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THE ELUSIVE EGG CUPS

There is not much information available on the egg cups pictured here. Below you will find a photo of three 2 1/4" egg cups in Ray Reiss' "Red Wing Art Pottery Two including pottery made for RumRill." Some egg cups were marked Red Wing and some were not. The photo on the right is of an unmarked egg cup. The egg cups were not included in any known

catalog. The Reed pattern had egg cups, which were marked Red Wing, and have the characteristic Reed ridges.

It is speculated that the egg cups in the photo below may be the same vintage as the Bob White line because the glazes have the same speckles as Bob White and Round Up. 



The three egg cups shown here are marked Red Wing. The eggs and rabbit items in the background are not Red Wing items.



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COLLECTING RED WING STONEWARE COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASS

*By: Dave and Diane Hallstrom
and Larry Peterson*

There are many ways to share your Red Wing collection with other people; sharing stories, displaying your collection in your home, belonging to one of the state Chapters, selling some pieces or teaching a class. Teaching a class? It is not as intimidating as it sounds. Many cities across the country offer Community Education classes where people who don't necessarily teach for a living share their skills, talents and passions with others. These kinds of classes offer a relaxed, fun atmosphere that allows people to learn more about a specific topic in a short period of time.

The city of Red Wing offers a diverse array of classes in the Community Education department. On February 26th, Dave and Diane Hallstrom and Larry Peterson taught a Community Ed class on collecting Red Wing stoneware. Teach a class on Red Wing stoneware in Red Wing?

Absolutely. There are many people who live in Red Wing and the surrounding communities that are vaguely familiar with the Red Wing Potteries but do not understand the history or value behind it. The city has also continued to grow and the new residents may not be aware of the significance the Red Wing Potteries.

The Community Ed classes are similar to the educational groups that are held during Convention and MidWinter. Dave, Diane and Larry all partnered to share their knowledge with a class that was

held at the RWCS Foundation Museum. The participants had a chance to learn about the Red Wing Potteries in the actual building where it all started plus have a chance to see an up close view of the items on display in the museum.

This is also a great way to share your knowledge and introduce people to the Red Wing Collectors Society. We all have a stake in ensuring that the Red Wing Collectors Society continues into the future and new members are a key component to making that happen.

Go ahead and check with your Community Education department to find out how you can teach a class on Red Wing. You may find that you will meet some new people and have a chance to talk about your interest in the Red Wing Potteries and collection! Here is a brief summary of the topics and information shared in the class.

Collecting Red Wing Stoneware was the first in the series of classes that will be offered on the history of products made by the stoneware companies of Red Wing, Minnesota. There was an in-depth look at the earliest pieces of utilitarian stoneware through the later years of art pottery and dinnerware. The goal was to offer an educational and entertaining class to gain knowledge and values of a national collectable. They toured the museum, had identification and show and tell time, plus answered questions.

This class focused on the Stoneware

products. The other classes focused on Art Pottery and Dinnerware.

Dave and Diane Hallstrom, lifelong Red Wing residents, have been collecting Red Wing pottery and stoneware for over 20 years. They have been actively involved with the Red Wing Collectors Society presenting seminars, displays, and previously chairing the annual Convention for 8 years. They are presently on the board of the Red Wing Collectors Society Foundation, and volunteer their time at the Red Wing Pottery Museum.

Larry Peterson is a charter member of the Red Wing Collectors Society and co-author of two Red Wing books. Owner of Larry's Jugs in Red Wing, which is an antique shop dedicated to Red Wing Stoneware and pottery. He has been actively involved with the Red Wing Collectors Society presenting seminars, displays, and previously chairing the education committee for 8 years. He is presently on the board of the Red Wing Collectors Society Foundation, and volunteers his time at the Red Wing Pottery Museum.

The class format followed a chronological sequence, beginning with the history of the Red Wing Pottery; The Red Wing Stoneware Company, Minnesota Stoneware, North Star Stoneware, Union Stoneware, Red Wing Union Stoneware and eventually ending with the Red Wing Pottery.

An explanation of the clay in the surrounding areas detailed what made the natural resource so valuable. Then examples were used to show the different types of glazes used and the variety of markings and decorations that make some pieces today highly collectible. The museum had many of the different product lines displayed, which added to the information presented.

Of course the class wouldn't be complete without addressing the lunch hour pieces and why Red Wing is still very collectible and the value appreciates every year. The class attendees also learned about the Red Wing Collectors Society and the Red Wing Collectors Society Foundation Museum. 

Dave Hallstrom discussing the history of the Red Wing Potteries.



MEMBERSHIP

A Primary membership in the Red Wing Collectors Society is \$25 annually and an Associate membership is \$10.

There must be at least one Primary membership per household in order to have Associate membership. Members can pay for more than one year membership fee when renewing.

Contact the RWCS business office for additional details.

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April	March 1	March 10
June	May 1	May 10
August	July 1	July 15
October	September 1	September 10
December	November 1	November 10

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Clifford Ekdahl, Dave and Diane Hallstrom, Al Kohlman, Ron Linde, Larry Peterson, Ray Reiss, Con and Sandy Short, Dave Short.

THE REAL AND THE UNREAL

Ever have one of those moments where you really want to believe what you own or are about to purchase is really an authentic piece of Red Wing? It has happened to the most seasoned collector at one time or another.

Mary Bang, a member of the Gopher Chapter, presented the keynote presentation at MidWinter GetTogether. She had a unique way of sharing the presentation with the other members of her Chapter, and they made the presentation interesting and entertaining. Mary called it "True Confessions."

There were several different areas Mary covered- ceramic hobby, deliberate fakes, respectful replicas, look alikes and genuine Red Wing embellished.

One of the keys to knowing whether your item is authentic is to look at the date and any markings that there are on the piece. The Red Wing Potteries closed in 1967. By looking at the date, you could save yourself a lot of time and frustration. There are many instances where old Red Wing molds were sold and re-used, and

the name Red Wing was never scraped off the mold. Mary showed an example of a mug that was embossed Red Wing USA but had a date of 1980. Compare the item with another of the same type to see if the size is the same. It has been shown that some molds were made from an original piece, making the replica slightly different in size.

Some pieces are so well done that you really wish they were Red Wing items. Examples shown were dinnerware pieces, a small brown pitcher and a Louisville pottery cruet. Rick Allen had samples of the swans with the baby, which he is not sure they are real. Earlier and later swan pieces were identified by signatures but he believes that they are Red Wing.

Mary had a cup attached to a



Mary Bang with examples of real and unreal Red Wing items.

saucer that she bought at her neighbor's garage sale. She passed the piece around the audience so people could see the poor glaze and paint job that was on the piece. There was a donkey basket that looked real but once you compared it to the authentic one, it was easy to spot the fake. Another example was the art pottery snail; one was real and the other had eyes that were different and no bottom marking on it.

Commemoratives are also items that should be looked at carefully.

(Below) This is an authentic Red Wing pitcher that someone embellished with gold paint. (Right) The ashtrays differ in size.



ADVERTISING ASHTRAY

The ashtray produced by Red Wing Pottery for The Old Mill restaurant in Austin, Minnesota is just one example of the advertising pieces that were produced by the Red Wing Pottery. The Old Mill restaurant remains in operation in Austin.

The Old Mill ordered the ashtrays in the early to mid 1950s. The ashtrays were reported to have been produced in fleck pink, fleck blue, fleck yellow and fleck green. 🍷

Volunteers are needed for KidsView activities and items for the KidsView auction.
Please contact Wendy Calliccoat or Sue Jones Tagliapietra for more information.
Contact information listed on page 2.



THE REAL AND THE UNREAL (continued)

A large giraffe for sale in a shop was very well done and priced accordingly. It was marked Red Wing but also had a signature of "Nancy-1975." A dead give-away. Mary encouraged people to ask questions if you are not sure. Many sellers are uninformed and would appreciate being told if the piece they are selling is not authentic and why. Some dealers just do not care. You need to look out for yourself. Other examples of respectful replicas were a set of birch bark canoes, which were a Puget Sound replica.

A sample of an embellished piece of Red Wing belonged to Larry Roschen. He had a small pitcher that really was a Red Wing. Someone had taken the original and decided that it would look better with metallic gold painted highlights on it. He also had a pair of shakers that were different sizes

and had different holes in the tops. The shaker colors were true Red Wing colors and he was not sure if they were lunch hour pieces or not. His suspicion is that they are hobby pieces.

A Town & Country teapot was sold on Ebay and purchased on the premise it was a true Red Wing. Once the teapot arrived to it's new owner, he discovered that it was painted under the glaze, not over like true Red Wing style. Red Wing did not mark the Town & Country pieces so if you see one marked, it is a hobby shop piece.

A rare lion was purchased at a Show & Sale and discovered it was not authentic. This was an example of really wishing the lion was a true Red Wing. Mistakes can be very costly at times to collectors, so try to educate yourself as best you can! 🍷

RWCS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2003 NATIONAL EVENTS

July 10-12: Annual Convention - Red Wing, MN

2003 CHAPTER EVENTS

April 26: Trail's West Chapter Red Wingers (Missouri/Kansas) will meet at Puffy's Restaurant in Maple Hill, Kansas at 3:00 p.m. The business meeting will be followed by an auction. Members should bring an auction item to donate and proceeds will go to the Chapter.

April 28: Southwest Redwingers Meeting at Schneenan's in Phoenix, AZ

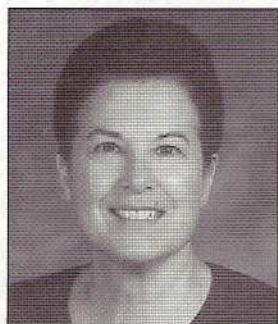
June 7: Golden State Meeting in Fair Oaks, CA

June 8: Puget Sound Meeting location TBD

July 10: Summer Chapter Meeting: Red Wing, Minnesota
Distribution of pre-ordered 2003 Commemoratives

CLUB NEWS

from the
President



CORRINNE REED

On behalf of the members of the RWCS, a special thank you to Education Manager, Sandy Short; the RWCS office staff, Kay Wilshusen and Marcia Hislop; the Educational Seminar presenters; Show and Sale Support Staff, Cindy and Pete May; the Show and Sale participants; the RWCS Board members; and all of the many volunteers for another great MidWinter GetTogether! A little bit of snow can never keep dedicated Red Wingers from getting their annual MidWinter fix – not even a whole lot of snow!

Time is growing short for signing up to sail on the very first RWCS Caribbean Cruise. The change of the Carnival itinerary to include Costa Maya and Belize described in the last Newsletter is fantastic. What a great opportunity this RWCS Fundraiser activity is to help us to work toward accomplishing some of the Vision 2010 goals. With your participation and Carnival's matching funds program, the Society has the potential of making this a very unique and profitable fundraising venture.

A big thank you to outgoing Convention Display Support person, Barb Brown, for her years of work and service for the Society in this position and to Sioux Landers, Julie and Glenn Beall for volunteering to assume the position. 🍷

KIDS OF ALL AGES CAN GET INVOLVED AT CONVENTION!

The Red Wing Collectors Society continues to be on the cutting edge of one of the most important movements in the collecting industry. As we continue to expand and look for new and creative ways to get young people involved, we are asking our members for their ideas, suggestions and support. The KidsView seminars are once again going to be a highlight of the July 2003 Convention.

There are several interactive events in the works for KidsView 2003 that will get the whole family excited and involved. Returning, by popular demand, is Plate Painting, Clay Modeling, KidsOnly Auction, and Decorating a Special Pottery Piece.

All kids registered for Convention can take part in the seminars and activities. We plan on having educational seminars about Red Wing Dinnerware, Art Pottery, Stoneware and Advertising Pieces and Commemoratives. We will continue to have several activities at every session that will relate to all age groups.

Don't leave the kids behind. They want to learn about Red Wing pottery, too! In order to encourage families to participate in all Red Wing events, kids who attend the KidView seminars will receive a free voucher to attend the barbecue/picnic Friday evening.

There will be an opportunity for parents to leave their child(ren) for supervised activities during the first two hours of the auction. The number of volunteers to provide supervision will limit participation in this event.

Make sure you review the Convention schedule for more information about all of the seminars and events.

An important element of the KidsView seminars is the unbelievable support from members. Last year there were over 100 kids at the KidsOnly Auction. When people heard and saw the turnout for the Auction, people donated their own pieces or went out and bought pieces to donate for the kids. The donated item does not have to be perfect and Stoneware was a big hit last year.

Once again we are asking for the assistance of members. As this program grows, so does the need for items for the KidsView auction and activities, Red Wing plates for decorating and people who are interested in volunteering to help. We found out last year that the kids liked Stoneware and "real Red Wing". Common items are preferred as the kids recognize them. Any size plates work for decorating and the pattern that work best are Majestic, Tweed Tex, Restaurant China or the tan fleck. If you are able to donate item, funds or time, please contact Wendy Callicoat or Sue Jones Tagliapietra. It is your generosity and participation that has made KidsView such a success! 🍷

Correction - We would sincerely like to apologize to Bonnie Myers, who was kind enough to research and share the "Red Wing Art Pottery" article in the February, 2003 Newsletter issue, for incorrectly spelling her last name.

CHARTER MEMBER HAS NEVER MISSED A CONVENTION

There are many die-hard Red Wing members across the country who love their Red Wing pottery. Can you imagine being at every single Convention since the beginning? We had the honor of meeting Kathryn (Kay) Schroeder at MidWinter. Kay is Charter Member #36 and we visited with her and asked her to share her thoughts on how the Red Wing Collectors Society has changed since that day in 1977 when she attended the first gathering.

Kay and her husband John saw an ad in the "Antique Trader" magazine about a gathering of people who had an interest in Red Wing Pottery items. Kay called Dave Newkirk and asked him about the \$6.00 registration fee, what it covered and what was the refund policy. Kay and John had some Red Wing stoneware pieces and crocks and they were familiar with Red Wing, being from McFarland, Wisconsin. So they traveled to Red Wing, Minnesota that summer afternoon with a big blanket and a picnic lunch to meet with the other Red Wing enthusiasts. Kay couldn't believe that some people were even selling pieces. They attended the banquet at the St. James that evening and had to stay at a hotel in Ellsworth, as there were no rooms available in Red Wing.

Kay has attended the Convention every year since and they regularly sold pieces at the Convention Auction or Show & Sale. She also plans to go on the RWCS Cruise next November if everything goes as planned.

When asked what she thought about the RWCS today, she remarked that there have been some growing pains but that is common when an organization gets as large as the Society is today. The Convention and MidWinter's are not as intimate as they were in the beginning but also the facilities have grown to accommodate the larger membership. She believes the RWCS is on the right track and it helped when the organization became a non-profit group.

"It is amazing that the Red Wing Collectors Society has kept growing all these years. We need to continue to reach out to all new collecting members and focus on the kids. They are the future of the Society. Belonging and collecting together can pull families together, which is fabulous!" said Kay.

The panel of speakers who were part of the 25th Anniversary Convention last year were very interesting to Kay. She enjoyed hearing from the people who were



Kay Schroeder, Charter Member #36 at MidWinter.

an important part of the Red Wing Potteries in the past and learning what role they played in history.

"If I still had all the items I had 25 years ago, I'd be financially set," said Kay.

Kay is still active in selling and has three booths and a display case in a Madison, Wisconsin antique mall. She sees the demand for Red Wing as cyclical and things ebb and flow in popularity over the years. And she would know. 

MEMBERSHIP REVIEW

There must be ONE Primary member (\$25/year) in each household who will receive the RWCS Newsletter.

If there are other RWCS members at the same address who choose not to receive the Newsletter, they can choose to become an Associate member (\$10/year).

Primary and Associate members can order commemoratives, participate in the annual Convention, Auction and vote in RWCS elections.

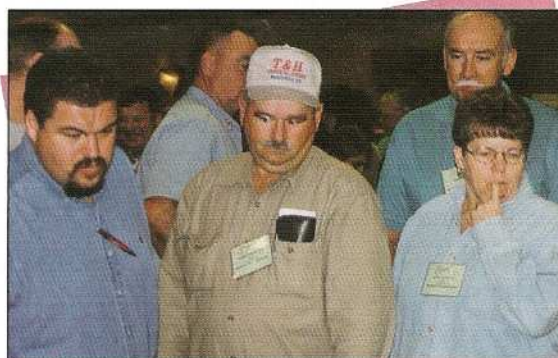
MID WINTER GET TOGETHER BROUGHT OUT OLD MAN WINTER

The 2003 MidWinter GetTogether in Des Moines, Iowa, had 337 people make the trek. Freezing rain and fourteen inches of snow couldn't deter avid Red Wing collectors.

The weekend was filled with learning, buying, selling and visiting with collector friends.



Standing room only at a seminar.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR MUSEUM?

By Ron Linde

For those of you who have not been able to stop by the Red Wing Collectors Society Museum lately, we wanted to share with you some exciting news. The displays have been updated again to include different pieces the visitors can learn about and enjoy. Through the Museum windows, a roll top office desk and wood-burning stove are surrounded by an extraordinary donation of Red Wing jars from 4 to 25 gallons. Also the Board has begun work on the new addition to the Museum. In the new room, there will be a display area where Red Wing Chapters will be invited to create displays of Red Wing Stoneware, Art Pottery, and Dinnerware.

Also new on loan to the Museum is a fine display of Hamm's Beer promotional bears and the buffet set, including two of the rare dinner plates (pictured here). The Hamm's buffet set came in a box marked "Sky Blue Water Buffet Set". Forest Richardson, President of Red Wing Potteries from October 1955 until in 1957, produced a brochure* that was enclosed with the Hamm's set. Here is the text of that brochure:

"We at the Red Wing Pottery have been commissioned by the Hamm's Brewing Company to design a set of pottery that would not only depict a refreshing outdoor theme of the 'Land of Sky Blue Waters,' but also provide a serviceable barbeque-buffet set that would complement the name that it carries as well as be a tribute to the workmanship here at Red Wing, of which we are so proud."

"All of these pieces are decorated individually by hand. We are the largest hand decorating pottery in the United States and we pride ourselves on our workmanship. We are especially proud of this line of pottery ware. So much, so in fact we are currently conducting tests to determine whether or not we can introduce this on a national scale. If these tests prove out, you will see this pottery on the shelves of the finest stores throughout the country."

"We hope you are as proud of this pottery as we are, and based on our eighty years' experience in this business, we are sure that you will get many hours of enjoyment from it."

Also to help the Museum as it continues to develop, Wally Armstrong, Representative At Large for the RWCS, has started a memorial fund. In loving memory of his wife, Wally created the Jesse Armstrong Memorial Fund for the

Foundation. With nearly \$1000 already donated in her memory, the Board is using these early donations to complete the front for the new display room. Donations to the Jesse Armstrong Memorial Fund can be sent to RWCS Foundation, 317 Bush Street, Red Wing, MN 55066.

As you might know, all Red Wing Collectors Society members are members of the Foundation. The nine-member Foundation Board has three open seats each fall.

If you are interested in being a Board member, applications are available from

John Key, President, RWCS Foundation, 1930 Launa Avenue, Red Wing, MN 55066.

The Foundation Museum is on the move! Be sure to visit on your next trip to Red Wing. 

Special thanks to Diane and Dave Hallstrom for sharing the Hamm's promotional brochure.



CLUB NEWS

from the
Business Manager



KAY WILSHUSEN

Des Moines rolled out a huge blanket of snow for the MidWinter GetTogether! It didn't dampen the spirits of those present – 337! Nothing like being snowbound and surrounded by Red Wing pottery!

Many thanks to our volunteers and managers for another successful event. Kudos also to the Four Points Sheraton for going all out for us.

Switching gears, we are now knee-deep in Convention forms! I am pleased to announce that Julie and Glenn Beall are the new Display Room chairpersons for this year's Convention which is July 10-12, 2003. If you wish to display any items, contact them at gbeall@logonet.net or (712) 644-2256.

Please see the notice on Primary/Associate memberships on page 7. 

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR 2003 CONVENTION

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

- Morning Board of Directors meeting (open to the public)
- Outdoor brat feed at Pottery Place Mall (sponsored by Pottery Place Mall)
- Early badge pickup at brat feed

CONVENTION

Red Wing High School

THURSDAY, JULY 10

- Orientation for First Timers
- Chapter Presidents Meeting
- Commemorative Distribution
- Keynote Address
- Chapter Meetings
- Kids' Seminars
- Sales of Educational Material
- Shared Interest Groups
- Narrated Bus Tour of historical Red Wing, including a visit to the "Clay Pits"
- Display Room Viewing
- Evening Auction

FRIDAY, JULY 11

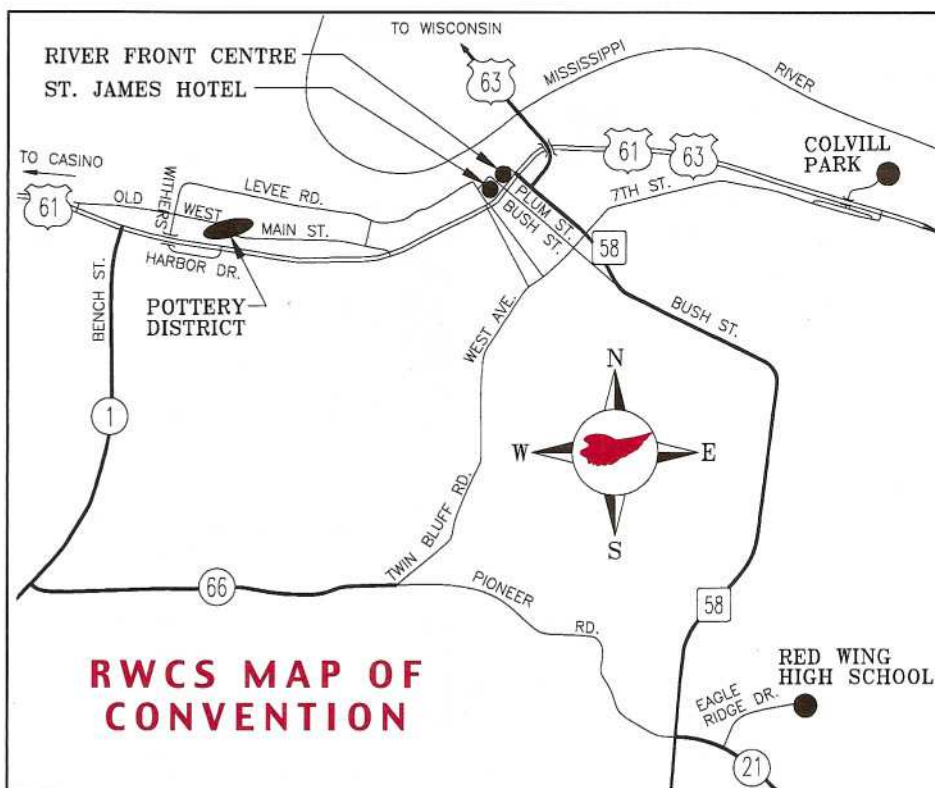
- Orientation for First Timers
- Commemorative Distribution
- Adult and Kids' Seminars
- Sales of Educational Material
- Display Room Viewing
- Annual Business Meeting
- Picnic at Colvill Park (sponsored by Red Wing Chamber of Commerce)

SATURDAY, JULY 12

- Commemorative Distribution
- Show and Sale
- Commemorative Lottery
- Evening Banquet - St. James Hotel

SUNDAY, JULY 13

- Early entry to St. James Hotel brunch



THE NEXT CHAPTER FOR THE KIDS VIEW ACTIVITIES

We have talked about the importance of getting young people interested in the Red Wing Collectors Society and continuing the appreciation for the history and the items produced at the Red Wing Potteries. This summer at the annual Convention, we will introduce a new KidsView activity that is unlike any other and lay the groundwork for creating history.

With the goal of opening young people's eyes to a different aspect of history and the RWCS, we will begin to create a book put together by the young people at Convention, with the goal of eventually having it published some day. One of the objectives is to teach the kids how a book is produced and the subject will be collecting. This is a multi-year project where the kids will add to the information for several years. Kids of all ages can be involved in this unique project.

To help coordinate this groundbreaking project is a published author who has been nationally

recognized for her work.

Heartwarming children's books written and self published by Nancy and Mark Bestmann have beautiful watercolor illustrations by Gini Bunnell. Nancy Anderson Bestmann was born in Mankato, MN, the second child in a family of eight children, and graduated from Mankato State University with a degree in Accounting.

In 1974 Nancy married her childhood sweetheart, Steven Bestmann and they both began their financial careers at that time. In 1992 Nancy and Steve said goodbye to the corporate life and moved to rural Grove, Oklahoma to manage farming operations and to devote more time to raising their child.

In 1996 Nancy began to write and self published her first book "Where Does God Sleep Momma?" In 1997 she produced her second book, "Plant Your Dreams My Child". In 1998, Mark Steven at age nine was inspired by his mother and provided the story line for

"The Only True Incredible Me!".

In 1999 the book "Nana, Will You Write Me From Heaven?" was published. A fifth book "A Child Said a Prayer Tonight" was published in September 2001. Nancy has sold over 50,000 copies of her books, mostly to local gift stores and recently in Sam's stores across the nation.

Nancy is committed to helping children's organizations and has used her books in fundraising activities. These organizations have raised more than \$40,000 by buying books at deeply discounted prices and selling them for charitable activities.

Nancy has committed to attending the 2003 RWCS Convention to work with the kids and the RWCS in this ambitious undertaking. Make sure that you plan to bring the entire family this summer and take part in the next chapter of Red Wing history! We will provide additional information in the next issue of the Newsletter. 

SWIM WITH THE SHARKS

Have you ever been close to a shark? Want to be? YES? If this is one of your secret dreams, you can if you join us on the Collectors Seminars at Sea cruise this November. (RELAX-if choose to dive or snorkel at Sharks' Alley in Belize, you'll see nurse sharks-the ones that aren't dangerous). NO? In fact, ABSOLUTELY NOT!!! RELAX—you don't have to!

You'll have many activities to choose from during your cruise. You can talk to friends-new and old-while you enjoy the pool or a beautiful beach. You can read, you can ride a horse and, yes, you can swim with (or without!) sharks and stingrays. But to do any of these things, you have to sign up! You won't believe the price when you look at what's included (cabin, food, all tips, travel insurance, collectors seminars, pottery collectible, shirt, taxes, etc.) What a deal!

If you don't have your packet of information, call the Red Wing Collectors Society today.

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Don't wait another day. The price will last only as long as our cabin allocation lasts.



Secretary RWCS
SUE JONES TAGLIAPIETRA

Four Points Sheraton

Attending: All board members, Kay Wilshusen, business manager, Gail Rosenthal and Cindy Taube, Newsletter Editors, guests, Glenn Beall, Pete and Cindy May.

Meeting called to order at 1:05 p.m. on Friday, February 14, 2003.

Moved and carried to approve the minutes as mailed.

Item approved by e-mail prior to the board meeting was the approval by the Southwest Chapter to use a RWCS protected logo on a commemorative.

Historian's report by Steve Brown – the poster sales on Ebay and presentation at the Minnesota Historical Society meeting.

Business Manager report by Kay Wilshusen.

The review of the January financial report.

Moved and carried to accept the Executive Board recommendation that the 2002 interest money donation in the amount of \$13,032.76 be distributed as follows: 90% to the RWCS Foundation in the amount of \$11,729.48 and 10% to the Goodhue County Historical Society in the amount of \$1,303.28.

It was decided not to take on the additional project of sales of decals at this time.

July Convention:

Communication with members will change because of the number of people who no longer receive newsletters.

St. James Hotel for the banquet is reserved for July 12, 2003 and will seat 300.

Mary Overfield will work from March 6-May 15th to do data entry.

There is now remote access to the

business office phone during Convention.

Carnival Cruise – 23 people have signed up for the cruise, it is now open to the public.

Julie and Glenn Beall are willing to take over the support position of Display.

New showcases are here for displaying the commemoratives and charter member plaque.

Membership: Active members as of 2/1/03 – 6,207; 2/1/02 – 6,473.

Newsletter distribution 02/03/03 – 5,989

Auction Manager report by Jeff and Paulette Floyd – Old auction catalogs will be put into sets. The treasurer will determine if there is any insurable interest with resulting insurance needs for auction.

Commemorative report given by John Tremble – 2003 commemorative is in process, production will be reduced to 7,000. The production of special commemoratives for past years was outlined.

Education report given by Sandy Short
Sue Jones Tagliapietra will provide the specifications and costs for the LCD projector at the May Board meeting.

Chapter Reports –

Gopher Chapter met and dug in the dump.

Southwest having a road show in Arizona.

Nebraska - Moved and carried to allow the Nebraska Chapter use of the RW logos for the making of their commemorative for 2003.

Trailswest Chapter is working on by-laws.

Montana Chapter, a mailing was done regarding reorganizing.

Michigan – pursuing people willing to be officers.

Representative at large reports – Chapters are doing well.

Southwest wants a greater amount of involvement with the representatives at large.

Moved and carried to approve mileage reimbursement for all board members in performance of duties of the RWCS.

Old Business

The annual evaluation of the Newsletter was completed and feedback given to the editors.

The Primary/Associate membership fee structure was discussed and reviewed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. and called to order at 8:05 a.m. on February 16 by Corrinne Reed.

Moved and carried that Old Business agenda items, Approval of Auction/Commemorative/Education Job Descriptions and Procedure Manuals be tabled until the May meeting.

Newsletter Editors, Cindy Taube and Gail Rosenthal met with the board to address items identified in the evaluation of the Newsletter. Specifically addressed were the:

White space issue – the amount of white space is consistent with other publications and is consistent with industry standards.

Authors of articles – The majority of times the author is listed unless it is specifically requested by the author to not use the author's name. Reference sources are always listed

Prices and Scoops – This is a very popular with the members and would like to keep it. It is very exciting for members and is an avenue to collect information about prices and the large geographical area that Red Wing is found.

Any articles that have been published in previous newsletters can be reprinted with that author's permission.

Newsletter review process – The process used now with the Vice President and the Historian reviewing this before it is published.

There was a request to create a PDF file to provide to the web site to keep for a year and then publish on the Internet.

Pricing Index based on quantity produced was presented to the board for review.

Moved and carried to accept the Executive board recommendation for renewal of the Newsletter contract with Cindy Taube and Gail Rosenthal (dba as Creative Communications) for 2 years beginning January 1, 2004

through December 31, 2005, not to exceed the cost reimbursement listed in the compensation page as presented at the February 2003 board meeting by the Newsletter Editors. Two nay votes cast by Wally Armstrong and John Tremble.

KidsView Proposal for Show and Sale – A special table at Show and Sale for kids may be pursued in the future.

Approval of the 2003 Business Manager Documents:

Moved and carried to approve the Business/Convention Manager position description for 2003 as amended by the Executive Board.

Moved and carried to approve the 2003 Business/Convention Manager evaluation as amended.

Moved and carried to approve the Guidelines to be followed for completing Business/Convention Manager evaluation form 2003 as amended.

Moved and carried to approve the 2003 Guidelines and Expectations of the Business/Convention Manager.

Vision 2010 Report. The historian will discuss recommendations with the RWCS Foundation Board. A survey will be available for the members at July Convention.

The by-laws will be revised to reflect changes in names of stoneware names.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting is May 17-18, 2003 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted
Sue Jones Tagliapietra
Secretary, RWCS

Please note: These minutes are condensed and not edited or approved by the RWCS Board of Directors. Members seeking a full set of minutes may either refer to the RWCS Website or send a SASE to Sue Jones Tagliapietra, 2219 Lakeland Ave, Madison, WI 53704

**Glenn and Julie Ellen Beall
will be 2003 Display Chair.**

**Volunteer displayers are
needed. Please contact us at
215 W. 7th St.,
Logan, IA 51546-1221
(712) 644-2256, or at
gbeall@loganet.net.**

HEMMINGWAY HOUSE

*By Mike Robinson,
Golden State Chapter*

We had the pleasure of traveling to Florida recently for a convention. After the convention we drove from the Tampa area all the way down to Key West. One of the tourist things we did was to visit the Hemmingway House in Key West. Although he left the house in the early 1930s for Cuba, his second ex-wife and family occupied the house for many years, and now it is substantially the way he left it.

All of his writing was done in the studio shown in the photo below.

He would rise early, write approximately 700 words, and then spend the rest of the day fishing, relaxing and drinking in his favorite pub five blocks away.

To our surprise, a bronze beverage server from the Red Wing Concord Line was sitting on the top shelf of the bookcase. It did not have a cover, so it could have been used with almost any of the patterns in the Concord Line. As the Concord Line dates after the Hemmingway's departure, it was probably left by his family. 🍷



*Hemmingway's bronze
beverage server from
Red Wing.*

CONVENTION LODGING

Start planning now to attend the annual July RWCS Convention in Red Wing. For lodging information, contact:

Red Wing Chamber of Commerce • 1-651-388-4719

Red Wing Visitors & Convention Bureau
1-800-498-3444 or visit www.redwing.org

Rooms in Red Wing have a tendency to sell out in advance, so to make your stay as convenient as possible - call early!

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES

CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified ads are 15¢ per word;
\$3 minimum charge.

Ads are divided into the following sections: *Red Wing For Sale, Red Wing Wanted, Other Pottery For Sale, Other Pottery Wanted, Events, Clubs, Auctions, Publications, Announcements and Services*. You will not be charged for these words, but please indicate which section your ad should be placed in. If ad is to run in more than one issue please indicate at time of placement.

Please type or print clearly and proofread before submission.

DISPLAY ADS

Display Ad Size	1x	6x
Full page	\$400	\$360
1/2 page (horizontal or vertical)	200	180
1/4 page	100	90
1/8 page (includes typesetting)	60	45

Display Ad Dimensions

Full Page	7½x10
1/2 page (horizontal or vertical)	7½x4½
1/4 page	3½x4½
1/8 page	3½x2½

Display Ads are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The publisher reserves the right to refuse ads for any reason.

The Newsletter is produced on a Macintosh in Quark XPress. Ads must be supplied electronically as an EPS or TIFF file for Mac. Be sure to include all fonts used. If you are unsure about acceptability, inquire with the Editor. Quotes supplied for design and makeup if needed; there is a \$50 minimum. Unformatted or unreserved ads will be treated as classifieds.

DEADLINES

Issue	Advertising Deadline
February	January 10
April	March 10
June	May 10
August	July 15
October	September 10
December	November 10

EDITOR ADDRESS

Send all ads with payment. Make checks payable to **Cindy Taube** and mail to: Creative Communications
27950 Bayview Drive
Red Wing, MN 55066

We can't accept checks made out to the Red Wing Collectors Society.

CLASSIFIEDS

RED WING FOR SALE

60 Gallon 6" Wing w/Red Wing Stoneware Oval - \$2,895.00, 60 Gallon Lid - \$1,695.00 or both for \$4,400.00. Call Chuck 507-263-0352 or Fax 651-777-0437.

1986 Commemorative - \$300.00.
Commemoratives 1990 through 2000, Mint Condition - \$1,200.00.
Phone 937-372-0596 EST. 4/03

Random Harvest 6½" Pitcher - \$50.00, 8pc. Snack Set, 8½"x12" Trays, each tray has four compartments, holds a matching cup, colors burnt orange, green, brown, chartreuse - \$300.00. Call 605-342-7337.

Dinnerware, Fruit Pattern - 41 pcs. including Serving Dishes - \$500.00.
Red Wing Lids, 1 Gal. Button, 1 Gal. Bar, 2, 3, 4, 10. Also 8 Gal. with Two Chips Out (have chips) Best Offer. Meridian, ID. 208-855-0867. Will deliver dinnerware.

2 Gal. Winona Adv. Jug - \$325.00, 2 Gal. Brown Top Wing Jug - \$250.00, 1 Gal. Fruit Jar - \$1,000.00. Phone 701-749-2586.

Commemoratives: 1983-\$525; 1984-\$375; 1987-\$100; 1988-\$100; 1989-\$275; 1990-\$95; 1991-\$100; 1992-\$90; 1993-\$90; 1994-\$85; 1996-\$120; 1997-\$110; 1999-\$70; 2002-\$100. Also, Red Wing Newsletters - December 1990 thru October 2001-\$30. Call Evenings: 320-253-2696.

Handles and Wooden Lids. Send SASE for flyer to: Larsen's Collectibles, 757 120th Street, Hampton, Iowa 50441-7555. Phone 641-866-6733. 4/04

Complete Set Commemoratives, 1986-2001 (16 pieces) - \$1,800.00, original boxes and tags. Also, (1) 1997 - 20th Anniversary Commemorative Butterfly Crock - \$70.00; (1) 1999 Koverwater Commemorative - \$75.00; (2) 1998 Iris Pitcher - \$70.00 each; (2) 2000 Water Pitcher - \$75.00 each. Pat Kikos, 208 W 1st St., Jordan, MN 55352. Call 952-492-3205. 6/03

Commemoratives: Mint Condition. Complete set 1977-2002 - \$8500 plus shipping or pick up at Convention. Call 388-9494. 6/03

Commemoratives: 1985 thru 2002 - \$2,000.00. Call 651-388-3982. 6/03

RED WING FOR SALE

Service for 12 - Bob White - Tampico - Normandy - Pink Plum Blossom. Can deliver to Convention. Orville Holm, P.O. Box 1994, Clarkson, WA 99403 - Phone 509-751-0948.

Commemoratives 1979-2002 - \$4,900.00. Single Commemoratives (20th Anniversary) 1997-\$150.00; 1996-\$150.00; 1998-\$125.00; 1999-\$75.00; 2000-\$75.00; 2001-\$75.00; 2002-\$75.00. Red Wing Books and Price Guides Stoneware Collectibles - 1985, Guide to Markings - 1979, Dinnerware - Stan Bougie - 1980, Dinnerware - Ray Reiss, Potters & Their Wares - Bonnie Tefft, Art Pottery - Ray Reiss, Newsletters 1995-2002 (one missing). Prices plus shipping. Marvin Meyer, Box 16, Tyndahl, SD 57066. 605-589-3503. 6/03

RED WING WANTED

1980 Red Wing Convention Button, Call 507-826-3314 or lombardalnsk@smig.net. 6/03

Spongeware Casserole Lid; 7" Cap Bowl Lids; Blue Refrigerator Lids; Mini, 1/2 and 1 Gallon Advertising Jugs; Mason Jars; Pantry Jars; 2 Gal. Water Coolers; Advertising Butter Cocks. Call or Write: John A. Dougherty, 1792 Walden Pond Dr., Ft. Pierce, FL 34945. 651-775-3376, Fax 651-777-0437.

7" Cover to fit a 7" Sponged Cap Bowl. Call 715-792-2240 or email me at: iamtater@yahoo.com.

CLUBS AND PUBLICATIONS

Two great books: Red Wing Stoneware (NEW 2002 values) and Red Wing Collectibles (2001 values). \$9.95 each or \$17.95 for both plus \$1.25/\$1.75 postage, respectively. Quantity discounts available. Gail Peck, 2121 Pearl, Fremont, NE 68025. 402-721-5721. 12/03

Red Wing Potters & Their Wares - \$18.95. Companion Price Guide - \$2.00. \$2.25 Postage for both, \$.65 Postage for Price Guide, if ordered separately. Bonnie Tefft, W174 N9422 Devonwood Rd, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051. 261-251-1415. 12/03

AUCTIONS

Tuesday July 8, 2003 - 3:30 PM National Guard Armory Red Wing, MN. A good variety of Red Wing Artware to include Vases, Wall Pockets, Planters, Candle Holders, Ash Trays, Donkey & Bird Ash Receivers, 3 Birch Canoe's, Birch Log, Cookie Jars, Badger & Gopher on Football, Figurines, Commemoratives, Cherry Band Adv. Pitcher, Sponge Adv. Pitcher, Sponge Bowls, Spongeband Custard Cup, Birchleaf 5 Gal. Jug, plus more. Catalogs available June 1st at \$5.00 each. Houghton's Auction Service, 1967 Launa Ave., Red Wing, MN 55066 - 651-388-5870.

Wednesday July 9, 2003 - 3:30 PM National Guard Armory Red Wing, MN. 400+ piece to include: Various Stoneware pieces including Salt Glaze, Birch Leaf, Elephant Ear & Wing Crocks, Lids, 6 Gal. Water Cooler w/fountain, Landers Bros. brown top jug, Spongeband panel bowls, Greyline, Commemoratives, RW Art Pottery including 5 sets of 1929 blue ink stamp Vases in 3 sizes, Peasant Couple Figurines, and a good assortment of Brushware plus more. Catalogs available June 1st at \$5.00 each. Houghton's Auction Service, 1967 Launa Ave., Red Wing, MN 55066 - 651-388-5870.

SALE IN THE STREETS OF RED WING

There will be an Outdoor Antique Flea Market held in the streets of historic downtown Red Wing on Sunday, July 6, 2003. It begins at sunrise and will go until 4 pm. Please note that items for sale must be antiques or souvenirs. This event will kick off the week of the Annual Red Wing Collectors Society Convention, with events occurring all week around town and the official RWCS Convention beginning Thursday, July 10th at the Red Wing High School, Red Wing, Minnesota. Thousands of visitors and attendees will be in Red Wing during the Convention. This is the perfect event and audience to sell your items to, so don't miss out!

A \$50.00 donation to the Red Wing Collectors Society Foundation secures a 20'x 20' space to display all of your wares. You will be able to rent 2½' by 8½' tables for \$10 each and chairs are only \$1 each in case you do not want to haul those items. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis so don't wait. For more information please contact:

Red Wing Collectors Society Foundation Fundraiser
c/o Diane Hallstrom

787 Hallstrom Drive • Red Wing, MN 55066
Phone 1-800-554-9639 • Email: diahall@redwing.net

RWCS CONVENTION FLAGS

During the Annual Convention, the RWCS will have a strong presence in downtown Red Wing. Large vinyl flags can be sponsored by members or Chapters and will decorate the downtown streets. The cost to sponsor a flag is \$115.00. The flags will have the sponsor's name and can be decorated with images of stoneware, dinnerware, or a simple art pottery design. The double-sided flags are high quality and durable, with a tan background, a burgundy logo, and the name in green. After the Convention week the flags will be stored in Red Wing and hung up annually for following Conventions.

This is a great way for individuals, families, Chapters or companies to show their support of the RWCS. Please send a check (payable to the Red Wing Collectors Society) for \$115.00 per flag with the flag design or logo, to the RWCS, PO Box 50, Red Wing, MN 55066-0050. Deadline is May 10th, 2003.

Pottery Place Mall Has It All!

Brat Feed

Wed., July 9th - 11am-3pm

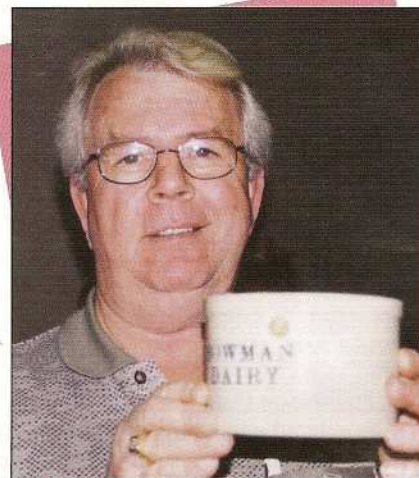
Show & Sale Begins

Thurs., July 10th - July 12th

For pre-registration contact:

*Arlone Crowson • Pottery Place Antiques
2000 West Main St. • Red Wing, MN 55066
651-388-7765*





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