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Remembrances of Alvin

By Gregg & Kat Thacker

We were truly devastated by the news of Alvin Cappel's passing on February 23.

Roberta had contacted us just six weeks earlier to share his unreal diagnosis of stage four pancreatic cancer. He had had very few symptoms, other than fatigue and a pinched-nerve kind of pain in his back. There was treatment, but he quickly required hospice care from their home.

Just a few weeks earlier, both of their daughters and son-in-laws, as well as their grandchildren, were able to spend some quality time with Alvin and Roberta over the holidays. It sounded like a wonderful family Christmas and New Years together.

Alvin wore SO many hats in service to the RBCC. He was a past President, board member (MANY times over) as well as an Auction Chair and current Treasurer (a duty shared by his loving wife). Both he and Roberta are founding members, who worked tirelessly for our club these past 25 years. Their creatively-themed hospitality rooms and amazing banquet entertainment at our conventions shall never be forgotten!

Alvin's humor, charm and willingness to help everyone were always appreciated and shall be greatly missed.

The RBCC sent a beautiful bouquet to the funeral home. It was filled with delphinium, blue iris, pink roses and reminded us of the porcelain versions we all love. The obituary is available at the link below. Our deepest sympathies to Roberta and the Cappel Family.

<https://www.times-gazette.com/obituaries/20190225/alvin-charles-cappel>



Notes On Our Cover "Barn Finds"

By Kat Thacker

We decided to have a little fun with our cover shoot this time around...

Looking through our porcelain collection, we seem to have a LOT of farm animals. Probably because 3 out of 4 of our grandfathers did farm (in Iowa, Nebraska and Canada) in their lifetimes. So Gregg and I both spent parts of our formative childhood vacations hanging out in barns and such!

This beautifully illustrated children's book is from my collection. I have always loved the sweet animals and softly colored palettes of books from the 1930's, and this one (although well-loved, drawn and

colored-on, and proudly owned by Betty Kraft) was a charmer. Entitled *Dogs and Their Friends*, illustrated by B. Butler and copyrighted in 1936, seemed like a perfect barnyard for our farming RB to visit!!!

Newsletter Submission Deadlines

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

From Our President

By Wib Beachy

Hello again to all, Well, Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow! That means for those of us who were not smart enough to go south for the winter we're supposed to have an early spring. I hope he's right. Even though this winter has not been as brutal as some we've had, it has had its moments.

Planning is well underway for this year's Convention. As reported in the last newsletter, the 2019 Club Convention will be held at the Drury Inn on Settlers Ridge outside Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania from Thursday, September 12 thru Saturday, September 14. The accommodations will be rooms, not suites, at the group rate of \$120 per night. Reservations can be made online by going to www.druryhotels.com or by phoning 1-800-325-0720 and referring to the Group number 2355885.

Simply indicate your days of arrival and departure. If you have special needs, make that known as well. There should be no problem. If there is, contact me and I will try to resolve it. The cut-off date for reservations is Monday, August 12, 2019.

There will be only one excursion during the Convention. It will be a group tour of Fallingwater on Saturday afternoon. Fallingwater, which is the Kaufmann family summer home compound designed by Frank Lloyd Wright in the Laurel Highlands, is about 1 hour and 15 minutes away. If you've never been there before (and even if you have), Fallingwater is an experience you'll never forget. It is the premier attraction southwestern Pennsylvania has to offer — particularly at that time of year. There will be a bus chartered for this excursion.

Because of feedback received from some of you, Friday afternoon will not feature an excursion but rather an in-depth presentation on a subject which should be of major

interest to the true Royal Bayreuth collector. Contrary to what we've been led to believe, Royal Bayreuth returned albeit under different marks after World War I and continued until the outbreak of World War II — a 20-year period I've dubbed the Lost Years. The style was primarily but not exclusively Art Deco and featured pieces designed by the factory's art department. It started with the Imperial Ware mentioned briefly in Mary's Book II. It was tailored for the domestic market in Germany as opposed to foreign export. I urge all Club members to attend this year's Convention if you want to learn how little you actually know about the Tettau factory and its continued production of Royal Bayreuth as well as successor wares. You will not be disappointed!

While there will be a Club Auction again this year, its offerings will be more limited than last year's Auction. About 100 pieces will be auctioned, with each Lot to be assessed the same \$10 handling fee whether or not that Lot sells. The deadline for consignment of pieces to the Auction will be earlier — May 30, 2019. Contact me or Jim Lapp/Susan Szymanski, who have graciously agreed to help me with this year's Auction.

In addition to this year's Auction, there will be tables within the same room for those members bringing pieces to sell outside of the Auction, since the accommodations are rooms, not suites. A \$25 fee will be charged for each table a member wishes to reserve.

A Chinese Auction will also take place for certain pieces or lots donated to the club on separate tables, running from Friday morning thru Saturday night.

That's all for now. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me. I always welcome feedback, particularly if it's constructive.

Editor's Message

By Kat Thacker

Warm greetings to all our club members. After a very long and cold winter, the big mountains of snow and layers of ice are finally going away. It has been so wonderful to see some sunshine this past week, even if it's still pretty darn chilly out there! Hoping you all are seeing signs that Spring is springing up in your neck of the woods.

We continue to be busy with helping members sell their RB

collections. It has been quite a year or two of that, most likely because of the age of our membership and the rather sad fact that many younger folk just don't like antiques. Seems crazy, but there it is.

The good news with today's market is definitely for the buyer. There are some stellar pieces for sale currently, a beautiful fully-loaded auction coming up at Woody's on April 6th, as well as some great prices

on eBay and other online sites. It's time to shop!

It would be very interesting to our readers to hear your stories about finally acquiring the "perfect" or "bucket-list" piece of RB you've always wished for and now own. Many of our members who are currently selling are much happier knowing that their precious collections are now in the hands of fellow RBCC friends!

Welcome New Members

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Art Ward Located

We found out through Harold Brandenburg that longtime club member Art Ward is now living in an assisted living facility. HB was unable to talk directly with Art, who is suffering from dementia. Art was quite the expert in Royal Bayreuth, and had an amazing collection of truly rare pieces that he shared with us at conventions over the years.



Secretary's Message

By Janet Belcher

Hopefully by the time you receive this newsletter, the brutal cold of winter will just be a memory. May signs of spring be sprouting in your area in the near future.

Thanks to all who sent in their membership renewals in January and their patience while I was dealing with less than stellar postal service. Our membership has wavered a bit this year with a number of non

renewals but that has been balanced some with a growing number of new memberships. I extend a welcome to Christine Bradway of Pennsylvania, Janice Hetherman of Massachusetts, Laura Knoop of New Jersey, and Donald Lewis of Maine. Their contact information is shown below and will be available in the 2019 roster. Happy Spring!

Website News

By Gregg Thacker

I hope Spring has sprung in your town! It has been a difficult Winter in so many ways that I am very happy to see Spring return.

As we do each March, we reset the user name and password required to access member data on our website. Please make a note of the new information below for future reference.

In doing some website maintenance I was going through all the newsletter files recently (all past newsletters are in the members area of our website). Those, along with all the scrap books (also online) are a treasure-trove of RBCC history and information. What struck me

most were all the wonderful people that have been involved with RBCC over the years and the impact they have made. We are so lucky to have our RBCC family! 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!

Upcoming RB Auction April 2019

Another reminder - Woody's will be hosting an auction of RB on April 6, 2019 in their Douglass Kansas Auction Hall. It is a one day auction and will include primarily Royal Bayreuth and a small amount of RS Prussia. It will spotlight the lifelong collection of Nancy Rublaitus as well as the collection of Alan Belcher.

Alan has consigned a hearty number of his RB collection mainly of figural creamers & milks (approx 50); including santas, squirrels, mice, brown and polar bears, some art nouveau; about 60 toothpick holders and 5 hatpin holders.

As Jay previously noted, his mom's collection offered at auction will include hundreds of figurals, red clowns and a bunch of red, brown, and green santas.

All-in-all, something for everyone and "plenty" to go around! See full details at the website:

www.liveauctioneers.com/catalog/138112_royal-bayreuth-and-rs-prussia-auction/



Club Members Share Their Thoughts of Alvin

Alvin and Roberta are two of the MOST dedicated members of our RBCC. Alvin was such a hard working tower of strength who had everyone's total respect. He will be greatly missed and never replaced.

HB & Nancy Brandenburg

One very fond memory we have of Alvin is of an unexpected encounter. Several years ago we headed to Brimfield, Mass for a day of antiquing at the famous flea market there. Brimfield is a huge outdoor venue with literally thousands of dealers lined up for over a half mile and the many fields are always jam packed with people. Imagine our complete surprise and amazement when we looked down one row and coming toward us were Alvin and Roberta! We had a delightful lunch together and compared our purchases. It was such fun that we then made arrangement to have a similar meeting at Brimfield another year. We just had to make sure that we were always ahead of eagle eye Alvin so that he wouldn't snatch that special piece of Royal Bayreuth first! We will miss you so much, dear friend.

Chris and Steve Bartlett

We are deeply saddened by this news. We all loved Alvin & Roberta and will pray for them.

Fred Zumthurn and Ida Parrott

We deeply miss our dear friend Alvin! Alan has lost his partner in the club AA Auditing partnership and I have lost a dear comrade that diligently made sure that I wasn't overpaid for my secretarial duties. **Janet & Alan Belcher**

Jerry and I are so saddened over Alvin's passing. He was such a kind person and always greeted us with a hug when we would see him at conventions. Never saw any thing but a smile on his face. He will be truly missed.

Harriet and Jerry Lavine

To us Alvin & Roberta represented the ideal picture of a devoted married couple with sincere dedication to all they were involved with. Sincere Sympathy,

Harold & Joeleen Passow

My remembrances are threefold. First, I will always remember Alvin as "The Count" with Roberta as 'The Countess' at the last Convention, the Club's 25th or Silver Anniversary Edition. Those wonderful memories are now bittersweet but they will endure for all those who attended. The Count and Countess as the perfect, fun-loving couple made that Convention the success it was. Second, their efforts at that Convention were just the latest chapter in a constant effort to serve and promote the Club from its very origin. Whenever the Club was in need, they were there to answer that need. Alvin was always one on whom I could and did rely. I miss and will continue to miss him greatly. Third, after the Convention I was more than amused by Alvin's determination in acquiring the Tomato candlestick by driving to a McDonald's parking lot having wi-fi access so he could place the winning bid late at night. Roberta literally was keeping several members including me advised in real time as to the unfolding drama. Alvin was successful in his quest for a price that I'm certain made him smile from ear to ear. Rest in peace, my friend,

Wib Beachy

I will never forget the smile he always put on my face.

Bev Brumbaugh

Gregg and I have the sweetest memory of our visit to Alvin and Roberta's beautiful home back in 2017. They were wonderful hosts, sharing their amazingly creative displays of RB in every room of the house. Roberta set a gorgeous table with Tettau blue and white, serving a delicious lunch on the vintage plates and treating us to the small cups filled with chocolate mousse for dessert! We enjoyed it all in their tutti-frutti dining room totally decorated with RB fruit right up to the ceiling, and a full wall of Victorian framed fruit prints to continue the theme!

Alvin was so thrilled to share their collection with us, and acted the tour guide sharing tales of where they'd found their favorite pieces and funny stories of non-RB collector's reactions to their most exciting finds. His enthusiasm was absolutely infectious! We wanted to stay forever. It was a perfect afternoon we shall never, ever forget.

Kat and Gregg Thacker

RBCC Supports Member Sales

By Gregg Thacker

Whether downsizing, or trying to handle an inherited collection of Royal Bayreuth, the RBCC can be a valuable resource to help sell your collection. We developed this article for people who suddenly find themselves with a lot of RB to sell and know little about it, but there may be some tips for experienced collectors too....

The first step is to make a list. This can be a lot of work for large collections packed away in multiple boxes - but is really necessary to support sales of RB in any manner. The list should be on a computer (software doesn't matter) since hand written lists are difficult to work with. It is best if you can find the piece in one of the recognized RB books (a list of books is here: www.royalbayreuth.org/links.html) and use that description and reference in your list. Alternatively, you can watch eBay and online sales to help identify your pieces correctly. It is important to have color, and height/diameter noted to distinguish between items (i.e. is it a creamer, milk, water, or lemonade pitcher? ; -). It is also important to note any damage if possible. A photo of each piece is nice, but not mandatory.

The price lists from published books are out of date. The best source of current pricing is eBay (allowing for expenses) or auction results (which can be hard to obtain). Working with club members and/or attending the club convention provides a wealth of information regarding pricing. Our next convention will be held in Pittsburgh PA in September 2019.

Rarity - recently there have been several large collections sold (and more on the horizon) - making some "rare" pieces or patterns slightly less rare. But there can always be some hidden gems. It is a good idea to have your collection/list reviewed by someone very familiar with RB - ideally someone from the club. They can point out the exceptional pieces as well as common (or non RB) items. This will help you decide how to sell them. The club does not handle dinnerware, it is best to sell more utilitarian plates & cups via <http://www.replacements.com/china/ROB.htm>

Sales Channels - there are several ways to sell RB - below are some thought starters:

- a) Sell via the club's annual convention auction in September. You must be a club member, and there is a fee & process which you should discuss with the Auction Chair or club President
- b) Attend convention and sell pieces directly to members during convention. This is a relatively easy way to sell RB with low fees and less shipping - but only occurs once a year. Simply join the club and

bring your pieces to convention to sell. There is no fee to sell this way.

- c) Sell directly to club members via our newsletter and website. Join the club and we can work with you to tune-up your list and place it on our website. Then we will share the list with all RBCC members in regular email announcements and in the newsletters. There are currently several ongoing sales (shown elsewhere in this newsletter) that you can look at for examples.
- d) Sell online (i.e. eBay) - very tedious to do listings and shipping - but can yield some good results....
- e) Work with a professional auction house to sell all pieces in one (or more) sales. We have two auctioneers in our club who are well versed in RB sales:

Clum Auctions, Rushville Ohio

(www.clumauctions.com, Mike Clum, 740-536-7421, info@clum.com)

Woody Auctions, Douglass Kansas

(www.woodyauction.com, Melinda Woody, 316-747-2694, info@woodyauction.com)

- f) A combination of above. By selling through the club you will gain valuable information about your pieces and help with your list to support sales by other channels.

If you do sell an inherited collection by the club, we enjoy sharing a little background about the collector in the newsletter! Things like; What was her/his first piece of RB? Where did he/she buy pieces? How did she/he display the pieces? Did he/she use the pieces on occasion? Photos of the collector and collection are always appreciated!

There are fees when selling in the annual club auction, but no other fees to club members selling pieces as noted above. If you require a lot of help preparing your list we would appreciate 10% of net proceeds being returned to the club to help with expenses. It is a best practice that club members helping prepare such sales NOT negotiate purchases or accept pieces until after the sale has been made available to members.

A good next step would be to attend a club convention or discuss sale of your collection with a Gregg Thacker (Editor@Royalbayreuth.org) or our Club President (Wib Beachy beachyispeachy@yahoo.com). Then prepare your list and start selling!

Sale Winding Down

As shared in the prior newsletter, member Cliff Mix is selling a collection he inherited from his Aunt Martha. She was an avid collector of Royal Bayreuth from the mid 1980's until her passing. Martha had an affinity for creamers, and over the years she purchased 80 different pieces from various antique shows all over New England. Cliff has done well with his sale to club members and via eBay. A few great pieces remain and Cliff said "all reasonable offers will be considered" so check out the latest list and contact Cliff ASAP! cmix@snet.net
www.royalbayreuth.org/cliff_sale.pdf

No.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE (W/O SHIPPING)
16	Grapes Creamer	\$19.00
17	Red Clown Creamer	\$41.00
31	Tomato or Pumpkin Creamer	\$19.00
33	Pansy Creamer	\$41.00
38	Lampighter Creamer	\$26.00
40	Coachman Creamer	\$26.00
45	Red Pig Creamer	\$94.00
56	Dog Creamer	\$41.00
69	Deer Creamer	\$18.75
70	Grapes Creamer	\$18.75
73	Rooster Creamer	\$49.00
75	Light Green Milkmaid with Basket Creamer	\$56.00

Bradway Collection Offered

New member Christine Bradway is offering select RB pieces from her Aunt's estate in a member sale. Originally listed in February – she is now offering mark-down prices as shown in the latest list! Please review Chris' list and contact her ASAP to buy!
www.royalbayreuth.org/Bradway_Sale.pdf

No.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE (W/O SHIPPING)
1	Lobster Candy Dish	\$65 \$60
2	Pepper Shaker	\$20 \$15
3	Shell Tea pot	\$65 \$60
4	Shell Spikey Creamer (2 to sell)	\$20 \$15 ea.
6	Bull Black Creamer	\$65 \$60
7	Dachshund Creamer	\$65 \$60
8	Fish Bass Creamer	\$45 \$40
9	Devil & Cards Creamer	\$70 \$65
10	Rose Vase	\$20 \$15
11	Rose Tapestry Creamer	\$25 \$20
12	Stork Pitcher	\$60 \$55
13	Stork Creamer	\$30 \$25
14	Tomato Underplate	\$35 \$30
15	Tomato Covered Box	\$25 \$20
16	Tomato Covered Box w/Underplate	\$35 \$30
17	Tomato Covered Mustard w/Spoon	\$45 \$40
18	Tomato Creamer	\$25 \$20
19	Tomato Covered Sugar	\$45 \$40
20	Tomato Tea Pot	\$65 \$60

Meyerson Collection for Sale

Member Mal Meyerson has decided to sell his extensive collection of Royal Bayreuth and wants to give RBCC members first chance at obtaining some of these treasures! Please review the full list - over 630 pieces - at the link below and contact Mal to discuss items of interest. Mal can be reached at margc28@yahoo.com or 845-787-4167. Further details are on the last page of the list.
www.royalbayreuth.org/Meyerson_Sale.pdf
 Have fun adding to your collection!

CATEGORY	QTY
Apes	10
Apples	12
Clowns	23
Devil & Cards	27
Dogs	16
Elks	12
Grapes	10
Lobsters	11
Oak Leaf - White Pearl/Gold	13
Old Ivory	36
Other Fun Pieces!	250
Pansies	19
Pink Pearl / Salmon	11
Red Poppies	27
Rose Tapestry	41
Scenic Tapestry	27
Shells	38
Strawberries	22
Tomatoes	20
White Pearl / Yellow Pearl	10

Hetherman Collection for Sale

New Member Janice Hetherman is selling a few beautiful tea strainers! She inherited these from her Mother who collected all types of tea strainers – RB being the highlight of her collection. Please browse the list and contact Janice immediately at jmhbuyandsell@gmail.com or call 508-366-6189 to buy these beautiful pieces!
www.royalbayreuth.org/Hetherman_Sale.pdf

No.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE (W/O SHIPPING)
1	Pale Yellow Daisy/Sunflower Tea Strainer with Green Center	\$275
2	Red Poppy Tea Strainer (note tiny area without paint)	\$125
3	Pink Poppy Tea Strainer (#13 on Back)	\$200
5	White Pearlized Poppy Tea Strainer	\$125

eBay Sales (Feb 2019)

Sold Jan -Feb 2019. Rounded to nearest whole dollar.

Final sale price does not include fees or shipping

Extremely Rare Royal Bayreuth Santa Match Holder/Match Safe-PERFECT!	\$2,200
Royal Bayreuth Red Devil & Cards 6 1/2" Candy Dish Vintage Rare	\$500
Large Royal Bayreuth Bavaria Devil Card Water Pitcher ca1870 - 1919 Rare-Vintage	\$455
Gray Mouse Milk Pitcher - Super example measures 4 3/4" tall	\$399
Pearlized Pink & Green Poppy Hatpin Holder W/ Blue Mark 4 1/2" tall.	\$399
Lobster Set, 7 Pieces: Water, Milk, Creamer, Bowl, Celery, Candy Dish, & Sugar	\$329
Royal Bayreuth Pansy Tea Set: Teapot, Sugar & Creamer	\$250
Excellent Vintage Monkey Figural Open Mouth Creamer W/ Blue Mark.	\$236
Rare Vintage Royal Bayreuth Porcelain Corn Maize Demitasse Cup & Saucer Set.	\$222
Royal Bayreuth Red Poppy Figural Flower Tea Cup & Saucer	\$200
Sunbonnet Childs Tea Set Creamer & Sugar Royal Bayreuth Bavaria Circa 1900's	\$139
Royal Bayreuth Lobster Hand Painted Covered Dish 3 3/4" tall	\$95
Excellent vintage condition Royal Bayreuth Fish Head creamer.	\$55
Royal Bayreuth Apple Demi Cup and Saucer	\$30
Scenic Hunt Scene Creamer, unmarked.	\$16
Royal Bayreuth Luster Figural Spiky Shell Creamer, marked	\$11
Vintage Royal Bayreuth Tapestry Covered Triangle Trinket Box.	\$11
Royal Bayreuth Pin trays 1930's Set of 3 Marked Corinthian	\$10
1977 Raines Book II	\$10
Vintage Royal Bayreuth Porcelain Tomato Jam Server, marked, no spoon	\$5

