lunch at the restaurant on the top floor. The restaurant has a wall of glass windows that affords a nice view of Dayton and the skies where the Wright brothers taught the world to fly. Dayton Ohio is known as the birthplace of Aviation. Here you can trace the story of aviation from its infancy in the Wright Brothers bicycle shop, along the 45 stops on the Aviation Trail, to the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The National Museum of the United States Air Force is the world's largest and oldest military aviation museum. So, the sky's the limit for things to see and do throughout greater Dayton. Although we didn't have to time to see all the attractions, the convention center people were quite excited about America's Packard Museum (aka The Citizens Motor Car Company), featuring a fully restored 1930's dealership. This features beautiful vintage Packard motorcars on display and is very close to our hotel.

Roberta hasn't changed the theme of the convention from apples to oranges, so if you have any unusual apple pieces, plan to bring them and share them with us at the convention.

We have always tried to keep our group together on the same floor (or at least on two floors), and we discussed this at length with the sales manager. The best way to make this happen is to send in our reservations as soon as possible. I am really looking forward to seeing all of you in September.

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

By Harriet Land

Checkbook Balance 2/15/11 \$13,911.69

Receipts

Membership Dues. 890.00

Out of State Check Refund.50

Total Receipts. \$890.50

Disbursements

Newsletter. 571.44

Roster Book 432.00

Postage 174.85

Total Disbursements. \$1,178.29

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Membership Changes

By Chris Bartlett

Roster Changes/Additions:

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Get Well Wishes

The McCaslin's eldest granddaughter Stephanie has just been diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer. She is the young mother of Mary and Bob's two year old great-grandson. Please keep Stephanie and the McCaslin family in your prayers.

Susan Szymanski is currently recovering from recent surgery. Our healing thoughts and get well wishes to all our RB friends and their families undergoing medical challenges at this time.

Two Programs Planned for Convention

By Alvin Cappel

Oh, How I Wanna-Bee a Piece of Royal Bayreuth - The program that Roberta and I find most interesting, and I am sure most of you agree, is “Show and Tell.” Then last year, Terry Anderson introduced the “Royal Bayreuth Wanna-Bee” program which we found equally fun and interesting! So, of course, we’re doing it again.

We look forward to those “never-saw-that-before” and “can’t-believe-it’s-marked” items. And, we certainly laugh at the stories of “how-we-found-it,” and “the-price-was-so-low, I-couldn’t-even-ask-for-a-discount.” Plan to share those items and stories with us. Our favorite is the dealer who had no idea what Sunbonnet Babies were and thought perhaps we might like her set of Dionne Quintuplets.

I’ll bet everyone has a Wanna-Bee piece (perhaps you were even stung by the bee!), or maybe you have a piece you would like for all of us to declare is TRULY Royal Bayreuth! (I know that is not in my job description!) So, pack up your “find” and that piece that looks so much like Royal Bayreuth that you secretly feel sacrilegious displaying next to your marked pieces. Be nice and share - we want to see them!

“A” Is For Apple - and “KT” is for Kat Thacker. She’s been out “pickin’ apples” and has agreed to present a program on the unusual variety she found in the orchard! We had to (apple) butter her up to convince her to do this, but we won! If you have any different apples (pieces in different colors, shapes) please contact Kat so she can include them in her program.

Secretary’s Message

By Chris Bartlett

Ah, the good old summertime ... lots of flea markets, outdoor shows, and fun antiquing trips. Hope you are finding lots of Royal Bayreuth on your quests – and why not pick up an extra piece or two for our annual convention’s auction? We are looking forward to a fun time in Dayton Ohio, Sept. 15 – 17.

Our membership numbers are now up to 120 with 3 new members. After all renewals came in for 2011, only 10 members decided not to renew, and 60 decided on the 2 year renewal option. Several members have commented on the nice newsletters which are a vital link to the club for them, as they are unable to attend conventions. We love members to contribute interesting articles or photos so if you could write up something, that would be very much appreciated!

This issue includes information on our convention in Dayton. If you’ve never been to a convention why not consider this one? We have a wonderful time with the Friday evening auction, informative programs, show and tell, room visitations, and the Saturday night banquet. There are always lots of

extras too – plus the opportunity to see amazing Royal Bayreuth pieces and perhaps pick up that special piece. Downsizing your collection? The auction is a perfect way to do it and you know your pieces will go to people who will love them as much as you did.

Please fill in the enclosed registration form and send it to me along with your check made out to Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club to:

Chris Bartlett
RBCC Secretary
1320 Waterford Dr
East Greenwich, RI 02818

Hotel information is also included in the newsletter so be sure to make your reservation directly with the hotel.

Your prompt reply is appreciated as it helps us estimate numbers when buying items for the hospitality room, goodie bags, etc.

As always please let me know of any changes to your address, phone, or email. You can contact me at RBCCSEC@aol.com or 401-884-1695.

Thanks for supporting the club and hope to see you in Dayton!

Newsletter Submission Deadlines

- August 1 for August Issue
- November 10 for December Issue
- February 10 for March Issue
- May 10 for June Issue



Editor's Message

By Kat Thacker

Greetings RB friends one and all! Hope you're all hanging in there through some of the rather inclement weather we've been experiencing recently. Due to all the rainy days here in MI, we are once again way behind on our garden/jungle maintenance. Finally had a few cooler/drier days over the past weekend and attempted to thrash those weeds into submission. Actually got a few containers planted as well... so there will at least be a few flowers in the Thacker yard this year!

We need to remind everyone since the convention is coming early in Sept this year, the next issue of the newsletter containing all the important info will need to go out earlier. Anyone with anything to submit concerning the convention needs to get it to me **NO LATER THAN AUGUST 1ST!!!** I really mean it too! We will actually be running this one in mid August so members can plan their trips. Of course, you really need to contact the hotel to make your reservations ASAP so we can hopefully keep our group together as much as possible. You will also note that the registration form is enclosed in this issue. Please fill it out NOW while it's right in front of you, and send off to our Club Secretary Chris w/your check. The earlier the better (on everything convention related) for all our hard working elves pulling details together behind the scenes.

On to the subject of apples. Since I've officially had my arm twisted and agreed to give a presentation this year, I'll be desperately needing your help. Please bring any unusual RB apple items from your own collection - as we're comparing the differences between all the varieties. **ALSO NOTE:** Since most everybody has an apple in their collections (even if it's NOT anything unusual), we still need your participation. Gregg and I are going to attempt the "world's largest" group photo of RB apples during the big event! We still consider ourselves "novices" in the RB collector scene, so this will be rather more an "observational" rather than "scholarly" approach to a presentation.

Alvin and Roberta Cappelseed have big plans for our hospitality room this year. Can't wait to see what creative FUN we'll be treated to. Steve Bartlett (I know, pear rather than apple!) is continuing to pull together another exciting auction for us in Sept. Please **DO** consider consigning a piece or two for selling in this cost-effective way. Gregg is working w/Steve to get the auction photos posted on our website as they come in, so you'll have a good idea of the items up for sale by checking back there often.

We're still hoping to get in some new interesting photos and articles from you for upcoming issues. Thanks to Jim Lapp (he's the MAN!) yet again for sending in a thought-provoking item for our members. We also appreciate the "our china cabinets" pics from Paul Stratman (who we'll miss bigtime in Dayton!) We'll all be looking forward to seeing our friends and all their beautiful RB in just a few short months in OHIO!

Website News

By Gregg Thacker

If you have "breaking news" that would be interesting to club members feel free to let Kat or I know. We can share that news in an email broadcast to all members. This is especially important for timely events between newsletters. Also, be sure your latest email address is in the Roster (enclosed in the March Newsletter). If you are not receiving emails from the club send a note to editor@royalbayreuth.org.

Steve and I will start work on the 2011 Auction list in June/July - so expect to see a draft auction list on the website soon. Enjoy the Summer!

Hospitality Room News

By Roberta Cappel

Dateline Ohio (in the territory where Johnny Appleseed set up his apple orchards!)

September 15-17 will be apple pickin' time in Dayton Ohio and we're havin' a "Royal Bayreuth Apfel-Fest". This translates to "Apple Festival" in German! In "Snow White," the wicked Queen, disguised as an old peddler, enticed Snow White to take a bite of the poisonous apple by promising her that all her wishes would come true. Our apples won't be poisonous but if we can entice you to send in your reservation now for the convention, your wish for a certain piece of Royal Bayreuth may just come true! Our own Prince, Steve Bartlett, is working his magic getting ready for the auction.

We're hoping to have apple dumplings topped with ice cream to greet you at our Thursday evening get-together. We also plan to continue the tradition of providing a light supper on Friday evening prior to the auction.

Anyone who wants to "sit under the apple tree" and help in the hospitality room will be the "apple of my eye!" No need to let me know now - just wanted to plant that seed (apple) in your thoughts. Time to close my apple computer. See you at the Apfel-Fest!

Friend or Faux, A Need to Know Alert

By Jim Lapp



Buyer beware part one.

It's now a year or more since I first became aware of what has revealed itself to be an insidious effort to lure the unsuspecting collector of vintage porcelain into purchasing pieces that are not what they seem. It all began with my saved search on eBay for porcelain devils. Many items came up including the ever present wildly over priced DandC pieces, a group of perpetually offered DandC items by a Japanese vender, and some German fairing pieces from the 1800s of yet unknown manufacturers.

Down the list was what appeared to be a Royal Bayreuth devil and cards creamer. After looking closely, some features just didn't seem quite right but at \$32.00 plus shipping I decided to see for myself. A few days later, and another search, I saw posted the same creamer. I am very good with photographic details and could see that this was exactly the same photo. Curious, I contacted the seller with questions. In response he said he had

more than one and when I remarked that the photo posted was of the exact item I had purchased he said he was being lazy and didn't think anyone would notice. When pressed further about where they came from he explained that he had found 12 of them (when Rich Stockwell asked the same question he was told "I found a box of them in an old warehouse") and was selling them off one by one.

Upon arrival I saw that the piece was, of course, as Terry Anderson has termed them, a "wannabe" and in fact was featured in his presentation at the last convention as such. This is a good copy and intriguing in its details. When compared to a bona fide piece in my collection it is smaller by some measure and some details are softer. Curiously the decals used for the cards are exactly as on many genuine RB pieces both in color and style.

In addition to this piece I have discovered reproductions of popular creamers originally issued by Schafer and Vater being sold by



this same vendor. Those pictured in the accompanying photos are ones I suspect so far, there may be more in his selection but I am not expert enough to be sure at this time. Not all he sells are reproductions. This seller is very able in that he never claims the authenticity of the item, simply putting it out there and letting those familiar assume.

For clarification, the pieces are always listed as German/art deco porcelain somewhere in their description. There is never a claim beyond that. They are listed as used. This seller is based in Belgium under the ID “fa999999” but perhaps still has an identity based in the UK as “craqueles”. Now I suspect there are either others working with him or, because of my and other’s inquiries, he has created personas to further his deception. The new players list items as Royal Bayreuth and claim ignorance when asked questions. Unconfirmed but suspect IDs; “the-antique-hunters” and “pugmania62”,

both having sold repros as of this printing and having identical formats and text on their auction offerings.

The concern now is that these faux pieces are getting into the collections of unsuspecting buyers and circulating within the collecting community. Rich Stockwell reports that he saw on the Tom Harris auction site last year a faux DandC creamer sold with a marked milk as a legitimate pair of Royal Bayreuth pitchers. The reproductions do not have a maker’s mark, but do have mold numbers either impressed or inscribed on their bases as seen in these photos. It would seem that these pieces are being reproduced with molds cast from the originals either by the seller or on his behalf by a second party.

Members, please take these observations to heart and scrutinize online auctions offerings with care. Good hunting!

Editor’s note: A new ID has surfaced on eBay for the “Belgian Blackguard”, it’s “bisquebronze”.



A New Book from Mary?

By Mary McCaslin

Hello club members! I hope that you all have enjoyed my books on Royal Bayreuth and that they have helped you in some way in your searches. I cannot express the joy that I had in writing them and being able to see all of the beautiful pieces and many collections that made it possible. It would not have been accomplished without the trust and help I received. Allowing me to handle your precious pieces put around 3,500 color photographs into the two books.

I have thought about writing “just one more book” for several years. Many people have contacted me in this period of time and said that they have pieces that are not in my books. So, deciding I am going to attempt one more, NOW is the time to get started by gathering photos of pieces that are not in my past books.

This is where you come into my plans. If you have a piece or pieces that you have not seen in my books, I am asking you for help once again! This time Bob and I cannot travel as much as we did 10 years ago! Rare pieces, common pieces, or anything else – I will need them all!

If you could take a good, clear photo of your piece on a plain background I would really appreciate it. I will need the measurements, color, etc. If you have several pieces in your collection, we will make other arrangements if needed. I plan to get the Royal Bayreuth factory in Germany involved again. They were so helpful to me before. Herr Alfred Herold, a company executive that I corresponded with for over 10 years (before I wrote the books), was so interested in it and helped in every way he could. He is now retired. I am sure there are others that we knew that will be glad to do the same. After all, it is an advertisement for them too. I do know that they will have many interesting changes, surprises, and stories to tell. Bob and I might even have to take a final trip to Germany – Ha!

I am looking forward to seeing your response and know you will be proud to see your pieces in print. Thank you in advance and hope to see you all at our 2011 convention in Dayton Ohio!

From the Auction Chair

By Steve Bartlett

About a month ago, I glanced at last year's article written for the convention auction in Peoria. At the time we were four months away from the convention and we had commitments for over 100 pieces. In addition, 5-6 members had promised they would add several pieces when we were closer to the convention. We were very fortunate last year to have one collector who consigned almost 60 pieces.

We are now three months away from the convention in Dayton. I currently have commitments for about 75 pieces. A few people have said they might have 3 or 4 pieces but I am scrambling to get more. We need 125 pieces, with some of them unusual and rare, to have a good, high quality auction. Please take a peek at what you have in your collection and determine what you can part with for the good of the club. EBay prices seem to be inching higher this year and if we can get a good crowd at the convention, perhaps our selling prices will be higher also. We need to think positively!

Don't hesitate to contact me, even if you have only one or two pieces you want to consign for the auction. Even one or two will help. If you know of a collector who is downsizing, or making room for other pieces, please encourage him/her to think of our club auction as a way of passing treasures on to a new collector. If you are out antiquing and find a bargain on a piece you already have in your collection, consider buying and consigning it to the auction. Remember we have no buyer's premium or seller's fees and you control the minimum selling price.

Gregg Thacker will be putting pictures of the items we have to date up on the web site this week for all to see. I'm pleased so far, as we have a good variety and several scarce pieces that should bring some interest from members. If you consign pieces, please send an accurate description and good quality digital pictures to me at dufferdog@aol.com.

The Board of Directors and the Auction Committee are working diligently on ways to increase participation at the convention and the auction. In the end, our success depends on each of you participating and making us stronger. Remember, even if you can't attend the convention, you can bid in the auction. Call me for details. The auction has always been a highlight of the convention so let's work together to “make it dandy in Dayton.”

If you want to consign pieces for the 2011 auction, please contact Steve Bartlett ASAP at dufferdog@aol.com or call (401) 885-5889

RBCC on Facebook

By Fred James

The RBCC Facebook Page is up and here's the link: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Royal-Bayreuth-Collectors-Club/173661346023552>. If you have a Facebook account follow the link and click on the "Like" button and tell your friends about it. The reason we are doing this is to attract

new members, so if you have photos or articles that inform, promote or teach something about Bayreuth Porcelain or the club it would be great to get them posted. Also If you need help posting, send a note to Kat and Gregg at editor@royalbayreuth.org or Fred at ftjames@yahoo.com.

Royal Bayreuth eBay Prices April 2011

By Judy Stockwell

- Toothpick holder, two women harvesting wheat \$75.65
- Rose tapestry wall pocket, pink/white roses, BM 284.99
- Poppy chocolate pot, red, BM. 385.00
- Tettau onion teapot, unmarked 65.00
- Owl creamer, black, BM, 4 3/4" tall 111.00
- Basset hound candle holder, BM, 4 1/2" x 5 1/2". 177.50
- Devil and cards humidior, BM, ex. Cond 550.00
- Moose milk pitcher, BM 2,248.99
- Art Nouveau tray 689.00
- Basset hound hatpin holder, BM 331.00
- Water buffalo creamer, BM, made in Germany, MVco 127.50



Get Ready for Yankee Swap!

By Judy Stockwell

Once again instead of “formal” entertainment at the banquet, we are planning a Yankee Swap (also known as a White Elephant).

Everyone attending the banquet will be asked to bring a gift with the value of \$10-\$12. The item can be something from the State you come from or a real treasure that you find and think someone else would like to have. Remember, this item should be something that will appeal to a man or a woman. We also must remember that some of the convention people fly and the items should not be delicate or something hard to take on an airplane. Some creative club members have made exceptional items desired by all so put on your thinking caps NOW and see if you can come up with something really special.

The item should be put in a brown paper bag so no one else will know when you arrive with it ...everything will be wrapped the same way. The rest of the Swap rules will be in the next newsletter before the convention. This NOTICE is to get all of you Convention-Goers thinking of a GREAT gift to bring for the Swap. Try to find that special something that EVERYONE will want ... and that's when the fun begins!

Questions? email: Judy Stockwell (buckhill1@comcast.net) or Harriet Lavine (HLJL1000@yahoo.com) or call Judy (603-924-3539) or Harriet (781-821-1202).

Doing DuMouchelle in D-Town

By Kat Thacker



Just last month, we attended a huge auction at DuMouchelle's Auction House. This place is a landmark building located on the Detroit riverfront since 1927. These sales are generally held over a three-day period once a month. All usually contain mixed items including furniture, large lots of silver, china and crystal, light fixtures, paintings, sports memorabilia, and jewelry. This time around, many RB items appeared mixed in small groupings throughout the evening.

It was well attended by locals, with just a few familiar out-of-town RBCC faces who managed the trip in person. I have to interject here there was also a HUGE music festival going on (the annual Downtown Hoedown) and a Tiger's baseball game in the direct vicinity. Factoring in it's a Friday night at rush hour made driving and parking a real nightmare. The brave souls who made it were in for a long evening (after 1am), and an even longer wait to get their cars back on the freeway through all the crazy gridlock after the sale!

There were over 100 lots of RB mixed in with the other items in the catalog. This offering was part of a very nice private collection being sold by the family of a former RBCC member. Some of the more noteworthy items being sold were as follows; a full-body red devil and cards match holder (\$850), a nice perch grouping including a water, milk, two creamers and an open sugar (\$2250), a tomato group with a red orchid pitcher mixed in (\$700), a brown/gray sitting bear creamer (\$450), a gray horse creamer (\$2200), and an absolutely beautiful gray/cream squirrel water (\$2500).

The majority of items were figurals, with just a few scenics and older Tettau pcs. There were also several large groupings of shoes. Keep in mind, this auction house charges a rather hefty 18% buyers premium plus 6% MI sales tax, so although many items seemed very reasonably priced at the final gavel, once you cashed out you became quickly aware of the fees. Many sales were made via phone/internet bids, which meant adding the packing and shipping on top of everything.

We heard from several of our members that the absentee bids were really messed up this time around, with glitches in both phoning/and internet bids being accidentally left out. Very frustrating for us on the auction floor as well with many delays waiting for off-site bidders hemming and hawing on their highest bid. I was lucky to snag a strawberry trio inc. a water and two different style creamers and a red devil creamer. All our out-of-town RBCCers seemed quite happy with their purchases too. Make MORE room in the china cabinets for our new treasures!!!





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Our China Cabinets

By Paul Stratman and Jim Carter

These are a few shots of our collection that I took recently and thought I would send in. The tall cabinet is in our entry hall so all can see as they come in. That has the black corinthian. The other tall cabinet with the tomatoes, lobsters and minstrals is in our living room.

The main cabinet with the tomatoes is our hutch in the dining room. We have rooster items with a tomato water in our kitchen. We also have a lot of the blue and white onion but will save that for another time. Enjoy!

