

Convention 2003



Ladies in red



Ida's bag is caught in the elevator . . . HELP!

And the Winners are. . .

Congratulations to Kim & Thomas Esker, Illinois
and Robert & Nancy Rein, Tennessee,
who won our quarterly drawings.
Your 2004 dues will be paid by the R.B.C.C.

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President's Message

By Bev Brumbaugh, RBCC, Inc. President

Hello RBCC
Members!.

I have
always

looked forward to reading Bob McCaslin's "President's Message" in our newsletter. It was insightful, inspiring, and informative. My assumption has been that the president, with his access to information and extensive experience, would magically be inspired to create this column. Well, let me tell you in the words of an old song, "it ain't necessarily so." Hats off to you Bob for all the years you so successfully authored this part of our newsletter!

First I want to say thank you to all the people who worked so hard to make this year and our most recent convention a success. Bob McCaslin, Sandy Heerhold, and Mary McCaslin — Our president, treasurer, and secretary respectively — have rendered outstanding service to our club and they leave big shoes to fill for those who will succeed them. We are indeed fortunate to have Judy Stockwell, Linda Titus, Terry Anderson, Craig Heeley, and Joanne Lundquist continuing in their positions. Their outstanding contributions will serve as a valuable resource for the rookies who outnumber veterans seven to five.

While I am on this subject Terry and Mary Anderson will be hosting the 2004 Convention in Itasca, Illinois. Joanne Lundquist and Linda Titus will be heading a new committee to recruit new members and I can tell you that Craig Heeley's creative thinking can come in handy when you need it most. I also want to thank Alvin Cappel, Joeleen Passow, and Judy White for their exceptional service on our board. These individuals will continue to be seen and

heard in our club. They haven't retired from the organization. If my memory serves me correctly Judy White was secretary when Jim Davis was president.

Also, I want to thank Judy Breece for volunteering to take the minutes at the convention meetings.

It is hard to say who works hardest at the convention, but my vote goes to those who host our Hospitality Room. Harold and Joeleen Passow, H.L. and Carol Edwards, and Bob Golmar stepped up to the plate and hit a home run for us in Cedar Rapids. From food and beverage to center pieces and entertainment, everything was first rate. And finally thanks to those whose schedule permitted their attendance at the convention. Those who were there had the added bonus of experiencing benchmark quality service from the Collins Plaza Hotel. Others could learn from them.

The annual meeting resulted in the passage of a motion which expands our potential meeting sites to the continental U.S. At the Welcoming Meeting the previous day there was a positive show of hands regarding Providence, RI as a meeting site in 2005. The major event was the election of new officers and directors.

Judy White, our nominating chairperson who worked very hard and did an outstanding job, presented the nominees on behalf of the committee. Those elected to the offices of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer respectively were: Bev Brumbaugh, Tim Sullivan, Karen Church, and Linda Nelson. Please note that after the convention Linda Nelson informed me that she would be unable to accomplish the treasurer responsi-

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bilities to which she had been elected. Carolyn Church has agreed to accept the appointment as Treasurer in accordance with the Club by-laws. Those elected as directors were: Janet Belcher, Becky Conrad, and Kat Thacker.

Our programs this year were excellent. The presentations by Becky Conrad, and Judy White on Sunbonnet Babies and Royal Bayreuth trademarks respectively generated a lot of interest and raised everyone's knowledge level about the porcelain we all collect.

The board feels strongly about expanding our membership. I have already mentioned the membership expansion role Joanne and Linda have volunteered to chair. Participation is open to all. With board concurrence I have asked Bob McCaslin to be our auction chairman for next year. His co-chair will be Tim Sullivan. Bob will cover this year's auction recap in his article in this newsletter.

Tim Sullivan reported on our web page. Look us up on the web at www.royalbayreuth.com. I think you will be pleased with the changes that have taken place, and expect more in the weeks to come.

Since our convention the Andersons and Heerholds have been working on finalizing plans for Itasca in 2004. Work is also underway for Providence, RI in 2005 and a Midwest location in 2006. The newsletter will keep you up to date on developments as they are known.

Our Officers and directors both new and continuing will need your involvement so that our future as a club may be assured.

Bobby Jo and I hope your holiday season brings you lots of joy!

*Best Wishes,
Bev*



Secretary's Message

By Karen Church

I am very pleased to have been recently appointed as your new club secretary. I hope I will be able to fulfill my duties half as well as my predecessors, Mary McCaslin and Judy White. They have done a wonderful job.

Some convention "goers" are familiar with me, but I would like to introduce myself to the rest. My name is Karen Church. I have been a nurse at our local hospital for 23 years. I joined the newly formed R.B.C.C. in 1996 but have been a collector for many years prior to this. I collect a little bit of everything in R.B. (and other things too!). My favorites are the jester, hunt scene and the blue "strawflower" pieces, but I tend to buy "anything that strikes me" that I can afford. I believe there is R.B. in every room of the house. I constantly want to learn more about this wonderful china and continue to hunt for that illustrious piece!!

We had another great convention this year. It was nice to have some new members attend and hope they will return. I think everyone had a good time. Thank you to Bob Gollmar, Joeleen and Harold Passow for their hard work in the Hospitality Room. The food was delicious. It was nice to grab a snack

and meet new friends, or catch up with old ones. We had our Annual Auction with 176 items up for sale. Bev, Rollie, and all of the auction helpers once again did a fine job. Becky Conrad and Judy White presented two R.B. programs. Becky Conrad spoke about her love, Sunbonnet Babies, and Judy White and her "team" (Bob McCaslin, Harold Brandenburg, and Art Ward) spoke about the many R.B. marks. Both programs were excellent. We had a fine banquet with "magical" entertainment. H.L. Edwards provided the table centerpieces, which were hand-made wooden vases. One person at each table was lucky enough to go home with a vase. Many thanks to all of you for making the convention interesting, educational, and fun!! I enjoy convention every year I attend. Please try to set some time aside to come next year in Itasca, Illinois. We need your participation to keep OUR club active and viable.

Cool weather has arrived and a lot of the leaves have fallen, which means the holidays are right around the corner. I hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday season!!

Karen



Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Sandy Heerhold, Treasurer

Beginning Balance 8-31-2003	\$17,094.30
Deposits	15,896.50
Expenses	17,166.78
Ending Balance 10-31-2003.....	\$15,824.02

A Note From Your Club Historian

I am always looking for articles about Royal Bayreuth or pictures for the Club notebooks. If you have any pictures from the California gatherings or the yearly conventions please send the pictures or negatives to me and I will see that they get into our archives.

*Thanks,
Judy Stockwell*

WANTED

Hair receiver to match powder box in order to complete dresser set. Dark green, 3 legged, decorated with white roses and edged with red outline of butterflies.

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Hospitality Room



Kat Thacker made these hand-painted cookies for the Hospitality Room for the convention.



Ebay And PayPal Security

Submitted by Becky Conrad

**CHANGE YOUR PASSWORDS –
OFTEN – DISGUISE THEM –
DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT –
I CANNOT TELL YOU THIS
OFTEN ENOUGH!!**

Change your password at least every 14 days, both in Ebay and PayPal. The https is supposed to be the most secure websites you can send information to. At least it is the most secure to the internet we lay people know about. PayPal has the https and so do my bank accounts. You still have to protect yourself. It is a lot like a security system. If it is out there on the market the crooks already own it and have taken it apart and can disable it. The same is true of the internet. As we use the internet we are giving the information to a crook someplace. There is a way to get it. A friend of mine, age 13, told me he could go out and get anybody's passwords he wanted to. He had tried it and was successful. Thank God he is an honest kid and will not do it. This is not true of the world today.

4:10 PM Friday afternoon. The antiques shop has just closed and I am sitting here at the computer just winding down from a hectic day. I am looking at the screen and this message comes across the screen. Thank you for your purchase through PayPal. I don't remember having purchased anything today, so I go to see what it is. I have just spent \$2500.00 for the first payment of a Rolex Watch. The next \$2500.00 will be taken from my account when the watch is shipped. I actually hyperventilated – I panicked – I am yelling – I am screaming – I am in tears - I had been hacked. On the PayPal page I grabbed at the first telephone number I could find and dialed it. A man answers in broken English. I am screaming in the telephone PayPal, PayPal, and PayPal!! I have been hacked – you took my money and I did not buy anything! The poor man on the other end of the phone

started screaming back at me that he was not PayPal! He finally calmed me down enough to get me to understand that I had the jeweler on the phone that actually sold the watch over Ebay. He told me that someone had my PayPal password, and the first thing I was to do was to change my password. He gave me PayPal's telephone number and we hung up. I got that



password changed immediately. While I am trying to figure that out, because I had not done it since I set up the account, the phone rings. It is the jeweler calling me. The man that purchased the watch called him and he asked that the watch be sent to him in Hong Kong as he was there on vacation and not at the address on the credit card. The jeweler took his name and address and then told him where to go, and he was not shipping the watch. He credited my account for the \$2500.00 and was calling PayPal and Ebay to file fraud charges and for me to do the same. All of this happened in about 2 minutes from the close of the auction. I was very lucky to have been there at the computer when it happened.

I got the nicest lady on the phone at PayPal. She talked to me for an hour and a half, calming me down, and changing both

Ebay and PayPal passwords. She told me to get a 3 x 5 index card file and have it set up as recipes. Pecan Pie is the PayPal password. Elephant Ears could be Ebay. Apple Pie could be Amazon. Yellow Cake could be Yahoo. You get the idea.

One more thing about the man in Hong Kong. His mailing address was a post office box at a cargo building at the airport. I also filed fraud charges against him, but have heard nothing since.

I have my PayPal account set up so that I keep money there for that great Sunbonnet that I just have to have if it comes up for auction, and besides I get 1.5% interest on my money. That is more than the bank pays me. They emptied \$1200 out of that account and charged the rest to my credit card, as the next \$2500 was to be charged to my credit card. This is the way I have my account set up, and by choice I want it that way.

You can bet all your antiques collection that I don't forget to change my password often. The police say it takes about 2 weeks for it to be used as it gets sold many times before it is ever used.

About 3 to 4 times a week I have someone try to get into my accounts. Without success. But if I feel uneasy about one of the strange messages from Ebay or PayPal I go change the password again just to be sure. I don't even have to look up how to do it anymore. Just remember that if you are a seller and you change your Ebay password you have to go to the auction section on PayPal and tell them what your new password is on Ebay, so they can go in and add there logo to your auctions. Use a combination of letters, numbers and those funny little things like a6)(_ - " '] # % k 3 n 9 @ ! 1 – But write it down so you don't forget what you did, or that could be a real headache.

It only takes five minutes of your time to do these little things, and you will sleep a whole lot better at night.

Board of Directors Meeting — 2:00 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25



Bob McCaslin, President, called the RBCC Annual Board meeting to order at 2:10 p.m., Thursday, September 25, 2003, at the Collins Hotel, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The following members were present: Terry Anderson, Bev Brumbaugh, Alvin Cappel, Joanne Lundquist, Bob McCaslin, Mary McCaslin, Joeleen Passow, Linda Titus, and Judy White.

Mary reported that RBCC membership is 190 (15 members did not renew membership). Linda will list new members in next newsletter (deadline December 1).

Bob reported 2004 Convention will be at the Wyndom, Itaska, Illinois. (\$99 room rate and close to O'Hare Airport)

Nominating Committee

— Judy White reported on slate: Bev Brumbaugh, President; Tim Sullivan, Vice President; Karen Church, Secretary; Linda Nelson, Treasurer

Executive Board of Directors:

Janet Belcher, Becky Conrad, Kat Thacker

Auction Committee — Bev reported 177 pieces to be sold. Auction cost \$50 approximately (postage). Bob McCaslin and Tim Sullivan will be co-chairmen of the Auction Committee next year.

2005 Convention — Provident, RI (tentative).

Adjourned 3:00 p.m.

*Respectively submitted,
Judy Breece*



Welcome Meeting 9:00 a.m. Friday, Sept. 26

Bob McCaslin called the RBCC Welcome Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., Friday, September 26, 2003.

He recognized outgoing officers: Bev Brumbaugh, Vice President; Mary McCaslin, Secretary; Sandy Heerhold, Treasurer; Alvin Cappel, Joeleen Passow, and Judy White, Board of Directors; continuing Board of Directors, Terry Anderson, Joanne Lundquist and Craig Heeley; and Linda Titus, Editor of the newsletter.

New member Dick Smelzer from Delphi, Ohio.

Don and Sissy Clingman, guests.

Becky Conrad will present a program today at 1:15 to 2:30 p.m.

Auction viewing will be from 3:00 to



6:00 p.m.

Club Auction will be from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Judy White, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, gave the slate of officers:

Bev Brumbaugh - President

Tim Sullivan - Vice President

Karen Church - Secretary

Linda Nelson - Treasurer

Janet Belcher - Board Member

Becky Conrad - Board Member

Kat Thacker - Board Member

Convention 2005 was discussed - possibility of Providence, RI.

"Show & Tell" — participation by several of our members.

Tim Sullivan noted that the website is up — www.royalbayreuth.com.

Thanks to Joanne Lundquist and Linda Titus for the brochure.

Welcomed Jerry Lamb and James Douglas to their first RBCC Convention.

Bob Gollmar thanked H.L.

Edwards for the banquet table decorations.

Chuck Heerhold moved to adjourn, seconded by Jack Biddlecome.

*Respectively submitted,
Judy Breece*



Business Meeting 9:00 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27

Bob McCaslin called the RBCC Annual Business Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, September 27, 2003. He introduced and thanked current officers and board members.

Bev Brumbaugh thanked Linda Titus for all her work on the newsletter.

Bob Gollmar and Hospitality Committee were thanked for all their work at this Convention.

Mary McCaslin — Secretary's report was read. Accepted by Jack Biddlecome,

seconded by Allen Belcher. Passed. During past year membership lost 15, gained two for a total membership of 192. There are 65 registered for Convention.





Auction report by Bev Brumbaugh — Thanked Linda, Bob, Roger, Joanne, Alma, Janet and all the people in attendance for their participation and, especially, Rolly Rosenboom, our auctioneer.



Treasurer's report by Sandy Heerhold. Ending balance \$18,187.80. Newsletter expense \$6,102.11. Miscellaneous expense \$1,000.00. Dues received \$5,040.00.

Audit Committee — Alvin Cappel stated balances were correct as of September 26, 2003. Moved to accept by Tim Sullivan, seconded by Terry Anderson, passed.

Tim Sullivan reported on RBCC website (www.royalbayreuth.com). Need information and photo spread of this Convention to put on it. Initial cost to set up was under \$1,000.00. Cost per month is \$15.00.

NEW BUSINESS

Judy White, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, gave the slate of officers:

Bev Brumbaugh - President
Tim Sullivan, Vice President
Karen Church, Secretary
Linda Nelson, Treasurer
Janet Belcher, Board Member
Becky Conrad, Board Member
Kat Thacker, Board Member

Jack Biddlecome moved nominations be closed, seconded by Chuck Heerhold.

Future Convention sites — 2004 Wyndom Hotel, Itaska, Illinois; 2005 looking into Providence, RI and Memphis, Tennessee.

Bob Gollmar moved that the group accept hospitality bids anywhere in the continental United States for a convention. Second by Joanne Lundquist. Approved.

Alan Belcher moved that we let the Board make decision for 2005 and 2006 Convention sites. Judy White seconded. Passed.

Auction — Sandy Heerhold auction sales were approximately \$13,605.

Installation of above officers.

Tim Sullivan read a card from Trudy Davis. Card will be placed with scrapbook.

Bev Brumbaugh — Announcements.
Hospitality Room next year Mary and Terry Anderson.



RBCC Board Meeting at 3:00 p.m. this afternoon.

Bob McCaslin, Chairman and Tim Sullivan, Vice Chairman of Auction 2004. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

*Respectively
submitted,
Judy Breece*



Board Meeting — 3:00 p.m. — Saturday, Sept. 27

Bev Brumbaugh, President, called the Board Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Bev will take action on the N.Y. Registration of the Club.

1. Appoint Nominating Committee plus 3 Directors (Craig Heeley and Terry Anderson)
2. 2004 Chairperson — Terry Anderson
3. Presentations at 2004 Convention
4. Entertainment at 2004 Convention
5. One article each newsletter December 1 (November 1), March-April (February 15), June (May 15), August (July 31).
6. Draw one (1) free membership for each newsletter for the following year. Need two for December newsletter.

7. Site locations 2005 and 2006.
8. Insurance for Secretary and Treasurer. Bev Brumbaugh will take care of this.

Linda Titus needs articles and photographs for newsletter.

Joanne Lundquist will put membership questionnaire on the web page. Data base will be maintained by Linda Titus.

Bev will make phone calls to the 15 members that didn't renew memberships.

Print new brochures.

Bev — Absentee phone bids. Find a buddy and be able to pay will keep it simple.

Priority Item — 2005 and 2006 Convention. Bev will check with Harriet Lamb regarding Memphis, Tennessee. Bob and

Mary McCaslin will check Lexington, Kentucky. Steve Bartlett, Providence, Rhode Island.

Received phone call 4:15 p.m. from Steve Bartlett 50 rooms at Culinary Arts School at \$100-120 per night. Catered banquet on river. Near airport. Bev will work with Steve and go from there. Board member to check on site. Reasonable expenses will be paid. Tim will work with Bob McCaslin.

Call new Treasurer and give her briefing.

Meeting adjourned 4:30 p.m.

*Respectively submitted,
Judy Breece*

Judy White's Program On Marks



Sunbonnet Babies Program At RBCC Convention

Submitted by
Becky Conrad



The design of a playful girl with a big bonnet can be traced back to illustrators who worked in the late 1800s and early 20th century.

How the First Sunbonnet Baby got started was as a challenge to be drawn.

Bertha Corbett was an artist studying in Minneapolis when the idea of the sunbonnet babies was born. She and a group of congenial artists were together in her studio, discussing matters of art in general when one of the group said, "How little expression there is to a figure in which the face does not show!" Instantly came into Miss Corbett's mind the remembrance of a tiny child that she had recently seen. It was busily occupied with some bit of childish play, and its entire head was hidden by an enormous sunbonnet. With this picture in mind, she answered quickly, "I do not think a face is necessary in order to make a figure expressive."

She was challenged to prove her point, and taking her pen, she drew her first sunbonnet baby. It was so enthusiastically received by her artist friends that she was readily induced to draw more; in fact, she fell so thoroughly in love with her own baby that she then devoted almost her entire time to her nursery flock.

By degrees the idea grew and expanded. In 1902 the first Sunbonnet Babies Primer was introduced into our schools by Eulalie Osgood Grover. Miss Grover was a well known children's author and was best known as the creator of a series of reading primers for young readers centered around

the character known to us all as the Sunbonnet Babies.

After the book of the sunbonnet babies was published, came

a primer, and the success of the primer has been unmistakable. Thousands and thousands of copies were sold, and the little people in whose hands they were placed found them a

never-ceasing source of delight. They were captivated from the first page: a sun-bonnet baby spreads wide her apron and bends forward so that only the top of her sun-bonnet shows, courtesies low and says, "How do you do?"

The illustrations were by Bertha L. Corbett and revolved around the adventures of Molly and Mae. They were two little girls whose faces were completely hidden by large sunbonnets. The primer was built around a 150 word vocabulary and later printings contained word lists to assist the teacher in picking out key words and phrases for emphasis.

The Sunbonnet Babies' primers were the first children's school book to carry the same characters all the way through the text. They were also the first to be printed in four colors and to use an improved, larger font.

And I thought the larger font was for the elder statesmen in the room to be able to see better. It was for the kids in 1902 also.

And everyone knows the "sunbonnet babies". The children in school read of them and draw them; young people send them for valentines, and older people for Christmas cards. But few among their many admirers know of the busy young woman who drew them out of her ink-well one by one, and sent, them forth on their mission of joy and cheer.

The Men in Sue's Life

They had many names - Overall Bill, Overall Andy, Sunbonnet Sam, Suspender Sam, Fisherman Jim, and many others. Sue must have a lot of boyfriends!

RB did not make anything in the overall boys that I have seen. They may be there but I don't need to start another collection. So I haven't really looked that hard.

Miss Corbett simply watched children, and in a half-hour would have caught a sufficient number of attitudes and pranks to fill out a month or two of work. Her babies

"keep store", feed the chickens, made mud pies, gathered eggs, had tea parties, visited the circus and even went up in a balloon. In fact there is nothing that real babies do, that the sunbonnet babies did not try their hands at.



The Verses & Rhymes On Sunbonnet Pieces

"I am May. See May's sunbonnet. It is my sunbonnet. Do you see May? Do you see the Sunbonnet Baby?"

"I am Molly. This is my blue dress. See my pink sunbonnet. I am a Sunbonnet Baby. Who are you?"

This is the way we wash our clothes
Wash our clothes, wash our clothes
This is the way we wash our clothes
So early Monday morning

This is the way we iron our clothes
Iron our clothes, iron our clothes
This is the way we iron our clothes
So early Tuesday morning

This is the way we mend our clothes
Mend our clothes, mend our clothes
This is the way we mend our clothes
So early Wednesday morning

This is the way we sweep the floor
Sweep the floor, sweep the floor
This is the way we sweep the floor
So early Thursday morning

This is the way we scrub the floor
Scrub the floor, scrub the floor
This is the way we scrub the floor
So early Friday morning

This is the way we bake our bread
Bake our bread, bake our bread
This is the way we bake our bread
So early Saturday morning

This is the way we go to church
Go to church, go to church
This is the way we go to church
So early Sunday morning

Going to church, not going fishing was the first thing we can find on sunbonnets. On fishing we find the picnic poem.



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*(Sunbonnet Babies Continued)***The Sunbonnet Babies' Picnic**

The Sunbonnet Babies went one day,
 For a little picnic, so they say;
 And some did this, and some did that,
 And all ran helter, skelter, scat!
 But by and by they sat them down
 Upon the river bank so brown,
 To fish for minnows with a pin,
 When Molly fell, and tumbled in!

Thursday and Friday are reversed in RB. There is no Saturday in the old Sunbonnets. Sunday is Fishing in RB and Going to Church in the original poem. The only thing that is consistent is Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Since the Royal Bayreuth factory burned in 1897 and was not open again until 1902, I am dating our pieces to have been made in the early 1900's. At the shop when I am talking to customers I get a little more creative. For them to see cabinet after cabinet of Sunbonnets, they look at each other like I didn't know they were making these again. Or I have never seen these before. Who's making this? So if I say they were made in the early 1900's, it's like yeah ok. But if I say the Sunbonnet was born in about 1875 and royal bayreuth made these up until about 1907, then they are impressed that they really are old.

I thought the process of manufacturing this piece of china was quite interesting. I found this in Sally's book from 1969.

The first firing was at 1000 degrees c for 30 hours. Next the blue mark was added (I have seen some green marks also, but not many). The second firing was at 1420 c degrees for 36 hours. Then the sunbonnet babies decal is added with water over the glaze. A portion of this decal burns away leaving only the color design during the third firing at 900 degrees c for 24 hours.



How It All Started . . .

Submitted by Fred Zumthrun and Ida Parrott

Fred and I were new to visiting annual collectors conventions, but in 1997 we attended our first RBCC as it was close to an auction we had just attended. Flying out from California can be quite expensive.

We liked the idea that we could attend an auction, go antiquing, plus take in a Royal Bayreuth convention. Whatever that meant!!!

So like two of Louisa May Alcott's "The Innocents Abroad", off we went to our first RBCC convention.

The convention turned out to be much more than we could have ever imagined. It was so informative and we met such nice people like Bob and Mary McCaslin, Roger and JoAnne Lundquist, Bev and Bobby Jo Brumbaugh, Alan and Janet Belcher, and many others that we now see outside of the convention as well.

So we would like to thank everyone for a great time and educating us about the history and accomplishment of Royal Bayreuth.

Others seem to feel the same way - Carolyn Church of Oregon credits the Sunbonnets postcards for piquing her interest in RB and was glad to meet Becky Conrad.

Carolyn says that as a newly married niece, her aunt gave her a piece of RB which she still cherishes and that the first piece she bought cost 25 cents. Prices sure have

increased since then.

Ricky Kupferer of California says that several years ago while vacationing in Lambertville, New Jersey, she fell in love with a "Little Boy Blue" dresser tray and other nursery rhymes and has been collecting RB since.

Bob Gollmar remembers going to a Woody Auction over 40 years ago where Wanda and Al Friedlich of Missouri bid for a pretty vase with polar bears on it which sold for about \$200 then. They have been collecting RB all these years. The last polar bear vase sold on ebay for thousands more.

Nancy and Mike Rublatus of Illinois remembered when Nancy's mother and she would walk across the woods to visit friends. One day she was given a RB bull creamer which had sat on a corner shelf for many years. A neighbor said, "Do you know what you have there?... It's a Royal Bayreuth!!!"

Since that fateful day in 1975, we have been on the hunt for RB wherever we go.

Bob Gollmar of Wisconsin wanted to get some small items for his gift shop. One thing led to another and he met Bob and Mary McCaslin who introduced him to the wonderful world of RB collecting.

So many stories — so little time.

It's been fun; thanks for the memories!

**To consign items for Royal Bayreuth Auction in 2004
 before the August 15, 2004 cut-off date contact:**

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Thank You

Thanks to Joeleen Passow, Harold Passow, Karen Church, Caroline Church, Judy White, Wanda Friedrick, Nancy Rubalitus, Janet Belcher, and those I've missed listing who helped in the Hospitality Room. With all of that good help I could just stand around taking credit while they did the work.

Thanks to the many who brought goodies. All were quickly enjoyed.

Thanks to Karen and Caroline Church for bringing the coffee urns.

The staff at the Hotel was the finest of any convention I have worked. I have written the Hotel and the Missouri head office as to how impressed I was with every department, and if anyone else wants to do the same they would appreciate it.

I am always happy to see the members I know, and I hope we included the new people in our events so they will feel welcomed and want to be regular convention goers.

Thanks again and may the days ahead be full of good health and Bayreuth bargains!

Bob Gollmar

**This Jester
needs your help!**

by Terry Anderson

GOOD LOOK?

Charles "Noke"

The man who did the Royal Bayreuth "Jester" pieces also added a saying to each piece. I am trying to amass all of these sayings I can. Will you help by looking at your pieces and see if you have ones other than these?

NEVER SAY DIE UP MAN AND TRY

MORE THAN ENOUGH IS TOO MUCH

A KINDLY WORD COOLS ANGER

MANY KISS THE CHILD FOR NURSES SAKE

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2004 Dues

Your 2004 Membership Dues may be paid to the Club's secretary, Karen Church.

Her address is:

110 Blackwood Street
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Also, send any change of address, phone numbers, email addresses, etc. to her as soon as possible for the upcoming 2004 roster.

The Convention of '03

The Cedar Rapids convention is over, as you know,

And wasn't it a good show?

New officers were elected to captain our ship.

So, give them a hand ... don't let them slip.

A big thanks to the officers of the past.

It's hoped their memories will last and last.

Their perseverance and hard work made the club a better one.

Now they won't have to be always on the run.

That beautiful Royal Bayreuth could be bought at the auction, high or low.

Thanks to a great auctioneer, it was quite a show.

Our club is grateful to have such a person in charge.

His contribution is so very, very large.

The Hospitality Room was a bright spot, sure enough.

Full of cookies, goodies, drinks and all kinds of good stuff.

Thanks to all those who made it such a success Without them, the days would have been longer, I must confess.

Through it all, Bob Gollmar was at his very best. A special thanks to him, the Passows and Churchs, and all the rest.

Now, one final bouquet of flowers to our newsletter editor, thanks so much, above all you tower.

Anonymous

CREDIT FOR BRINGING IN NEW MEMBERS

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J. Williams
Brenner

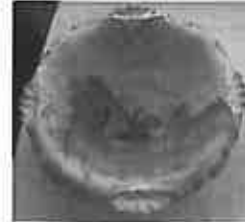
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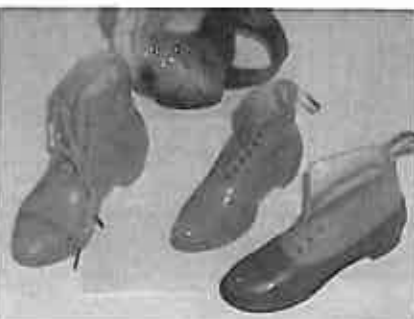
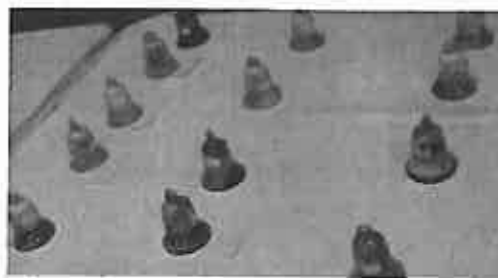
Room Viewing



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Club Auction



Show & Tell



Items found on Ebay

Submitted by Judy Stockwell

Looking at ebay recently I found these interesting pieces.

Took the pictures and saved them....went on vacation and they had gone off the computer so don't know how much they sold for but thought they were nice pictures to show you.



The Rose Tapestry Shoe has the Royal Bayreuth Blue Mark AND also GOBELIN WARE and a rising sun on the bottom.



The Swan is a not too often seen piece. Has the blue mark on it .



Plate with fish and cobalt blue and gold trim....very lovely plate



Tea pot, covered sugar and two cups and saucers with the Turkey and Boy.



Tomato Sugar and Creamer with a holder....very nice set.

More Items found on Ebay

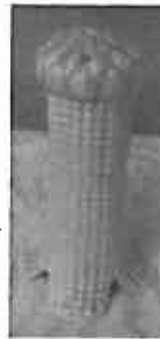
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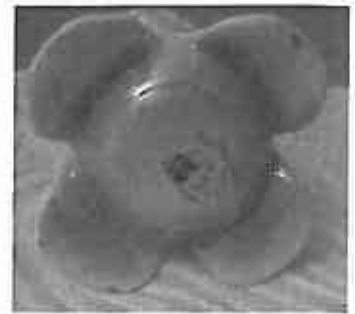
Red Devil / Black Face
Clock Plate



Pair of Brown Shoes



Hobnail Hatpin
Holder



Mark on the bottom of the Hobnail
Hatpin Holder



Flower Tea Strainer



Rose Creamer and Sugar



Pair of Pheasant Vases -
unm.



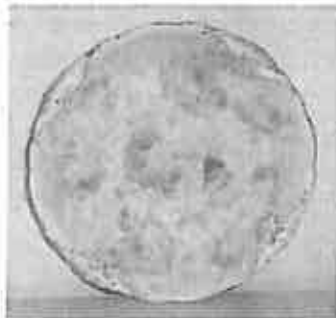
Tapestry Girl on Horse
Toothpick



Ladybug Water



Lobster on Lettuce



Rose Tapestry Plate



Lavender Poppy Creamer



New Bayreuth Teapot with Lily of
the Valley



Lobster Condiment with Spoon



Toothpick Arab, Horse,
Miniature #40 on Base



Pear Box



Roses Chocolate Set



Cup and Saucer
Girl Scene



Rose Cup and Saucer



Candle Girl 3 D



Large Bowl with Mull Girl



Chick Water Pitcher

The Banquet



Entertainment and Awards



Ice Cream Social



Our 2003 R.B. Auction

A heartfelt thanks to the R.B. Auction workers, who handled some 177 items at Cedar Rapids with their usual high level of efficiency. This not only included checking these items in, but also moving them down one floor prior to the yearly auction. It's this type of member that makes us view with hope the future of our hobby. Their friendships are most valued by Mary and me.

Your Auction Committee found the August 31 cut-off date for membership consignments does not leave enough time to get the auction lists to your editor and then out in the September newsletter. Your new cut-off date for 2004 will be August 15, 2004. Please don't forget us for 2004. You may contact Tim Sullivan, 5059 West Lake Road, Geneseo, NY 14454-9576, Phone 585-243-2967 or Robert McCaslin, 6887 Black Oak Cl. E, Avon, IN 46123, Phone 317-272-7776. We have been chosen by Bev Brumbaugh to co-chair the 2004 Auction Program for R.B. We still plan a pre-sale catalog, early check in, with pre-sale inspection by committee workers.

I am guilty of falling prey to the old law



Our Fascination with Royal Bayreuth

It all started about 1973 when Mary came home from the Indianapolis Antique Show with a turtle creamer. Sounding the sales talk about its beauty and its rarity, it's still in our cabinet showing the effects of 30 years of collecting dust. Shortly following buying the turtle, we placed a wanted list in the Antique Trader for R.B. water pitchers. As luck would have it we got a great response from a Pennsylvania collector who had most of the waters we were searching for. We were hooked and still are as R.B. became first on our want lists.

Mary became involved in the publishing of two books on Royal Bayreuth thanks to many fellow collectors who allowed us to photograph their collections either at their homes or at the publishers studio in Ohio. One of the highlights of our R.B. collecting was the month we spent in New Zealand sightseeing and picture taking for R.B. #2. Hope you have enjoyed these two books, finding the material about the Tettau factory

of unintended consequences. Around August 15th we got a call from two people wanting to put the Royal Bayreuth inherited from their mother in this year's auction. Time was short, but we were at about 86 items, so I made the necessary arrangements figuring we could use these pieces. One person gave number 21 through 64, from which we had 12 sales and 31 no sales, a second person had items 65 through 88 with only one sale and 22 no sales, the 3rd person had items 89 through 109 with 14 sales and six no sales. We thank each one of these members. None of their reserves were out of line four years ago, but the no sales indicate the softness of today's R.B. market. Our 2003 auction and many sales on e-bay also fall short of listed reserves. I am thankful for our reserve policy which keeps members from suffering financial loss during this slow R.B. market period.

This year's auction totaled \$13,585.00. The Club's 5% commission equals \$679.25. We had 100 no sales at \$10 each which equals another \$1000 plus \$679.25 total to R.B.C.C. \$1679.25. The three persons who

had contacted me put in 87 items and had 59 no sales. An effort to help this year's auction certainly turned out other than had been intended. Very sorry to have hurt the auction considering all the hard work by the auction group.

There is softness in most antique fields other than R.B. Some 5000 vintage and classic vehicles were offered for sale in Auburn, IN over Labor Day 2003 (sellers premium 10%, buyers premium 6%). The market for vintage vehicles has been soft for several years, but now seems to be turning around due to an improving economy. Ford sales in the 20's and 30's are having a positive effect on the car auction business and things appear on the upbeat to collectors of antique cars.

We can also have a good effect on the future of R.B. by buying in a soft market and taking advantage of today's great bargains.

Good Hunting!
Bob McCaslin

both educational and factual. I feel we owe much to R.B. and even more to the friends we have made by being involved with the Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club. Our hope is for more of our members to attend our yearly club conventions: 2004 in Itasca, Illinois; 2005 in Providence, Rhode Island; and 2006 in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin area. Our club could use your input.

We are facing a soft R.B. market since about 2000. All R.B. convention auctions are less than an accurate guide as to the realistic R.B. prices. By allowing owner reserves we leave the so-called selling price to factors controlled by owners' buying ability and selling for profit factors, rather than to other fair market factors found at most public auctions. Neither are we able to establish fair market values for R.B. items from E-bay listing. E-bay may only be used properly as a wholesale price guide and not as a retail guide, for instance a black squirrel milk went for \$333.33 E-bay listed sale price (whole-

sale price) while owners reserve is said to be \$6000.00 (retail price). Some will say the \$6000.00 is too high for today's market, while most of us would gladly pay the actual bid price of \$333.33 for this rare piece of R.B. Please be aware that E-bay gives you a good handle on a buyers' market but fails to reflect the sellers' market for many advanced collectors of Royal Bayreuth. Thus most E-bay listings are from 10% to 50% below retail market value. It's the never ending hope of finding that great bargain that draws us to the internet, as it puts a world market at our fingertips.

You will find an E-bay listing in this newsletter which may be safely used as a current wholesale price guide for the buying and selling of Royal Bayreuth. Now is the best advised time to jump in to a soft buying market. As many say the water's warm, let's all go for a swim!

Swimmingly!
Bob McCaslin

Porcelain Lovers' Tour

Submitted by Janet Belcher

During the third week of May, 2003, a group of twelve avid porcelain collectors met in Paris, France for two weeks of sight seeing, antiquing, and learning more about the lovely European porcelains. This trip was custom designed and initiated by Bob and Mary McCaslin with our collecting interests in mind.

There was a sense of apprehension by the group, and several cancellations due to the uncertainty of world affairs and tensions from the War on Iraq. How would Americans be received? Would we be safe? Any concerns were quickly dissipated as we were warmly received in Paris, and even thanked for traveling when political tensions ran high between the countries' leaders.

Of course Paris is a vibrant city, noted for their art, museums, and cuisine. While there, we had a day visit to the flea market at Port De Clignancourt with some exquisite porcelains, furniture, and silver as well as an array of French junk.

Day four found us traveling to Limoges, France, well known for their fine china. Even the fountain in front of City Hall is made of their notable porcelain. While in Limoges, there was a visit to the Bertaurand Porcelain Factory (and sales room), as well as a private demonstration on enamel work by a local artist. We also managed to squeeze in a visit to the Haviland sales room. (Yes, a number of boxes were shipped back to the states by the travelers.)

Further touring included castles,

lovely gardens, museums, and beautiful countryside. A touching day was spent in the Normandy area as we visited sites relevant to D-Day.

Day ten

found us departing France by way of Le Shuttle, our bus enclosed in a large train car. We crossed under the English Channel, then proceeded to Oxford. The next day we were entranced with the

Museum of Royal Worcester Porcelain. The beauty of this fine porcelain, still being made today, did not go unnoticed.

Finally, the highlight of the trip, around which all other travels were planned. We spent a full day at the huge Antique Fair in Newark-on-Trent, the largest antique fair in Britain, and is held only once a year. It consisted of a giant complex of 4000+ booths, some in enclosed buildings, but many more out in the open field. At first it was overwhelming as we followed maps to the buildings in hopes of finding the high quality items. But we quickly became subdued as we found it just as difficult to locate any hard to find item there as it is in the states. Very little Royal Bayreuth was spotted and even fewer real bargains were to be found. The wares in the field ranged from recent reproductions, to furniture, yard ornaments, and junk. After many hours of looking and many miles of walking, our general conclusion was that of disappointment. We had traveled hundreds of miles to see the same type of wares that we can see in our own local flea markets.

Although our antique purchases were few, we had a great time traveling with dear friends and gaining a deeper appreciation for the fine porcelains of the past as well as that being currently produced. Collecting just continues to be an ongoing education and adventure.



Porcelain fountain in front of City Hall Limoges, France



Treat time in France. Janet Belcher & Joanne Lundquist



Train from France to England that carried bus across the English Channel



Inside train container that carried bus across English Channel



Dinner of Fish & Chips in Oxford, England



Memorial at Utah Beach Normandy, France