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## Sunny Days!

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## Salt Talk

By Chris and Steve Bartlett

In May we were invited to give a presentation on Royal Bayreuth porcelain to the New England Society of Open Salts Collectors. Members of this club collect all forms of open salts and were especially interested in learning more about Royal Bayreuth which produced a number of these pieces.

We only own one open salt – the lobster claw – but other Royal Bayreuth club members generously sent us pictures of salts from their collection that we brought to the meeting. In addition, the salt collectors club members were encouraged to bring in any Royal Bayreuth open salts that they might have, so there was a nice variety of salts at the meeting. You can see a picture of some of the salts that were on display.

We had prepared a slide show of our collection and also brought along many pieces like figurals, scenics, tapestry, shoes, Old Tetttau Blue, souvenir pieces, and the Devil and Cards. Our talk included how we first became interested in collecting, the history of Royal Bayreuth, the various forms available, the marks, valuing pieces, and what to look for in a collection. The group was very interested in learning more about the pieces we had brought, and we had a good question and answer period. Many of the members of the club had at least one Royal Bayreuth salt so they were very interested to learn more about the company. We brought along membership applications in the hopes that some people might want to find out more about our club, and several collectors took home this information.

It was a very enjoyable day and it was fun to hear what this club does to keep members, attract new ones, and how they handle conventions, as well as to see their Show and Tell and their room sale. And with a fun raffle we even came home with two open salts!



## Another RB Oddity Surfaces

By Tim Gaudet

A couple weeks ago I purchased (on eBay) a most unusual mustard pot; it is the lemon mold factory painted in the orange colors. I'm guessing someone had an "off day" at the factory and this slipped through unnoticed. I have shown it with the actual orange-shaped mustard pot for comparison. Very odd indeed! I am also looking for an apple teapot and a lemon teapot if someone in the club might have one available.





## From Our Co-Presidents

*By Mary Anderson*

It's convention planning time again! Dates for the 2014 convention are October 16, 17 and 18. The room rates are \$114/\$119 per night. And, if you have lots of items to display and would like more space, ask for a corner room. There is an extra \$6/night fee for these even larger rooms (but, as there are only four corner rooms on each floor they go fast). Call early to reserve one of these rooms. Extra tables are available for your room without extra charge.

Each room has a bedroom and separate living room w/microwave, fridge, coffeemaker, high speed internet access and work/dining table. Each guest will receive a cooked to order breakfast in the a.m. There is a two hour Manager's Reception in the evening including alcoholic/non-alcoholic beverages and light snacks.

For more info, visit our website [Royalbayreuth.org](http://Royalbayreuth.org) There is a link to Embassy Suites where you can get more info and make reservations, or call direct 636-946-5544. As always, remember to mention that you are with the Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club to get these room rates, which are available 3 days before and 3 days after the convention. So plan an extra couple

of days to stay and explore the area.

The cut-off date for these rates is September 16. So make your reservations as soon as possible. Don't wait too long!

While at the Embassy Suites their van is available to transport you to within a 3 mile radius of the hotel. That area includes the Downtown Historic District, Lewis & Clark Museum, Haviland Museum and two casinos. Rides to the airport are NOT included.

The historic district has shops with art, antiques and a large variety of specialty shops. We will have a welcome reception Thursday evening, a light meal Friday evening (just before the auction), and of course our banquet Saturday night.

Hope you all are finding special items for our Show & Tell and Wannabees. We are looking forward to seeing all the neat items for sale in the rooms. It's going to be here before you know it, so please help make planning easier by sending in your registration and banquet form as soon as possible.

Let's make this a super convention ... hope to see you all there!

## Secretary's Message

*By Chris Bartlett*

It's not too early to be thinking about our 2014 club convention which will be held this fall in St. Charles, Missouri. The dates are October 16 – 18. We start with a get-together on Thursday evening, enjoy a members only auction on Friday night, and conclude with a banquet on Saturday night. Our conventions are a wonderful chance to learn more about Royal Bayreuth and to meet other like-minded collectors.

Highlights include the club auction and the ever popular silent auction featuring pieces donated by club members Georgann and Doug Wenger. In addition there are informative programs, show and tell, room sales, a terrific hospitality room, a banquet,

and much, much more. The newsletter includes more information on the hotel as well as the registration form. It is most helpful if you could please complete this registration form and send it back to me as soon as possible. This is important for those purchasing items for the hospitality room, goodie bags, games, etc. We are pleased to report the club currently has 120 memberships.

Help us attract new members by publicizing Royal Bayreuth at auctions and shows you may attend. Suggest our website to prospective members as this is a real asset to anyone interested in finding out more about this wonderful porcelain.

## Welcome Our New Members

*By Chris Bartlett*

I am happy to report we have a new member. Her name is Maria Martell and she is the president of the New England Society of Open Salts which is the group Steve and I gave a presentation to on Royal Bayreuth earlier this month. A number of members brought examples of RB Open Salts and seemed interested in the club, so I was delighted when the application for this woman arrived in the mail today.

She heard about the club though a news story in the Antique Journal and that is also how she got our name and invited us to speak to the group

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## Member Address Change

*By Chris Bartlett*

Kathy & Garth Moore have a new mailing address:  
201-180 Mill St. South  
Brampton, L6Y 1T8, Canada

The March newsletter packet included the 2014 membership roster. As always please let me know of any changes of address, phone, or email.

Thanks for supporting the club and we look forward to seeing you in St. Charles in October. Remember though, even if you are unable to attend the convention you can still bid on pieces for both the silent and regular auctions as these items will be highlighted in the September newsletter.

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## Help Wanted

By Jay Rublaitus

**“Ask not what your club can do for you, rather what YOU can do for your club”**

It's that time again. Election of new RB club officers will take place at this year's annual convention in St Charles.

Have you ever wanted to get involved with the club – but no one asked? Has someone ever told you – you're really good at that? Do you want to make your club better and have fun while doing it? Do you have as little as one hour a month to share with the RB club? If so, now is the time to submit your nomination for one of our open positions:

- **President:** Someone with expert knowledge of RB and well-respected with good organizational skills.
- **Vice-President:** Plans conference events and helps handle club business.
- **Member, Board of Directors:** Advises and votes on board actions.
- **Historian:** Maintains convention scrapbooks and club archives.
- **Convention Games (Entertainment) Coordinator:** Party planner who likes to have fun!

The Club needs YOU! Here's your chance to make a difference in how the club operates. Don't let a few RB club members do all the work!! There's a lot YOU can do for the club. The good news...these positions only require a strong desire to make our club better – without sacrificing hours of your time. Are you ready to get involved?

For further information regarding the specifics of each position, please review the club by-laws or contact our current officers. To submit your nomination for one of our club openings, please call Jay Rublaitus at (901) 483-5320, or Jim Lapp at (267) 872-9964

## Newsletter Submission Deadlines

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

## Editor's Message

By Kat Thacker

Greetings RBCC friends. Well we've FINALLY made it through our seemingly endless winter around here...and some glorious weather has arrived in the mitten state. Hope you're also enjoying some beautiful sunshine wherever you are these days!

This issue we're going to be sharing information on the upcoming convention. I know what you're thinking...It's ONLY June, and the convention isn't until October this year, so WHAT'S the hurry? Well you just know now that we're all into the outdoor yard work/activities, trips and get-togethers...spring and summer will both fly by! We have included the newly revised Registration Form in this issue...so please do fill it out and send back to Chris with your check. It makes things so much easier for those planning all the activities if we can lock in some numbers quickly.

Speaking of activities being planned...our Hospitality Room hosts with the most for St. Louis are the Rublaitus clan. They have let us know they are running a “lean, not mean, no-frills” kind of event this time around...so will be counting on those attending to help supply homemade goodies and treats to share, as well as help with duties. We are also sadly in need of volunteers in pretty much EVERY area of the club. Jay Rublaitus has made the plea via the Nomination committee to fill outgoing positions of Officers and Board Members. We will be giving some of the duty details in the next issue to help you see exactly WHAT you would need to do in each position, or just call the club Presidents to get more info! Understandingly...some members are just not able to do SOME of these jobs. We get it. But if we don't get some of these positions filled, the club cannot keep going with ALL the good things we've come to expect at the conventions and newsletter/website.

At this time, we have no one running the entertainment for the club banquet (fun and games), need an additional program for the convention, and more items consigned for the club auction. We also need someone to take over the club historian (scrapbook) duties. You wouldn't be doing any of this alone...we would give you help and guidance with everything. Please consider where you can share your expertise or time, and just volunteer.

Of course, as editor I always have need of articles, photographs, story ideas, upcoming sales or antique markets, or even personal events like big anniversaries or trips you are taking. These do not require huge commitments unless you want to go in that “scholarly article” direction. And on that theme, MANY thanks to those of you who DO send me items, and often have been doing so consistently. We just wouldn't have a quality newsletter without you!

## An Upcoming Celebration

By Paul Stratman & Jim Carter

*Editor's note: Happy news for two of our long term club members!*

After being together for 30 years we decided that we would finally make it legal, now that we can. We are excited to share our special day with a group of friends and family on the 14th of June in Mission Viejo, California. Several of the RBCC club members will be joining us. Roger and Joanne Lundquist of course, as they will be our witnesses. Old friends of 50 years and new friends over the course of our lives will make this day extremely special for us. Wish all of the Members of RBCC could be with us!

We are still collecting a piece of RB on occasion, but are truly running out of room to display new purchases. We did make it to the Wavecrest convention in Santa Barbara last fall spending time with Whitney & Judy Newland and Fred Zumthurn & Ida Parrott. Maybe we can make it to RBCC convention this year, we'll just have to wait and see.

## On Your Way to Convention....

By Mary Anderson

Looking for some antiquing fun on your way to the convention? If you are driving from the north in Illinois at Springfield take I-55.

Visit the Springfield Antique Mall at the I-55 intersection. If you stop there, you will find cards leading you all the way down I-55 to just before St. Louis. There are approx 11 antique malls along the highway, and you don't need to go into town. From St. Louis, it's just a hop, skip and a jump to St. Charles, MO. As I mentioned before, you won't find much Royal Bayreuth, but it's fun antiquing. Happy hunting - see you in St. Charles!

## Publicity 2014

By Judy Stockwell

To keep everyone up to date I just wanted to tell you what I have been doing as far as Publicity for the Club goes.

I sent out 23 Press Releases (Spring 2014) to Antique Newspapers and Magazines on the internet and received back a note so far from just one of them saying they would put something on their calendar. It was from The Southeastern Antiquing Magazine. Start looking in the magazines and newspapers in your area and do let me know if you can find the articles for me. They will be given to our club historian for the club scrapbooks.

I also received back 6 press releases as "unknown" which tells me that they have gone out of business or changed their email addresses. Would appreciate it if you send me any antique related newspapers or magazine contact information. I will check my list and perhaps find some new ones that I am not aware of.

## Website News

By Gregg Thacker

Greetings RBCC members. We hope you are using the club website and getting valuable information from the newsletter back issues that are available to club members only. We also have an amazing variety of photos from past conventions, presentations and interesting links. In the past year, we have upgraded the site to behave well on both iPhones and iPads...so you can experience ALL the goodies anytime/anywhere!

As always, we continue to send out email blasts monthly (on average) with any RB news updates. There have been several recent large auctions of RB around the country, and we have notified our membership via these blasts. If you are NOT receiving these, please send an email to [editor@royalbayreuth.org](mailto:editor@royalbayreuth.org) and let us know.

## Quarterly RBCC Treasurer's Report

By Steve Bartlett

**Checkbook Balance as of 12-16-2013:.....\$14,207.50**

### Receipts

Membership dues .....	1,065.00
December Silent Auction .....	510.00
Hospitality room. ....	10.00
Postage & Shipping. ....	87.95
<b>Total Receipts (12/16/2013 – 3/15/14) .....</b>	<b>\$1,672.95</b>

### Disbursements

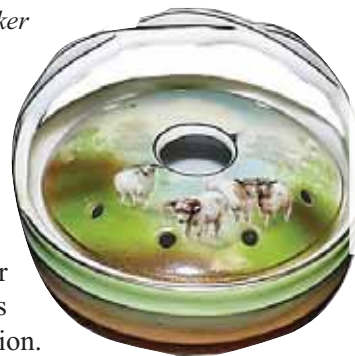
Reimbursement for Postage .....	104.80
December Newsletter (Images in Ink) .....	851.15
Reimbursement for Secretarial Expense (Postage) .....	32.90
<b>Total Disbursements (12/16/13 – 3/15/14) .....</b>	<b>\$988.85</b>
Total Treasury with receipts .....	\$15,880.45
Less Disbursements (12/16/13 - 3/15/14) .....	\$988.85
<b>Checkbook balance as of 3/15/14.....</b>	<b>\$14,891.60</b>

## A Rare One!

By Kat Thacker

This RB oddity showed up on eBay recently. Thanks to Harold B for bringing this to my attention.

Very Scarce Royal Bayreuth Cow Scene Lidded Lavender Potpourri Cache Basket (pulled by seller due to error) that measures 2 ¼ inches tall by 2 ¾ inches in diameter. Form not shown in McCaslin's Guide. Blacklight and acetone tested for damage show no faults. In estate over 70 years and only displayed and never used. Extremely clean interior and exterior. Great colors; no chips, no hairlines, no repairs.





## From the Auction Chair

*By Steve Bartlett, Auction Chair*

Another deadline, another article to write and another auction to plan. With the convention in October this year, we hope to get the auction items photographed and up on the web site in early July. There have been two or three major Royal Bayreuth auctions this year with a large number of scarce figural pieces coming on the market. Once again it seems that buyers got some good bargains although prices seem to have edged up a bit.

All of this makes my job harder. At this juncture, I do not have a large number of scarce items committed to the auction. There will probably be 50 or more pieces from the Wenger Collection and currently, 30-35 pieces from members who are downsizing but I need your help and support to make this a strong auction.

There is plenty of time for you to consign pieces for the Convention Auction but I would like to have most of the auction finalized by the end of June. Contact Steve Bartlett at 401-885-5889 or email [dufferdog@aol.com](mailto:dufferdog@aol.com) to consign pieces for the October auction. Please remember that as the auction chair, I reserve the right to accept or reject pieces for the auction. We are looking for rare pieces, will not sell duplicates or items we don't think will sell for at least \$25.

The Club Auction has no buyer's premium, no seller's fees and the consignor controls the minimum selling price. Even if you can't be in St. Charles, we will bid your reserves for you. Also, members can bid on auction pieces by submitting their maximum bids to me before Sunday, October 12. We will have another Silent Auction, so members who attend the convention will have an opportunity to get some real bargains. The auction has always been a highlight of the convention so we will see you there and we will make it "Super in St. Charles."

## Summer 2014 Silent Auction

*By Steve Bartlett, Auction Chair*

The RBCC is pleased to announce the Summer 2014 Silent Auction. This auction consists of 25 selected pieces from the Wenger Collection. If you wish to bid on any item(s), send or email your maximum bids to Steve Bartlett, Auction Chair no later than Monday, July 7, 2014. In case of a tie, the first bid received is the winner so remember to bid early!

Bidders should include the item number and description for each auction item they want to bid on including their mailing address, email and telephone number. The winners will be notified within seven days of the auction close and will be informed of the total cost to buy, ship and insure all pieces they won. If you win more than one auction, items will be shipped together where feasible to save on shipping costs.

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

No.	DESCRIPTION	MIN BID
1.	Plate – Fisherman Scene 7 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub> "	\$10
2.	Lettuce Nappy 7"	\$10
3.	Shell Demi Cup with Saucer	\$20
4.	Strawberry Mustard with Spoon	\$20
5.	Shell Salt and Pepper Shakers	\$15
6.	Brittany Girl Creamer, 3" tall	\$15
7.	Creamer, Toasting Cavaliers, 4" tall	\$15
8.	Shield Back Candlestick, Peasant Musicians, 4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " tall	\$20
9.	Spade Dish, Highland Goats, 4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " wide	\$15
10.	Vinegar Cruet, English Hunt Scene w/Snake handle, 3" tall	\$15
11.	Coachman Milk Pitcher (small chip on front of hat), 5" tall	\$20
12.	Corinthian Pitcher, Black with Red, 5" tall	\$25
13.	Cat Creamer, Black, 4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " tall	\$25
14.	Green Grape Creamer, 3 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> " tall	\$15
15.	Tomato Box, Medium, 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " wide	\$10
16.	Grape (Covered box – Sugar? Marmalade?) Satin White Finish	\$15
17.	Small Rotund Pitcher w/Sheep Scene, 3" tall	\$15
18.	Small Pitcher, Lady with Chickens, 2 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> " tall	\$10
19.	Green Pitcher with Cattle Scene, about 4" tall	\$20
20.	Vase, Dutch Girl w/Basket, Ship in Background, 5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " tall	\$25
21.	Souvenir Vase 3 Handled (Princes Square), 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> " tall	\$15
22.	Creamer, Peasant Musicians, 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> " tall	\$15
23.	Devil and Cards Salt, Some Red Glaze Missing on Top and Face	\$20
24.	Pin Dish, Rose Décor, 5" X 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "	\$15
25.	Tomato Mustard w/Lid No Spoon	\$15

## Results of RBCC's Spring 2014 Silent Auction

*By Steve Bartlett, Auction Chair*

In March, 2014, we listed 25 pieces from the Wenger Collection for the Silent Auction. Of the 25 pieces listed, 14 received bids. Some auction items received multiple bids and some just one bid but in every case, the buyers received some great bargains.

The results of the Auction were posted on the member's section of the Club Website. If you are unable to access the web contact me and I will mail/email a copy to you. As a result of the Spring 2014 Silent Auction, the club added \$740 to the Treasury.

Thank you all who participated. Check out the summer silent auction that is now underway!

# Buyer Beware!

By Mary Anderson

Recently, I bought a shoe on eBay. Seemed like a Royal Bayreuth shoe, but was not listed as such. Had several photos, but none from the top or bottom. Just from mainly the front and sides. Description said: Vintage; 1930's; Man's work boot. Brown in color. Several close-ups of the detailed stitching which RB shoes have. Also, said with real shoelaces; shown, in photos. Size was about right, 5 1/4" long.



Good condition, etc.

I had just seen it and didn't have much time left, so I emailed the seller and asked a couple of quick questions: What color is the bottom and is it bisque or glossy? Seller got back to me and said she was not home, but thought the bottom was beige and bisque.

So, for approx. \$25, I decided to bid. Won the bid and paid for it.

When I received the shoe, I knew immediately that this shoe was NOT vintage, NOT from the 1930s.

This shoe was made to deceive. It was made to look like a Royal Bayreuth shoe. If I had seen photos of the top and of the bottom, I would have known right away that this was not a Royal Bayreuth shoe and it was not a shoe that I wanted in my collection. And, if I had had it in my hand, I would have known it was not RB.

Points: This shoe has a pure white bottom. Has a 1/4" round hole in the



heel. Top is partially filled, possibly to be used to hold small items like toothpicks or such. The back strap is brown/same color as the shoe; not striped as an RB shoe (this also was not in her photos).

The photos in the auction looked just like an RB shoe. Lots of "stitching" detail; real cloth shoe laces.

I have taken more detailed photos for you to look at.

Any RB collector who buys shoes knows what to look for when buying, but when on eBay, it is a little more tricky.

I have received a refund from the seller. From now on, I'll be a little more careful when buying shoes on eBay.

## Potter & Potter Auction

By Kat Thacker



On Saturday, May 31, Potter & Potter Auctions in Chicago auctioned a collection of rare playing cards, gambling paraphernalia, and porcelain. The RB was from the collection of former club member J.P. Jackson from San Diego. The pieces consisted mostly of devil & cards, red devils, some jesters, clowns, frog & bee, a few animals, and Corinthian. RB sales were brisk and clearly many people wanted the devil & cards!



## Superb RB for Sale!

Shipping and insurance at my cost.

Photos on request.

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1. Coachman Water, bm, mint \$275
2. Coachman Humidor \$300
3. Elk Shaving Mug, \$175
4. Poppy Shakers Lav. Tones, unmk, mint \$135
5. Platypus Creamer, bm, mint \$400
6. Art Nouveau Lady, bm, pristine \$575
7. Seal Water, bm, mint \$495
8. Yellow Clown Milk, bm, mint \$175
9. Elk Shakers, Germany, mint \$135
10. Red Clown Wall Match, no damage, has scuff mark, bm, \$165
11. Art Nouveau Milk, bm, mint \$295
12. Lamp Lighter Creamer, bm, mint \$65
13. Cat Handle Creamer, White Cat Green Pitcher, bm, mint \$195
14. Cat Handle Creamer Calico & Blue, bm, mint \$195
15. Bell Ringer Creamer, bm, mint \$55
16. Bell Ringer Candleholder \$115
17. White Gator Creamer \$195
18. Chimp Creamer, very nice but probably not RB, \$145



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## Soulis Auction Wrap-Up

*By Kat Thacker*

On Saturday, April 26 there was a large auction held at the Dirk Soulis Auction House in Lone Jack, MO. The offerings were diverse and wonderful: Rare Weller Pottery, a large group of Schafer & Vater pieces, and the incredible RB collection of a past club member, JD Mooney. ALL FIGURALS, with many rare and gorgeous examples to choose from. It was an amazing sale!

Many club members were unable to attend in person...but we had pre-announced the sale in both our newsletter and email blasts, so online bidding seemed prevalent. The prices are still somewhat soft as we have been seeing in the last few big auctions recently, but the truly RARE pieces did sell for respectable amounts. It has been hard to see the drop in value, especially if items were purchased at the top of the range 10+ years ago. We are continuing to see many of our club members downsizing, so

more RB is coming onto the market. It is however a great time for collectors to start acquiring pieces they were unable to do more than dream about in year's past!

Some of the highlights were;

- Stunning Orchid Water (in orange/red) \$1,600.
- Kangaroo Creamer \$1,100.
- Corn S&P (brown/indiancorn) \$475.
- Santa Creamer (red) \$850.
- Really beautiful Iris Milk (magenta) \$875.
- Mouse Milk \$850.
- Lovely Rooster Water \$1,000.
- Perch Water \$700.
- Devil Creamer (black) \$575.
- Turtle Milk \$525.



Although many fine pieces went for under \$100... some of the more common molds in UNUSUAL color commanded higher prices overall.