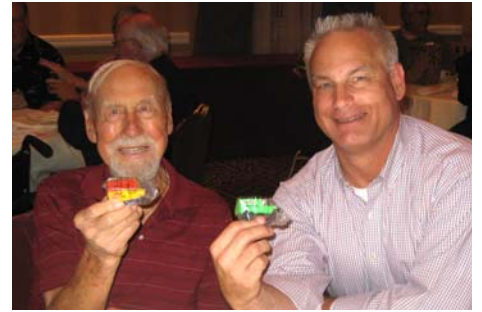




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## Dearborn Delivers



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## Harold's S&P Program

*By Kat Thacker*

We had several interesting and informative programs offered by our members at this year's convention. One was Harold Brandenburg's presentation of rare Figural RB Salt and Peppers. With help from the Heerholds, Andersons (and pieces from his own collection), quite a diverse list was shared. Some of the rarest discussed: Flounder, Perch, Trout, Duck, Gator, Dachshund, St. Bernard, Horses, Owl, Chick, Robin, Crow (in Animal Category). Corn (short, tall, and dark varieties), Plums (purple and yellow), Cucumber & Pickle, Cantaloupe, Lemon, Cherry, Orange, Green Lemon, Strawberry (leafy, leaf foot & no foot), Radish (Vegetable and Fruit Category). Sunflowers, Poppies (many colors), Rose (many colors), Geranium, Mums, Oak Leaf (in Floral Category). Clowns (many colors), Coachman, Bell Ringer, Lamplighter (People Category). Shells (spiky & nautilus), Acorn, Pinecone (Misc Category).



## Recent Royal Bayreuth eBay Prices

*By Dotty Earle*

|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Penguin Hat Pin .....         | \$416   |
| Dutch Girl Pitcher .....      | \$935   |
| Poppy Cracker Jar .....       | \$299   |
| Eagle .....                   | \$210   |
| Santa Brown Pin Holder .....  | \$1,540 |
| Red Devil Ash Tray .....      | \$104   |
| Victorian Lady Tobacco .....  | \$47    |
| Devil & Cards Stamp Box ..... | \$300   |
| Poppy Salt .....              | \$69    |
| Royal Bayreuth Elk Tray ..... | \$998   |



## From Our Co-Presidents

*By Mary and Terry Anderson*

The party in Dearborn is over. If you weren't able to go to the 2013 RBCC convention... you truly missed out! Gorgeous autumn weather for traveling and throughout the entire visit. Thursday was check-in and time to pick up your goody bags. Thursday evening was a deluxe wine, cheese, fresh fruit and pop reception. Friday morning we got together for our Annual Welcome Meeting. We met our new members and all talked a bit about our personal Royal Bayreuth collections. Next was our first program showcasing rare Salt and Pepper Shakers with Harold Brandenburg. Then Roberta Cappel gave a really cute talk and displayed fellow members' and her own souvenir pieces. Roberta's husband Alvin was her "more than Cappel-able" assistant!

There was room to room visitation and also getting-acquainted-time in the Hospitality room. Friday evening was pizza and salad for everyone... followed by our wonderful live Club Auction. Saturday was the business meeting followed by presentation by Bev and Bobby Jo Brumbaugh showcasing their Schafer and Vater pieces. Bev brought all members into the lively discussion by asking each person present to list all their various collections besides RB. People were shocked at just how many collections they actually had! This was both fun and interesting to share with fellow collectors. That afternoon brought room to room negotiations. Banquet night was next, filled with good food and fun games. A memorable wrap up for another year.

This year our registration fee was \$15 per person. What did we get for that? A wine, cheese and fruit reception, an excellent goody bag with all kinds of Michigan treats including ballpark peanuts, local chips, soda and hot fudge. Many homemade cakes, cookies, candy and fruit were generously furnished by our members, and don't forget the Friday night pre-auction pizza and salad dinner. How about all that for a bargain? An absolute deal for club attendees.

Next year our convention is in St. Charles, Missouri. We hope to see y'all there!

## Help the Club by Sharing Your Opinion ASAP!

*By Terry and Mary Anderson*

At the recent Convention we promised to come up with a group survey. This will help us (and future Presidents) plan upcoming conventions that better reflect the choices of club membership.

We are asking **all** members to respond by filling out the questionnaire included with this newsletter and mailing it to us. Please do this within the week you receive your newsletter. If you are unable to come to our Conventions, please mark your questionnaire that way. But we urge you to fill it in the best way you can and let us know what appeals to you!

Mary and I are passionate about our club and wish to serve you to the best of our abilities. We expect to have 100% participation. It is your club and you gave us your confidence to take the helm! Please don't let your fellow members down – send your response immediately.

## Member Updates

*By Chris Bartlett*

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

# Editor's Message

By Kat Thacker

Greetings fellow RBCC friends. As I write my last editorial letter of 2013... we're all shivering through an unseasonably COLD Thanksgiving week. Not quite ready for this, but the folks both South and West are unbelievably getting hit hard with lots of the white stuff as well as the cold. Scary stuff along with those tornados just the week before. Hope you're all hanging in there, staying well and thinking warm holiday thoughts!

We are now wrapping up the 2013 Convention, and want to share some of the highlights with those of you unable to attend this year. Gregg and I were responsible for the "Travel-

themed" Hospitality Room, and we decided it would be fun to greet our guests with a giant souvenir RB tomato (as we had promoted with the teaser "That's SOME Tomata!" in earlier newsletters). Needless to say, it was quite the novelty sitting next to the grand piano in the lobby of the elegant Dearborn Inn! Later we took a group photo with it surrounded by our banquet attendees... a first for our club! Make sure and check it out, along with all the other hundreds of photos found both here and on our website.

We had a nice turnout for the big event... and **lots** of RB to see, buy, and bid on during both our wonderful auctions. Auction chair Steve Bartlett did a fantastic job in getting an amazing variety of pieces to bid for. Our favorite auctioneer Rollie Rosenboom was back with the gavel and was superb as always! Our multiple programs were both entertaining and informative, and covered a varied group of subjects. Several members were asked to bring their unusual/rare figural salt and peppers to illustrate an informal discussion given by Harold Brandenburg. Roberta Cappel gave a marvelous talk on her souvenir RB, sharing her well-researched "travel genealogy" on each piece. Bev and Bobby Jo Brumbaugh had a very interesting presentation (with the help of the Heerholds and Bartletts) on Schafer and Vater porcelain.

Thanks to everyone who brought pieces to share during both the Presentations/Show and Tell sessions and in their rooms. Always a treat to experience the rare items never seen before! We also had the opportunity to get some photos of several groupings belonging to the McCaslins. Wish we had taken pictures of the crazy line of six of us nervously hand-carrying these precious items down the elevators, through the lobby and



bar, then way down to the ballroom where Gregg had set up a photoshoot area. We all were so worried about any bumps or stumbling trips on that long walk back and forth from their room! Thank goodness everything was returned safely... and we now have many fine photos to show for our trouble!

Additional thanks to give to everyone helping out in our Hospitality Room. Janet B, couldn't have done it without your help! Fine job from our Co-Presidents Mary and Terry A on the wine and cheese reception! Thanks as well for all the yummy treats brought by fellow members to share. No one ever felt hungry during this event... that's for sure!

To end my note, I would like to request (as always!) that you promise to write, photograph or send me ideas for upcoming issues of our newsletter. We need you, our fellow collectors, to share your expertise with fellow members. Find something unusual on eBay, in an antique shop, or packed away in your basement? Doesn't necessarily have to be RB! We found out during the Brumbaugh S&V presentation that as a group we collect *many* other things besides RB. Of course, if it IS our favorite porcelain you want to discuss... that will always get top billing!

May you and yours have a peaceful and healthy holiday season! See you in the Spring!

## For Sale

By Kat Thacker



For my wonderful "art patrons": Be sure to check out the newest "travel-themed" convention print. They can be found for sale (in three sizes) on my print link on our website. I also have lots of the RBCC cute logo and newsletter cover art notepads available. They all make great holiday gifts for your RB collecting friends!!!



## Secretary's Message

By Chris Bartlett

Convention 2013 was a wonderful experience – you'll find lots of photos and write-ups in the newsletter and on the website so you can experience the fun even if you weren't there.

And if you missed it this year, do plan ahead to attend next year in St. Charles, MO. As of November we have 120 members. We've added 8 new members in 2013. There is a new member list in the newsletter so be sure to add these names to your roster.

Yearly dues are coming up as membership runs through the end of the year. Over half of our members are already paid up, either by choosing the 2 year option last year or by paying at the convention. This year we are mailing invoices for dues payment. Invoices have been mailed out only to members whose membership expires Dec. 31, 2013. If you did not receive an invoice this means your dues are paid up through Dec. 31, 2014 or beyond.

You may be asking yourself – is my membership worth renewing? Well... the answer is definitely yes! With your membership you;

- will receive 4 beautiful and informative newsletters throughout the year - everyone likes to find something in their mailbox besides junk mail!
- can buy and sell Royal Bayreuth through the newsletter and at the convention for no buyer or seller fees. This is the perfect choice if you are downsizing your collection.
- can attend the annual convention which will be held Oct 2014 in St. Charles MO.
- can access the Members Only portion of the website and see all back issues of the club newsletters from 1996 to the present to learn about everything relating to RB.

- can bid on four Silent Auctions throughout the year for pieces from the Wenger Collection. These auctions are advertised in the newsletter and on the website and are for members only so this is a wonderful opportunity to purchase great pieces without the unlimited competition from sites like eBay or other auctions.
- have a built in group of friends who will not think you are crazy when you swoon over a Poppy Tea Strainer or a Turtle Milk!

**As in the past we are offering two dues options: 1 year for \$30 through December 31, 2014 or 2 years for \$55 through December 31, 2015.**

So don't delay, please send in your dues invoice by December 31. But if you decide not to renew **please contact me** either by email or phone. I personally contact any member who has not renewed so this will save me many calls.

As always please notify me if you have a change of address, phone, or email so we can have accurate records when publishing the 2014 roster. My contact information is shown below. Thank you for your continued support of the club!

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## Website News

By Gregg Thacker

Season's Greeting RB Fans.

By now we hope everyone has seen the 2013 convention photos in the Member's Area of the website. We posted nearly 400 pictures in November and hope you enjoy them! We have also started a new project – to post all the wonderful RBCC scrapbook pages that Roberta Cappel has created onto the club website. Watch for the first installment in early 2014. We hope the resources on the website, combined with this newsletter, bring some of the convention joy to all club members. Also, we have posted the latest silent auction list on the website – be sure to view and bid often!

As a reminder, if you are NOT receiving e-mail updates please send a note to [Editor@royalbayreuth.org](mailto:Editor@royalbayreuth.org) and we will add you to the list. Best wishes for Joyful Holidays and Happy New Year!



# RBCC Board of Directors Meeting

By Janet Belcher, Recording Secretary

Thursday, September 26, 2013 4:15 pm

Board members in Attendance:  
Mary and Terry Anderson,  
Co-Presidents  
Chris Bartlett, Secretary  
Harriet Lavine, Director  
Mary McCaslin, Director  
Judy Stockwell, Director

Recording Secretary's report:  
Approved as written in December newsletter.

Treasurer's report: Steve Bartlett unavailable so report will be given at Business Meeting.

Secretary's report: Chris Bartlett reported that the club membership is now 118 with six of these being new or rejoined members. Sixteen members were lost, three have passed away and others responses included no longer interested. The current dues structure is working well so will be continued - one year for \$30 or two years for \$55.

Auction: Chris Bartlett reported on the auction for Steve. There will be the regular live auction as well as a silent auction. There are 39 absentee bids submitted for the regular auction by one member and a number of other absentee bids for the live and silent auction.

Steve is willing to serve as the Auction Chairman for another year.

Convention fees: There have been some comments concerning the increase in the convention fee, now \$15 per person instead of the usual \$20 per family. This year each

person registered will be receiving a gift bag. It was suggested that the increase might be clarified at the business meeting as the money goes to convention expenses such as hospitality room, Thursday evening social and light meal before the auction.

Publicity: Judy Stockwell sent out 35 press releases to antique publications with information on the convention and membership. She requests copies of any articles found by the membership to be sent to her. *The Southeastern Antique Magazine* has requested high resolution photos for a cover and an article to be published sometime in December. Kat and Gregg Thacker will submit the photos and article.

It was also noted that an article was submitted and published in the July 2013 issue of "Today's Vintage" magazine as a Spotlight article.

As the Vice President is responsible for lining up convention programs, Karen Church arranged for two interesting programs for this convention.

Convention sites: 2014 convention will be held at the Embassy Suites in St. Charles MO next October. Terry Anderson has researched some possible sites through visitors' bureaus and will consider the use of a Residence Inn as Embassy Suites is out of our price range with the food minimums and meeting room costs. Fall dates are somewhat limited due to conflicts with ball games. A

questionnaire is being planned for members to report their ideas and travel limits. This could be put in the December newsletter.

A comment was brought up about opening the Friday night auction to the public. The discussion brought up concerns about the tax required to be collected by some states and legal issues.

Officers: Chris Bartlett and Steve Bartlett are willing to continue serving in their respective offices of Secretary and Treasurer.

Terms are up for board members Bob Gollmar and Judy Stockwell. Jim Lapp and Jay Rublaitus are eligible for another term. Judy Breece has agreed to be a board member. Further nominations will be taken from the floor during the business meeting.

Audit committee: Bev Brumbaugh and Jerry Lavine will be auditing the treasurer books.

Banquet entertainment: Volunteers are needed for planning entertainment for the 2014 convention as Judy Stockwell and Harriet Lavine will not be doing it next year.

Use of money received from the Wenger collection: Some of the money received will be used for 5 "Golden Tickets" each worth \$100 to be applied to live auction items over \$100. Five winners will be selected by a ticket drawing, allowing one per family and are non transferable. This will hopefully encourage higher bidding from attendees.

New members: There are three new members registered for the convention. Garth Moore from Canada has rejoined and new members Larry Lubliner from Illinois and Myra and Tom Sustae from Ohio.

There are 37 paid registrations for the convention with 3 or 4 more additional expected.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm



# RBCC Welcome Meeting

*By Janet Belcher, Recording Secretary*

Friday, September 27, 2013, 10:10 am

Meeting opened by Terry and Mary Anderson with the introduction of the officers, board of directors, and committee members followed by the self introduction of the attendees and their area of Royal Bayreuth collecting. New members attended were introduced: Larry Lubliner from Chicago, IL; Myra and Ashley Sustae from Findley, OH; and Garth Moore from Ontario, Canada.

Recording Secretary: minutes from 2012 meeting accepted as published in last December newsletter.

Personal phone calls were made to members not attending this year with the reasons given as too far to travel, too costly and health issues.

Web Master: Gregg Thacker was presented with an engraved glass stating "I'm hers because she deserves the finest." Not to be left out, Kat Thacker was presented with a similar engraved glass.

Gregg reported that the club web site is going strong with 174,000 hits within the last 12 months, many coming from a Google search as well as from Facebook. Interest in the silent and live auctions brought 851 hits and membership 300 hits. There were 72 countries looking at the site. The cost of \$125 per year for the domain site remains the same. Gregg maintains monthly updates and sends out e-mail blasts to members on a regular basis, with more messages closer to convention time.

The Facebook site is being hosted by Susan Szymanski, Fred James and Gregg Thacker but is a public forum and anyone can respond to questions as it would be a full time commitment for one person.

Convention entertainment: Judy Stockwell and Harriet Lavine will have the Yankee Swap and other

games for this years' banquet but there is a need for others to volunteer for next year as Judy and Harriet won't be available.

Hospitality room: Kat and Gregg Thacker were recognized for all their work with providing the food and creative art work plus all the gift bag items. Janet Belcher will be keeping the room open and supplied with the help of other volunteers.

Audit committee: Bev Brumbaugh and Jerry Lavine will audit the treasurer records.

Historian: Roberta Cappel has requested another volunteer to take over maintaining the scrapbooks.

It was announced that Jerry and Vicki Fischer of WI have a RB Blue Onion pattern collection for sale which includes a number of rare pieces. Members can contact them directly. Terry Anderson also knows of two sets of 1972 Sunbonnet Babies plates that are for sale.

Auction: Terry Anderson explained the "Golden Tickets" that will be given away at the live auction. There will be a drawing of 5 raffle tickets with a value of \$100 to be used as a credit towards an auction purchase. Only one per family and non transferable. This provides an incentive to bid higher on sought after items.

Steve Bartlett announced that there are 155 items in the live auction and 60 pieces available in the silent auction which will end after 3 pm on Saturday. Rollie Rosenboom will once again be the auctioneer.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am

The meeting was followed by the Show & Tell/Wanna-Bees program.

# Convention Games a Success!

*By Harriet Lavine & Judy Stockwell*

Once again the games kept everyone on their toes... from Judy's made-up card game to the Royal Bayreuth Swap and then onto recognizing members for "age" to being the newest member at the convention and to traveling the longest distance in an automobile, etc..

The Winners were:

- Chris and Steve Bartlett for traveling the farthest (from Rhode Island)
- Judy Breece won the dollar bill game (\$\$\$ in a basket)
- Alvin and Roberta Cappel and Tom Sustae won Judy's Card Game
- Myra Sustae was honored for first time at a convention
- The Rublaitus family took the prizes for both oldest and youngest at our convention.

We hope you enjoyed our entertainment. We have decided to take a break in this position next year... so if you are interested in taking over the entertainment for the convention in 2014 in St. Louis *please* get in touch with Terry and Mary Anderson. It's not hard or stressful, and it's lots of fun!





# RBCC Annual Business Meeting

By Janet Belcher, Recording Secretary

Saturday September 28, 2013 9:10 am

The meeting was opened by Terry Anderson with a light hearted poem "Dust if You Must" reminding us to take the time to enjoy the simple things in life.

Auction report: Steve Bartlett reported that approximately 2/3 of the auction items sold. A number of pieces came very close to meeting the reserve and are now displayed with the actual selling price so you can "Buy it Now". The silent auction is also underway and will close in segments after 3PM today.

Treasurer report by Steve Bartlett: The checkbook balance as of September 16, 2013 is \$13,655.37.

More than \$3000 has been brought in through the internet auction.

Recording Secretary: report accepted as published in the December 2012 newsletter

Secretary report: Chris Bartlett reported the club membership is 118 with 6 new members. The dues structure will remain the same, \$30 for one year & \$55 for two years. Please inform Chris of any change of address or e-mail to keep the roster current. There are 40 attendees at the convention.

Publicity: Judy Stockwell sent out press releases to antique publications with convention information and would like any noticed articles be sent

to her

Nominating committee: Jay Rublaitus will accept a second term on the board of directors and Judy Breece has accepted a position on the board. Jim Lapp will be contacted about serving a second term.

Audit committee: Bev Brumbaugh reported that the checkbook account is accurate

Future Conventions: 2014 convention will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel on October 16-19 in St. Charles, MO. Suggestions are needed for future sites. Some ideas being researched are: Cleveland, Ohio; Kalamazoo, MI; and Buffalo, NY. There will also consideration of the use of a Residence Inn with no food minimum and a Saturday dinner at a local restaurant.

An in-depth survey will be developed for members to submit comments and ideas.

Steve Bartlett has volunteered to remain as auction chairman but is looking for direction and support for further auctions.

A question was asked about what we are doing with the money in the club account. This year, \$500 was used for the "Golden Tickets" auction credit plus convention expenses. The money is to be used for the good of the whole club not just for convention attendees. Some years bring in more income because of the 2 year membership and the silent/internet auction is bringing in additional funds which will eventually end.

Volunteers are needed to take over the scrapbook of club history as well as entertainment for next convention.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am followed by a program given by Bev and Bobby Jo Brumbaugh on the highly collectible and delicate German porcelain by Schafer & Vater.

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

9/16/2012 - 9/15/2013

By Steve Bartlett

**Checkbook Balance as of 9-16-2012 .....\$10,271.88**

### Receipts

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Membership dues .....   | 4,280.00    |
| Convention (2012) .....                                       | 340.00      |
| Annual member auction (2012) .....                            | 30,855.89   |
| Four Silent auctions (Includes sales, postage & insurance)... | 4,304.87    |
| Plaques .....   | 20.00       |
| Hospitality .....   | 520.00      |
| Convention (2013) .....                                       | 1,781.00    |
| Web site .....  | 125.00      |
| Receipts (9-16-2012 -9-15-2013).....                          | \$42,226.76 |
| Balance 9-15-2013 plus receipts .....                         | \$52,498.64 |

### Disbursements

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Convention expenses & reimbursements (2012) ..... | 3,082.90    |
| Hospitality room (2012).....                      | 409.47      |
| Annual auction - member sales (2012)              |             |
| & silent auction expenses .....                   | 31,561.72   |
| CNA Surety bond (2012) .....                      | 187.00      |
| Annual web hosting fee (2013) .....               | 125.10      |
| Postage .....                                     | 35.38       |
| Newsletter.....                                   | 3,065.95    |
| CNA Surety bond (2013) .....                      | 187.00      |
| Cost to pick up Wenger collection .....           | 188.75      |
| Total Disbursements.....                          | \$38,843.27 |

**Checkbook Balance as of 9-15-2013 .....\$13,655.37**



# RBCC Annual Board Meeting

By Deborah Shapiro

Saturday September 28, 2013 5:25 pm

The meeting was called to order by Terry Anderson at 5:25 pm.

Members present were: Alvin Cappel, Steve Bartlett, Chris Bartlett, Jay Rublaitus, Judy Breece, Terry Anderson, Mary Anderson, Harriett Lavine, and new member Deborah Shapiro. Absent were Mary McCaslin and Jim Lapp.

Auction report by Steve indicated that the live auction went very well. The silent auction was also a big success. Totals were not yet available.

The *S. E. Antique Magazine* is doing a large article on Royal Bayreuth collecting written by Kat. It will be a cover article and will probably be published in December of this year.

The 2014 convention is set for Oct 16-18 in St. Charles, MO, at the

Embassy Suites.

Sandy Heerhold and Mary Anderson are scheduled to present a program on Hand Painted Ivory. We will need at least one more program.

Discussion regarding the S & V program this year was positive. All were in agreement that the program was well received; Bev Brumbaugh and Bobby Jo did a great job which included all members present telling what each of them collects besides Royal Bayreuth. It was very interesting.

Motion was made and approved for the Royal Bayreuth Club to pay hotel expenses for both Rollie Rosenboom, our auctioneer, and Kat and Gregg Thacker, our website manager/newsletter editors.

Meeting was closed a bit early so all could attend the banquet.

## For Sale By Harold B!

- Rooster Stringholder \$165 (#620 bk1)
- White Grape Water \$95 (#579 bk1)
- Chimp/Ape Crmr UM \$185 (not in book)
- Ladybug Crmr Solid Eye BM \$375 (#607 bk1)
- Goose/Swan Ashtray w/Frog in Mouth RARE, UM \$350 (#607 bk1)
- Wolf/Fox Stirrup Crmr Scarce BM \$615 (#747bk1)
- Frog & Bee Toothpick Holder BM \$285 (#665 bk2)
- Black Crow Crmr BM \$68 (#732 bk1)
- Eagle Crmr BM \$45 (#691 bk1)
- Frog & Bee Ladies Humidor (chipping on the sponge holder, not visible when lid in place) very scarce BM \$307 (not in book)

Pictures on request.

There is no damage or restoration unless noted. These prices include shipping and insurance, please pay by check.

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## Convention Auction Results

By Steve Bartlett, Auction Chair

The RB members who attended the Convention in Dearborn responded well to the challenge from our auctioneer Rollie Rosenboom to bid early and often. Approximately 85% of the 155 items listed in the auction sold, bringing in over \$23,000 in sales to the consignors. Of the total resulting from the auction, \$2,580 came from 28 items out of the Wenger collection. These dollars go directly to the treasury and help offset expenses incurred by the Club.

As an incentive to the members who attended the Convention, the Board had approved \$500 in "Golden Tickets." Five lucky members had their names drawn from a random raffle before the start of the auction and each won \$100 in Golden Tickets. The winners were: Judy Breece, Bev Brumbaugh, Alvin Cappel, Sandy Heerhold and Judy Stockwell. The result was that each lucky winner was able to deduct \$100 from his/her live auction purchases at the convention.

In addition, 42 of the 75 items in the silent auction at this year's Convention sold, bringing in another \$1,225 to the Club. The result of the Convention auctions and the three other silent auctions held each quarter during the year, helped the treasury grow year over year by more than \$3,100 !



# Greetings from New Zealand

By Ken and Judy Russell



Dear Chris and Steve, I see it is Convention time again. If I may (through you as Secretary and Treasurer), I would like to send a greeting to our Royal Bayreuth friends gathering at Dearborn MI. From so far away it is very hard to maintain a close connection with RBCC but we soldier on, keeping our interest through eBay, the club newsletter, and a close watch on the occasional good piece of RB when it comes on the market here in New Zealand.

We trust you have a very successful Convention and good friendships are renewed. Knowing your own interest in the America's Cup it seems appropriate to offer congratulations to Team USA on the 9-8 comeback win of all time, though I know you won't mind my mentioning that both boats were made in New Zealand, five New Zealand boat builders came to the aid of Team USA in their hour of need, and the CEO of Team USA and many of the crew were New Zealanders. But a marvelous spectacle and the greatest America's Cup regatta has just concluded on San Francisco Bay!

# December 2013 Silent Auction

By Steve Bartlett, Auction Chair

Below is our latest list of items up for silent auction. For photos and rules please view the list on our website: [www.royalbayreuth.org/2013\\_DEC\\_SILENT\\_AUCTION.pdf](http://www.royalbayreuth.org/2013_DEC_SILENT_AUCTION.pdf)

If you wish to bid on any of these silent auction items, email or send your maximum bid to Steve Bartlett, auction chair. Your bid must be received before the closing date which is **Friday January 10, 2014**.

Bidders should include the item number and description of the items they are bidding on, including their mailing and email addresses and telephone number. The winner of each item will be notified within seven days and informed the total cost to buy, ship and insure the item (s) they have won. If you win more than one item in the auction, items will be shipped together (where feasible), to save on shipping costs.

Your maximum bid should be emailed to [dufferdog@aol.com](mailto:dufferdog@aol.com) or snail mailed to 1320 Waterford Drive, East Greenwich, RI 02818. If you have questions, please call Steve Bartlett at (401) 885-5889.

| No. | Description   | Min Bid |
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| 1   | Clown Creamer (red) 3 ½" tall – blue mark                         | \$35    |
| 2   | Toothpick (yellow) 2" tall – marked RB US zone                    | \$5     |
| 3   | Musicians pitcher 4" tall – blue mark                             | \$15    |
| 4   | Small box - Boy with donkey scene 4 ½ x 2 ¼ x 1 ½ tall - unmarked | \$35    |
| 5   | Demi pansy teacup & saucer – cup 1 ½" tall – saucer 4" wide       | \$35    |
| 6   | Shell with sea horse handle – 4 ½" tall – unmarked                | \$35    |
| 7   | Poppy bowl 4 ½" wide 2 ½" tall – unmarked                         | \$25    |
| 8   | Lamplighter creamer 4 ½" tall – blue mark                         | \$15    |
| 9   | Footed cup – Portrait lady – blue mark                            | \$15    |
| 10  | Hunter and dog plate – 7 ½" . . . . .                             | \$10    |
| 11  | Grape milk pitcher (pink) 4 ½" tall – marked Germany              | \$15    |
| 12  | Brittany girl sugar bowl – Woman carrying basket 3" tall          | \$10    |
| 13  | Small pitcher - Babes in the woods 3" tall – blue mark            | \$20    |
| 14  | Basket with handle – rose décor 4" tall – 4 ½" wide               | \$5     |
| 15  | Pansy bowl – brown/orange – 5 ½" wide x 1 ½" tall- blue mark      | \$25    |
| 16  | Small covered poppy dish – green/yellow 2 ½" tall x 3" wide - um  | \$25    |
| 17  | Mug 4 ½" tall – Boy with two work horses- blue mark               | \$20    |
| 18  | Shell small vase 3" tall – green and brown – blue mark            | \$15    |
| 19  | Vase (2 handled) Stag and doe 3 ½" tall                           | \$15    |
| 20  | Black bull creamer – 3" tall – blue mark                          | \$35    |
| 21  | Bulbous pitcher – Hunt scene green accent 3 ½" tall – blue mark   | \$20    |
| 22  | Corinthian candlestick black 5 ½" tall – blue mark                | \$20    |
| 23  | Pinched nose pitcher 3 ½" tall Cattle scene – blue mark           | \$20    |
| 24  | Apple demi cup and saucer 1 ¾" tall 4" wide                       | \$25    |
| 25  | Corn plate 8 ½" wide – blue mark                                  | \$45    |



## RBCC Needs You!

*By Kat Thacker*

There are several club positions needing volunteers ASAP. As a club member, it is really imperative that if you are able to commit, you should seriously consider one of these areas to help with. We cannot continue to function as a club without new volunteers stepping up to help with club duties.

**A. Club Historian:** Duties include taking care of the club scrapbooks; updating them with articles, newsletters, photos and convention material, then just bringing them to the conventions. You don't have to write anything, just treat them like scrapbooks with items sent to you by our members. You can be as creative as you like! Talk to our current Historian Roberta Cappel if you have any questions.

**B. Entertainment Committee:** This is the FUN one! We have gone in a much simpler direction with this over the past few years. No more booking outside acts for us! Judy Stockwell and Harriet Lavine have creatively planned different games, contests and a Yankee Swap to entertain us at the club banquets. This year we actually swapped RB items. If you like to plan fun activities, this job is for you! Questions? Call Judy or Harriet and they'll walk you through.

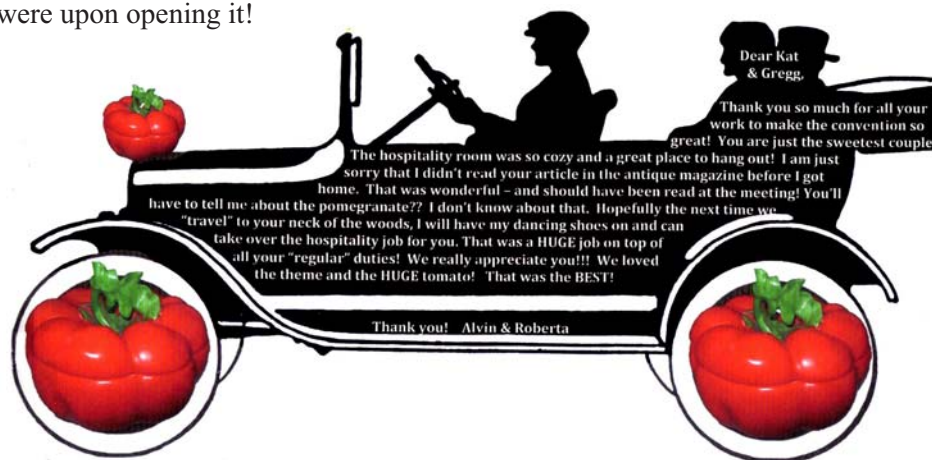
**C. Recording Secretary:** You have to attend conventions for this job. We need someone to take notes during the Club Meetings and Board Meetings. Then they need to be sent to the Club President, who forwards them to the Board for approval. Then they are sent to me, the Editor for publishing in the Dec issue of the newsletter. Easy as can be, as long as you are able to read your own notes! Talk to Janet Belcher if you have any questions.

**D. Temporary Facebook Liaison:** We need someone to check out our RB Facebook page daily and keep up with any queries that are posted there. You don't have to be able to answer everything that comes up...these can be sent on to other club "experts" for reply posts. Let us know if this is something you would like to try out. Contact Gregg Thacker if you want more info.

## Many Thanks for Your Thanks

*By Kat & Gregg Thacker*

Gregg and I are always glad to know we're appreciated for our work on behalf of our club. We got several thank you notes and emails from our membership after the convention... and we felt very good about that. One thank you in particular stood out... and we thought you would enjoy seeing it as much as we were upon opening it!



## Woody Auction Update

*By Kat Thacker*

On a recent Friday evening (November 8), Woody Auctions in St. Charles, MO, held a large sale of 243 lots of RB. The sale was also streaming on the internet sales site Live Auctions. These were offered by multiple owner/collectors... and there were some truly WONDERFUL items up for auction!

Some of the highlights included: MANY Santas (in multiple colors!) A Brown Santa Lemonade (w/pack as handle) sold for \$5500. The red version sold for \$4750. There were also some rare Turtles: a Lemonade for \$2800, and a very large 3"x 8" covered box for \$3100. A Kangaroo Creamer sold for \$1500, a gorgeous Perched Butterfly Water went for \$2400, and a Closed-wing Butterfly Water for \$1900. A rare Red Devil Demi C&S went for \$3250. There were also several elusive Polar Bear scenic items up for sale; a 8 1/2" Bulbous Vase went for \$2100. There were Bunnies, Leopards, Squirrels, Mice, and lots more. Sounds like there will be another sale coming up in 2014 at Woody's... we'll keep you posted!

## 2014 Convention Dates & Location

*By Mary and Terry Anderson*

We are excited to have chosen the St. Charles Embassy Suites Hotel and Spa to host our 2014 convention from October 16 -19, 2014. The hotel created a website link that is now on the Royal Bayreuth home page you can utilize to make your reservations or you can call 1-800-EMBASSY requesting the Royal Bayreuth Collector Club Room Block to confirm the group rate. You have until September 16, 2014 to make room reservations at the discounted room rate. After this date, any remaining guest rooms will be released back to the hotel to sell.

# Our Well-Traveled RB

By Roberta Cappel

*Editor's Note: In preparation for our "travel-themed" convention, I called a few club members who had mentioned that they had souvenir RB in their collections. As usual, the Cappels came through in a BIG way! Roberta and I had a most interesting conversation about the how she'd always wanted to try and find out more about their "travel" RB and this gave her the excuse to do some research on specific travel destinations during the RB production heyday! She shared this write-up with me a few days before the convention, and I thought it so interesting, she should share with our members. This was presented at the convention, along with all the souvenir examples our members brought to share. A very entertaining and enlightening experience for us all. Thanks Roberta!*

So many times I have thought, "If only this piece of Royal Bayreuth could talk." I have started a bit of "Royal Bayreuth Genealogy" on our RB pieces, which we assume were souvenirs. The only pieces of RB that can talk to us are (1) those that have a wonderful note tucked inside giving us the history or (2) A souvenir piece that was purchased and kept as a reminder of a person, place or event. That piece speaks for itself and can tell us in what town, state, or country it was purchased, or even the date it was purchased. That is where our Royal Bayreuth Genealogy begins.

**Ohio Demitasse Tomato Cup: Cedar Point.** Ohio's Cedar Point opened in 1870. It is the second-oldest operating amusement park in the United States. (Lake Compounce in Bristol, CT is the oldest). Cedar Point features a world-record 72 rides, including 16 roller coasters making it the park tied with Canada's Wonderland for the second-



most roller coasters in the world. Its newest roller coaster, GateKeeper, opened in May 2013. Cedar Point has also received the Golden Ticket Award for "Best Amusement Park in the World" from Amusement Today for the past 15 years. As of 2012, the park is the most visited seasonal amusement park in the United States with an estimated 3.22 million visitors in 2012. We will never know why this tomato cup was purchased in the 1900's—perhaps to remember their first roller coaster ride!

**Pennsylvania Elk Salt: "Waldameer, Erie."** Waldameer, PA (some antique postcards spell it Waldemeer) "Waldameer's origins began in the late 1800's as Hoffman's Grove, an Erie area popular picnic spot overlooking the lake. This serene

destination caught the attention of the Erie Electric Motor Co., the city's main trolley company. They leased Hoffman's Grove and renamed the land Waldameer, German for "woods by the sea" – in 1896 Waldameer Park was born. A \$1000 dance hall and carousel were added, three roller coasters were built. Prohibition in 1919 caused Waldameer to close one of its most popular attractions, the Hofbrau German Beer Garden complete with singing waiters. This seems like an appropriate souvenir from a place where elk roamed this "woods by the sea."

**Boston, Massachusetts Tomato Cracker Jar (Or is it a Bean Pot?): "The Boston Food Fair 1908."**

Information taken from excerpts from an article in the Cambridge Tribune,



May 9, 1908: The original Boston Food Fair, for 1908, is to be held in the Park Square 'coliseum' for five weeks, from September 29, to October 31, 1908. It includes an Arts Exposition and will be conducted by the Boston Retail Grocers' Association. Boston previously conducted six very successful fairs in Boston at a different location. The Coliseum was remodeled for the grand opening as an exposition building and "no expense will be spared to make it ideal in every way. In architectural beauty and interior decoration, it will have no rival ... crowds ... will flock to it as a temple... to participate in the day and evening's sightseeing and amusements. The harmony of color and decorations, including the exhibition booths will be the highlight of a very definite architectural plan, more elaborate in its scope than ever before attempted." The management was eager to grasp the opportunity to hold the food fair in the Park Square Coliseum because of its subway entrances and the fact that it was in the heart of the shopping district. John Philip Sousa composed a march for the Food Fair "The Fairest of the Fair" and dedicated it to the BRGA (Boston Retail Grocers' Association.) It's said that the memory of a pretty girl Sousa had seen at a previous fair inspired this composition which is more melodic and less military in style than most of his marches. The price of admission to the food fair was 25 cents. Wonder how much this cracker jar cost?

#### **Kansas City, Missouri Cup and Saucer: Emery, Bird, Thayer Company, Dolls' Tea Party 1913**

**Kansas City.** The Emery, Bird, Thayer department store in Kansas City, Mo was built in 1863 (during the Civil War) and was located near the river landing. This was one of those stores that catered to people stocking up with supplies to settle the

western territories. The store grew with the city and became the first full lined department store in the city. In the 1890's their main store, built to look like a department store in Paris, was built downtown on 11th street and encompassed the entire block. The store had a large mezzanine that housed an elaborate tea room. In the early 1900's they began sponsoring an annual tea party for children (presumably little girls) and their dolls. Young daughters of wealthy businessmen and professionals attended elaborate tea parties and each little girl attending the tea party, left with a version of our Happy Meal Toy, a little cup and saucer. Not only Royal Bayreuth produced cups and saucers for these tea parties. I found a miniature Erphila tea party cup and saucer with graffiti scratched through orange paint indicating the name of the department store. The Emery, Bird, Thayer department store closed its doors in 1968 when it was 105 years old. But we have some little girl's cup and saucer as a remembrance of her tea party at that store.

#### **Highland, New Jersey Long Tomato Celery Bowl: "Highland, NJ."**

A popular beach resort, Highland Beach had many different attractions that were built in the Victorian style of architecture. William Sandlass had traveled to Cuba and brought back a considerable amount of bamboo. This bamboo was used to construct the Bamboo Gardens, as well as the Bamboo Bar. There was an outdoor theater called an Airdrome. These were popular around World War I. The Basket Pavilion (a dance hall), a Merry Go Round, bar and storefronts existed around 1910. Also on the property were private cottages. Sandlass leased the land to families who built cottages that were used each summer. Cabanas were constructed on the river side of the peninsula.

The Sandlass family lived above the Bamboo Bar which was originally located between the railroad track and the roadway. It remained there until the Hurricane on September 21, 1938 caused considerable damage. Storms were a continual issue for the entire time Highland Beach served as a resort.

Major construction occurred from the 1880s through 1900. It included hotels, cottages, rooming houses, and private homes. A pier was built extending well into the bay to accommodate steamboats from New York City. Atlantic Highlands became a haven for bootleggers during Prohibition. Steamer service was the most important transport. In the 1890s, rail service came to Atlantic Highlands. This opened up Highlands and points south to vacationers. The 1920's saw 26 passenger trains daily passing through the Borough. The Central Railroad of New Jersey built a major pier at the end of First Avenue. Several trains at a time could continue to the end of the pier to offload steamboat passengers. From the 1910's through the 1940's, the steamers "Sandy Hook" and the "Monmouth" navigated the waters bringing businessmen and vacationers to Atlantic Highlands. Can't imagine someone packing up this LARGE souvenir.

#### **Aberystwyth, Mid Wales Tomato/Pumpkin Teapot "A Present from Aberystwyth."**

Aberystwyth (pronounce aber ist' with) is an isolated little town (population in 2001 of about 16,000) on the west coast of Mid Wales, generally regarded as the capital of Mid Wales. Since the late 19th century, Aberystwyth has also been a major Welsh educational center, with the establishment of a university college there in 1872 (Students number about 10,400). It

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## Our Well-Traveled RB continued...



was spelled Aberystwith in the 18th and 19th century, but changed to Aberystwyth in 1890. Although the town is relatively modern, it contains a number of historic buildings, including the remains of the Aberystwyth castle and the Old College of Aberystwyth University nearby. It didn't seem likely that university students would purchase a little teapot, so I wondered what was in Aberystwyth that would entice someone to purchase "a present from Aberystwyth." A "National Eisteddfod (I stead' fod or food) is a competitive festival of music and poetry. It is held every year in a different location in Wales and it turns out that Aberystwyth hosted the National Eisteddfod in 1865, 1916, 1952 and 1992. The Eisteddfod is still held every year in a different location in Wales and it is a great honor to be awarded the crown or chair for poetry. It is held for one week each year with 150,000 visitors, some of them camp there for the entire week. There were/are many food/trade stands. We believe our tomato teapot was purchased at one of the trade stands in 1916 as a souvenir.

### Belfast, Ireland Strawberry Creamer "A Present From Belfast."

Belfast is the capital and largest city of Northern Ireland. In 1911, Belfast enjoyed the greatest boom in its history. Linen mills and shipyards were so successful that Belfast was unlike any other city in Ireland; it was the largest city in Ireland in 1911. In the early 20th century it was the biggest and most productive shipyard in the world. The city's main shipbuilders built the RMS Titanic. Belfast means "mouth of the sandy ford," -- there was no well known beach or resort there! I'm not sure why this creamer was a present purchased in Belfast. But, unlike the Titanic, it has survived over 100 years!

**Chichester, England Double Tomato Creamer: "A Present from Chichester."** Chichester (pronounce chi chi' ster) is a cathedral city in West Sussex, in South-East England known for its superb medieval cathedral, the only English cathedral visible from the sea. The city was founded by the Romans at a point where two of their major roads crossed – a point marked by a lovely 16th century buttercross.

The buttercross was built so that the poor people would have somewhere to sell their butter, milk, eggs and fresh produce, and as a meeting point. I can only guess that our strawberry creamer was perhaps sold with fresh strawberries under the buttercross. (There is also a Chichester, New Hampshire, but there was no attraction there, and the population decreased through the early part of the 1900's, so that only 15 men were called to serve in WWI. I can't imagine this was a town that would sell a sweet little strawberry creamer as a souvenir!)

**Morecambe, England Double Tomato Creamer "A Present from Morecambe."** Morecambe (pronounce more' come) is a town on Morecambe Bay in Lancashire, England. As many of our signed souvenir pieces are from the seashore, this town grew in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries as a popular thriving seaside resort. It had more visitors from Yorkshire and Scotland (due to its railway connection). I assume this little strawberry creamer came from the seaside resort.



# A Guest Appearance by Schafer & Vater

By Bev Brumbaugh

What do a pink tea set with comical faces, a doctor holding a giant hypodermic needle, a nun with a wine bottle, a zeppelin, a girl in a turtle shell and a clown with a pig have in common? The answer is they are all porcelain items made by Schafer & Vater and all are bottles except for the tea set and the girl in the shell. S&V began making high quality hard paste porcelain in 1890 at Volkstedt Rudolstadt, Thuringia, Germany. They were neighbors to the Royal Bayreuth factory in Tettau. Unfortunately when the border lines were drawn at the end of World War II they found themselves in the Russian Zone. The firm closed in 1962. Bobby Jo and I picked S&V as our subject after being asked to present a program during our recent convention. We felt that the high quality of their product as well as the subjects they produced would be of special interest to club members, some of whom collect S&V.

We believe collectors collect! Bobby Jo opened our presentation with a question. Offering a prize for the largest number of collections in



addition to RB, she asked those with 10 or more collections to raise their hands. A sea of hands went up. She raised the ante, more than 20, 30, 40, 50 and we still had hands in the air. The prize went to Mary and Terry Anderson with 64 separate collections. Club members were then asked to stand and describe the most unusual item they collected. Later Roberta Cappel said that she felt she had attended a meeting of "Collectors Anonymous."

Next we moved to the subject

of S&V. In addition to the items we had brought from our collection, the Andersons and Heerholds graciously furnished examples of their own S&V. These efforts were coordinated so there were no duplicates. A discussion about the display followed. The owners pointing out certain obvious features as well some that were hidden. For example, two of the large bottles we brought also contained music boxes. At the close of the presentation club members were invited to come forward for a closer "look" at individual pieces.

This may have been the largest display of rare S&V porcelain that has been brought together in one place in recent times. All who see S&V agree that it was designed to put a smile on your face. You can see 40+ photos from this presentation in the Member's area of the club website in the 2013 convention photos. We also recommend that you visit the S&V web site at: [www.schafer-vater.com](http://www.schafer-vater.com) Anybody up for pulling a comprehensive book together? How about you Mary McCaslin?





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