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Red Shoe (Boot) Found!

By Kat Thacker



I wanted to share with you this interesting information sent in by a new member. A few weeks after our last "Red Hot RB" issue went out, I got a package in the mail from Ray DeVries. He & his wife live in Holland Michigan, and he joined the club last year.

He sent me several photos of his brick RED men's shoe with original shoelace. It is a 7-eyelet, cap-toed ankle shoe & is unmarked like these often are. This was of course in response to my query at the end of my "Seeing Red" article. He also shared that this particular shoe came in several varieties: both tan and green alligator (he has the green), and tan lizard. Those two tan versions are on his current wish list if anybody wants to part with theirs!!!

Ray has been collecting RB men's shoes exclusively for 10 years, and has 22 in his collection. He was previously a long-time collector of Early American patterned glass, but has sold off that large collection. I had a very nice conversation with him recently about how he came to join the RBCC. He found us via the website, and was interested in our club auction (for buying and selling). Unfortunately, he had a fall before last year's convention, so was unable to attend. He can't make the trip this year, but perhaps another one down the road...Until then, we'll look forward to meeting him in person to share tales of our favorite porcelain!



From Our President

By Wib Beachy

Hello again Club members,

I trust and hope this newsletter finds you in good health. As you may know, several members including Rollie Rosenboom and Tim Gaudet passed away earlier this year. A number of other members have experienced medical issues that have led to their hospitalization. I believe all of those members are at least out of the hospital even if they have not recovered fully.

Arrangements are in place for this year's convention from Thursday, September 7 through Saturday, September 9. Within this issue, you will find a Convention Registration form, which should be self-explanatory. Please return this form (once completed) with your check to Karen as soon as possible. Since I'm trying to finalize the transportation needed for the two excursions, an accurate head count would be very helpful.

At the same time (if you have not already done so), please reserve your accommodations at the Embassy Suites, 1801 Newtown Pike, Lexington, Kentucky 40511. While the club has reserved a group of suites at the club rate of \$135 per night, the number of suites remaining within that group has dwindled already to a handful. If that group is exhausted, additional suites will be held at the club rate **if they are available**. Because they may not be available either at the club rate or any other rate, I urge you to reserve now, not later. Later may well be too late, even though the formal cut-off date is August 17, 2017.

Editor's Message

By Kat Thacker

Hello fellow RBCC members!

Here in Michigan, full-on summer descended on us this past week. Sultry weather just made for hanging around in the shade, being somewhat lazy. Way too much to do for that kind of behavior though! Our next convention is rapidly approaching!

Before we got TOO busy, Gregg and I took a quick trip down to visit fellow club members Roberta & Alvin Cappel. They have a wonderful collection of Royal Bayreuth, as well as lots of other great family pieces. With Roberta's amazing talent in displaying everything throughout their lovely home...it was a real treat! And speaking of treats, we were served a delicious lunch on their vintage

blue and white Tettau dinnerware!

Perfect visit in every way. Our many friendships made through this club have been such a gift over the years. And folks sharing their knowledge and collections really is the best part of club membership!

Our Auction Chairs Jim Lapp & Susan Szymanski are looking for nice pieces to consign for our club auction. This event is one of most highly anticipated during our convention, but it takes a great deal of work to pull it together. Please check through your collections and see if you can part with some of your RB...maybe a duplicate or you just need to thin-out your crowded china cabinet. This needs to be done as soon as possible, as our



In reserving your suite, call the hotel directly at 1-859-455-5000. Remember to tell the reservations clerk clearly what day you are arriving and what day you are checking out. If you have special needs, an appropriate suite should be available to accommodate them. Any unresolved problems encountered should be reported to me for resolution.

Jim and Susan are working to make this year's auction a success. If you have any pieces for inclusion, please contact them immediately. The Board (through email and a phone canvass of its members) has decided not to charge either a handling fee or commission for pieces in the auction.

If you would like to make a presentation at the convention, please contact me. The Convention Agenda will be included within the next newsletter.

earlier convention dates (September 7-9, 2017) make everything due earlier this year.

And speaking of earlier...I'll need your newsletter submissions for the convention issue very soon. Our August issue will be assembled the end of July, so anything that you want run prior to the event must be in by JULY 24th!

Enjoy your Summer!

Newsletter Submission Deadlines

- July 23 for August Issue
- November 10 for December Issue
- February 10 for March Issue
- May 10 for June Issue

New Members

Three new members have joined our club since the last newsletter - welcome to our new members Julie, Karen and Jayne!

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In Memoriam

By Julie Sergeant

Editor's Note: We have received the sad news that long-time member Phaleta Sergeant passed away on October 16, 2016 after an extended illness. From her daughter and new member Julie Sergeant we learned...

Phaleta had been a club member for several years. She enjoyed learning about Royal Bayreuth through the newsletters and conventions. Her Royal Bayreuth collection began with an inherited purple grape table set. She began collecting tomatoes, poppies, lobsters and other red pieces (she would have loved the March 2017 newsletter!). She branched out to other figurals and her collection eventually included over 100 items. As her Alzheimer's progressed and her memory declined, she retained the stories of her Royal Bayreuth pieces. She enjoyed showing her collection to her caregivers and educating them about antique glass and china.

Secretary's Message

By Karen Church

Hello and Happy Summer! I told you in the last newsletter that I would have an update on membership numbers. In December, we had 113 members. We are all finished with membership renewals for another year. Unfortunately, the club has recently had very sad news of members who have passed away and we've had other members who did not renew for various reasons. We lost 11 memberships. We had two new members mentioned in the March newsletter and I would like to welcome three more new members, Julie Sergeant, Karen Snapp, and

Jayne Welcome. Our membership total is now 107.

I'm sure plans are underway for the 2017 convention in Lexington, Kentucky in September 7-9. Please set the time aside and make plans to attend. It really is a lot of fun and it sounds like a beautiful area to visit. As always, if you have any information changes please let me know.

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We Have A Convention Theme!

By Kat Thacker

Our upcoming convention plans are in full swing this month. Hospitality Chair Myra Sustae has gotten creative with the theme of *Horses, Hats & Hospitality*. This is a perfect fit for our first RBCC event in Kentucky. Just for fun, Myra is requesting that ladies (or gents, if so inclined), bring a hat to wear (Derby-style) for our event. The more outlandish, the better! Of course not mandatory, but certainly entertaining for us all to see...

And while you're figuring out your fab chapeau, be thinking of tasty treats to bring for sharing with our fellow club members. Themed items ALWAYS a plus, and everyone loves homemade goodies in the Hospitality Room. More to come in our August issue!

From the Auction Chair

By Jim Lapp

Now is the time for all good members to come to the aid of their auction!

Susan and I are currently coordinating present commitments of items to be submitted for this year's convention auction. There are some fine examples from several members in place but there is still much space for many more choice pieces. Due to multiple factors, not least of which is an earlier convention date, we have a narrower window this year in which to prepare this effort. We are now appealing to any member

wishing to consign pieces to this year's presentation to contact me post haste in order to allow for the proper handling and cataloging which is an integral part of this annual event.

As summer gets into full swing, thoughts have turned more towards vacation plans and other leisure activities. This being the case, if you are at all looking to downsize or otherwise decrease an excess of your collection, consider offering some prime submissions now.

Museum Collection Includes RB

By Gregg Thacker

Earlier this year the University of Tennessee at Knoxville published a summary of one of their decorative collections called *The Hensley Pitchers: A Legacy of Southern Sisters*. The document is over 250 pages and available at this link: http://www.royalbayreuth.org/UTK_Museum_2017.pdf. Due to the size of that file, it would be best to download a copy to your computer (which may take a few minutes) then peruse the file at your leisure.

Author Donna McCarthy (Collections Assistant at the UTK McClung Museum) did an excellent job of summarizing the collection and its history. You will see some familiar RB pieces, and a few unusual pieces (I had not seen the unmarked opossum & baby before – which is shown on page 188).

The report includes pieces from many other makers of decorative items in the late 1800's – including Schaefer

and Vater. There is a fascinating history of collecting these items accompanied by related newspaper stories (and pictures!). On page 4 there is a photo that looks to be 100 years old showing of one of the sisters surrounded by some of the collection. If you zoom in on that photo you can see what appears to be several RB pieces amongst the collection!

Apparently the entire collection is not on view, but the museum selects and displays a few pieces on a rotating basis. There may well be more RB history hiding here! I have not contacted the Author or museum to explore this further. Contact info is: mcclungmuseum.utk.edu 1327 Circle Park Drive, Knoxville, TN Phone: 865-974-2144 museum@utk.edu. If someone is interesting in doing a “part 2” of this story please feel free to do so!

Calling all RB Horse Owners!

By Kat Thacker

I need your help in creating our next newsletter cover.

Our convention theme of *Horses, Hats & Hospitality* is really calling out for a cover shot of some RB HORSES! Unfortunately, there are none to be found in our china cabinet...

Do you have any in your collections that can be photographed? We can go with the scenic version or the figural. If you do, please contact me as soon as possible. We can walk you through what is needed if you require some help. We've had some wonderful covers sent over the years by fellow members. It's really fun to set up a themed shoot, or just a simple view of a beautiful piece of RB, maybe outside in the sunshine. This is your chance to get creative, so let me know if you're interested!



Website News

By Gregg Thacker

Happy Summer RB fans! I hope you are enjoying flea markets, antique sales, and all sorts of seasonal outdoor events. Of course there is a lot to explore on the club's website, facebook page, and elsewhere on the web during those rainy days. We continue to advise of RBCC news and events periodically by email. 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!

RBCC Quarterly Treasurer's Report

By Carolyn Church

2/10/2017 - 5/10/2017

Checkbook Balance as of 2/10/2017: \$14,001.25

RECEIPTS

Membership Dues 330.00
Total Receipts (2/10/2017 – 5/10/2017) \$330.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Annual Website Hosting 152.10
Memoriam for Rollie Rosenboom 200.00
Newsletter/roster printing and postage (Images in Ink) 1,159.30
Total Disbursements (2/10/2017 – 5/10/2017) \$ 1,511.40
Checkbook Closing Balance as of 5/10/2017 \$12,819.85



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Give us a call by July 30th!

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**See you in Lexington
September 7, 8, 9 & 10!**

Tettau Antiquariat

By Wib Beachy



For the past 25 years I have enjoyed collecting the traditional scenic and figural Royal Bayreuth pieces we have all come to know. Recently, however, I have begun to pick up pieces manufactured by the Factory in the not-too-distant past. They are briefly mentioned in Mary's Books. They are known as the Tettau Antiquariat Series.

While all of the original figural molds were destroyed by fire before and shortly after the start of World War I, the Factory in the 1980's decided to reissue certain figural relief pieces by reproducing molds for them. However, rather than extensively painting them in the full range of colors with several finishes used for the earlier pieces, the Factory assigned the Series a basic white color with faint muted highlights of a greenish yellow (if any at all) and a glossy finish. The porcelain for this Series has a different "feel" from traditional RB. It is lighter to the touch.

The figural pieces I've seen for this Series include the Art Nouveau Lady dresser tray, the bottom half of the Pansy cracker jar/humidor (which is a vase), a grape relief bowl, a pansy (titled Anemone) water pitcher, and shell plates. I've discovered an Art Nouveau Lady large serving platter in



two color variations. It is part of the Daphne Collection for this Series and is quite striking in appearance.

Apparently, the Factory wanted to break out of its dinnerware format in briefly producing this Series as well as some other limited figural pieces. However, it soon returned to its prevailing dinnerware format exclusively. I believe this was likely the result of the difficulty with attendant cost in reproducing the original molds.

I have no doubt that with passing time, this Series and the other limited figural pieces the Factory produced as

"later generation" will generate their own attraction among RB collectors. This is especially so because of the reduced prices for which the same can be bought. Most can be acquired in the \$50 - \$100 range. A member should consider adding them now to an advanced collection before that changes as it did with the "older generation" pieces. History does have a way of repeating itself.



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Eye on eBay

By Gregg Thacker



D&C Candlestick 6¾" Tall

(eBay # 162481592787) \$ 3,500.00

Flounder Pitcher 5" Tall

(eBay # 382111617647) 1,476.11

Noke Signed Jester Pitcher 8¼" Tall

"Many Kiss the Child..."

(eBay # 112416351466) 900.11

Black Devil Creamer

(eBay # 152516343272) 599.99

Group of 3 D&C - 2 Match Holders

& 1 Plate (eBay # 122523956444) 425.00

Group of 5 D&C - 1 Large Tray,

2 Mugs & 2 Creamers

(eBay # 122523956566) 350.00

Sunbonnet Babies - Set of 7 Bells

(Days of Week) 3¼" High

(eBay # 361805374045) 124.95

Pair of Demi Cups & Saucers -

Lobster Claw & Lettuce

(eBay # 322539160193) 16.50

3-Handled Vase - Cow Scenic 4 ½" Tall

(eBay # 142365691645) 9.25

Tomato Creamer 3" Tall

(eBay # 272652476844) 5.99

