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Seeking RB Porcelain China

By Walt Crites

While RBCC specializes in a wide variety of figural, scenic, and dinnerware collectible pieces, figurals and scenic pieces seem to dominate. Besides being a collector, I have been doing family genealogy for 45 years. Quite by serendipity accident, I discovered that I had three pieces of RB China handed down to me dating to early 1900, and I became hooked on this particular pattern noted in the photographs. My great-grandparents received a complete set of this china on their 50th wedding anniversary in 1906, and when I realized that I had these pieces, tying me to them, I was ecstatic! Upon their demise, the china was handed down to various family members, and totally dispersed around the country.

According to Mary McCaslin, The Tettau Porzellanmanufaktur in Bavaria may still have the mold for this china (note the mark "21" on these pieces). But what fun is that? So the search was on. I have contacted many establishments, and antique shops through the Internet seeking this particular pattern with no luck. I imagine that these "family" pieces mean the same to their owners as they do to me. But, after 116 years, some may have gone into garage sales, estate sales, and antique shops not knowing their significance to the extended family.

So, I am appealing to my RBCC family who are out looking for their unique antique figurals and scenic pieces. If your many, many eyes spread out looking across this beautiful country of ours happen to see this pattern, please let me know how to contact them, and I will do the rest.

Happy hunting to all!



From Our President

By Wib Beachy

Time to come out of hibernation!

Spring is nearly here! The ground hog was nice to us this year. An early-ending winter always is appreciated — even more so the older we get.

Preparations continue for the Club Convention and Auction September 22 - 24 at the Embassy Suites in East Peoria, Illinois. Detailed information will be provided in the next newsletter. Suffice it to say I am doing all that I can to make East Peoria as memorable as Cleveland was. For those of you who could not make Cleveland, I look forward to seeing you in East Peoria.

There will be two club excursions.

One, as mentioned in the last newsletter, will be a riverboat cruise on the *Spirit of Peoria* Saturday afternoon. The other will be a Friday afternoon trip to the Ronald Reagan Museum and Peace Garden at Eureka College located a half hour from where we are staying. I will be securing a charter bus for these excursions just as I did in Cleveland. For those not going on one or both of these excursions, there is a casino located close to the Embassy Suites, if you are so inclined. Shuttle service, as you might expect, is provided by the hotel.

Al Cappel has succeeded Steve Bartlett as our Auction Chair. If you have pieces you wish to have in this year's Club Auction, please contact him. He is in the process of determining the list of pieces to be offered for sale at that Auction. We already have two consignments which involve a number of pieces for it.

That's all for now. If you have any suggestions on making this year's Convention and Auction even better than last year, please let me know. I'm always open to ideas for improvement.

Editor's Message

By Kat Thacker

Spring greetings RBCC friends!

Although not officially spring yet, we have had a few warmer days over the last few weeks and the snow melted away (at least for now!). Hope you're enjoying a bit of nicer weather wherever you call home.

Our cover shot came about with a few new pieces of RB we'd acquired recently. I was admiring the diversity of beautiful color in a grouping of apples and grapes, radishes and plums, and thought about how it would be fun to create a "rainbow" of figural creamers. Since we couldn't quite fit that shot on our cover (too wide!), I went with a color wheel instead! I have to admit to enjoying arranging (and re-arranging) small "vignettes" of our collection to truly show off the lovely shapes and glazes. Makes you appreciate the talented craftsmen who painted these unique pieces so many years ago.

Please notice your new roster enclosed with this issue. They are very helpful throughout the year, so make sure and keep it someplace handy for all your club correspondence. We would really appreciate your taking

a few minutes to flip through it and make sure your own information is all correct and up to date. We do our best to keep up with everyone's contact info...but things seem to be in constant flux when it comes to this stuff! Please let either club Secretary Karen Church, or myself (Editor@royalbayreuth.org) know if you find anything amiss.

The other change-over that occurs with the March issue is the club website passwords. Make sure and make note of both the new user name AND password to keep access to our fully-loaded website. Gregg keeps adding things that will be of interest to both old and new members...so DO check it out often.

We are looking for articles, stories and photos of your collections. Also need photos for "Our China Cabinets." Have you got info on any upcoming antique auctions or sales in your area? How about a real treasure you acquired in an unusual way? Want to share a truly odd piece with your fellow members? We would appreciate anything you'd like to contribute...

Take care everyone, and Happy March.

2016 Convention Hospitality Plans

By Karen Rublaitus

Happy spring! It's the time of year when everyone's thoughts turn to ... Halloween... wait, what?!?! Well, at least the Hospitality Committee's thoughts are about black cats and trick or treat! The planning has begun and your Hospitality Committee is excited about hosting a spooky-themed room! Hope to have trick or treat in the room to room visits and possibly a costume party. More to come as the convention grows closer. We welcome your thoughts and suggestions!

Newsletter Submission Deadlines

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

Secretary's Message

By Karen Church

Boy did we miss the big Nor'easter that came through, although we have relatives in West Virginia and Maryland that weren't so lucky. We're far enough north and west that we only got 1½"! I know some got 32" or more. I hope it's melting away slowly so there's no flooding concerns. It's supposed to be bitterly cold here this week and weekend. I'm not sure that Punxsutawney (thank you spell check!) Phil was correct in his prediction for an early Spring but let's hope so!

Thanks to everyone who renewed their memberships. It sure made my job a lot easier! As of today, we have a total membership of 108 and 10 dropped. I have sent emails and have followed up with phone calls.

As always, if you have any address, phone, email changes, please let me know so I and our editor are up to date with the most current info. Any questions, let me know, I'll try to help.

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Welcome New Members

Two new members have joined our club since convention. Welcome to our new members!

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From the Auction Chair

By Alvin Cappel, Auction Chair

Here's a note from me, Alvin, the new kid on the "auction block."

As you know, Steve Bartlett has retired after successfully running six annual auctions and at least thirteen silent auctions. We can never thank him enough for the years he "silently" made the auctions run so smoothly with Chris at his side. I, personally, want to thank Steve for the support and encouragement he has given me as I begin this new position as Club Auction Chair.

It is hard to believe the "van-load" of twenty-seven boxes that we brought back from Florida from the Wenger's have all have been sold. The Wengers donated over five hundred pieces to our club, which we sold at our auctions. Steve reported our club realized almost \$15,000 from their donation. We certainly thank Doug and Georgeann for their generosity. You can read the story of how this all happened in the December, 2012 newsletter.

However, all those pieces have been sold, and to put together another outstanding auction, we need your help. One member has offered to donate some of his collection with proceeds to be donated to our club and two other members have consigned items for our auction. But, we still need more items! I will have to confess that we have attended our

auctions and thought, "We should have put such and such a piece in the auction," but we just never got around to going through those boxes that have duplicates or pieces that someone else might have a place for in their home.

It's just a great opportunity for any of us to put pieces in the auction—our club charges no fees or premiums to buyers or sellers. You can set a reserve on your pieces and there is absolutely no charge or fee to enter pieces in the auction. Think of it as getting paid for spring cleaning! I have included a flyer in this newsletter that might encourage you to consign one piece or thirty pieces. (Or your entire collection!)

I can assure you there are members in our club who have been searching for the snake that might be hiding in your basement. Roberta says she would like to walk away from the auction with a lemon. I'm always searching for the bulbous lid that goes on my tomato chocolate pot. If you have a wish list, send your list to Kat to be published in the newsletter. Perhaps that item will show up at our auction. Please complete the enclosed sheet or contact me if you have items to consign.

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Club History Album

By Nancy Rublaitus

If anybody has any interesting articles from magazines or newspapers that you would like to see in the club album please mail them to me. Also, please send pictures that you may have taken of a special piece or pieces that you have come across. Anything of interest to our members would be great! We are all looking forward to summer around here. Thanks for your assistance!

Rarities and Oddities Recently on eBay

By Kat Thacker

I have been keeping an eye out for RB items on eBay for the past few months. As sobering as it has been for dealers to see the prices still quite low on more common pieces, there have been quite a few unusual things going for more substantial amounts.

Some rarer/harder to find items sold recently (All pieces are figurals):

- Flounder/salt & peppers \$1,037.
- Oak leaf/salt & peppers \$44.
- Maple leaf/salt only \$762.
- Dutch lady & child/figural creamer \$540.
- Fox candlestick \$646.
- Mouse milk \$1,237.
- Full body red devil match/wall pocket \$595.
- Iridescent purple lobster mustard with gold trim \$385

- Covered ladybug box/sugar \$5,278.

& the Oddity:

A tomato under plate complete with a 3-dimensional duck pond in the center! At first I thought this was someone's recent "craft project", but after close inspection...the glazes look original. What do you think??? If they didn't want \$49 for it, I probably would have bought it for a curiosity....

And as for the lower prices on some RB...although not an ideal market for those selling, it's much more fun for new collectors to be able to actually afford picking up a few pieces. The rare items are still doing



well (price-wise), and continue to entice more advanced collectors to "go for it!"

More photos on back page ...

RBCC Treasurer's Report

9/15/2015 – 2/10/2016

By Carolyn Church

Checkbook Balance as of 9/15/2015:.....\$16,993.49

Receipts

Membership Dues	55.00
Annual Auction	11,343.30
Hospitality	10.00
For Website/Internet.	152.00
Auction Postage & Shipping	150.98
Convention.	434.08

Total Receipts (9/16/2015 – 10/24/2015) \$12,145.28

Disbursements

Convention Expenses.	2,236.06
Hospitality Room	490.11
Annual Auction	11,478.30
Auction Shipping & Insurance	150.89
Secretary's Postage	16.33

Total Disbursements (9/16/2015 – 10/24/2015)..... \$14,370.69

Checkbook Closing Balance as of 10/24/2015 \$14,768.08

Checkbook Opening Balance as of 10/24/2015:..... \$14,768.08

Receipts

Membership Dues	1,620.00
Plaques.	30.00

Total Receipts (10/24/2015 – 2/10/2016) \$1,650.00

Disbursements

Newsletter, Postage, Mailing.	627.36
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Total Disbursements (10/24/2015 – 2/10/2016)..... \$627.36

Checkbook Balance as of 2/10/2016: \$15,790.72

Website News

By Gregg Thacker

Happy Spring RB fans! I hope you spent the winter viewing the thousands of images and resources on our website! As usual each March (coordinated with membership renewal and publication of the Roster) we reset the user name and password required to access member data on our website. Please make a note of that for future reference.

As a reminder, if you are NOT receiving e-mail updates please send a note to editor@royalbayreuth.org and we will add you to the list. Happy hunting at all the spring shows!

Rarities and Oddities continued...

