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Show & Tell - Susan's Pretties for You

By Susan Szymanski



Editor's Note: I had never seen this beautiful RB rose design before. Jim Lapp shared that he'd seen the pitcher in Mary McCaslin's II Book on page 157 in the upper left. It was identified as a "floral" pitcher, 3 3/4" tall with a BM. The verse reads: No tongue can tell, no heart can think, what a joy it is to have a drink"

Rose pieces:

(left) Three-handled mug measures 3-1/2" tall and has the No. 10 blue mark. "Better be alane, nor in ill company"

(center) Two-handled vase measures 3-7/8" tall and has No 10 blue mark. "For truth I may this sentence tell, No man dies ill that liveth well."

(right) Two-handled vase measures 3-1/8" tall and has No. 9 blue mark.

"Success comes not by wishing but by hard work bravely done."

Sunset pieces:

(left) Salmon "Sunset" urn-shaped vase measures 8-1/4" tall and is unmarked.

(center) Turquoise "Sunset" footed vase measures 3-1/2" tall and is marked "Bavaria" and "33."

(right) Fuchsia "Sunset" teardrop-shaped bud vase measures 7-1/2" tall and has the No. 12 green mark.



From Our President

By Wib Beachy

Hello Club Members,

Well, my fellow Pennsylvanian, Punxsutawney Phil, has spoken again! Hopefully, he is right that there will be an early spring this year as last year. So far, so good. I'm beginning to like groundhogs.

In the last newsletter I told those of you who were not at September's Convention in Pittsburgh that the majority of those who were at the Convention's business meeting voted to have a hiatus on further Conventions because of dwindling attendance over the past several years. Feedback from the Club membership as a whole was to be solicited so that if there was a desire to have further Conventions, the Board could revisit the question and proceed accordingly on behalf of the Club. That is why

I invited comments from you in that newsletter. To date, I have not received any response whatsoever to that invitation. As a result, the hiatus shall remain in effect indefinitely until I do receive comments which evidence such a desire and the Board votes to end the hiatus.

There has been some discussion about having regional get-togethers as suggested in the last newsletter. If that appeals to you, let me know. I will do all I can to assist in the planning and holding of any such get-together. Daughter Dearest also has raised another idea as only she could: a trip to the factory in Tettau in September if there is no Convention. Does that interest you? If so, contact me by phoning me at (814) 443 - 2796 or by emailing me at Beachyispeachy@yahoo.com.

Preliminarily, the plan would be to take a flight from New York City to Germany, visit Tettau as well as other locations both inside and outside Germany, and then return in a week to ten days. Cost would be determined once I have an idea of the size of the group going and actual itinerary, although I don't expect it to be cheap. Email blasts on this between now and the next newsletter will be sent out if there is sufficient interest in such a trip.

Please let me hear your thoughts on these and any other issues or topics affecting the Club. I need feedback in charting the course the Club should take over the coming months. I want the Club's programming to be as active and as full as it can be.

Editor's Message

By Kat Thacker

Happy Leap Year day to you all!

It's been a pretty chilly couple weeks around here, so I'm dreaming again of green.

Nine years ago, our cover photo was the first green-themed issue. In my editor's letter on March 2011, I wistfully remarked on my NOT having an "excellent green monkey, cucumber or frog" in our collection to add to the shoot. Since then, I've been lucky enough to land a few of these (although, sadly no frog for this leap year) and present a redux here for you!

We're adding a couple new columns to our newsletter repertoire. It would be wonderful if you could submit some of your own column ideas, or simply send in some photos to share with fellow members. Our newsletter is only as good as the submissions we get, and we truly

appreciate your stories and "Tales from the Hunt"...

First off, we're rebooting our "Show & Tell" column for any oddities or treasures you've discovered in your collecting. These can even be "Wanna-bees" that were SO popular at our conventions. This month, Judy White and Susan Szymanski are opening their china cabinets to show us some gems! Thanks ladies.

Another idea we'd like to explore, is the mini get-together events to replace our annual conventions. We're calling that column "RB Reunion". We are sharing a past newsletter with two articles describing just such an event with our members back in 2005. Are there any places you'll like to visit with RB or similar interesting items on display, like the Toby Museum?

Are there any large auctions you've heard about with Royal Bayreuth among the lots? Is there a big antique show or sale in your neck of the woods where we could meet and maybe even see YOUR collection while we're in town??? The Bartletts are always sharing their wonderful Brimfield stories with us...that's another possible option to coordinate a visit! We need your input to determine WHERE the RBCC goes from here!

Newsletter Submission Deadlines

- June 10 for Summer/July Issue
- Nov. 10 for Holiday/December Issue
- Feb. 10 for Spring/March Issue

RBCC 2005 Florida Visit Part 1

By Bev Brumbaugh

Editor's Note: These two articles are reprinted from our March 2005 newsletter.... Enjoy!

This president's letter will be devoted to this year's RBCC mid-winter-get-away which is normally held in California or Arizona. This year's event was in Florida and our hosts were Janet and Alan Belcher. I volunteered to do this write-up since the Belchers departed for Antarctica just a few days after the gathering ended. In fact, they are still at the bottom of the world as I write this. Bobby Jo and I hope they are having a great time since we are somewhat responsible for their decision to take this trip.

This year the mid-winter-get-away of the RBCC was a movable event that started in Miami and ended in Naples with a stop over in the Florida Keys. Chris and Steve Bartlett, Judy and Whitney Newland, as well as Bobby Jo and myself met in January in Miami's ever interesting South Beach. As a kick-off for the event, the six of us were playing in Miami, while Janet and Alan were setting up the next leg of our trip at Marathon in the Florida Keys.

South Beach, where we stayed, is a gem of Art Deco design. Made up of an eclectic mix of locals and snowbirds, good restaurants (around the corner), and even better people watching, it is a destination all by itself. Our funky little hotel, Haddon House, where old New York garment district meets young Puerto Ricans, was as close to the center of activities as you could get. The big event was the four-day Miami Beach antique show. Bobby Jo and I had never been to this show and we were impressed by its size and quality.

As an added bonus for us, we got to meet another RBCC member, Eric Sidman. Eric and I have corresponded

and talked by phone for years, but had never met before. We had a nice visit and I appreciated the opportunity to put a voice with a person. Eric had recently purchased a RB collection and he had more pieces than anyone else at the show.

Saying goodbye to Miami, the Newlands and Brumbaugh moved on to the Keys where we met the Belchers as well as the Bartletts who had preceded us from Miami. When we checked in to our motel, the owners (who were transplanted "Brits") let us know that our lodgings and arrangements for dinner had been personally selected by "Miss Janet". No detail had been overlooked and the owners wanted us to know it.

No matter how many times you visit the Keys, each visit is different. We took one day and went down to Key West where there is always something of interest to see. On our last visit, it was sunny and hot, but this time it was cool, rainy, and windy. It didn't stop our little group from doing the things tourists do: sight-seeing, shopping, eating, and watching the famous sunset over the water (in our case, it was mostly trying to imagine what the sunset would look like on a sunny day), taking photos of everything, including the local chickens, and more shopping.

I think that collectively we spent almost as much money as Bill and Hillary had the day before when they had gone shopping. One shop owner told us that the Clintons had spent \$1000.00 in his shop. I'm not so sure about that amount, but it made a good story for him.

At the end of our stay in the Keys, the Bartletts returned home to Rhode Island to prepare even more for the convention next Fall. Before they left, the rest of us got a tempting preview of their plans for the meeting and I can

tell you that we are all in for a treat! My suggestion is to come early or stay late or both. You won't want to miss this convention in Rhode Island!

The next and final leg of our progressive gathering took place in Naples on Florida's Gulf Coast. Our welcome dinner was at the Belcher's high rise condo overlooking the water. The Newlands, Brumbaugh, and, of course, our hosts were joined by Dotty and Dick Earle, Becky Conrad, and Joanne and Roger Lundquist. All of us appreciated the special effort made by Becky Conrad who took time from her busy schedule to join us that first night for dinner. She knows more about selling items on the Internet than anyone I know. The club is putting that experience to work. Most of all, however, we appreciated the effort she put forth to join us for dinner in Naples.

Our time in Naples was spent visiting, taking in the sights, antiques, and, of course, shopping (where Bobby Jo found another purse surprise!). One of the highlights of our visit was attending a dinner theater production of "42nd Street". And believe it or not, my dear wife found yet another must-have purse in their gift shop!

We want to express our thanks to the club members who were able to get away for a short time in FL. Big thanks to Janet and Alan for planning and hosting this event. The weather was cool but the warm friendships made up for the low temps. Bobby Jo and I wish each of you an early Spring and a great Summer and we look forward to seeing you in Rhode Island in September!

RBCC 2005 Florida Visit Part 2

By Janet Belcher

While temperatures dropped to sub zero in Minnesota, rain pounded the west coast, snow and ice storms attacked the Midwest, and a nor'easter dumped up to two feet of snow in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

A number of Royal Bayreuth collectors gathered in southern Florida for antiquing, sight-seeing, fun and visiting. Three couples (Bev & Bobby Jo Brumbaugh, Whitney & Judy Newland, Steve & Chris Bartlett) attended the Miami Beach Antique Show on January 20th and 21st, finding very little Royal Bayreuth, except at the booth of Eric Sidman. No notable purchases were made but there were many beautiful items to look at.

The group then traveled further south to Marathon Key where they were joined by Alan and Janet Belcher. While there, they enjoyed the uniqueness of the string of islands, visited the Dolphin Research Center, Pigeon Key historical site, and spent a day in Key West. Although the weather was cool by Florida standards, we managed to visit a number of the museums and shops and had a lovely

dinner together.

On Tuesday the 25th, the Belchers, Brumbaughs, and Newlands traveled across alligator alley to Naples, Florida on the Gulf of Mexico while the Bartlett's prepared to head back to snowbound Rhode Island. In Naples we were joined by Joanne & Roger Lundquist, Richard & Dotty Earle, and Becky Conrad. A social gathering at Alan & Janet's condo was filled with food, conversation, and planning for the next two days. There was antiquing for the men, shopping for the ladies, and a golf outing for the Earles plus an evening dinner together.

The large Miramar Outlet Mall was the gathering point for Thursday afternoon followed by a dinner theatre in Fort Myers where we all enjoyed the spirited dancing and music of "42nd Street". After hugs and good-byes, everyone was on their own to continue to their next destination, whether it was home or a continued stay in Florida. What a great time to get to know fellow Royal Bayreuth members and share this love of collecting the fine porcelain.

Website News

By Gregg Thacker

I hope Spring has sprung in your area! It has been a mild Winter for us – but is not over yet...

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. If you have any trouble accessing the member area please let me know.

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!

2020 Member User Name & Password (All small letters):

User name:

Password:

Secretary's Message

By Janet Belcher

A sincere thank you to all of you who faithfully support your Royal Bayreuth club with your membership, as well as to all who work diligently behind the scenes providing information, articles and oversight. Also a special thanks to Kat & Gregg who put together a lovely artistic newsletter as well as managing our online presence. It takes the effort of many to keep the club going so please keep those articles and tidbits of news coming, including special finds, memories or how you got started collecting this fine porcelain.

Our membership is down, mostly due to the aging of the members, downsizing and no longer collecting. Our current membership stands at 90. This issue includes our roster of all members – please let us know of any updates!

RBCC Treasurer's Report (10/31/2019 – 1/31/2020)

By Steve Bartlett

Checkbook Balance as of 10/31/2019: \$6,629.54

RECEIPTS

Membership Renewals/Extensions \$1,860.00

Reimbursement from Chase Bank \$30.00

Total Receipts \$1,890.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Memorial Flowers for Bob McCaslin Funeral \$143.36

Images in Ink 4th Quarter Newsletter Printing/Mailing \$655.75

Total Disbursements \$799.11

Checkbook Balance as of 1/31/2020: \$7,720.43



Notable eBay Sales

By Gregg Thacker

Recent sales, rounded to nearest whole dollar. Final sale price does not include fees, taxes, or shipping.

15 Piece Devil And Cards - Lifetime Collection 133304447118	\$2,675
Satin Rose Purple Poppy Chocolate Pot and 5 Cups & Saucers RARE! 333401362548	\$750
Scarce Geese Tapestry Chocolate Set w Chocolate Pot, 4 demitasse 163234064924	\$400
German Porcelain Seal Water Pitcher 6&3/4" tall 193141064466	\$345
Devil & Cards Humidor w Blue Factory Mark 124077668502	\$385
Pair of Limited Edition Reproductions "Devil and Cards" Steins 184024263203	\$299
Duck Billed Platypus Figural Creamer Pitcher 202882223933	\$305
Red Devil And Cards Candy Dish Plate-6 1/2" 303375994466	\$300
Vase C. 1900-Rare Polar Bear Scene Measuring 7 Inches Tall 193271672191	\$300
Antique Flawless 4 1/2" Solid Red Devil Pitcher NO Reserve 383308759492	\$291
Rare Figural Strawberry Salt & Pepper Shakers 263410270261	\$276
Bavaria Devil Sugar Bowl with Lid Playing Cards 254457792464	\$226
All Gold-Large Rose Cup & Saucer 303377290292	\$250
Vintage Red Devil And Cards Handled Milk Pitcher-Blue Stamp 5" 174153186094	\$250
Antique Porcelain Nursery Rhyme Bell Jack Jill w/ Wood Clapper 184118888893	\$249
Rare Original Antique Porcelain Lobster 3 Piece Set ca. 1903 202725620003	\$235
Vintage Monkey & Alligator Open Mouth Creamers Blue Mark 323940093274	\$240
Red Parrot/ Parakeet Water Pitcher (Large) 283732552638	\$225
Set of six black animals including cat, birds, ox, cat, and bear 324054593936	\$213
Rare Large Antique Deponiert Rose Shaped Bowl 164002554875	\$195
Set of six moose 324047566678	\$183
Lot of 7 pieces - flowers and shell 324062937366	\$153
Antique Figural Bird Pin Tray, Swan Mallard Ashtray, Rare Item 274112576067	\$150
Clover Creamer "Mint Condition" 352861276352	\$125
Bavaria Orange Creamer Covered Sugar Bowl and Biscuit Jar 362856169952	\$125
Pillbox (From German eBay) 333431765163	\$41
Red Clown Mug (German eBay) 133331034314	\$27
"Babes in the Woods" Open Sugar Bowl - Marked 174162225203	\$15
Nut Dish Nappy Sun Bonnet Babies Monday WASHING 274174690615	\$12
Rare Lobster "Sugar Bowl" (Mustard) w/ Blue Mark 143480178523	\$10
Moose Cream Pitcher w/Antlers 383406905767	\$10
2 Guides to Royal Bayreuth Figurines by Raines and Virginia Salley 113864905093	\$5



Coming Attractions: Toby Museum eBook

By Kat Thacker

In January of this year, our club President Wib Beachy received a request from David Fastenau. David is the Director at the American Toby Jug Museum in Chicago. We have shared over the years (most recently in our June 2018 newsletter) that they possess an amazing array of RB Figural pieces in their permanent collection. Well worth a visit!

The Museum Board were moving forward on creating several ebooks in 2020, one of which was on Royal Bayreuth Figural Character Pitchers! The request was for some expertise from our club on verifying the accuracy & completeness of their information. They also wanted to “fill in” with photos of additional designs that they do not have in their collection. A perfect collaboration for us both.



Wib will be sharing his expertise, as well as contacting any club members he thinks can help with this project. What we’ve seen so far looks great!

When complete, we will get the finished publication out to our membership, who will be able to share

their own input with the museum. The beauty of an ebook (vs. a printed hard copy) is that it can be updated much easier over the years. This will be another great resource. We’ll keep you posted once it’s available to us!

Show & Tell - Is It or Isn't It?

By Judy White

Editor's Note: This is a very interesting creamer, and the glaze and stylization of the animal look like RB. It would be great if our membership can share if they've seen it previously (esp a MARKED one!) What do you all think???

I recently bought this piece on EBay. I shared this with Harold Brandenburg, and neither he nor I have ever seen it before. It's a bull creamer, 4 1/8" tall to top of horns, 5" from handle to nose and 3 1/2" between the horns. No mark.



Recent LiveAuctioneer Sales

By Gregg Thacker



Rounded to nearest whole dollar. Final sale price does not include fees, taxes, or shipping. Descriptions are verbatim:

Lot of 2 Royal Bayreuth Santas (Dec 12, 2019)	\$1,900
Miniature Cheese Dish, Unmarked Royal Bayreuth (Oct 12, 2019)	\$500
9 Royal Bayreuth and RB Style Open Salts (Feb 23, 2020)	\$475
Royal Bayreuth Porcelain Art Nouveau Pitcher (Oct 19, 2019)	\$475
Grouping of Sun Bonnet Babies (Jan 17, 2020)	\$425

Looking Back

By Gregg Thacker

We thought it would be interesting to look back in RBCC history to see what we were doing “way back when”. All club newsletters are available to read on our website. Below are some interesting highlights....

10 Years Ago (March 2010): Jim & Susan Lapp shared some of their RB with the skiff/fishermen motif. They also share an interesting D&C creamer with brown paint and a Sevres branded robin matching the RB mold. Plans were in place to hold the 2010 convention at the Pere Marquette hotel in Peoria in October with the hospitality theme of “corny”. Don Townsend and Judy White provided information-filled articles on Corinthian Ware and Hunt Scenes. Terry Anderson shared an advert and details about the reproduced RB of the 1970’s – including the 1975 launch of the D&C pitcher limited to 1000 at a cost of \$75 and the tankard, limited to 2,000 at a cost of \$50. Mary reviewed the Replica Santa Clause candy jar sold by Victorian Trading Co for \$13 that year. And April Phul shared a very odd two-headed devil creamer.....

15 Years Ago (March 2005): Plans were in place for the Providence RI convention. Bev Brumbaugh described a wonderful and warm mid-winter RBCC club meeting in Florida hosted by Janet & Alan Belcher (just before the Belchers flew off to Antarctica)! Note, we are sharing these two articles later in this issue. Becky Conrad shared some eBay security tips and listed some recent sales found on eBay ranging from \$31 to \$7,100. RB Plaques were still selling for \$20.

24 Years Ago (March 1996): The first club newsletter was issued! President Jim Davis recapped how the club started. The Brandenburgs & Brumbaughs told how they got started collecting RB. Mark & Marisa Werther shared details of their souvenir collection. Part of Eric Sidman’s article describing the variety of RB was reprinted from the New England Antiques Journal. Meeting minutes describe how RBCC all got started!



ROYAL BAYREUTH THE LOST YEARS



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available to
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Spring 2020.**

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