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## Wings of Time



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## The Time Has Come

*By Gregg Thacker*

After 17 years, 65 issues, 700+pages, and at least 2,000 hours, the time has come for Kat & I to hand over the reins of the newsletter to someone else. We enjoyed producing this issue and look forward to creating our final issue in late Autumn!

Kat has been Editor since December 2006. As you know, writing, gathering, managing images, and producing the actual newsletter is always a challenge. The page layout, printing, & mailing had been handled by a printer in Iowa for about \$2,500+/-year. In 2021 we realized the club could no longer afford to print/mail our newsletters.

To help stretch club funds we had to stop mailing the newsletter. We offered to produce the newsletter for free and distribute it electronically for a while to extend club life, but it is time to focus our energies on other projects.

While we will no longer be creating the newsletter after Autumn, we will continue to manage the website, Facebook page, eMail blasts, and member data going forward. We will share events & announcements with members via email. General info will continue to be shared on the Facebook page.

Starting in January, President Beachy's daughter Laura will create the newsletter. It will be distributed via the website and email as we have been doing in recent years.

Please be sure to send us anything to be included in the Autumn issue by October 1, 2024.

## Our Cover Story

*By Kat Thacker*

I've always loved and been fascinated by the Royal Bayreuth butterfly series. They make one think of Spring. We chose to highlight them on the cover for this issue...

The RB factory really showed off with their three elaborate, fanciful pitcher molds, in the variety of different sizes. How they stylized the little legs, antennae and faces, as well as the gorgeous wings of the butterflies. and the very Art Nouveau foliage handles were amazing. The multi-colored wings are among the most vibrant palettes of the RB figurals, except for perhaps some of the flowers.

I've only ever seen the 3 "standard" sizes of pitchers myself. Has anyone ever discovered a lemonade? Any humidors, covered-boxes or other unique figural pieces out there??? Please share any photos you have of your own winged beauties!

PS. I'm still on the hunt for a yellow butterfly, If you've got one, or any other variety you might like to part with, just drop me an email!

## Editor's Message

By Kat Thacker

Greetings RBCC friends!

As we turn over the editing and newsletter duties after 17 years, I'd like to share a few thoughts. It has been an honor and a privilege to work on these 65 issues. It was sometimes difficult to come up with new themes, but Gregg and I would brainstorm for a bit, somehow get inspired, and usually could pull something together within deadline. We did it for SO long for the love of the porcelain, as well as reaching out to our membership who shared great things in return!

Our goal was always to showcase beautiful or unusual Bayreuth, share interesting articles and stories, and find new information to educate ourselves & our fellow members. It was extra challenging at times; when no articles were submitted, we hadn't found any new pieces to photograph and share, or just ran out of fresh ideas! It made us EXTRA appreciative for our members who did send in great articles or helped out with creative cover shots on a more regular basis.

With all the RBCC changes due mostly to the aging club membership and the conventions not being as well-attended as in previous years, adding Covid into the equation pretty well ensured the end of our regular events.

We truly miss having the annual conventions for many reasons. As attendees, we loved seeing all our RBCC friends in person, the camaraderie and getting to share our collecting experiences. Hearing great stories of the hunt, and just plain old news and gossip was also fun! All this, plus visiting interesting sites, going room-to-room seeing (& maybe purchasing!) some great pieces, always gave us lots more material to share as Editors. The build-up prior to the event, getting the auction info out there early, and reporting on things after the fact for those who could not attend, usually took up a couple issues. These are missed, but obviously no longer needed.

**Newsletter Submission  
Deadline is Oct 1  
for Autumn Issue**



The next phase of the newsletter will be much simpler and continue to be offered digitally. Laura Beachy will be taking over duties in 2025. She will appreciate items you send in for use in this more limited format. And of course, Gregg will continue with email blasts of any time-sensitive events that would be of interest to our members. Please continue to let us know of any events of interest to the club.

And for some happy news; as collectors, we have sure been finding some great pieces out there lately. Between the phenomenal lifetime collection auctions and the more quality eBay offerings, we've seen some fantastic pieces up for sale. I'm happy to report my long-wished-for squirrel (a milk pitcher in the cream & gray matte finish) has recently been added to our RB critters. He joined our mouse and platypus who all look quite fine together. Just a few weeks later, a cute brown rabbit joined the ensemble. I'm doing my best to keep to the smaller-sized items ('cause we live in a small house). Really, I should only be buying S+P's and salt dips, but these newly available and gorgeous, beautifully-detailed water pitchers keep up their tempting siren song!!! Silly problems, I know...

Please DO send in any articles or photos you'd like included in our "last" formal newsletter. The final deadline is October 1st. It will be an Autumn issue, tentatively out later in October.

Whatever your level of collecting, wishing you good luck in finding the RB pieces of your dreams. Have a lovely Spring and Summer Quest for all beautiful things Bayreuth!

## From Our President

*By Wib Beachy*

Hello Fellow RBCC Members,

With Winter now behind us, I trust that all of you are enjoying the warmer weather. Spring is coming into full bloom. This is my favorite time of the year, with all of its renewed sights and smells/fragrances of the trees, flowers and shrubs blossoming. It is more and more intoxicating the older I get.

As you will see in this Issue, Gregg and Kat after 17+ years are passing the baton for continuation of the Club Newsletter to Laura a/k/a Daughter Dearest at the end of the year. While the Newsletter will be in a more simplified format, it will still provide informational updates and events of importance to the Club. I want to publicly thank Gregg and Kat for the massive time and effort spent by both of them on the Newsletter in making it the fine, finished product it has become. I also want to thank them for agreeing to remain involved with the Club's website and Facebook page in addition to transmitting email blasts and publishing updated member lists with Chris so that the Club Members and the general public can stay current on all that is happening RB-wise.

As announced in the last Issue, Harold and Joeleen Passow's collection was sold by Woody Auction in early March. Sadly, soon after that sale, Harold passed away. My condolences go out to Joeleen. She and Harold were as solid a couple I ever had the good fortune to meet.

In this Issue, I have included a number of their pieces within Show and Tell, which I was able to acquire over the two days of the sale. Like the McCaslins, they knew quality when they saw it. I feel both blessed and honored to now possess these pieces because of their connection with them, just as I did and still do with those other pieces that had been owned by Bob and Mary.

In addition to what I acquired from the Passow Collection, 7 pieces found their way to me in 2024, which round out Show and Tell. They are a tall scenic Daffodil vase, an Art Nouveau silhouette dresser box, a huge scuttle mug with saying, a Stag & Doe trinket box on legs, a purple Lobster water pitcher (with an interesting red spot), a shell serving bowl or planter in a rare color variety, and a bargain fair bunny. Enjoy the wonderful photographs of all of these pieces until the next Issue in the Fall!

## Secretary's Message

*By Chris Bartlett*

Welcome spring!

Time for lots of outdoor events and flea markets and the continued hunt for that perfect piece to add to your collection. Because even if our curio cabinets are crammed full there always seems to be room for just one more...

We are delighted to welcome new member Delbert Paul Highlands to the club. If his name sounds familiar it is because his father Delbert Carl Highlands was a long-time member of the club who passed away in 2023. Delbert Paul has enjoyed the collection his father left and was delighted to join the club. He said he knew his dad would be happy to know that he cared so much about the collection.

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Since we are no longer publishing new rosters, please be sure to add his information to the one you have. Currently we have 72 memberships, representing 30 states.

I want to keep our club records up to date so if your address, phone, or email has changed please notify me at [Chrisbartlettri@gmail.com](mailto:Chrisbartlettri@gmail.com) or 401-885-5889. Thank you.

Enjoy this newsletter and happy collecting to everyone!

## Website News

*By Gregg Thacker*

Greetings Royal Bayreuth Fans! The website continues to perform well and serve as the source for all things RB. We have seen increasing traffic on the Facebook page and have been directing people to free resources on the web page to answer their questions.

As seasoned RB collectors, we would welcome your input and added topics for our "Frequently Asked Questions" website available at the link below:

<https://www.royalbayreuth.org/FAQ.html>

Think Summer!



# In Memoriam

By Gregg Thacker

Longtime member Harold E. Passow, 94, of Humboldt Iowa, passed away Sunday, March 17, 2024, at Humboldt County Memorial Hospital. His full obituary can be found at the link below:

<https://www.laufersweilerfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Harold-Passow?obId=31009210>

Harold is survived by his wife, Joeleen; son, Jon (Lori) Passow; grandchildren, Shawn (Melodie) Passow of Badger, Mallory Passow of Humboldt, Kiley Passow of Des Moines; three great grandchildren; sister Marilyn Lynch of Redfield; sister-in-law, Bonnie Passow of Fort Dodge, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Harold Eugene Passow was born on June 3, 1929, near Pioneer, Iowa. He attended schools in Jackson #3, Gilmore City and graduated in 1946 from Saint Matthew's Catholic in Clare. On January 9, 1954, He married Joeleen Watters at Holy Rosary Church in Fort Dodge.

In 1955, Harold was called to serve in the US Army where he graduated Track School at Fort Sill Oklahoma then served in Germany as a tank mechanic with the 82nd Recon till his honorable discharge in 1957. Once he returned home, Harold farmed in the Clare area until his retirement in 1998 when he moved to Humboldt. He also served as the director of Saint Matthew's Church for 20+ years and was a director on the Clare COOP board for 8+ years. He also had a passion for collecting antique furniture, glassware, and farm toys.

You may recall that in March of this year Harold & Joeleen held a 2-day auction thru Woody's. That sale included a bounty of beautiful RB along with many other fine antiques. Photos and results of that sale are still available at this link:



[https://www.liveauctioneers.com/catalog/318611\\_3-2-2024-harold-and-joeleen-passow-collection/](https://www.liveauctioneers.com/catalog/318611_3-2-2024-harold-and-joeleen-passow-collection/)

## RBCC Treasurer's Report (1/31/2024- 4/30/2024)

By Steve Bartlett

**Checkbook Balance as of 1/31/2024:.....\$4,169.35**

### RECEIPTS

**New Member .....\$30.00**  
**Total Receipts .....\$30.00**

### DISBURSEMENTS

**None .....\$0.00**  
**Total Disbursements .....\$0.00**

**Checkbook Balance as of 1/31/2024:.....\$4,199.35**

## Show and Tell

By Wib Beachy

As mentioned above, Harold and Joeleen Passow's RB Collection was sold by Woody Auction March 1st and 2nd. I was able to buy 7 Lots of that Collection. 5 came on the first day and 2 were on the second day.

First were the purple iridescent Lobster salt and pepper shakers. While unmarked, they are unmistakably RB. They are rarely seen.



Even rarer was the Chrysanthemum shaker paired with a creamer of the same series. That was only the second time I had seen the shaker. The first time was several years ago on eBay, after it or its twin had been sold. Also unmarked, its mold, colors and finish readily identify it as RB.



Of course, I had to have the polar bear creamer. Both the shape and colors are unusual, the latter since they are not set against the regular cold blue background. Indeed, there are only hints of blue within the dominant green and brown background. Even the polar region is graced by the warmer weather of Spring and Summer!



Fourth was the set of 4 demitasse cups and saucers, only one of which was mismatched. While I had seen the yellow and light lavender or pink peony sets before, the taller blue flower with underplate was a first. I invite any botanist among you to identify it for me. The lively colored daisy cup was mated with an orange blossom saucer.



Fifth, in closing out the first day, was the large Stag & Doe serving bowl. I had not encountered it as well in the past, even though I had the smaller bowl and plates of this series.

Delbert Carl Highlands again came to my mind: he loved Stag & Doe pieces.

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## Show and Tell (Continued)

On the second day, the Beetle water pitcher was a must for my older daughter, Jennifer. She loves butterflies and lady bugs. As a result, she already has all of my pieces for these series.



Ending my spending spree was my guilty pleasure – the green Santa Claus hanging wall match holder. It is a sweet piece which complements the red Santa Claus breakfast creamer and other pieces of this series shown in the last Issue.



For summer, there also are the large shell planter or serving bowl and the Stag & Doe covered dresser jar on raised legs. The former has the rarer multi-colors as well as early blue mark. The latter has the traditional blue mark.



Another covered dresser jar without legs further appears. It is an Art Nouveau piece overlaying a silhouette of a couple against a scenic rose background. It has the green export mark.



From eBay came a huge scenic floral scuttle mug with saying: “For truth I may this sentence tell, no man dies ill that liveth well.” Measuring 4 ½ inches tall and 6 inches long, it dwarfs its miniature scenic polar bear cousin, also shown.



Leading off the other pieces not from the Passow Collection is the tall scenic Daffodil vase. It is the absolute embodiment of Spring/Summer. It blends nicely with the other scenic floral vases made by Royal Bayreuth in my collection, all of which have appeared in past Issues.



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## Show and Tell (Continued)

From the Toby Museum collection came the purple iridescent Lobster water pitcher. Worthy of note on this piece is a very small spot of orange-red paint under the layer of purple iridescent paint. This strongly suggests that the regular orange-red paint was used as a base coat for the later purple iridescent paint as a finish coat.



Closing out this Issue, as was true for the Winter Issue, is an RB rabbit piece, which I've dubbed "Bargain Fair Bunny". Misidentified as a creamer, it is the milk pitcher and sold for \$85 in contrast to its smaller relative, the true creamer, which as noted in the Winter Issue sold for \$450 on eBay.

That's all for now. We'll see what shows up between now and the Fall!



## RBCC Merchandise For Sale

By Kat Thacker

In a recent studio tidying I found a few more items I'd created over the years for our club. As seen at the link below, there are an assortment of notepads, some decoupaged glass pieces with the art from our 25th, as well as some prints with art done for the conventions. Prices range from \$7. to \$65. plus shipping. Please contact me if you're interested in picking up any of these limited-run pieces.



[https://www.katthacker.com/RBCC\\_Posters.htm](https://www.katthacker.com/RBCC_Posters.htm)

