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Pumpkin Condiment Set

By Bev Brumbaugh



Is it or isn't it? The pictured condiment tray has more questions than answers. Is it Royal Bayreuth or something else? It is not marked. There is a small indentation on the bottom. Is it a tomato or a pumpkin? I believe these items are pumpkins. There are those in the club who collect tomatoes and porcelain items of this color and they believe these items are pumpkins. Further, what was it intended to do? One of the pumpkins has small holes in the top. Is it for cinnamon, sugar or something else? What went into the two small pots? If the item with holes is cinnamon or sugar, they would not be combined with a pot of mustard, perhaps I am over complicating the issue. Is it possible the makers just put this lovely condiment set, put it out for sale and let the buyer figure it out? I would be interested in any opinions readers would have.



From Our President

By Wib Beachy

Hello Spring!! Now that we're nearly at the end of the further six weeks of winter which my fellow Pennsylvanian, Punxsutawney Phil, only partly correctly predicted (thankfully), I think everyone is ready for expanded warmer weather with the advent of spring. The past winter, while not severe, was bad enough to cause me to fall and tear the medial meniscus in my left knee. After arthroscopy I'm still hobbling around with some pain. Hopefully, that will resolve by the time I see those of you who are attending this year's convention.

Speaking of this year's convention (the Club's 25th) it will be held at the Embassy Suites known as Cincinnati Northeast (Blue Ash) located at 4554 Lake Forrest Drive, Blue Ash, Ohio 45242. The convention will be held September 6 - 8, 2018. Reservations should be made by phoning the hotel directly at (513) 733 - 8900. The club rate is \$115 per night. Remember to simply indicate the days of your arrival and departure when making your reservations. If you encounter any difficulty whatsoever, please let me know so I can address it quickly.

The two excursions as I mentioned in the last newsletter will be a trip

Editor's Message

By Kat Thacker

Almost-Spring greetings to our RB friends!

Hope this finds you all well and enjoying some slightly-warmer temps and blue skies wherever you call home. We still have a bit of the cold weather blues around here, but at least the sun is shining today. Not raining cats & dogs yet, but that would definitely be preferable to the white stuff that just keeps coming. Yikes!!!

We are starting off this 2018

to the nearby Creation Museum and a riverboat cruise on Friday and Saturday afternoons. Their cost as well as the cost for charter bus service to and from them will be calculated, divided among those anticipated to be attending, and included within the attendance fee to be charged those coming to the convention.

Friday night's club auction will feature a change from the protocol followed in recent years. There will be a \$10 handling fee charged for each item in the auction regardless of whether or not an item sells. That fee will be charged to the consignor of each item. Hopefully, that will promote higher quality items with less duplication for sale at the auction. If you have items for the auction, please contact Jim Lapp and Susan Szymanski, if you have not already done so.

I welcome any presentations any of you would like to make at the convention. Just let me know so that they can be included on the schedule for the convention. I've come up with some unusual items since Lexington which I will be bringing. That's all for now, take care until then.

season with both a thank you AND a request. Many thanks to our members who have contributed articles so generously over the years. I have received several nice things for this issue as you will see. They are SO appreciated by myself and our readers. Thank you to Bev Brumbaugh & Harold Brandenburg. It would be really wonderful if we could get something from YOU over the next few months!!! Not many of us are

Secretary's Message

By Janet Belcher

Hello Everyone! Hopefully by the time you receive this newsletter you will be able to see signs that spring is approaching. It has been a long and harsh winter for many so a change of seasons will be welcomed. Thinking of all of you that may have been impacted by heavy snow, fall hurricanes, wild fires, mudslides and now some flooding due to heavy rain.

We have one former member renewing his membership. Chuck Hoey has an unique collection of RB table tennis/ping pong items and you will be able to read more about his collection in this issue.

Our current membership stands at 103, down a few members due to no longer collecting, health reasons, and unable to reach two members, so new memberships are welcomed. Happy Spring!

Please contact me with any questions:

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

actually "experts" in RB...but we can certainly share our own experiences or observations on collecting these items. We always like to see something unusual or rare, but that's not really as important as fellow member's own personal stories. Please consider sending something - even if simply photos. This newsletter is for all of us, and it's so much better if we can learn something new about RB in every issue!

Welcome New Member

Past member Chuck Hoey re-joined the RBCC! He collects Table Tennis/ Ping Pong pieces in 3 specific patterns and has written on the topic in past club newsletters as noted elsewhere in this issue. Chuck can be reached at 412-277-8417 or jetonman@yahoo.com.

Get Well

By Kat Thacker

Founding member Bob Gollmar is recovering from a stroke late last year. Please send him healing thoughts:

Lakeland Health Care Center

1922 County Rd. NN

ATTN: Robert Gollmar

Room 828

Elkhorn, WI. 53121

Website News

By Gregg Thacker

Happy Spring RB fans! I hope you spent the Winter harvesting RB from websites and recent online auctions (would be interesting to hear about your finds). I also hope you had the time to review the hundreds of 2017 convention images and other 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!

In Memoriam

By Kat Thacker

We need to share some sad news. Founding member Wanda Friedrich passed away January 23, 2018 at the age of 91. We offer our deepest sympathies to Al and to all who knew her. We will miss Wanda's enthusiasm for RB at our conventions. Her obituary and further information is available at this link: www.pitmanfuneralhome.com/view.php?id=3597

We are also sorry to share sad news that longtime member Mike Rublaitus passed away February 12, 2018 at age 92. We offer our deepest sympathy to Nancy, Jay, Karen and all who knew Mike. We understand arrangements were held at the Ottawa Funeral Home in their hometown (link here for further information: www.ottawafuneralhome.com/).

The Rublaitus family asked that we share the following note from Nancy with all club members: "With sincere gratitude, thank you very much for all the cards, calls and kind expressions of sympathy. During this time of sorrow, we learn how much our family and friends really mean to us. Your thoughts, prayers and other acts of kindness touched my heart and helped eased my pain. After nearly 25 years, Mike always enjoyed the Royal Bayreuth conventions; especially the hospitality room sharing cookies, snacks and laughter with all. Mike will be missed, but your kindness will never be forgotten". Sincerely, Nancy Rublaitus and family.

We also learned that Tim Sullivan, past RBCC President passed on February 9, 2018. You can contact Jane Sullivan at 19 BoulderCreek Drive Rush NY 14543. Tim's obituary is available at this link: millerfuneralandcremationservices.com/tribute/details/2766/Timothy-Sullivan/obituary.html#tribute-start.

Farewell from A Longtime Member

By Ken Russell

Reluctantly I have decided to terminate my membership of RBCC. RBCC has filled an important part of our lives since an early contact with the McCaslin in Wellington New Zealand in 1996, and attending the convention in Indianapolis in 2000. These were uplifting experiences and collecting was exciting as I bought and sold during those years. The interest has remained but there is so little activity in this country and no prospect of ever attending another convention. Apart from friendships with Harold & Nancy Brandenburg and Steve & Chris Bartlett, my contact with the Club has become minimal. The magazine (while a quality production), is so heavily weighted in favour of convention preparation and reporting that there seems little point in maintaining my subscription. Adding to this, the NZ \$ has reduced in value against the US, making a difficult decision that much more inevitable.

RBCC has been good to me over the years, spending that much more in posting the mag to me in NZ which was appreciated. Please pass on my thanks to members of RBCC who may remember me, particularly Mary McCaslin, (for whom I have the highest regard), and my best wishes to the Club for a successful future.

Yours sincerely, Ken Russell, New Zealand

Treasurer's Report

By Roberta Cappel

Here we go again. I should have known volunteering Alvin for this job required more than just raking in the money! We've just been sitting here resting on our laurels (I mean resting on Laurel Avenue). I'm attaching the Treasurer's Report.

RBCC Quarterly Treasurer's Report

11/10/2017 - 2/23/2018

Checkbook Balance as of 11/10/2017: \$9,376.71

RECEIPTS

Membership Dues 2,520.00

Total Receipts \$2,520.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Newsletter Printing & Postage (Images in Ink) 502.41

Domain Renewal (Royalbayreuth.org) 34.95

Secretarial Supplies 73.39

Total Disbursements \$ 610.75

Checkbook Closing Balance as of 2/23/2018 \$11,285.96

Black Tapestry

By Harold Brandenburg

I am sharing with you a picture of a recent purchase. A black rose tapestry creamer 3.5" tall. I bought it on eBay because of something I read 48 years ago. Virginia Salley published the first book that I had seen dealing with Royal Bayreuth. It was the only book that dealt with RB, and was quite limited. When I received my book there was also a two-piece paper supplement. It showed some items that she had recently discovered. An East-Coast dealer, Tim Gaudet, sent her a picture of a black rose tapestry creamer. Somehow in my tiny brain I remembered that. I have never heard it discussed since. Several years later I met Tim Gaudet as we were charter members of RBCC. I of course did not remember that Tim had been mentioned in Salley's book supplement. Tim was a true Royal Bayreuth scholar, but he has passed and is no longer a source of information.

If you have any knowledge of black rose tapestry please contact me at hbrandenburg@cox.net



From the Auction Chairs – Call for Consignors!

By Jim Lapp & Susan Szymanski

Spring has been teasing us all, these last few remaining weeks of winter and thoughts are eagerly turning to raking out the gardens and the shedding of heavy outer-ware. As well, now is perhaps the time for the lightening of those crowded shelves and china cabinets we all have at home. Anyone who wishes to have items considered for this year's auction should contact us at their earliest convenience. As Wib has reported, the board decided in Lexington that there will now be a \$10.00 handling fee collected for each piece submitted for consignment, whether it is sold or not. In last years auction many reserves were not met. Consignors should be mindful of this when setting them going forward.

With our first auction chair experience behind us we are ready to get the process started. Our goal again is to have another quality presentation and look forward to hearing from those wishing to submit pieces.

We wish all a productive hunting spring and will be happy to see all those who will be in Cincinnati.

Good luck fellow collectors!

Missing Member?

Several members have asked, does anyone know anything about past member Art Ward? His phone has been disconnected. Please contact editor@royalbayreuth.org if you have any updates....

Past Member Returns!

By Chuck Hoey

After 12 years working in Switzerland, I have returned home. It is so nice to hear American English for a change! The museum I founded is now in China, and I serve as honorary curator, working from home.

Regarding Royal Bayreuth, I collect only the Table Tennis/Ping Pong series, in 3 patterns. Below are charts showing what I have and my want list. Hope someone can help (I can buy or trade). I have many extras and am offering a 2 for 1 exchange!

This year I discovered a few pieces



I did not know they made, which means my want list grew larger, since I need to find each piece in all 3 patterns.

Unfortunately, I cannot attend the convention, but will be grateful if you can pass along my list to any dealers or fellow collectors who might be able to help find these items.

Editor's Note: We are pleased to have Chuck rejoin our club and appreciate the interesting photos, presentations, & articles contributed over the years. As an example, the

stories listed below are available in past newsletters on the club's website. We had fun re-reading these, and seeing the RBCC history in these past newsletters!

- Royal Bayreuth Ping Pong Designs (March 2000, page 4)
- Fine example of a sports wall pocket (Sept 2000, page 4)
- Recap of Chuck's October 2000 Table Tennis presentation (Jan 2000, page 14)
- The Royal Bayreuth Ping Pong Mystery (Sept 2001, cover)

Royal Bayreuth	Flags	Arm	Crossed-Bats	Photo
Tumbler 3-inch diameter 3-inch tall	x			
Toothpick holder	x	x	x	  
Butter Dish 2-piece			x	
Ashtray	x			
Wall pocket	x			
Want list:				Buy, or trade: offering 2 for 1 exchange
Footed bowl		x	x	
Teacup & saucer	x		x	
saucers: need 4				No pattern, blue mark on bottom Half-inch high rim with gilt edge
Glass			x	2 3/4-inch diameter, 3 5/8-inch height
Tumbler		x	x	3-inch diameter, 3-inch height
Butter dish	x	x		2-piece
Ashtray		x	x	wavy, square
Wall pocket		x	x	
Other pieces?				Please advise, to help complete document

Royal Bayreuth	Flags	Arm	Crossed-Bats	Photo
Ping Pong series 3 patterns:				
Sugar bowl 3-handles	x	xxx	x	  
Pitcher	xxx	xx	xxx	  
Pinched Spout pitcher	xxx	xxx	x	  
2-handle chocolate	x	x	xxxx	  
Footed Bowl	xxx			
Demitasse 4x saucers	xxxx	xx	xx	  
Tea cup/saucer		x		
Glass 2 3/4-inch diameter 3 5/8-inch tall	xxx	xx		 

February 24 Woody Auction Sale Gems!

We hope everyone enjoyed the Woody Auction in February held in their new showroom and online via Liveauctioneers.com. Below are some gems from that sale. Prices are final bid without any fees or taxes. All sale results are available on the Liveauctioneers website.



*Red Devil Water Pitcher - 6.25"
Royal Bayreuth (Blue Mark) Full
Figure - Very Rare \$1,600*



*Demitasse Set - 9.25" (Blue Mark) Pot
with (4) Matching Cups and Saucers -
Woman and Geese Scenic \$450*



*Santa Claus Match Holder/Striker -
4.25" Royal Bayreuth (Blue Mark)
Red Jacket - Excellent Quality
\$1,000*



*Santa Claus Breakfast Creamer -
3.75" Royal Bayreuth (Blue Mark)
Red Jacket - Very Rare Shape
\$2,500*



*Miniature Cheese Dish
- 2" X 3" Unmarked
Royal Bayreuth Scene
of Rooster and Hen
\$200*



*Squirrel Creamer - 4.75" Royal Bayreuth
(Blue Mark) Gray Squirrel
Excellent Condition \$450*



*Cake Plate - 10.5" Royal Bayreuth
(Blue Mark) Rare Polar Bear Scenic
Decor - Gold Stencil Trim \$350*



*Clown Humidor - 9" Royal Bayreuth
(Blue Mark) Black Suit \$800*

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*Snake Water Pitcher - 6.5" Royal Bayreuth (Blue Mark)
Excellent Quality - Very Rare \$800*



*Pear Water Pitcher - 7.5" Royal Bayreuth (Blue Mark)
Yellow, Orange and Green Tones \$500*



*Sunflower Water Pitcher - 6.5" Royal Bayreuth (Blue Mark)
Yellow and Green Tones \$1,000*



*Turtle Lemonade Pitcher - 4.75" Royal Bayreuth
(Blue Mark) Very Rare \$750*