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## Winter Memories



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## From Our President

*By Wib Beachy*

Season's Greetings to All! Well, another year has passed, and we're now in the season of Winter, which I like least, despite the holidays. While so far there fortunately has not been that much snow, there has been ice and lots of it. I've already started the countdown to Spring, when life starts anew.

Sadly, with each year's passing, some of our members pass as well. In 2022 the Club lost two members -- Fred Zumthurn and Jim Lapp -- whom I will not forget.

My memories of both these gentlemen appear within this Issue. Jim's loss especially hit home, since he contributed so much in helping me at Conventions, in supporting my articles in the Newsletter with photographs, and in regularly submitting articles of his own. My prayers go out to both Ida and Susan, who complemented these men beautifully.

In this Issue, I continue to reveal more Kunst Abteilung and Patriotic pieces that have come my way. As promised, Kaiser Wilhelm makes his appearance along with a second Christmas plate that is as powerful in its content as any I have ever seen. I know you will enjoy viewing these and the other pieces shown. They are a blend of the Art Nouveau, Art Deco, and Neo-Classical Styles -- all prevalent during the time period involved. What a time period that was!

In looking forward to 2023, I want to again say I'm still hoping to have a Club get-together, if not Convention, Labor Day Week in September. My focus remains on Philadelphia as the site. Further information will follow, only if circumstances permit.

Finally, because the Club's costs of the Newsletter have decreased significantly due to its being on-line only, there will be a moratorium on dues from Club members for next year. The Club's treasury is able to take care of all known expenses for 2023. Any new members will pay a fee of \$30.

Until Spring, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

PAID 2022 MEMBERS  
HAVE THEIR DUES  
WAIVED FOR 2023!



# MERRY CHRISTMAS!

# In Memoriam

*By Kat & Gregg Thacker*

Dear RBCC Family, we are heartbroken to share news of two members who have passed away. Fred Zumthurn passed on July 20th and Jim Lapp passed on Nov 20th. Fred and Jim were well respected members of the RBCC and brought experience, joy, and fascinating stories to every event they attended! Our deepest condolences to friends and family for their loss.

Fred Zumthurn was a true personality, especially when paired up with his partner Ida at our conventions. He had a very dry wit, and those two could really make us laugh at even the slowest club meetings with their ongoing commentary. A longtime collector of all kinds of antiques, he really was knowledgeable about anything you asked him.

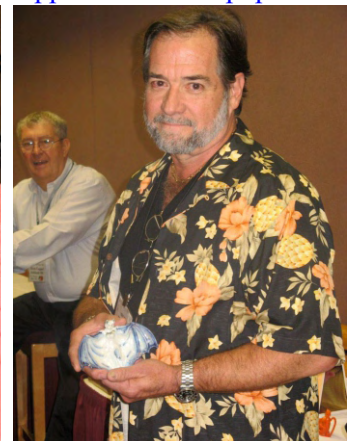
Jim Lapp's passing really hit us extra hard. He and Susan were our travel companions for excursions during many of our conventions. We had a wonderful trip a few years ago where we met up in NYC to head to Lincoln Center for a unique & beautiful ballet, visited three amazing art exhibits and enjoyed eating and drinking our way around the town...such great memories with them.

Jim was a stellar, scholarly, frequent contributor to our newsletter, and he and Susan were always there to pitch-in and help with the many convention duties we signed up for over the years. He was one of a kind. We shall miss him terribly.

Fred's Obituary is here: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/fresnobee/name/joseph-zumthurn-obituary?id=36399774>



Jim's Obituary is here: <https://varcoethomasfuneralhome.com/book-of-memories/5076168/Lapp-James/index.php>





# My Memories

By Wib Beachy

**Fred Zumthurn** -- A hard-working farmer who had a taste for some of the more delicate RB series such as the Art Nouveau Lady. I have the extremely rare Art Nouveau Lady Humidor, which came from his and Ida's collection. Always with Ida, he and she were quite the pair -- whether on an excursion or just sitting together at a Club Auction. Their banter back and forth is a memory I will always cherish.



**Jim Lapp** -- If you have not done so already, please read his obituary by clicking on the link provided on the prior page. I was told by Susan at the gathering for Jim held in Doylestown that he had written it himself. I have seen no other obituary capture the very essence of a persona better than his obituary did.

Jim more than just a friend to me. He and Susan became family in the numerous encounters I had with them at their home and elsewhere over the years. While he and Susan were of a different political persuasion than I, we often joked about that and other differences as well while sharing and pursuing the passion we had in common for Royal Bayreuth. The Lost Years Presentation at the Club's last Convention in Pittsburgh would not have been possible without both Jim and Susan. Like Harold had done, Jim took his health problems in stride -- stoically and with a grace I can only hope to match when that time comes for me.

Rest in Peace, Fred and Jim. Both the Club and I are much the better for having known the two of you.





## Editor's Message

*By Kat Thacker*

Warm holiday greetings to all our RBCC friends!

Here we are, at the end of another year. Hard to believe we're wrapping up yet another issue at the close of 2022...but the shivery blast of Winter weather we just received in time for Christmas puts an exclamation point on it to be sure!

It's been a tough year for many in our club. The "In Memoriam" for this issue was extra difficult to write; The death of our friend Jim Lapp knocked us flat. And losing a longtime member & personality like Fred Zumthurn. Sadly, health issues and continuing isolation in some cases are affecting quite a few of our members. While a bit less urgent, covid is still causing problems for get-togethers and traveling. Other than online sales and auctions, not much happening with the quest for our favorite porcelain. Sadly, if we were actually getting out, we learned that lots of antique shops in our area have closed up forever.

So, I've been scoping out online sales recently, and come across quite a few "oddities" while searching for RB. Some are "wannabees", some "not even close to wannabees/more wishful-thinking-bees", and some actually ARE RB with interesting comments or points of view. After starting a file on these strange objects, we realized it might be fun to share these with you. And if you happen to see more of this type of thing in your travels (either virtually/online or out in the real world) please send us photos and descriptions so we can share these in upcoming issues...

Speaking of sharing...a big shout out to Karen Church for sending in her article and many great photos of her Winter-themed Royal Bayreuth. We appreciate your timely contribution friend, especially on a snowy day here in Michigan! Additional thanks to Wib Beachy for his continuing saga of the Kunst Abteilung studio pieces, plus all the other interesting competing porcelain manufacturers' wares he keeps managing to find. We all love the Show & Tell every issue too. We're always requesting your photos and stories for upcoming issues, so please don't hesitate to contribute dear members.

Wishing you all peace & love this holiday season.

## Newsletter Submission Deadlines

- Mar 1 for Spring Issue
- Sept 1 for Autumn Issue
- Nov 1 for Winter Issue

## Secretary's Message

*By Chris Bartlett*

Hello fellow Royal Bayreuth Club members!

As 2022 comes to a close it is time to look ahead to the new year. We hope you have enjoyed the new format of the digital newsletters and the many terrific articles and beautiful photographs they have contained. The work done by Kat & Gregg to create the newsletter for free online has enabled Wib to declare the RBCC dues waived for 2023!

That in turn has simplified the work for the membership renewal team (myself, Steve, & Gregg) for which we are thankful!

So, all current members are "paid" until Dec 31, 2023. New members who join will still need to pay the \$30 membership fee.

As always, if you have a revised address, phone or email please contact me so I can update our database. We look forward to another great year for our club!

## Website News

*By Gregg Thacker*

Warm Winter wishes RB fans! We are getting into the groove with these online-newsletters and hope you are enjoying them too. We greatly appreciate member articles like those from Karen Church and Wib in this issue. Please consider contributing your own stories!

You can read online or print as needed to save and enjoy. This newsletter joins all past newsletters (100+) available to you on our club website here:

[http://www.royalbayreuth.org/member/NL\\_ARCHIVE.html](http://www.royalbayreuth.org/member/NL_ARCHIVE.html)

We are seeing steady traffic on our website and Facebook page. If you have a Facebook account be sure to search and join "Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club". We do share some tips and tricks there (but not the extensive content available to paid members on our website). All the best for a better 2023!



# Winter Memories

By Karen Church

Happy Winter everyone. It's hard to think of it as I'm writing this on a 70 degree plus day in October but it's coming. I decided to see if I could find any winter scenics in my collection. I found a few and added a couple of things from around the house.

Those are my skates in the picture and no, I don't skate anymore! My jug and vase have two different scenes of Dutch people ice skating while holding hands.



You'll also see the small dish with "the muff lady" and the old fashioned ice skate in the corner. I have never seen another dish with the skate.



Most of the ones I've seen have the cork (picture). Maybe someone else has the skate.

I looked up information on the internet about ice skating. It dates to approximately 3,000 B.C. Scandinavian and Russian inhabitants would file and fashion skates from the shin bones of large animals such as horses, deer and sheep. They would strap them to their feet and were used for wintertime travel on frozen lakes and waterways. Since these were primitive skates and lacked edges, the skaters relied on poles and staffs for propulsion. By the 14th century, the Dutch forged skates with sharpened steel blades and edges that allowed for greater speed and control.

The "snow kids", who are sledding and falling downhill, are on one of mom's double toothpick holders and a small covered dish.



The milk glass sleigh is my version of a "sled" and we put candy in it at Christmas time. I think originally it used to have a cover but no longer.



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## Winter Memories (continued)

The internet states that one of the earliest instances of sleds being used for pure fun was in the 1650's in Russia. Young Russian aristocrats would build wooden tracks and then sled down them in sleds carved from ice. In the early 1800's, Samuel Leeds Allen invented the first steerable runner sled, the Flexible Flyer.

There are the two small vases showing people dressed in their winter coats and snowsuits. One shows people feeding rabbits and has a green mark.



The other looks like kids running and it's blue marked.

I've included a picture with a couple of other scenes. The small pitcher is green marked and the other vase is blue marked.



Also pictured is a small tapestry shoe with a winter scene. It's very fine and delicate and has a green "T" mark.

The Longaberger basket plaque says "Woven Memories Basket". I used to live in New York State and remember having 6' snow banks, so I have fond childhood winter memories of snowball fights, building snowmen and snow forts, making snow angels, ice skating and sledding. The hot cocoa sure tasted good when you finally came in the house. Hope you all have your own wonderful winter memories.



## Woody Sale

Looks like about 79 pieces, several from Art Ward & Harold's collection, were in the Woody auction sale on December 17 - link below:

[https://www.liveauctioneers.com/catalog/269536\\_12-17-22-online-only-porcelain-and-much-more/?keyword=bayreuth&page=1](https://www.liveauctioneers.com/catalog/269536_12-17-22-online-only-porcelain-and-much-more/?keyword=bayreuth&page=1)

Speaking of Woody's, they have a blog with topics of interest to anyone who buys/sells glassware & porcelain. Check it out on their home page: <https://woodyauction.com/>



# Kunst Abteilung

By Wib Beachy

In this Kunst Abteilung update there are four pieces shown. The first is a Putto (faun) on a Ball.



The third is a vase -- one of the original 30 pieces known as the Imperial Line but with a variant decoration. All of these pieces have the regular Kunst Abteilung mark.

The second is a covered box with lovebirds.



The fourth piece is the Raven covered jar or urn, which has another Kunst Abteilung mark I have not seen previously.

## Online RB Shopping

We are no longer compiling sales lists from the 3 most popular web sites - but you can explore them below!

**LiveAuctioneers:** <https://www.liveauctioneers.com/search/?keyword=royal%20bayreuth&sort=-relevance&status=online>

**eBay:** [https://www.ebay.com/sch/i.html?\\_from=R40&\\_trksid=p2380057.m570.11313&\\_nkw=royal+bayreuth&\\_sacat=0](https://www.ebay.com/sch/i.html?_from=R40&_trksid=p2380057.m570.11313&_nkw=royal+bayreuth&_sacat=0)

**Ruby Lane:** <https://www.rubylane.com/search?db=&q=bayreuth&sb=1>



## Art Deco Gone Wild

*By Wib Beachy*

Leading off this Style is as imposing a tall vase you'll ever see. It stands a full 18 inches tall. Both the design and colors render it a perfect Art Deco piece. The marking is consistent with this Period for its manufacture. It was acquired through a German auction house.



Next is a much smaller Period vase featuring a horse track scene with silver overlay. The presentation is silhouetted in nature.



A superb desk set follows. It consists of 11 pieces: 4 corners for the desk pad, a tray, a pen holder, a blotter, a stamper, a covered stamp box, an ink well, and a letter holder. It had been preserved in a millinery shop since its manufacture.



Five cup and saucer with plate sets in the same pattern but of different colors are displayed along with two cup and saucer sets in different floral patterns. One is blue; the other is orange. Two other cup and sets from the same period but with a far more reserved decoration are included as well. They came from Lithuania.





## Show & Tell

By Wib Beachy

Pictured first is a strawberry spoon or pin dish. While not marked, it has all of the Royal Bayreuth indicators: mold, paint colors, finish and weight. Note the smiling face within its center. *Editor's note: See related story on the last page of this issue.*



Two scenic vases follow. One is from the Babes in the Woods Series. The other displays a Maiden and Cherub, which I've not encountered before.



Nautical and sunset series are represented as well. A cup and saucer set as well as a vase appear for the former. A compote is shown for the latter.



A miniature but tall Nymph pitcher rounds out this grouping.





## Royal Bayreuth Competitor (Neu Tettau) Ware

*By Wib Beachy*

Below are two pieces made by Neu Tettau, a contemporary competitor of Royal Bayreuth in the 1920s and 1930s. Both have the early Swan mark. One is a Swan toothpick holder in bright red and white colors. The other is a decorative polar bear with an Art Deco Style base.





## WWI Patriotic Pieces

*By Wib Beachy*

As promised in the Fall Issue, the deep dish or plate featuring Kaiser Wilhelm is shown. Both he and Field Marshall von Hindenburg (pictured in that Issue) were chosen as Germany's leaders in World War I to be commemorated by Royal Bayreuth. The details of both their portraits are remarkable.



Even more remarkable is the 1914 Christmas Plate pictured. In last year's Winter Issue, the 1913 Christmas Plate was shown. Then the theme centered on the Three Wise Men following the Star of Bethlehem. In contrast the 1914 Christmas Plate depicts 2 German soldiers huddling together around a small tree decorated for Christmas and trying to keep warm. One is smoking a pipe; the other is reading what appears to be the Bible -- sending a message of peace even in time of war.



## Decorative Plates and Dinnerware

*By Wib Beachy*



Three gilded fruit plates showing different arrangements caught my eye. They were made immediately after World War I.

Two Berchtesgaden pieces came later: a bowl, and a cup and saucer set. The marking as shown is quite distinctive. A platter with a basket motif completes this grouping.





# PATCH NYC

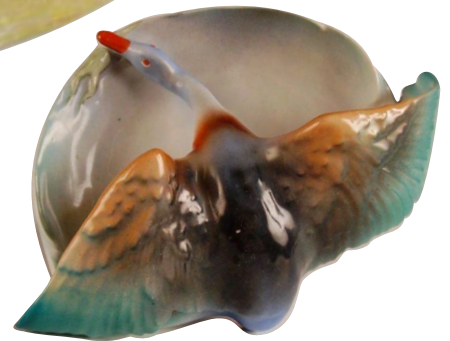
By Kat Thacker

While wandering around the internet I found an interesting retail website that seems to have rediscovered the design esthetic of our favorite porcelain. While these pieces are clearly not RB, they capture many similarities of style & color of the RB period. Hopefully "Patch" will rediscover and promote RB in their vintage sale items in future!

**"Vintage Colorful Crane Hanging Wall Vase Made in Japan"** A ceramic vase or planter designed to hang on the wall in the shape of a colorful crane in flight. This piece is beautifully sculpted and the detailing on the crane is exceptional...just look at that mix of colors! There is one hole on the back for easy hanging. This crane hangs at an angle as if in flight on the wall. Ceramic. Back stamped: Hand Paint. Made in Japan. 9.5"w x 4.75"h x 2.25"d. **Offered for \$120**



*"Looks kinda like the RB swan pin dish"*

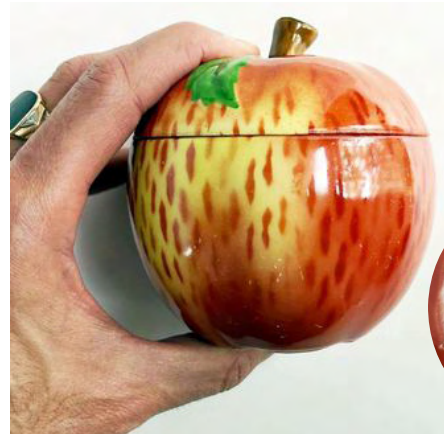


**"Vintage Black Ceramic Shoe Ashtray"** A well-proportioned ceramic shoe ashtray from the 1940's. Ceramic. 5.75"long x 2"wide x 2.25"tall. No markings. **Offered for \$64**



*"The popular RB shoes, need we say more?"*

**"Vintage Ceramic Apple Covered Bowl Made in Czechoslovakia"** A ceramic covered bowl disguised as a shiny red apple. We love the detailed apple surface, the green leaf and the stem handle. Ceramic. Bottom marked: "PV Made in Czechoslovakia". Measures about 4" tall x 4" diameter. **Offered for \$84**



*"The RB apple boxes are more square, but the color is similar"*



*"Shell open sugar mold with an ashtray on top?"*

**"Vintage Ceramic Seashell Ashtray Made in Japan"** A beautifully rendered ceramic seashell in a subtle opalescent glaze with orange accents. This piece was originally designed as an ashtray and we think it would also work nicely as an incense burner, trinket dish or simply a great decorative accent. Ceramic. Marked "Made in Japan" on the bottom. About 2.25"h x 5.25"w x 4.5"d. **Offered for \$74**





# Scenic Humidors and Related Tobacciana Pieces

By Wib Beachy

The holiday season would not be complete without displaying a scenic poinsettia humidor. It shows well with the violet humidor and two pine cone humidors I have. In addition, there are two pine cone ashtrays and a pipe tray/dish. They all go together nicely with their variations in decoration, colors, styles and finishes.



<b>RBCC Treasurer's Report (8/31/2022- 12/31/2022)</b>	
<i>By Steve Bartlett</i>	
Checkbook Balance as of 8/31/2022:.....	\$6,098.02
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
Total Receipts.....	\$0.00
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	
Reimburse web & internet expenses .....	\$520.00
Purchase CNB Surety Insurance .....	\$187.00
Total Disbursements.....	\$707.00
Checkbook Balance as of 12/31/2022:.....	\$5,391.02



## Curious Sales

By Kat & Gregg Thacker

Sellers continue to use “Royal Bayreuth” to describe a wide variety of porcelain & ceramic pieces to increase sales. Below are some curious listings on eBay (and other sites) for variants of our favorite porcelain. Text in quotes are seller’s verbiage. Buyer beware!

“Vintage K&L Germany marked Royal Bayreuth type figural lobster handled ceramic cream pitcher”. **Asking \$45**

<https://www.ebay.com/itm/354131421407>



“Antique Royal Bayreuth Bavaria Rose Tapestry Pitcher and Bisque Doll”  
Seller thought the original, vintage bisque doll was nice, and the vintage pitcher was nice too, so put the two together, exclaiming “Perfect!”

**Asking \$95** <https://www.ebay.com/itm/225063665500>



“Royal Bayreuth Robin red breasted salt pepper shakers extremely rare. You can be the only person this year to complete your set of robin Royal Bayreuth with the salt and pepper shakers as they are not available anywhere else I have seen.” **Asking \$135**

<https://www.ebay.com/itm/334253846525>



“Royal Bayreuth Bavaria Porcelain Art Nouveau Lady Pink Iridescent Basket Vase. 4.5x3 inch Hard to Find. Preliminary research of makers mark put age at 1870-1919. Lady looks like a fairy.” **Asking \$328**

<https://www.ebay.com/itm/275319571327>



“Antique, early 1900s boxed set of six porcelain figural lobster place card holders. Attributed to Royal Bayreuth but unmarked so can't be certain. In original retailer box labeled: J. Tostrup Kristiania. From the jewelry store of famous jeweler. Box would date to pre 1924 because of location name, which changed to Oslo in 1924.” **Sold for \$41**

<https://www.ebay.com/itm/165670860684>

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## Curious Sales

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“Royal Bayreuth Corinthian Ware Neoclassical Orange Teapot Creamer & Sugar Circa 1902. Marked Royal Bayreuth Bavaria Corinthian Ware on the bottom. This mark was used starting in 1902. These have some wear to the gilding. The finial to the sugar has been broken off at one time and glued back on, with associated loss to the orange enamel around the break and associated hairline on the bottom of the lid. No additional chips or cracks. These are antiques and may have small in manufacture defects that do not effect the display of the piece.” **Asking \$295**  
<https://www.ebay.com/itm/165709545463>



“Vintage Royal Bayreuth Green & Red Handled Strawberry Chocolate Pot With 5 Matching Cup And Saucer's..... One Saucer That Has A Fine Hairline Crack On The Edge, It Is Very Hard To See. One Cup Has A Fleabite On The Rim Near The Handle. Unmarked. **Sold for \$400**  
<https://www.ebay.com/itm/325253777679>



“Vintage Royal Bayreuth Orangey Red Double Stacked Tomato Or Pumpkin, It Looks Like A Pumpkin To Me. The Creamer Is 3" Inches Tall And 3" Inches Handle To Spout. We Are Listing A Matching Mini Teapot As Well.” Unmarked. **Asking \$29**  
<https://www.ebay.com/itm/325256444416>



“Vintage Royal Bayreuth Green Lustre Handled Strawberry Condiment Set. It Consists Of The Holder/Strawberries, The Shaker Lid, The Small Interior Crock And A Spoon..... The Condiment Set Is In Very Vintage Condition. There Is A Small Nick/Fleabite On The Rim Of One Strawberry.” Unmarked. **Asking \$112**  
<https://www.ebay.com/itm/304616029762>

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## Curious Sales

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“Vintage Royal Bayreuth Red Lobster Claw Serving Fork. The Fork Is 11" Inches In Length. The Fork Is In Excellent Used Vintage Condition, Very Slight Wear In The Red Paint, No Chips, Cracks, Scratches Or Any Repairs. A Rare And Great Addition To Any Collection.” **Asking \$131.** <https://www.ebay.com/itm/303541412944>



“German Figural Cat or Dog Reamer, Juicer, Squeezer Royal Bayreuth? 5 1/2:" Tall. Here is One of the Holy Grails of Reamer Collecting. This Has Been Sitting In A Cabinet For Over 50 Years. Almost Impossible to Find. This One Has Great Color But Does Have A Tight Hairline In Base. So Ugly It's Cute And Unmarked But Unmistakable German.” **Asking \$159** <https://www.ebay.com/itm/303167616795>

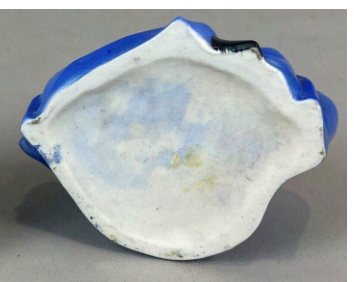
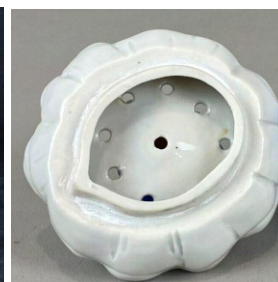
“Vintage Royal Bayreuth Porcelain Red Dressed Clown Juicer/Reamer. The Reamer Is In Very Good Vintage Condition. A Fairly Rare And Hard To Find Piece, Especially In This Condition. This Piece Is Listed On Page 132 From The Reference Book "Royal Bayreuth A Collector's Guide Book II" From The Author, Mary J. McCaslin Respectfully.” Unmarked. **Sold for \$235**

*And if you like it in red how about blue with an angry face?*



“This auction is for an Antique German Pierrot Harlequin Clown 2-Piece Figural Juicer or Reamer. Unsigned and measuring 4 3/4" tall by 4" at the widest point. Very nice condition with no breaks or repairs.” **Sold \$159**

<https://www.ebay.com/itm/284966536102>



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## Curious Sales

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“Vintage Hand Crafted Majolica Strawberry Pitcher Twist Handle, Signed. For your consideration is this lovely and detailed vintage majolica strawberry creamer, initialed by its artist! This is ready for another generation of use in your home! Measurements: 3.5 inches tall, 4.25 inches long.” **Sold for \$10**

<https://www.ebay.com/itm/403587492697>



“Royal Bayreuth Strawberry Lidded Sugar or Covered Jar. It measures 4 1/4 inches long and 4 inches wide. With the lid in place it is 4 inches tall. There are no chips cracks or other damages to this piece.” **Sold for \$20**

<https://www.ebay.com/itm/334638914911?>

“Royal Bayreuth Red And Orange Salt Pepper Shakers Hot Chili. Royal Bayreuth unmarked shakers and one interesting sugar chili shaker unlisted. They measure 4 inches high. No damages to the red ones. The orange one has some wear around a hole.” **Asking \$16**

<https://www.ebay.com/itm/334638960068?>



“Antique Royal Bayreuth Bavaria Lobster Creamer Fine Porcelain Circa 1920. Antique Royal Bayreuth Bavaria Lobster Creamer Fine Porcelain Circa 1920. Has a small chip on the top inside lip. But it's not a big issue.” **Asking \$25**

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## Curious Sales

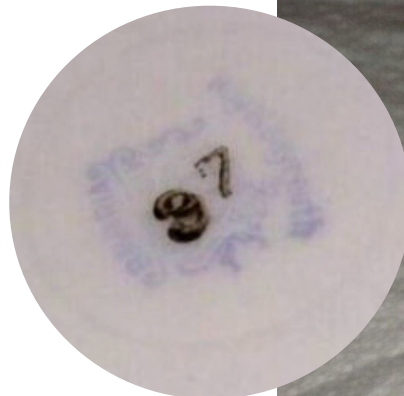
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“Vintage Royal Bayreuth Germany Souvenir Havana Lobster Mini Creamer Pitcher Chicago. Please view pics for product details and any imperfections. All proceeds go to support the rescued animals at the Where Pigs Fly Farm in Linn, MO.” **Asking \$30**  
<https://www.ebay.com/itm/234730923059?>



“Royal Bayreuth Figural Elephant Creamer or Mini Pitcher. 5” tall by 5” by 3” Good as found as is condition with minor black cold paint loss and a hair line. Please note all images.” **Offered for \$60**  
<https://www.ebay.com/itm/134380437493>

“RARE ANTIQUE ORIGINAL ROYAL BAYREUTH PORCELAIN PELICAN. Measures 5" tall by 6 1/2" wide. Excellent Condition. Thanks for Looking!” **Asking \$75**  
<https://www.ebay.com/itm/165849687157>





# Wannabees With Faces

By Kat Thacker

As you may know, I collect quirky pieces and have a few with faces. I purchased the pickle piece shown below at a club auction several years ago. Because of its expression I call it my sour pickle dish!! Harold was in attendance and assured me this was probably not RB, but I was thrilled to add this piece to my collection anyway.

Recently an eBay auction for a “strawberry dish” seemed to be written for me. Unfortunately that one got away for now.....

eBay listing: “RARE Germany Royal Bayreuth Hand Painted Strawberry Dish, Anthropomorphic Face, raised leaves. This piece measures 5 inches by 4 inches and is in great condition. There's a tiny hairline close to the 3 o'clock position. It shows more from the back than it does the front. Minor paint rubbing at the very bottom and to the edge of the raised leaf. This is just the cutest little guy with his smirky face. I couldn't even find another one like him. A great addition to any collection.” Sold for \$38 <https://www.ebay.com/itm/185666822761>

