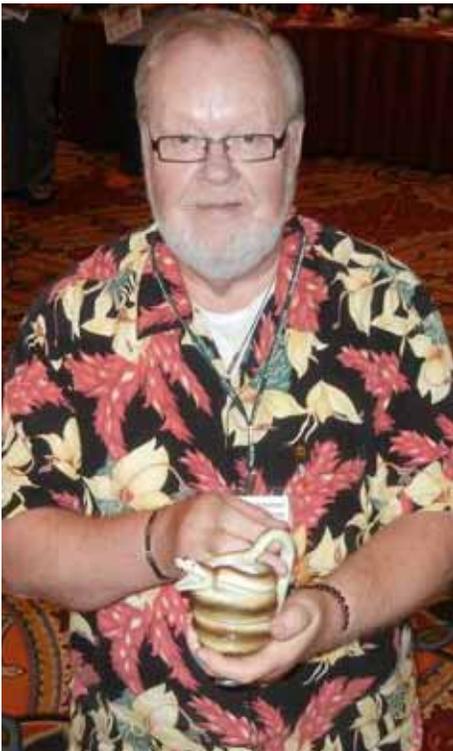




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Recent Royal Bayreuth eBay Prices

By Dotty Earle and Kat Thacker

- Chimpanzee Milk Pitcher \$450
- Shell candlesticks \$188
- Tomato wall pocket \$86
- Devil and Cards dresser tray . . . \$244
- Figural Iris Creamer \$333
- Pansy Sugar \$255
- Creamer Chicken Hen \$175
- Yellow Poppy Creamer \$175
- Chocolate Pot, Rose Colored Poppies w/2 Matching Cups . . . \$661
- Pansy Pitcher "Deponiert" 6 3/4" Tall \$1,369



From Our New Co-Presidents

By Mary and Terry Anderson

Hello to all RBCC members,

The 2012 convention is all over (except for the shouting) and many of us came home with some real treasures!

Between our regular auction, the silent auction, and room to room visits, we had lots of opportunity to add to our collection. Our regular auction just keeps getting better and better. Steve is really doing a great job. The silent auction drew a lot of interest and people mingled around the tables pondering and bidding. Both were lots of fun.

We are working on the 2013 convention which will be held Sept 26-28 in Dearborn, Michigan. In all the years that Terry and I have been members of the RBCC, we have missed only 2 conventions. We really missed it each time. We enjoy getting together with members old and new, attending the auction, visiting the rooms to see what everyone else has brought to sell, and the programs. Each year we see pieces that we have never seen before. We get to look at and touch pieces that we may only have seen in a photograph.

This year our theme was Dutch Children. Roberta Cappel and Karen Church gave a very interesting program and brought many pieces of "Dutch Kids" for us to see. I didn't realize there were so many different items made in this pattern. I think this brought about a new interest in these pieces. We are now all on the look out for Royal Bayreuth Dutch folk hiding in antique shops and flea markets.

Judy Stockwell kept it lively with games to play including neat prizes. We also look forward to our now famous Wanna-Bee and Show-n-Tell programs. There's always something of interest there.

We feel that each year this gathering is not just a convention... it's an experience! It is a renewal of our collections as a whole. We get excited about going out on the road and looking for more treasures. So to those of you who were not able to attend this year's convention, we really encourage you to try to come next year. Save those dates in Sept for a renewal and a fun time.

As co-presidents, Terry and I would like to hear from any of our members if you have ideas regarding the club. A lot of new things are in the works, and we are always interested in more. Just call us or email. We'd love to hear from you.

And, lastly, we all are aware of the terrible storm that hit the north eastern part of the U.S. We hope everyone is safe and that life will soon be back to "normal" again. You are all in our thoughts.

Sad News from PA

Our fellow members Jim Lapp and Susan Szysmanski had a devastating house fire in November. They got out okay, (including their beloved kitty, rescued by her son the hero!) but are now experiencing the horrible job of trying to salvage and document everything for insurance purposes. They are currently staying in a hotel while their farmhouse is restored. Jim told me their RB survived (will need a cleaning), but the house will need major reconstruction work. If you would like to see updates on their situation, check out their Caringbridge site: www.caringbridge.org/ and enter Susan Szysmanski. Anyone ever experiencing a fire knows just how overwhelming/devastating this can be. Our positive thoughts are with them throughout their ordeal.

Welcome to Our New Members

By Chris Bartlett

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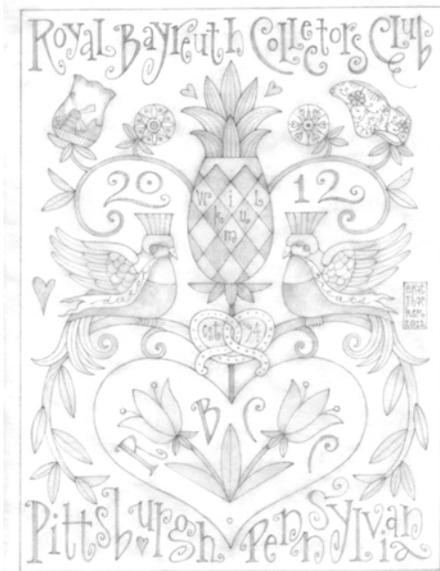
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Newsletter Submission Deadlines

- February 10 for March Issue
- May 10 for June Issue
- December 10 for September Issue
- November 10 for December Issue

New RBCC Items for Sale

By Kat Thacker



I have created a new image for the 2012 convention with the theme Pennsylvania Dutch. Prints in 3 sizes are being offered for sale, both plain and hand-colored. Check out the images/prices on my website at www.katthacker.com/RBCC_Posters.htm

This year I have added some handmade spiral-bound notepads featuring favorite covers from our past newsletters. There are also 2 versions (green & blue) with our club logo. All notepads are 4"x5" and feature quality recycled covers/backs, with 20+ colorful archival sheets per pad. The price is \$7 each. Shipping will be added, contact me for details. Please consider them for gift-giving for all your RB friends this holiday season!



Secretary's Message

By Chris Bartlett

Convention 2012 has come and gone and what a wonderful time we had! This newsletter will give you more details and pictures – a fun time and some amazing pieces of Royal Bayreuth were bought and sold.

As of this month we have 129 members which is more than we have had in the past few years. We added 10 new members this year. See the list on page 3 for the names of our newest members. Only 8 members did not renew for 2012 and the most common reason for not renewing was that the person had sold their collection. 45 members attended the convention.

If there is a reminder insert in this newsletter, NOW is the time to renew your membership!

The popular 2 year option is still in effect. For \$55 your membership will extend through December 31, 2014. If you prefer to renew annually, a 1 year option for \$30 will extend your membership through December 31, 2013. Please make checks payable to "RBCC".

If there is no insert in this newsletter your membership is paid up!

Whichever option you choose, you will continue to be a part of this special club. You will receive four beautiful and informative newsletters a year and have the opportunity to buy and sell Royal Bayreuth through the newsletter and at the convention auction for no additional fee. You can attend the yearly convention which will be held in Dearborn, MI Sept 26 - 28, 2013. You can access the Members Only portion of the website where you can find copies of all the newsletters going back to the first issue in 1996. This is

a terrific way to read articles to learn about so many RB items and facts.

And the extra special benefit to being a club member is the opportunity to bid on items from the Wenger Collection. If you were at the convention in Pittsburgh in September, you got a small preview of the wonderful items that were donated to the club by Doug and Georgeann Wenger. Items from this collection of over 500 pieces will be offered as an auction through our newsletter as well as at future conventions. What a wonderful way to add to your collection – because unlike eBay where you are competing against untold numbers of people, this is only available to our club members. See page 10 for the items up for bid in December.

If you are NOT planning to renew, I would really appreciate if you would notify me by email or by phone. I plan to personally contact any member who has not renewed by Feb 2013 so this will save me calls.

Please send any changes of address, email, or phone numbers so the roster published in March 2013 will be complete and accurate. Thank you and I look forward to receiving your club renewal as soon as possible.

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Editor's Message

By Kat Thacker

Warm December Greetings!

Hard to fathom it's the end of yet another year. Our wonderful 2012 Pittsburgh Convention is being wrapped up for you in this issue, along with some old (and NEW!!!) club news...

Webmaster Gregg has just loaded up the Member's Only area of our website w/hundreds of photos for you to enjoy. Even if you couldn't attend, you can see some of the highlights (and BEAUTIFUL RB) we all got to share. New hosts Susan Szymanski and Jim Lapp worked like troopers (along w/cohosts Karen and Carolyn Church) to make our Hospitality Room jam-packed with Pennsylvania Dutch items, sayings and treats galore. A FINE job by them all. Auction Chair Steve Bartlett pulled off not one/but two great auctions during our big event. We missed our longtime auctioneer Rollie Rosenboom (who couldn't attend), but had a fine local "caller" Brian Carey to fill in for Fri night LIVE auction. The SILENT version of our auction featured pieces donated by past club members the Wengers. Very , VERY generous of them... You'll have to read the entire adventure (by Roberta Cappel) featured later in this issue to hear all about it!

Speaking of both Roberta and Karen, they put on an informative (as well as highly entertaining) presentation on RB Dutch pieces. Lots of interesting historical facts and beautiful RB to check out. We also had the usual fun with our Show and Tell, Wanna-Bees and Kinda Wanna-Bees sessions. Many crazy lookalikes and mystery pieces shared throughout the event...always a learning experience no matter how long you've been collecting RB! The room to room visits also showcased many interesting RB treasures... most of these were actually for sale. We were very happy with ALL our purchases this time around!

Our banquet entertainment was thoroughly amusing once again with the annual Yankee Swap plus several other fun games. Judy Stockwell and Harriet Lavine did another wonderful job this year. Many thanks to ALL who worked so hard to make this year memorable for attendees!!!

We want to welcome our new "CO-PRESIDENTS" Mary and Terry Anderson and thank them for taking on the presidential duties for this term. Karen Church is the new Vice President, and Harriet Lavine new incoming Board Member. Many thanks to those finishing up their duties for the club this year. We couldn't continue w/o our volunteers... You're the BEST!

In closing, we'd like to send a big THANKS to out-going Club President (and FANTASTIC First Lady) Alvin and Roberta Cappel. They managed to not only "take care of NORMAL club business" with all the personal health challenges they were facing, but took on the monumental job of packing/picking up the Wenger collection down in Florida. Gregg and I truly enjoyed working with them over the past few years. They always managed to be positive and fun to talk to despite our sometimes crazy deadlines. MANY thanks to them both for MANY jobs well done!

Website News

By Gregg Thacker

By now we hope everyone has seen the 2012 convention photos in the Member's area of the website. We posted over 200 pictures in November and hope you enjoy them! We also hope everyone is exploring the club's Facebook page! Susan has generated a lot of excitement for the club with her fantastic work. Be sure to "like" the club's Facebook page and join-in the conversations.

Lastly, Steve is developing a new "Silent Auction" via the website (see details in this issue). We hope such resources on the website, combined with this newsletter, bring some of the convention joy to all club members.

By the way - if you are NOT receiving e-mail updates please send a note to Editor@royalbayreuth.org and we will add you to the list. Best wishes for a Joyful Holiday and Happy New Year!

Get Well!

Chuck Heerhold has thankfully completed his proton radiation treatments. Sandy reports he still doesn't glow in the dark though!!!

Also, our healing thoughts and prayers go out to all our members and their families struggling with aftermath of the terrible storm on the east coast. We're hoping recovery is speedy for all our RBCC friends!

RBCC Welcome Meeting

By Janet Belcher, Recording Secretary

Friday, September 21, 2012 10am

President Alvin Cappel opened the Welcome Meeting with the introduction of the officers, board members, editor, and the various committee members including the hospitality room hosts.

New members were recognized and they shared their collecting interests.

New members included: Mal and Marguerite Meyerson from New York, Ann Cohen from Palm Beach, Florida, and Joe and Kathy Galler from Delaware.

Recording Secretary's Report: minutes were accepted as published in the December 2011 club newsletter.

Mary Anderson reported that members who usually attend the convention but unable to attend this year were contacted by personal phone

My Dutch Dolly

By Janet Belcher

My Mother acquired a pen pal from Holland in the late 1930s while she was in high school. They corresponded for many years,

sharing interests and family lives that included their marriages and children. Gifts were exchanged, especially for the young offspring, and this cloth doll with a bisque head and wooden shoes was sent for me. I still have the letters that were sent and other trinkets but thought that this small authentic doll might fit in with the photos from the Dutch program presented by Roberta and Karen.



call which was appreciated by our absent members.

Nominating Committee: Jim Lapp and Jay Rublaitus reported that the position of President was still open but Karen Church had accepted the nomination as Vice President. For Board members, Harriet Lavine will be the replacement for Carol Edwards and Mary McCaslin agreed to a second term.

Newsletter Editor: Kat Thacker reported the continued need for articles and photos contributed by the membership so she won't have to repeat past articles.

Web Manager: Gregg Thacker reported on the club website that has had 350,000 hits from 67 countries in the last 30 months. The auction list has drawn interest with 500 hits within the last two months. The club does have Facebook and Twitter accounts and help is needed in keeping them monitored and current. The web hosting fee of \$125 was once again graciously donated by Bob Gollmar.

Entertainment Co-Chairmen: Judy Stockwell and Harriet Lavine announced that they have games and the Yankee Swap planned for the Saturday evening banquet. They handed out a word game for participants to make as many words as possible from the word "Smorgasbord". Prizes will be given for the most words and the longest word.

Audit Committee: Alan Belcher and Bev Brumbaugh (also known as the ABBB audit firm) will audit the treasurer books and have a report for the annual business meeting.

Historian Report: Roberta Cappel reported on the donation of the Doug Wenger collection and mentioned the artistic contribution of Susan Szymanski in a cookbook, a collection of menus and stories behind a number

of elegant dinners and special events. A copy will be available in the hospitality room to enjoy.

Hospitality Room: This social gathering room has been planned and prepared this year by Karen and Carolyn Church, Jim Lapp and Susan Szymanski with many contributions from the attendees. Stop by to visit and take the opportunity to sample Shoo Fly Pie, Whoopie Pies and Dutch Apple Cake.

Auction Report: Steve Bartlett explained the details of the silent auction consisting of 50 items from the Wenger collection, each with a minimum opening bid. Bidding will close at 3:30pm Saturday afternoon with all proceeds going to the club. The Friday evening auction will begin at 7pm with sign up for bid numbers to begin at 6:30. Auctioneer Rollie Rosenboom is unable to attend this year but a local auctioneer (recommended by a club member) has offered his services and will be paid an honorarium.

Convention Sites: Presentations were made and information given by board members regarding possible future convention sites after which four sites were selected. The next two conventions will be determined by a membership vote at the Saturday business meeting. The sites being considered are: Dearborn Inn (Marriott) in Michigan, Marriott Chicago (in Naperville, IL), Embassy Suites North in Indianapolis, and Embassy Suites in St Charles, Missouri.

Alvin Cappel reminded members of the Show and Tell program at 2pm to be followed by room to room visitation. Prior to the auction there will be a "Build your own Pittsburgh Sandwich" at 5pm.

RBCC Annual Business Meeting

By Janet Belcher, Recording Secretary

Saturday September 22, 2012 9am

Meeting was opened by President Alvin Cappel

Recording Secretary: minutes were approved as printed in the December 2011 newsletter.

Secretary's Report: Chris Bartlett reported a membership of 127 with 8 new members and 8 who did not renew leaving the total the same as last year. Members not renewing are contacted by a personal telephone call. Dues will remain the same with a two year option for \$55 or \$30 for one year and will be accepted at the convention. Please notify Chris of any e-mail or street address changes to keep our roster current. There are 45 attendees at this convention, nearly the same as last year.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Bartlett reported a checkbook balance of \$10,271.88 as of September 15, 2012.

Receipts totaled \$13,904.80 mostly from membership dues, convention fees and auction sales. Disbursements totaled \$16,652.14 with the major debits being convention expenses, auction sales sent to members and the newsletter. Report was accepted as presented.

Auction Report: Steve Bartlett reported that approximately 55% of the items were sold with proceeds of nearly \$30,000 although the final tally is not completed.

Editor's Report: Kat Thacker reported that the newsletters average 8 to 12 pages with four pages in color. The December 2011 newsletter was larger with 16 pages due to convention coverage. The membership roster is sent with the March issue. Please continue to send articles and photos to share.

Website Manager: Gregg Thacker will be looking into the possibility of selling some of the Wenger collection by way of the club website but details

not ready at this time.

Nominating Committee: Chuck Heerhold announced the new officers for 2013-2015. Co-Presidents will be Mary and Terry Anderson, Vice President Karen Church. Board of Directors candidate is Harriet Lavine and Mary McCaslin agreed to a second term. All other positions remain the same including Chris Bartlett as Secretary and Steve Bartlett as treasurer. The slate of officers was approved.

The nominating co-chairmen will remain the same with Jim Lapp and Jay Rublaitus. The Treasurer position will be up for renewal, one board member will be needed and the Secretary position will be open after the completion of 2 two year terms. Chris Bartlett volunteered to continue for a third term as Secretary with the membership approval. An amendment was made in accordance with article VII, section A of the by-laws to extend the term of Secretary for an additional two year term, ending at the convention in 2015. It was approved by a majority vote of the membership at this annual business meeting.

Audit Report: Alan Belcher and Bev Brumbaugh audited the treasurer books and found them to be in order. The report was accepted as presented.

Mega Convention: Judy Stockwell reported that she has corresponded with clubs with similar collecting interests with the idea of having a larger group to share hotel space and costs. No details or plans have been made as this is still in an information gathering stage.

New Business: There was a review of the four possible convention sites for 2013 and 2014 followed by a membership vote by paper ballot. The results were in favor of Dearborn, Michigan (13 votes) and St. Charles, Missouri (12 votes). Votes for

Chicago/Naperville, IL were 8 and Indianapolis 4. Dates and details will be worked out by the officers and board members.

It was suggested that in honor of the Doug and Georgeann Wenger donation that they be given a lifetime honorary club membership and will be sent a signed copy of Mary McCaslin's Royal Bayreuth Book II as a thank you.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15am followed by a program, "The Netherlands" presented by Karen Church and Roberta Cappel with their Dutch Children pieces.

2012 Convention Games a Success!

By Harriet Lavine and Judy Stockwell

Thank you for all the wonderful feedback we have received about the games at the convention. Judy and I had a wonderful time planning them and shopping for the prizes. We had lots of winners: Karen Church won the Dollar Bill Game with the Peterboro Basket, Bingo was won by Joe Galler, Harold Brandenburg, Jerry Lavine and Kathy Galler.

Jim Lapp made the most words out of the word Smorgasborg (174). The longest words were made by Madeline Curry, Richard Stockwell, Nancy Brandenburg and Terry Anderson. Bob Mazza won the Poker Game with 3 aces and a pair of eights.

And, of course, there was our Yankee Swap where pieces of Bayreuth seemed to be the big hit (of course). We have begun to plan for next year... stay tuned for details.

RBCC Board of Directors Meeting One

By Janet Belcher, Recording Secretary

Thursday, September 20, 2012,
3:30pm

Members in attendance: Alvin Cappel, Mary Anderson, Steve Bartlett, Chris Bartlett, Mary McCaslin, Bob Gollmar, Judy Stockwell, Jim Lapp, and Sandy Heerhold.

Meeting was led by President Alvin Cappel

Recording Secretary's Report: approved as written in the December 2011 club newsletter.

Treasurer's Report by Steve Bartlett: Current balance in checking account is \$10,271.88. This amount reveals a difference of more than \$2,700 from last years' balance of \$13,019.22. With many members taking advantage of the 2 year dues option, fewer dues were collected and convention expenses for 2011 account for most of the disbursements. Steve presented the option of a lesser Surety Bond at a savings for the club but board members felt that it should be left as it is at \$25,000 coverage for \$187 per year.

Secretary's Report: Chris Bartlett reported a membership of 126 which includes several returning members. There was a loss of 8 members and addition of 7 new memberships. All new members receive a welcome letter, a packet containing a newsletter, and a Royal Bayreuth porcelain plaque. Convention attendees number 44. The club will continue to offer a

two year dues option for \$55 or \$30 for one year. Please notify Chris of any e-mail or mailing address changes in order to keep our roster up to date.

Auction Chairman Report: Steve reported the acquiring of a collection of 535 Royal Bayreuth pieces that were given to the club by Doug and Georgeann Wenger. Fifty of the pieces will be selected for a silent auction which will end Saturday afternoon. It was recommended that the club reimburse Alvin and Roberta Cappel for their expenses of gas and packing materials during their trip to Florida to pick up the collection. Request approved. Ideas will be gathered on how to sell some of the other pieces, including possibly offering some pieces on the club website, or use of eBay.

There is a large live auction Friday night with a number of very nice pieces, some with absentee bids. Rollie Rosenboom is unable to attend as auctioneer this year but a club member recommended a near-by auctioneer who has agreed to assist the club at no fee. It was suggested that he be given an honorarium of \$100 which the board approved.

Convention fees: It was recommended that the convention fee be raised to \$15 per person instead of the current \$20 per membership. This will generate a little more income to help cover convention expenses. Motion approved by the Board.

Publicity: Judy Stockwell announced that she had sent out 38 press releases about the convention to antique related publications and 39 to antique stores in the Pittsburgh area. Please send her any copies of the articles that are noticed for her records. Judy also reported on her contacts with other collector clubs with similar interests on the possibility of combining for a convention in order to meet larger hotel requirements and expenses.

Convention Programs: It was recommended that the responsibility for convention programs be assigned to the Vice President with abundant help from the board as the President deals with the convention site negotiations and details.

Convention Sites for 2013 and 2014: Comparisons of various mid west sites presented by board members were discussed and narrowed to three possibilities to be presented to the club for a membership vote. The three sites selected were: Dearborn Michigan, Indianapolis North, and Naperville, Illinois.

Nominating Committee: Jim Lapp reported that no candidate has come forth for the position of President but Karen Church has accepted the position of Vice President and Harriet Lavine has agreed to be a Board Member as Carol Edwards is unable to return for a second term.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm

Publicity Update

By Judy Stockwell

Here is my update on press release mailings before the convention. I received about a half dozen articles generated from my mailing of this press release. Thanks to those of you who were on the look out in your local antique shop newspapers and magazines. There may have been more but unless I received them from club members I can't count them in so do keep your eyes open. I will be writing

another one with information on our GREAT convention and am thanking you in advance for letting me know about these articles and when and where you are seeing them.

If you have any suggestions as to where I could send press releases do let me know. I am always interested in reaching out to others. For those driving let me know about any antique stores along your route.

With Dearborn, Michigan as our 2013 Convention site... names of group shops, antique shops, malls, etc. would be a big help to me if you could let me know the names and addresses of those places. I can then send something to them in advance of our arrival into that area.

Again...many thanks for all your help....and keep your eyes open!

RBCC Board of Directors Meeting Two

By Janet Belcher, Recording Secretary

Saturday, September 22, 2012 5pm

Members in attendance: Mary and Terry Anderson, Karen Church, Steve and Chris Bartlett, Alvin Cappel, Judy Stockwell, Harriet Lavine, Bob Gollmar, Mary McCaslin, Jay Rublaitus and Jim Lapp.

Mary and Terry Anderson led the meeting beginning with the 2013 convention site of Dearborn, Michigan. Terry will be getting the contact information from Steve Bartlett and begin working immediately on negotiating the contract details and setting the dates. Further information will be in the newsletter in December.

Steve Bartlett gave a preliminary auction report on the silent auction which brought in approximately \$2500 for the club treasury. Final auction results are not in yet. Steve agreed to remain as auction chairman for another year.

It was agreed that there would be hotel compensation for Kat and

Gregg Thacker for their work as editor and webmaster. Motion made and approved.

Judy Stockwell volunteered to continue doing press releases and will continue with research on a Mega-type convention.

Judy Stockwell and Harriet Lavine will continue with ideas for entertainment at the convention banquet.

Dotty Earle will continue doing eBay reports for the newsletter and Roberta Cappel will continue doing the Historian scrapbooks for another year.

More of the Wenger collection will be offered through the website and possibly through the newsletter. Other options will also be considered.

Programs for the 2013 convention are tentatively being planned by Richard Stockwell and Mary McCaslin.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm

Pittsburgh Convention 2012 Auction Report

By Steve Bartlett, Auction Chair

The 2012 auction was acknowledged by most attendees as one of the better auctions the RBCC has offered in recent years. Of the 141 pieces in the auction 100 pieces met the consignor's reserve and moved on to new owners. The actual dollars paid to the 11 consignors totaled \$30,480. This year's auction was our first auction without longtime Club Auctioneer, Rollie Rosenboom (who was unable to make it to the convention). However, we hope Rollie will again join us in Dearborn, Michigan for next year's auction. Wib Beachy bailed us out this year by obtaining the help of a fine local auctioneer, Brian Carey.

As most members are aware, Doug Wenger, a long time Club member and Royal Bayreuth collector, donated a substantial part of his collection (535 pieces) to the RBCC. In addition to the Friday night auction at the convention, we listed 50 pieces from Doug's collection in a silent auction that was held Saturday afternoon. Forty six of the fifty pieces sold adding \$2,615 to the Club's treasury.

Results of the live and silent auctions were not able to fit in this newsletter, but are available on our website at: www.royalbayreuth.org/member/Newsletters/2012_Auction_Results.pdf

Members attending the convention seemed to like the idea of a silent auction and have asked that we find a way to offer more of the items in this collection to all RBCC members. So in this newsletter, see the list of 20 items we have listed for sale via a new Silent Auction and how you can bid on them. Remember, this is a member only auction, another benefit of belonging to the RBCC. All proceeds go to the Club treasury.

We will also reserve several of the items in the Wenger collection for the annual Club auction that will be held in Dearborn in 2013. More on that in future newsletters.

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

By Steve Bartlett

Checkbook Balance as of 7-31-2012\$9,416.49

Receipts

Membership dues	\$1,440.00
Convention receipts	\$1,651.00
Convention registrations (2012).....	\$340.00
Annual club auction and silent auction	\$32,943.70
Hospitality room donations	\$550.00
Website donation	125.00
Total Receipts.....	\$37,049.70

Disbursements

August Newsletter	\$664.35
Mailing to Woody auction list	\$216.26
Convention expenses (2012)	\$3,082.90
Hospitality expenses (2012).....	\$598.22
Auction payouts (2012)	\$31,313.89
Surity bond (insurance 2013)	\$187.00
Total Disbursements.....	\$36,062.62

Checkbook Balance as of 11-15-2012\$10,403.57

New Silent Auction Rules

By Steve Bartlett, Auction Chair

1. Bidders must be current club members.
2. Auction pieces will be pictured and described in the current newsletter and in this list. An email will be sent to all club members who have an email address on file with the Club Secretary.
3. U.S. mail and email bids are accepted but must be received by the Auction Chair prior to the close of auction date.
4. All auction items are offered on an "as is" basis. Any damage or issues with any specific piece will be noted in the auction description. If something in the description is missed, the Auction Chair will void the piece.
5. The Auction Chair has final approval of all pieces in the auction.
6. In the event of a dispute, the judgment of the Auction Chair is final.
7. There are no buyer's premiums for items in the auction.
8. A minimum bid price will be established for each piece in the auction.
9. Bidders should submit their maximum bids to the Auction Chair before the closing date.
10. Minimum bid increments will be \$5 when the auction bid is under \$100 and \$10 when the auction bid is over \$100. (For example, if the starting bid on a specific piece is \$25 and member A sends in a max bid of \$50 and member B sends in a max bid of \$100 and the bid increments are \$5, then member B would win the piece at \$55).
11. High bidder agrees to pay the winning bid price and the cost of insuring and shipping the winning piece(s) unless alternate arrangements have been made. Auction Chair will notify winner of the total cost within one week after the close of the auction. Payments by check should be made out to "RBCC"
12. All auction sales are final.

December 2012 Silent Auction List

By Steve Bartlett, Auction Chair

If you wish to bid, email or send your bid to Steve Bartlett, auction chairman so it is received no later than: **Friday, January 11, 2013.**

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1. George and Martha/Mt. Vernon Tray 11" x 7¾" (Bavaria) \$30
2. Pinched Spout Orange Base Pitcher/Pheasant 8½" (Bm) \$25
3. Mother of Pearl Gold Trim Match/Wall Pocket 4" x 3" (Bm) \$25
4. Parakeet Creamer Red/Green/Yellow 3¾" (Um) \$35
5. Tomato/Relish Tray 8" x 4" (Gm) \$15
6. Tomato/Teapot Small 6 ½" x 3½" (Bm) \$15
7. Plate/English Hunt Scene 6" (Bm) \$15
8. Vase/Stagecoach Scene 5" (Bm) \$20
9. Creamer/English Hunt Scene 4" (Bm) \$20
10. Pitcher/Cavalier Musicians 4½" (Bm) \$20
11. Ashtray/Peasant Musicians 6" (Bm) \$20
12. Clown/Hanging Match Holder Red 5" (Bm) \$35
13. Devil Dice Cup 1½" with Card Saucer 3¾" (Um) \$50
14. Stein/Babes in the Woods 4½" (Um) \$30
15. Creamer/Mountain Goat 3½" (Bm) \$35
16. Salt Shaker with Cork Pink Pearlized Grapes 3½" (Bm) \$15
17. Creamer Elk 4¼" (Bm) \$20
18. Shield Back Candlestick/Skiff 4½" (Bm) \$25
19. Creamer/Pearlized Luster Shell 3½" (Bm) \$20
20. Plate/Girl with Dog 9" (Bm) \$20

Editor's Note

The 2013 RBCC CONVENTION will be held in our neck of the woods: Dearborn Michigan. There are lots of interesting things to do/see in the area...and we'll be including ideas for your upcoming visit over the next few issues. STAY TUNED!



Royal Bayreuth Dutch Pieces

By Karen Church & Roberta Cappel

Editor's Note: Please check out the August 2012 issue to see lots of great photos of the Church's and Cappel's Dutch collections!

It was obvious that two of our members had done quite a lot of research when they were able to introduce themselves using their Dutch names, "Karen" and "Roberta." That translates into English as "Karen Church" and "Roberta Cappel."

Before viewing the beautiful collection of Royal Bayreuth Dutch pieces on display, members were given some interesting facts about the Netherlands, (which means "low country.") About a quarter of the country is below sea level and is in threat of the sea. Karen & Roberta explained how the dikes helped this country hold back the sea and reclaim the land (polders) from water and how the canals, pumps and windmills were used to drain the land and keep it dry.

Because houses built on canals were taxed on their width, the buildings along these canals are tall and skinny with narrow stairways. Amsterdam loves its canals and rather than pave over any more canals to allow for more automobiles, they are city friendly to bicycles and unfriendly

to cars. There are more than 16 million bicycles in Amsterdam—almost one for every citizen. Their bikes are described as unsexy granny bikes and everyone can bike because the whole country is flat as a pancake. Our group was especially interested to learn that Amsterdam has 165 canals and 165 antique stores!

"Holland" and the "Netherlands" cannot be used interchangeably. North Holland is where the official capital, Amsterdam is located; South Holland is where The Hague, the seat of government is located. North and South Holland are two of twelve provinces which make up the Netherlands and "Dutch" refers to the people or language spoken there.

Although the national flag of the Netherlands is red, white and blue, an orange pennant, is still flown as a sign of allegiance of the Dutch people to the House of Orange. Before the 16th century in the Netherlands, carrots were white, yellow, black, purple and red; orange carrots are said to have been bred in honor of the House of Orange, who led the Dutch Revolt against Spain and later became the Dutch Royal family. (The decision is still out on whether the microscope,

telescope, pendulum clock, the mercury thermometer, or the orange carrot is the most important invention of the Dutch people.)

Santa (Kerstman) takes second place in the Netherlands to Sinterklaas. However, both of these bearded men took second and third place to Bob Golmar's collection of Santas displayed in his room.

Some of the popular tourist attractions were mentioned: The Royal Delft factory still in business after celebrating their 350th year in 2003, The Anne Frank Museum, and, even a statue of the little Dutch boy who put his finger in the dyke to save the Netherlands! And what a funny tale was told about how this statue came to be! There are tours given of the Red Light District in Amsterdam, but since orange is still the official color of the Netherlands and a sign of patriotism, one would think they would rename it the Orange Light District!

The cute little Dutch boy on our cans of Dutch Boy paint was actually a nine year old Irish American boy who lived near the artist commissioned to create the logo. Dutch traders peddling cast iron pots may have given rise

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to the name “Dutch oven.” Since it wasn’t unusual to pay separately when dating in the Netherlands, we have the term, “Dutch Treat.” And, our dreaded Dutch Elm Disease was identified in 1921, by a Dutch plant pathologist. Old Dutch Cleanser’s logo features a Dutch woman in traditional cap and clogs, chasing after dirt praising the virtue of Dutch cleanliness.

The “Droste” Effect got its name from the 1904 Droste Brand Cocoa box displaying a nurse carrying a serving tray. On this serving tray was another box of cocoa powder which displayed this same image and so it kept repeating. The Droste Effect is a picture appearing within itself and this continues as long as the resolution of the picture allows. Mathematicians have an interest in the Droste effect packaging because it implies infinity! Think about this next time you notice the packaging of Land O’ Lakes Butter, Royal Baking Powder, Kellogg’s Corn Flakes with bananas, and Cracker Jacks, just to name a few.

It was surprising to learn that tulips are not native to Holland. Even more surprising was the story of the tulip becoming a status symbol, and the story of Tulip Mania, which even now refers to a speculative stock market

that rises furiously, only to crash when the bottom falls out. Tulip bulbs even became an ingredient for loaves of bread and food during World War II in the Netherlands.

Carolyn Church brought a few silver Dutch Christening Spoons from her collection to share with the club. They are sometimes called “Monkey Spoons” because of the curve at the handle on which to hang them. They were so beautiful it would be hard to refer to them as such!

Viewing the collections of RB Dutch pieces, the young Dutch people look happy despite the wooden shoes they are wearing. Apparently their feet were cool since the wooden shoes allowed the air to circulate in the summer. And, one would never know that their over sized shoes were stuffed with hay for additional warmth in the winter. Hopefully, the thick heavy woolen socks that the women knitted made them dry, itch-proof from the hay, and comfortable. Dutch art had a tradition of depicting milkmaids, the symbolic maid of Holland. So, if you wonder what is in those buckets suspended from yokes, we assume it is milk! It rains a lot in the Netherlands, and most Dutch do not go for a walk without rain gear –

if you look closely, even our Dutch girl is carrying a big red umbrella!

And, notice the “fur” hats on our Royal Bayreuth Dutch men! (Even in summer scenes.) An antique postcard depicted interesting inhabitants of a fishing fleet “wearing fur hats in summer,” so perhaps the artist understood our Dutch inhabitants better than we! Roberta used her magnifying glass to study her little Dutch pieces closely. When Karen unpacked her multitude of Dutch pieces, she had some very large pieces that showed clearly details that cannot be seen in the smaller pieces. A young couple, obviously going to church, shows the Dutch girl carrying a Bible with a cross on the front. After researching many scenes in the Dutch piers, showing the Dutch women washing baskets filled with fish, Roberta took some liberties in declaring that the Dutch women on our RB pieces are carrying picnic baskets, filled with cookies! Dutch Windmill cookies were given to members of the club who stayed to the “eind” of the presentation.



The Wengers and the Cappels Make History for the RBCC Or, How We Spent Our Summer Vacation in 2012

By Roberta Cappel, Club Historian

Have you seen the movie, “Sleeping with the Enemy,” starring Julia Roberts? Well, Alvin and I just co-starred in “Sleeping with Royal Bayreuth,” produced by Doug Wenger from Ormond Beach, Florida. And, this is how this production evolved.

Doug Wenger and Chuck Heerhold became friends through the Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club. Doug was a member of the club from 1996 through 2003, and sold some of his items at our convention about 10 years ago. In our many discussions at Doug’s home, he shared a few stories about Chuck Heerhold, Art Ward, and Wib Beachy, but those stories will forever remain in Ormond Beach, Florida.

Doug and his wife, Georgeann, are in the process of downsizing--selling their home and moving to a somewhat smaller home about three miles from their present home in Ormond Beach, FL. After debating about whether to sell his pieces on ebay, etc., he decided to GIVE his remaining collection to our club. Having known Chuck and Sandy Heerhold for years, he let them know that he was willing to donate many Royal Bayreuth pieces to our club (at no cost to us!) He estimated about 200-250 pieces. However, the



Vizla Rosie

logistics needed to be worked out so that he could get those pieces to our club. Sandy, Chuck and Alvin, who is president of the club at this time, weighed the options and Alvin decided we would drive our small RV to Florida and bring them back to Ohio. This is where the “sleeping” part comes in.

When we arrived at Doug’s home, he and his wife, Georgeann, greeted us, along with their Vizla Rosie (a Hungarian Pointer). Doug owned Vizlas even prior to his marriage to Georgeann in 1971. How sad that Royal Bayreuth didn’t ever make a figural of a Vizla.

Doug pointed out that HE is not Hungarian, but Swiss. Alvin’s maternal grandmother was a “Wenger” and also of Swiss heritage. We found Doug so congenial, we said we wouldn’t mind finding him somewhere in our Wenger family tree!

Doug led us to his basement where we thought we had jumped into the pot of gold at the end of the Florida rainbow. Doug’s estimate of 200-250 pieces was a little low. I have a tendency to exaggerate and embellish things, but I knew there had to be more than 250 pieces when we saw them covering his pool table, bar, work benches and two shelving units in his workroom.

I estimated 1.2 million pieces and considered the possibility of spending the entire summer in Florida, but we actually only wrapped 535 pieces.

Before we left Ashland, Ohio for Ormond Beach, we made trips in and out of Wal-Mart, purchasing boxes and fitting them together like Rubik’s Cubes under the bed, and in every



Doug and Georgeann Wenger

Note from Wengers By Chris Bartlett

The Wengers sent a lovely note to Chris as follows: Chris, We have been on the road and just opened your packet. Thanks much to you and the club for including us in your membership as lifetime members. It was a pleasure collecting RB, and a pleasure to pass it on the others who still have the “sickness”, desire and passion to search for new pieces. We kept several faves, but as we are downsizing, had no more room for the remainder.

Best to all!
Doug

cubbyhole in our RV. Alvin and I had many discussions about what we absolutely needed to take with us. We agreed to pack as little as possible—no items that were not absolutely necessary. When he loaded the battery lantern, I could see no purpose for that and we continued our discussion. Having been a previous scoutmaster, he won and packed it under the

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passenger seat. How strange it seemed to begin a trip with thirteen empty boxes.

We traveled about 1000 miles one way and found a state park camp ground at Flagler Beach, Florida, (between A1A and the Atlantic Ocean--a strip of land about 200' wide and long enough to park about 32 RVs.) Fortunately, this was about 10-15 miles from Doug's home. We got some sun/beach time in the morning, and then it was off to work at the Wengers. Florida's weather was so hot (high 90's into the 100's), and there were storms every day--perfect weather for packing Royal Bayreuth and watching storms from the basement windows.

Alvin and I set up a photography station, a wrapping station, and labeling station. Alvin kindly explained to me that the piece I was labeling "cows" was, in fact, "Highland Cattle." There may be some discrepancies in our lists. I learned to pay particular attention to lambs, sheep and Highland goats and now know that Cavalier Musicians and Peasant Musicians learned to play different instruments!

Our job left us no time for lunch hours—and, we ordered pizza so that we could continue working through dinnertime—Rosie politely waited for a few bites of our pizza crust.

On the third day of packing, the electricity went off for a short time during another storm. Yep, you guessed it-- Alvin went to the RV, and brought in his battery lantern and fans, and we continued packing in the dark without missing a beat.

Thankfully, Doug had Priority Mail Boxes available and, in addition to packing our thirteen Wal-Mart boxes, we packed fourteen Priority Mail

Boxes.

I wondered if Doug would miss any of his Royal Bayreuth, but he said his hunt was over. He reminisced that his first piece of RB was a devil; but Georgeann reminded him that it was a tomato box. (She does not appreciate the devil and card pieces and remembers when he brought them home; nor, does she appreciate the musician pieces.) They became serious about collecting when Doug was between jobs and the two of them decided to start antiquing as a hobby and felt this hobby would let them "get to know each other again." I forgot to ask them if they found the courting scenes around that time.

I didn't notice any sunbonnets or nursery rhyme pieces in the collection that they were giving to us. Georgeann explained that she had donated them to a local museum, along with pieces of antique furniture and her childhood dollhouse. They have no granddaughters to appreciate a dollhouse—but are so proud of their four little grandsons! She especially likes the tea strainers and the fruit figurals. These pieces, along with an apple tea set that Doug gave her for Christmas one year, will be on display in their new home. Doug's favorite pieces are the art nouveau lady and the watermelon water pitcher, but aside from the collection, he loved the "thrill of the hunt." He said he really enjoyed collecting Royal Bayreuth because he liked the "marks" which told him how old these "funny German things" were. Doug would stroll through his workroom as we were packing and remark about a certain piece. He thought he was "lucky" to have found the ladle that matched the peach pearl poppy bowl. He remarked that

he never found all the pieces to the English Hunt Scene desk set, and suggested that our club, as a whole, might have a goal to complete that set. Perhaps a scavenger hunt, an "English Hunt," is something we could consider. As with many collectors, he was sidetracked, by Belleek, Majolica and Schafer and Vater.

It was obvious that he has many hobbies, among them woodworking. Sitting along side his RB pigs, were pig cutting boards made in his woodworking shop, although judging from his collection of "wood-turning- how-to books," he's on the cutting edge....! Now he is making fishing rods and, depending on his skills, he might ask us to return the fish head creamers, milks and waters!

Seeing the boxes stacked on each side of our bed in the RV after we completed our packing, Georgeann wondered if we would stay in motels on the way home. I told her that was out of the question – would you leave your children unattended in a parked car?! We said we would feel more secure sleeping with the devil!

Alvin and I became quite proficient in our assembly line on the way home, moving the boxes from back to front at night, and front to back in the morning. After using almost a thousand feet of bubble wrap, that wraps up the story of how we spent our summer vacation. Our living room is now decorated with 27 boxes of Royal Bayreuth Wenger Generosity, waiting for the 2012 Convention!

The Wengers continued...



Wanted/ Our China Cabinets

By Joe and Kathy Galler

It was such a thrill for us to meet all of you folks at the convention. You all seem sooooo nice!!!! The lamplighter hatpin holder, which is what we had come to buy, cost us over \$2000 with hotel, car expenses, and all the other RB pieces we bought, both in the auction and from the collector/dealers. That's just an observation, certainly not a complaint!

I've attached a photo of the cabinet we have next to our bed. The first and third shelves have most of our RB, and the middle shelf has most of our RS Prussia. I've also attached two photos of two rare holders. First is a photo of a hatpin holder with an attached tray. It has the blue RB mark. Most of these type of holders are RS Prussia or RS Germany. The second is a child's 7-piece dresser set, which is missing one piece. It is unmarked, but is shown in the original catalog on page 182 in McCaslin's second book.

We do have a 'want' list, in case any of the members have one to sell, if you can include it in the next newsletter. Some of the hatpin holders are: rooster, Art Noveau Girl, and the brown and green Santa. Also, the other Sunbonnet Babies besides mending and mopping, Corinthian, any Jester (including stickpin holder), a complete child's dresser set. Of course we are always interested in the unusual pictorial holders (such as Nursery Rhymes) too.

We were also intrigued by the black devil piece in the auction. We've admired the red devil and cards, but this piece was so unusual. We would love to receive photos from members of items with the black devil.

Thank you for any help you can provide to enable us to improve our collections.



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