



Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club

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REGISTER NOW for the 2005 Convention in Providence, RI

The 2005 convention will be held at the Radisson Airport Hotel near Providence, RI from Thursday, September 22 through Sunday, September 25. Your host committee is working hard to put together an exciting agenda with lots of special New England touches. This is one convention you won't want to miss!

The Radisson is a small hotel with 111 rooms. Of the total number of rooms, there are 38 suites, offering a living area with French doors, a wet bar, and a luxurious whirlpool bath. We have negotiated with the hotel to obtain these suites at the same cost the same as the regular deluxe rooms. To insure you get a suite, register now!

All rooms are handicap accessible. A complimentary breakfast is featured each morning. The hotel is run in conjunction with Johnson and Wales University, a world leader in hospitality and culinary education. The hotel offers free transportation to and from

TF Green Airport, 10 minutes from Providence, and 30 minutes from Newport. Check them out at www.radisson.com/warwickri.

The room rate for a suite or regular deluxe room is \$109 plus tax. To get this special rate you MUST telephone the Hotel Reservation Department directly and identify your affiliation with the Royal Bayreuth Convention. Do not

try to reserve your room through the national 800 Radisson toll free number.

The phone number for the Airport Radisson Hotel in Rhode Island is 401-739-3000.



Mark your calendar NOW for . . . Convention 2004

We hope you are setting aside the 2005 convention dates on your calendar. The dates are September 22-25. We know you will be pleased with the accommodations, programs, etc.

The Radisson Airport Hotel near Providence, Rhode Island is a wonderful hotel that is handicap accessible with free local phone calls, complementary continental breakfast, and complementary 24 hour airport shuttle service.

More information in our next newsletter!

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*President's Message*

By Bev Brumbaugh, RBCC, Inc. President

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 Bartlett's returned home to Rhode Island to prepare even more for the convention next Fall. Before they left, the rest of us

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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 west coast. Our welcome dinner was at the Belcher's high rise condo overlooking the water. The Newlands, Brumbaughs, 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, antiquing, 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!

Bev



Secretary's Message

By Karen Church



We've had a very bleak cold spell recently in Pittsburgh with single digits and wind chills below zero. Can't believe we were almost 70 degrees two weeks ago. We don't want any more rain in our area but they are calling for it tomorrow. We have had horrible flooding recently. The people who got hit in September with Hurricane Ivan have to start all over again. We've also had mudslides and hillside roads closed due to washouts, making travel a bit tricky.

I want to thank everyone for sending in their dues and also returning the roster information form with your updated information. It has been a real help!! I'll be starting to get the roster information ready very soon.

I've just sent out my second mailing for the dues renewal reminders. There are still about 40 people that need to send in dues. This is the official third notice—please get your dues to me A.S.A.P.!!

I don't know about anyone else, but I'm not finding R.B. anywhere! We ventured out yesterday and went to the Greensburg, PA antique show. I saw a couple of pieces of the blue and white dishes but NOTHING else. Very disappointing!

Hope everyone is well.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen L. Church
Sec. Of R.B.C.C.

Editor's Message

By Linda Titus

Whether you drive or fly to the convention this year, planning ahead is the key to saving money for your trip. And, of course, the more you save on travel, the more money you have to buy Royal Bayreuth! I did some checking, and some people would really benefit to start their trip itineraries now. There are some good buys with the airlines from certain cities, some not so good. But if you start checking everyday, you could save some money on your airline ticket. You could check the fares by using www.orbitz.com, but generally I find the best rates by going directly to the airlines that fly from your city to your destination city. Below are some prices I found to Providence from a sampling of cities.

Los Angeles	\$244
Indianapolis	\$192
Chicago	\$265
Phoenix	\$401
Minneapolis	\$291
Des Moines	\$295
Detroit	\$153

Good luck on your search and hope to see you at convention. It should be a wonderful time.

And the Winners are...

Congratulations to
Jill & Harry McClurg
and
Susan & Larry Rausch
who won our quarterly drawings.
Your 2005 dues will be paid by the R.B.C.C.

Florida Get-Away Review

Janet Belcher

While temperatures dropped to sub zero in Minnesota, rain pounded the west coast, snow and ice storms attacked the mid-west, 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 Belcher's, Brumbaugh's, 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 Earle's 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.

Welcome New Members

Gary Moenter

195 North Washington Street
Scottsburg, IN 47170
Home: 812-752-5676
Work: 812-752-8927

Jim Soule

PMB 153 293 St. Rt. 104 East
Oswego, N.Y. 13126
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With Sincere Sympathy

The club has learned that James Douglass and John Earle have passed away. On behalf of the officers, directors, and the membership we extend our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to Jerry Lamb and Dotty & Dick Earle for their recent losses.

R.B.C.C. Treasurer's Report

Carolyn Church, Treasurer R.B.C.C.

November 1, 2004-January 31, 2005

Closing Balance-October 31, 2004
\$9824.07

Receipts 11/1/04-1/31/05:

Membership dues- New and Renewals	\$2985.00
Hospitality Room (2004)	\$35.00
Plaques	\$ 260.00
Closing Balance Plus Receipts	\$13,104.07

Disbursements 11/1/04-1/31/05:

Radisson Airport Hotel Providence (2005 deposit)	\$500.00
Newsletter and Postage	\$1,691.55
Disbursements Total:	\$2,191.55

Closing Balance Plus Receipts:	\$13,104.07
Total Disbursements:	\$2,191.55
Checkbook Balance 1/31/05:	\$10,912.52

Auction 2005

Submitted by Tim Sullivan

September seems so far in the future but preparations for the 2005 Royal Bayreuth Collector Club Auction are well underway.

Two of the club's goals are to increase the revenue from the auction and provide a good cross section of pieces for the members. To those ends there have been some changes to the auction structure for 2005.

The first and most significant is that the Board has raised the commission for sold pieces from five percent to ten percent. The new rate is still very reasonable when compared to other methods of sale. The no sale charge also will now have the three levels of ten, twenty, and thirty dollars. The pieces that receive bids over two thousand dollars but do not meet reserve will be subject to a no sale fee of thirty dollars. Those

between a thousand and two thousand will be charged twenty dollars and those no sales under a thousand dollars will be charged ten dollars.

There was confusion concerning reserve bidding by members and their representatives at the previous auctions. In an attempt to simplify the reserve bidding, the reserve bids in most cases will be placed by representatives of the auction committee. These reserve bids will be clear to all that they are reserve bids. Those who wish to bid their own reserves may continue to do so. However all reserve bids must be listed on the consignment agreement. These reserves will be reviewed by the auction committee. The Club will make every effort to insure that all reserves are reasonable and bid correctly.

The Club needs your support by

consigning interesting pieces that will make the auction a success. Historically the auction has been the primary source of income for RBCC. If the Club is to maintain its level of service to the membership, the auction must continue to be successful. The RBCC auction is still the best and easiest way to turn your duplicate or excess pieces into the money to buy that special mold for your collection. So for the good of the RBCC, open up the cabinet doors and consign pieces to the 2005 auction.

Items for the auction must be consigned prior to August 1st. The consignor must make arrangements for the delivery of the pieces to the auction site.

To consign pieces or for more information contact either Bob McCaslin or myself using the information below.

Bob McCaslin
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317-272-7776
maryjack@indy.rr.com

Tim Sullivan
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Policies and Terms of Sale RBCC 2005 Auction

QUALITY AND AUTHENTICITY

Items auctioned should be of the highest quality possible. Your club will make a determined effort to jury all of the items offered for sale in the club auction. However the club cannot be responsible for the authenticity or condition of any piece.

The auction committee reserves the right to refuse any item including those items with reserves determined to be excessive.

OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY

The owner of the items consigned remains the owner of said item until it is sold. The owner of each item is responsible for appropriate insurance. The Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club shall not be held responsible for any loss while pieces are being held or transported for the auction.

If a reserve is placed on the item, that reserve may be bid by the owner or the Royal Bayreuth Club Auction Committee. In both cases the dollar amount of the reserves must be included on the Consignment form. Consignment forms must be in the possession of the auction committee by August 1st.

AUCTION COMMISSION

A ten percent commission will be charged for all items sold at the auction.

If a reserve is placed on the item and it does not sell then a buy back fee or no sale fee will be charged. The amount of the buy back fee or no sale fee will be determined by the table below.

Items Bid No Sale Fee

Final Bid	No Sale Fee
\$0 to \$1000	\$10
\$1000 to \$2000	\$20
over \$2000	\$30



eBay Security Update

Submitted by Becky Conrad

Remember my article to change your password every two weeks? Well, these days that is just not good enough any more. Twice a day, I have to run Ad-A-Ware, Spybot, Window's Update and Norton's Live Update. Twice a week I run Norton's Anti Virus Scan, and once a week I thoroughly scan disk and defragment the computer.

A friend of mine has the same as I do except for McAfee and that should make no difference. She changed her password every two weeks just as I had suggested. There was a culprit in Great Britain who got through her computer and was tracking what she was watching and bidding on, which in this case was mostly Royal Bayreuth. One day last week just as she had 21 auctions going off line on eBay they closed her auctions and her ebay store. Seems this unreliable critter had racked up over \$400 in ebay sellers fees, so due to unusual activity ebay closed it. They had gotten her password even though she was changing it. It is called a keystroke counter storing the clicks.

I have learned from this activity in watching my own emails that there were attempts to break into my system, whether they were successful or not I have no way of knowing but I am sure watching carefully. I sent one to ebay last week as a spoof email and they came back and said it was not spoof but someone trying to get a keystroke counter onto my activity.

I have items on eBay for auction and when I get a question from an eBay buyer I used to look at it to see what they wanted. Wrong. This is how they are getting to the good person selling. A person asked me for more pictures. I told them they had all sides and there was nothing left to do. Yesterday, three days after the auction closed, they again asked for pictures. I knew then it was a bad email. What I am going to do from now on is not answer any email sent directly to me about an item and answer only the mark on my ebay selling page that says I have a question from an eBay buyer. I don't know what else to do. The email sent directly to me was through eBay and was the official looking page. There is a column on

the My eBay page that says # of questions and that is where I will reply to these questions from now on. Don't know what else to do? Any suggestions are welcome.

eBay suggested to Joanie (yoanikins) that she change her user ID also. I have asked three different computer gurus I know and they all say that is not necessary - unless you are hacked, then get rid of it.

Passwords need numbers & squiggly things in addition to letters. It is hard to remember what the heck I am using this week, but that is why I have a 3 x 5 card index file next to the computer with A-Z folders. Like recipes Pineapple Upside Down Cake is my Paypal password. Easy Bake Cookies is my ebay password. Then if somebody steals your recipe book they can't decipher your lingo.

Guess this all means that we are going to have to change our ebay and paypal passwords every week from now on. What a pain. Also, remember that your passwords ought to all be different for each site. If not, when they get one they got you good.

eBay Prices

Submitted by Becky Conrad



7 1/4" Jester
Handled Candle
Stick \$438.99



3 5/8" Pinched Spout Pitcher
of the Dancing Frogs
\$113.50



4 1/4" Maple Leaf Milk
Pitcher \$375.00



Devil Dice Cup and Card
Saucer \$257.00



Watermelon Luncheon
Plate \$88.00



3 1/8" Devil and
Cards Salt & Pepper
Shakers \$355.00



7" Large
Devil & Card
Chamberstick
\$7,100.00





Yellow Clown Milk Pitcher
\$500.00



Whimsical Horn with Hunt Scene
\$237.80



Ladybug Milk Pitcher
\$2,191.16



5" Flounder Milk Pitcher
\$1930.00



Rose Tapestry Berry Bowl Set
\$405.00



6" Pelican Water Pitcher
\$355.00



Child's Tea Set of Ring Around
the Rosey \$268.20



Dueling Roosters
Condiment Dish \$327.00



3 3/4" Red Devil Creamer
\$430.77



Red Poppy Hat Pin
Holder \$438.99



3 1/4" Pink Rose Tapestry Shoe
\$311.66



7" Red Poppy Covered
Mustard Jar \$95.00



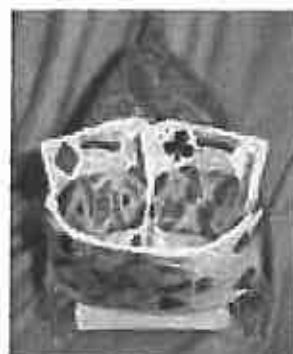
7" Figural
Candle Holder
\$627.77



Seal Water Pitcher
\$1,802.00



Sheep Vase/Toothpick
Holder \$31.00



5 1/4" Devil and Cards Wall
Match Holder \$438.99



Hair Receiver of Snow
Babies Sledding
\$128.49



10 1/2" Bowl of Man with
Donkey \$975.00



Perched Butterfly Milk
Pitcher \$868.66



Ladybug Water Pitcher \$1,932.77



Royal Bayreuth Club Fundraiser Plaques



This attractive plaque with a Royal Bayreuth mark on the back was made at the Royal Bayreuth factory in Germany for the club. The cost is \$20.00 which includes postage and handling and all the funds go to benefit the club. Every collector should display one of these with their collection. They make great gifts. Your check should be made out to Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club, Inc. and sent to Becky Conrad with the number you are ordering. This is an excellent opportunity to buy one to display with your RB collection or give to a friend, and also to help the club at the same time.

Mail Order form and Check or Money Order to:

Becky Conrad
12355 N. Upper Lake Drive
Monticello, IN 47960 - 4748

Number of Plaques Ordered _____ at \$20.00

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Send To:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Don't forget to enclose your check. Becky will forward it to the treasurer.

