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ABOUT THE COVER



The cover photo of a plate with tree decorations is a rare experimental piece. It was hand decorated and considered an official company test piece. The sample plate was created by Charles Murphy.

Photographs provided by Ray Reiss. The plate is shown in Reiss' "Red Wing Dinnerware Price and Identification Guide," page 40. 



REPAIR & RESTORATION REGISTER FEATURES RED WING ARTICLE

This fall we were contacted by the editor of "Collectors Journal", Connie L. Gewecke, to see if the Red Wing Collectors Society was interested in participating in a special section. This special section called "Repair & Restoration Register" was included in the October 19th issue of "Collectors Journal."

This sixteen page supplement has information from experts across all fields of collecting and antiques. In reviewing what would make the most sense to send, we decided that an article that was written by RWCS member Larry Roschen would make a good submission. The article, "Caring for stoneware", was featured on page three of the supplement. It was a full page article.

The article was a good primer on how to clean Red Wing dinnerware. It also talked about important features of clay, how to use bleach and remove greasy stains on dinnerware.

The article ended by sharing information on the RWCS and how to get additional information on joining or where to visit the website.

This article is another example of how placement in national publications can help keep the awareness of the RWCS in the forefront of collectors across the country. It also establishes the RWCS as an organization that has an active membership and a wide range of experts in all areas of Red Wing collecting.

Other topics covered include articles on auto restoration, doll renovation, vintage costume jewelry care, beaded purses, ceramics and glass, silver storage and a course in porcelain and pottery restoration. We hope that the RWCS will be featured in future issues of this guide.

We would like to encourage all members to share their knowledge and expertise about Red Wing items. You do not have to be a scholar to share practical information that both new and long-time members will find useful. Please contact the RWCS Newsletter editors for more information on how to contribute. 

PRELIMINARY RESULTS RWCS 2004 SURVEY

*Survey results shared
by Interim President
Sue Jones Tagliapietra.*

There was an outstanding response to the RWCS 2004 survey with nearly 700 completed surveys returned representing about a 12 percent return rate. The percentage of returns far exceeded our expectations and gives us a sample size that will allow the Board and committees to get valuable insight for future activities.

You will be receiving information about the results of the survey at MidWinter GetTogether and the July Convention as well as in future Newsletter articles. I did want to share, as promised, some preliminary results regarding the demographics of those who returned the surveys.

In addition to the yes or no answers to the questions, a number of members took the time to respond to the narrative portion of the survey. The narrative responses give us information regarding ideas about:

- *Changes/Articles for the Newsletter*
- *Topics for Seminar Presentations*
- *Alternatives to the Banquet*
- *Recruiting New Members*
- *Commemorative Production*

The Board, Office staff and Support Positions as well as the two special committees are reviewing the information relevant to their area of responsibility.

I want to extend my thanks to everyone who took the time from your busy schedule to complete the survey. Your responses are extremely valuable and will assist the RWCS in continuing to be an organization that is responsive to the needs and wishes of the membership.

As I mentioned earlier, you will continue to receive more in depth information about the survey results as they become available. If you have a particular interest in any area of the survey, please feel free to contact me. 

SURVEY RESULTS

Age of People Responding to the Survey:

49% are in the 51-65 year old range
26% are in the 66 + year old range
23% are in the 26-50 year old range

Number of Years Were A Member of RWCS

41% have been a member 10- 19 years
30% have been a member 1-9 years
18% have been a member 20- 26 years
3% are Charter members
2% have been members less than 1 year

Primary Type of Red Wing Collected

75% primarily collect stoneware
11% primarily collect art pottery
8% primarily collect dinnerware
4% collect all three

Access to the Internet

81% have access to the Internet

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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NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Issue	Text/Editorial	Advertising
February	January 1	January 10
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

EDITORIAL BOARD

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THE MAYO CLINIC CONNECTION

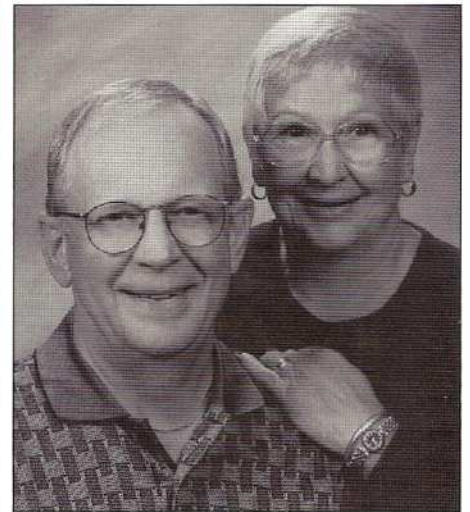
The link between the Red Wing Stoneware Company and the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota was found in the Tissue Registry department. It is basically a library. Rather than books, it stored tissue and specimen's removed from patients in surgery and autopsies conducted at Mayo Clinic since 1905. It is still the largest tissue registry in the world today. A tissue registry is the most valuable source of material for clinical education and research work in anatomic and surgical pathology. The specimen's were placed in muslin bags and then submerged in 20 gallon crocks filled with formalin (a 10% formaldehyde solution). By 1971, there were 3,600 of the Red Wing stoneware crocks

being used. Smaller 1, 2 and 3 quart crocks and 1 gallon crocks were also used.

The Mayo Clinic began to use the Red Wing crocks in the late 1800s to the 1970s. There was a variety of crocks used; some were salt glazed and some had birch leaves. Of the crocks, over 90% were wing crocks purchased after 1905. It has been reported that through the years a total of 5,600 or more of these crocks had been used. All the crocks had covers and in later years, special crocks without wings and a unique flat cover were designed specifically for Mayo's use. In case you were wondering, no koverwates were ever used.

The crocks were stored on large shelves. The combination of crocks, specimens and liquid (formalin) resulted in tons of weight. The older crocks kept he formalin quite well. But after a long period of time the wing crocks began to leak. In the 1970s Mayo ceased using the crocks due to the weight and leakage factor. Mayo then decided to convert to plastic containers for the storage of specimens. From 1985 to the present, sealed plastic bags were used.

In the mid 1970s the used crocks were



Chuck and Donna Hanson

offered to Mayo Clinic employees. Up to 1,000 of the 20 gallon crocks with covers and 800 to 900 other crocks, with holes knocked in the bottom were offered. The crocks were to be used only as planters. It was discovered that some were sold on the secondary market and others were used for purposes other than a planter. Since the crocks once held formalin, they were unsafe for any other use. Mayo then took 3,600 of the 20 gallon Red Wing crocks and their covers to the dump and smashed them to pieces.

We have always found this Red Wing Potteries and Mayo Clinic connection to be very interesting and a part of the history of the Red Wing Stoneware Company. We would like to acknowledge Darrell Ottman and Michael Oelkers from the Mayo Clinic Tissue Registry for contributing information to this article.

Chuck and Donna Hanson 



Pictured are the large Red Wing crocks with the flat covers. The one and three quart crocks are on the shelves above.

THE JOHN H. RICH

There was another link between the Red Wing Stoneware Company and the Mayo Clinic that is very interesting. In the 1890s, the Red Wing Stoneware Company shared its office with the John H. Rich Sewer Pipe Works. In 1896, the J.H. Rich Sewer Pipe Works joined the Red Wing Sewer Pipe Company and became the Union Sewer Pipe Company. This was like a similar arrangement between the Union Stoneware Company. The companies formally merged into a single company called the Red Wing Sewer Pipe Company in 1901. John H. Rich, one of the presidents of the Red Wing Stoneware Company, was also the chairman of

the Forest Products Company, located in Red Wing. This company owned a 220 ton stern wheel raft boat named the "John H. Rich."

One of Mayo's founders, Dr. William J. Mayo, had a friendship with John H. Rich of Red Wing. Dr. William J. Mayo also had a great love of the Mississippi River. In 1910, Dr. William J. Mayo devised a plan to buy the well used, 220 ton stern wheel raft boat called the "John H. Rich." The plan was to purchase the boat from the Forest Products Company of Red Wing, Minnesota, in partnership with John H. Rich, the company's chairman and his brother, Dr.



Charles H. Mayo. There were also two other Mayo Clinic doctors involved in the partnership, for a total of five owners.

The stern wheel raft boat was totally renovated to be a pleasure boat. It was renamed the "Oronoco" and was used for rest and relaxation and to unwind with their family and friends on the Mississippi River. 🍷

TRADER VIC MAKES HEADLINES

In the October issue of the RWCS Newsletter, we had a fun story and pictures that featured Trader Vic pieces. The October 19, 2004 issue of "Collectors Journal" had their own article on these items and classified them as "zany characters of the ad world." The article was by Mary Jane Lamphier and titled, "Trader Vic's Menehune."

She describes the legends of the Polynesian Islands inhabitants, called the Menehune, as playful elves that were 2 to 3 feet tall and were shy forest dwellers who worked through the night. The Trader Vic restaurants were represented by Menehune in various forms. Lamphier goes on to discuss the history of the restaurant chain and the various items that were distinctly linked to Trader Vic. The character mugs, salt and

pepper shakers, swizzle stick ornaments, tall Tiki tumblers and other items were found to be very collectible in today's market.

It is always exciting to come across information that links the Red Wing Collectors Society with items and stories in national publications. 🍷



Note from a member

Dear Red Wing Collectors Society:

After reading the latest article on Trader Vic in the October Newsletter, I was surprised to find out that the African figurine salt and pepper shakers might be Red Wing.

A close relative of mine has had a pair of these unique shakers for years. I went over to show the article to them and examine the shakers for any identifying marks. They are both exactly like your photo and marked, "Trader Vic" on their backs. Upon turning one upside down, a sticker that said, "Japan" was attached to the bottom. I laughed about this and decided to write you about it. The age old adage still applies, "Buyer Beware."

*Sincerely, M. Romanaggi
Milwaukie, OR*

CLUB NEWS

from the
Education Manager



DIANA BAILEY

The MidWinter Education sessions and Keynote Address are well into the final planning stages. Come prepared for Living History Narratives by two of the Society's most talented, well-informed and creative members!

You will also have an opportunity to learn about uncommon Red Wing, as well as be the first to hear updates on ground-breaking Gypsy Trail research.

Please do not make any "cracks" about plans for a session on Stoneware Repair & Restoration!

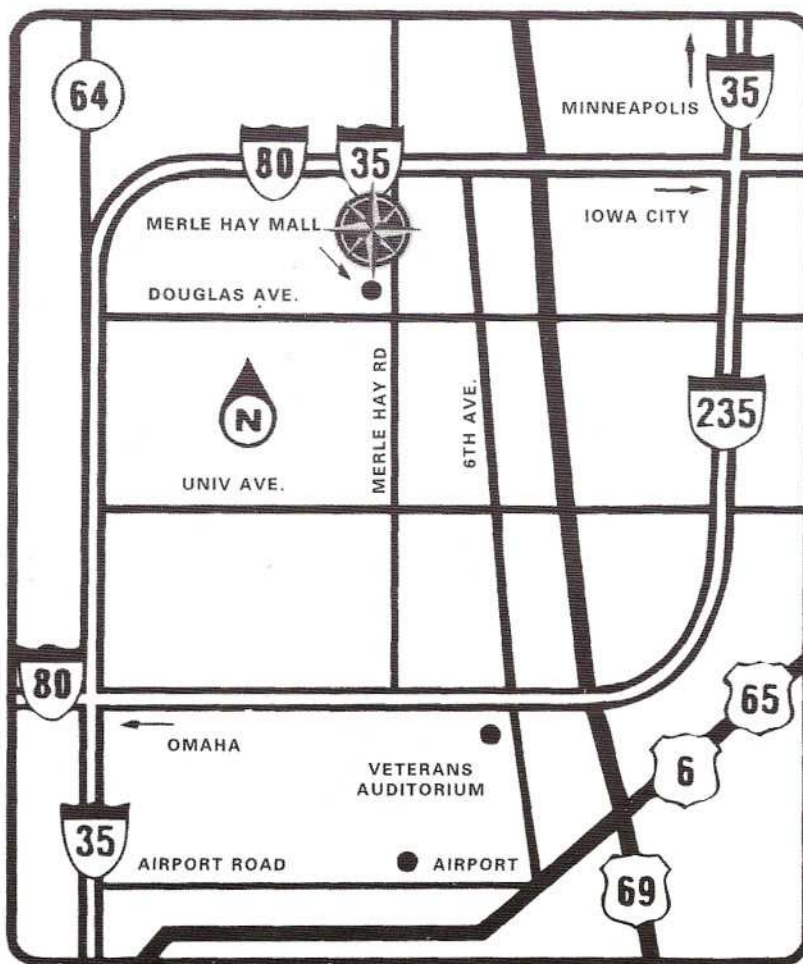
Society Interim President, Sue Jones Tagliapietra, will provide valuable insight into the data collected from the recent survey of Society members!

Be there - inquiring minds want to know! Volunteer - it's never too late! 

GET READY FOR MidWinter GetTogether

Make plans to attend the RWCS MidWinter GetTogether at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel North from February 11th to the 13th, 2005, in Des Moines, Iowa. Contact the hotel directly for room information at 1-800-325-3535 by January 21st, 2005 for special room rates. This is now the fifth year in a row that the MidWinter GetTogether has been held there, and it continues to meet the needs of all the members who attend.

You can be assured that the RWCS MidWinter GetTogether will offer plenty of fun, education and the chance to either start or add to your collection. There will be a general session and then several different educational seminars on Saturday the 12th. These sessions include the opportunity to hear experts on the topic share their thoughts and answer questions in an informal setting. 



*See back page for MidWinter GetTogether Registration Form.
Hurry - deadline for pre-registration is January 21, 2005.*

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Four Points Sheraton Hotel - Des Moines, Iowa • February 11-13, 2005

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Board of Directors Meeting	1:00 - 5:00 pm	
Registration	1:00 - 8:00 pm	Lobby
Hor d'Oeuvres & Cash Bar	7:00-11:00 pm	
Room Sales	Afternoon/Evening at Hotel	

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Registration	7:00 - 10:00 am	Lobby
Deluxe Continental Breakfast	7:00 - 8:30 am	Lobby (seating in Salon B)
General Session	8:30 - 9:30 am	Salon C
Education Seminars 1st Session	9:40-10:30 am	Rooms TBD
Education Seminars 2nd Session	10:40-11:30 am	
Show & Sale	1:00 - 4:00 pm	Heartland Ballroom
Houghton's Auction	6 pm	Heartland Ballroom

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Continental Breakfast	7:00 - 9:00 am	
Board of Directors Meeting	8:00 am - 12:00 pm	Iowa Board room

TENTATIVE EDUCATIONAL SCHEDULE FOR MIDWINTER

We are planning to have the Saturday morning General Session from 8:30-9:30am. The first round of educational seminars will be from 9:40-10:30am and then the second round of the same seminars will be from 10:40-11:30am. That will give attendees the chance to attend a couple different educational seminars.

MID WINTER HOTEL INFORMATION

Four Points Hotel & Suites

by Sheraton

4800 Merle Hay Road (see map),
Des Moines, IA 50322

Phone 515-278-4755

For reservations call 1-800-325-3535 and be sure to indicate that you are a RWCS MidWinter attendee and / or a room seller.

Deadline is January 21st, 2005 for the block of rooms (up to 4 guests per room). Floors 1-4 are designated non-smoking and floor 5 is smoking.

TYPES OF ROOMS

Standard: 2 types (2 double beds or 1 king bed) at \$61 plus 12% tax.

Junior Suite: 1 king bed and 1 sleeper sofa (about one and a half rooms with the bedroom area bigger and the living area smaller) at \$92 plus 12% tax.

Extended Stay Suite: 1 king and 1 sleeper sofa (the size of one and a half rooms with the bedroom area smaller and the living area bigger) at \$102 plus 12% tax.

Family or Parlor Suite: 1 king and 1 sleeper sofa (the size of two rooms with a big dining room table and a kitchen area) at \$123 plus 12% tax.

Whirlpool Suite: at \$143 plus 12% tax.

AUCTION MANAGER NEWS

Happy Holidays! At the October RWCS Board Meeting, the Board discussed some changes in the RWCS Convention Auction. As a result of a Board vote, we have changed the commission rates on the Convention Auction.

Beginning in July 2005, we will no longer have a 12% commission rate. We have changed to a sliding scale commission rate. The new rates are as follows: items selling for less than \$100 will be charged a \$10 minimum commission. Items selling from \$100 to \$2499 will be charged a 10% commission. Items selling from \$2500 to \$9999 will have a 7.5% commission. Items selling for \$10,000 and over will have a 5% commission.

Eva Zeisel Display at the Milwaukee Art Museum

Famed Red Wing designer Eva Zeisel made a special appearance at the Milwaukee Art Museum on November 7, 2004. She was there to sign her books and also to participate in a Q&A session following the showing of Jyll Johnstone's film, "Throwing Curves: Eva Zeisel." The museum will be featuring Zeisel's collection until February 6, 2005.

For additional information, you can contact the museum at mam.org/exhibitions or call 414-224-3200.

Information provided by the ACC News Service, www.collectors.org.

WHAT DO YOU DO WITH A 100 GALLON CROCK?

You plant it! With sidewalls over one inch thick, the diameter in excess of thirty five inches and over three hundred pounds in weight the crock was just too big for anyone's house. It wouldn't fit through any regular door. Bob Cox had it in his garage for over a year. It was in our garage for a similar stay. Finally one day we hooked a chain down through the center drain hole and just planted it next to the garage. The carriage made a great cart for the arc welder in our shop. It hasn't grown yet but we're watching it.

Jack & Sonja May, Colorado 



IOWA CHAPTER DISPLAY

Photo of the Iowa Chapter Display featured at the 2004 RWCS Convention. The theme of the display was "Iowa Advertising Red Wing At It's Best". The display contained 88 pieces of outstanding advertising owned by 37 members of the Iowa Chapter. The coordinators of the display are pictured here, Art Holliday (left) and Lowell Reed (right).

FIRST RWCS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

The Red Wing Collectors Society Foundation has functioned on a very carefully planned use of limited funds. The RWCS, Red Wing collectors, and Foundation Board members have generously donated time, money and effort to put together a very fine Museum in the first four years of the Foundation. Board members continue to make plans for new displays and look forward to more Chapter involvement in our mission to continue expansion of this fine Museum.

As a public foundation, the RWCS Foundation has to meet several requirements to retain our 501(c)(3) nonprofit status as we are audited at the end of this year. One area of the audit relates to another important mission of the Foundation, providing education about the pottery industry in Red Wing and recognizing the work of outstanding, promising young potters. To these ends, Board members presented several seminars at the Museum, and this year, the Foundation carefully reserved \$500 to present the first Red Wing Collectors Society Foundation Award. This award was presented by the Red Wing Collectors Society Foundation through the Northern Clay Center (NCC) in Minneapolis to "a deserving individual who is pursuing a career as a potter or who is studying or researching historical aspects of the pottery industry. The Red Wing Collectors Society Foundation endeavors to broaden appreciation of pottery, past and present, for the general



RWCS Foundation Board members with first RWCS Foundation award winner, Becky Chappell. (L to R) Steve Brown, Chuck Paton, Ron Linde, Dave Kuffel, Becky Chappell, Steve Muehleck, Dave Hallstrom, Larry Peterson, Diane Hallstrom (board member absent from photo, Bill Harned).

public and maintains the Red Wing Pottery Museum in Red Wing, Minnesota."

Becky Chappell is the first recipient of the RWCS Foundation Award. She recently graduated from the Cleveland Institute of Art and has moved to Minneapolis. (Interestingly Red Wing designer Charles Murphy also began his training at the Cleveland Institute in the 1930s.) She works at the Northern Clay Center as a materials technician and has a studio there. Pete Scherzer, Studio Manager at NCC, worked with Becky in Cleveland and was highly impressed with "her talent and seriousness" as she pursues a career in making pottery in Minneapolis.

Ms. Chappell was a luncheon guest of the Foundation Board the day of

our annual fall meeting. The Board presented her with the Foundation award in front of the kiln remains at Pottery Place Mall. We were delighted to see slides of her work. She has thrown some attractive tall elegant porcelain pieces done in white glaze. We look forward to seeing more of her work in years to come.

Again the Foundation Board appreciates all of your help and support as we move forward with preserving a history of the pottery industry in Red Wing for generations to come. 

RED WING ITEMS IN DEMAND ACROSS THE COUNTRY

If you have been reading any of the antique or collecting magazines the past several months, you may have noticed an increase in the number of times Red Wing items have been noted. In larger auction ads you will see photos of Red Wing items that will be featured in upcoming auctions. The auction roundups and reviews have also been reporting the prices for the Red Wing items on a more regular basis.

So what does this mean? That outside of the membership of the RWCS, the demand for Red Wing items is strong and they are getting plenty of notice from people across the country. The photos and auction results are sent to the national publications by auctioneers. Here are a few of the items that have recently garnered attention.

The "Antique Week" September 27th issue of the Auction Roundup showed a photo of three Red Wing Union Stoneware Co. crocks; a 40 gallon that sold for \$1,800, a 50 gallon that sold for \$2,000 and a rare 60 gallon for \$3,300. This particular sale was in Salisbury, Missouri. There was also a 30 gallon Red Wing crock that sold for

COLLECTOR
AUCTION ACTION SHOWCASE

27th annual Red Wing Collectors Society auction a success

The annual 2004 Red Wing Collectors Society Auction was a success in every aspect. The annual Red Wing Collectors Society auction drew members from across the country, with over 2,500 people attending the RWCS Convention. There were several very unique red wing items that made it to the Red Wing Collectors Society auction block, then giving the members an opportunity to add to their collection. The highly anticipated auction preview had hundreds of members evaluating items and taking notes in their auction guide. Some of the auction highlights included the following:

- A Red Wing Crocker with Wing and Double, North Dakota advertising for \$2,400
- Red Wing Salt Glaze Water Cooler with Leaf Decoration advertising for \$2,850
- A small condition Lily Patcher and Plant set sold for \$1,150
- A pair of Red Wing patterned Capstone Dishes placed marked on the back of each as "Sample" for \$350 and \$375
- A Delaware Pine Vine brought \$2,100

The annual auction is coordinated by Jeff Pope, RWCS Auction Manager, and his crew of volunteers. It is through all their dedicated efforts that the annual convention auction is one of the highlights of the year. Participating with the auction crew is Douglas's Auction Service to Red Wing.

The Red Wing Collectors Society was founded in 1977 in Red Wing, Minn. There are over 6,000 members worldwide. The Red Wing Pottery has diverse product lines that included stoneware, dinnerware, and art pottery. For additional information or to become a member, contact the RWCS business office at 1-800-977-7927 or e-mail: RWCS1@redwing.net or visit www.redwingcollectors.net

30 gal Red Wing salt glaze leaf crock with repaired crack \$2,850

3 gal Red Wing salt glaze water cooler w/ leaf decoration, handle chips and rim repaired \$2,850

A Redwing Jar/plate bringing \$1200

The auction sold over \$115,000

2 gal Red Wing crock, double stamped w/ two 2 1/2 in and one wing and mark \$2,000

Red Wing German spittoon in mint condition \$1,600

\$600 and a 1 gallon crock with a lid with only a wing on it that went for \$550.

The October 5, 2004 issue of "Collectors Journal" featured a large color photo on the front page with the title, "Red Wing beehive jug commands final bid of \$4,100". This jug was sold at a Garnaville, Iowa auction. It was the item that brought the highest price that day. There were five phone bidders who were also participating in the auction

action. There was also several other Red Wing items mentioned in the article. The "Collectors Journal" also had a mention of the Red Wing 60 gallon crock.

The October 12, 2004 issue of "Collectors Journal" featured a six gallon Red Wing crock that realized \$90 in the Under the Hammer section. The next week the October 19 issue had a photo and information on a 20 gallon Red Wing crock that realized \$600 at a Memphis, Missouri auction.

The November issue of "Antique Trader's Collector Magazine & Price Guide" gave the RWCS a full page to report on the annual July Convention auction.

In the Auction Action Showcase, they featured photos of a 30 gallon salt glaze crock, a 5 gallon salt glaze water cooler, a 5 gallon Red Wing crock double stamped and a Red Wing German spittoon. The article covered the RWCS auction highlights. This helps educate other collectors of the value of Red Wing items and introduces the wide range of Red Wing pieces to other pottery collectors across the nation. 🍷

RED WING COLLECTORS SOCIETY REQUEST FOR BID PROPOSAL OFFICIAL RWCS NEWSLETTER

The Red Wing Collectors Society (RWCS) was founded in 1977 to preserve and protect the pottery made by Red Wing Potteries, as well as other American Pottery manufacturers. The RWCS has approximately 6000 members nationwide.

The Red Wing Collectors Society is seeking bids for the production of it's official newsletter. The newsletter is produced six times a year with approximately 4500 copies per issue. Contract length shall be for two years commencing on January 1, 2006 and ending on December 3, 2007.

The prospective written bid proposal must be received by the RWCS Vice President no later than June 1, 2005. Bidding specifications can be received by contacting the RWCS Vice President, Wendy Callicot - crocks701@aol.com. 🍷



Interim Secretary RWCS

PAULETTE FLOYD

Red Wing Collectors Society
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday August 16, 2004 -
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Sunday August 17, 2004 -
8:00 AM to 9:30 AM
Jordan Towers II
Red Wing, Minnesota

Attendees: All Board members were present. Guests: Bonnie Myers & Nick Marson.

Meeting called to order at 8:00 am Saturday October 16, 2004 by Interim President, Sue Jones Tagliapietra.

Motion by Jerry Erdmann and seconded by Wally Armstrong to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2004 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding sending a donation to the RWCS Foundation in memorial of Jerry Flicek, former RWCS Treasurer who has passed away.

Business Managers Report

The September Financial Report was discussed.

MidWinter discussion - The Board decided to upgrade the food for the Friday evening social gathering.

The Board discussed a Proposal for MidWinter 2006 in Bloomington-Normal, Illinois.

There was also discussion about the possibility of La Crosse, Wisconsin. Interim President Sue Jones Tagliapietra & Jerry Erdmann will work together on getting information on La Crosse.

There will be a decision made at the February BOD meeting on where MidWinter will be in 2006. Any proposals need to be given to Kay by the end of December. A note will be sent to all Chapter Presidents to see if they have any interest in getting a proposal for MidWinter.

Discussion on the inventory valuation of all Chapter & RWCS Commemoratives

that are in the Business Office. Steve Brown will work with Kay on the current value of each item. Kay will send a letter to all Chapter Presidents requesting current values.

Motion by Wally Armstrong seconded by Paulette Floyd to retire expired membership numbers up to December 31, 2001. Motion carried.

Interim President Sue Jones Tagliapietra and Business Manager Kay Wilshusen met in August with the Red Wing Visitors & Convention Bureau.

Motion by Steve Brown seconded by John Tremble to give a complimentary membership to the Red Wing Visitors & Convention Bureau.

Historian Report & Foundation Update

A sizeable donation of material regarding dinnerware/art pottery was given to the RWCS Foundation. Additional information on this donation will be announced along with a press release.

The RWCS Foundation has extended the offer of the use of the display cases at the museum to Goodhue Historical Society and to the RWCS Chapters.

Auction Manager Report

Discussion on Auction Commission rates.

Motion by Jeff Floyd seconded Steve Brown that we resume the practice of selling the previous years RWCS commemoratives at the annual auction. Motion carried.

Commemorative Manager Report

John Tremble went over the Commemorative Sales.

General Orders/Unfinished Business

The Survey Results were discussed. 680 results were received. The results are positive and a lot of good ideas were received. These ideas are going to be reviewed and an article will be written in the Newsletter and also brought to the membership at MidWinter and at the July Convention.

Special Committee Updates

Jerry Schleich and Jerry Erdmann are working with their committees. Jerry Erdmann and Jerry Schleich will have more information at MidWinter.

The Newsletter Editors have offered an extension of their deadline for information for the August newsletter by allowing articles to be sent to them by August 1st and delivery of the Newsletter will be at the end of August.

Wendy Callicoat reviewed the Newsletter Bid Specifications.

There was discussion on the Nominating Committee Formation for 2006 Elections.

Motion by Steve Brown seconded by Jerry Schleich to buy a laptop computer and supporting software to be used by the Secretary of the RWCS and for Educational Seminars. Cost not to exceed \$5000.

Meeting adjourned 4:45 PM and reconvened at 8:04 AM Sunday October 17, 2004.

Motion by Jeff Floyd seconded by Wendy Callicoat to go into executive session at 8:08 AM.

Motion by Wendy Callicoat seconded by Jerry to come out of Executive Session at 9:06 AM.

Motion by Wendy Callicoat seconded by Paulette Floyd to approve the RWCS Board Operations 2005 Annual Calendar document as amended. Motion carried.

Motion by Jerry Schleich seconded Wendy Callicoat to change the commission rate on the RWCS Convention Auction. Items selling up to \$100 will be subject to a \$10 minimum commission. Items selling from \$100 to \$2499 will have a 10% commission. Items selling \$2500 to \$9999 will have a 7½% commission. Items selling over \$10000 will have a 5% commission.

Motion by Wendy Callicoat seconded by Jerry Erdmann to approve the budget for 2005 as amended.

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 AM. The next BOD meeting is scheduled for February 11th /13th in conjunction with the MidWinter Convention in Des Moines, Iowa.

Respectfully submitted,
Paulette Floyd

RWCS Interim Secretary



RWCS CONVENTION EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR VIDEOTAPES AVAILABLE

For those members who may not be able to make the journey to Red Wing for the annual July Convention, the business office has videotapes of the educational seminars available. Here is a listing of the 2004 Convention.

- Fall & Winter Dump Finds 2003-2004 by Steve Showers
- Fort Dodge & the Ties with Western & RW by Greg Steffens
- Keynote Speaker by Ray Reiss
- Kids View 1
- Kids View 2
- Kids View 3
- New Finds in the RW Stoneware Dump by Dennis Nygaard
- Red Wing 101 by Paul Wichert, Carl & Linda Schessler
- Red Wing Animals by Ron Linde
- Red Wing Jardinieres – Session I by Mike Orgler
- Red Wing Jardinieres – Session II by Mike Orgler
- Reflections by Stan Bougie
- Unlocking the Potential of Your Collection by Byron Gunderson & Larry Peterson

To check out videos, you can contact Marcia in the business office at 800-977-7927 or email her at rwcsmem@redwing.net. They are free but must be returned. There are taped seminars that go back to 1992, with the exception of 1996, 1997 and 1998 not having any coverage. Take advantage of this great member benefit and expand your knowledge! 

ATLANTIQUE CITY SHOW

The Association of Collecting Clubs promoted nearly 200 collecting clubs at their booth at the Atlantique City Antiques & Collectibles Show in Atlantic City, New Jersey Oct 16-17, 2004. Each of the clubs had sent information on their clubs and how to join. The Red Wing Collectors Society was included.

In addition to the information on nearly 200 clubs, the ACC booth features exhibits on club activities involving young collectors, the Collectors Insurance Program and the new ACC Collectors Trade Show.

For more information e-mail info@collectors.org, or write: ACC, 18222 Flower Hill Way #299, Gaithersburg, MD 20879. 

RED WING AREA CHAMBER of COMMERCE

2004 Hometown Family Christmas Collectible

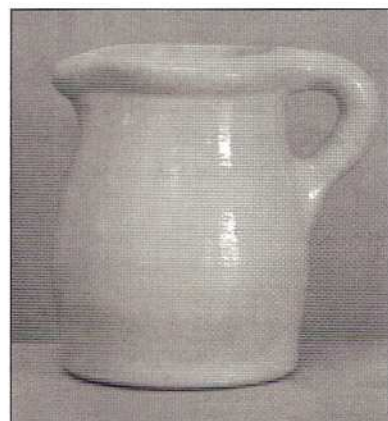
It's that time of year again! Order your limited-edition Red Wing Hometown Family Christmas Commemorative Ornament today!

The mini pitcher is manufactured and numbered by Red Wing Stoneware exclusively for the Red Wing Area Chamber of Commerce!

Cost: \$15.00 + \$3.00 shipping/handling (Minnesota residents must add sales tax)

Call the Chamber to order yours today at 800-762-9516!

Red Wing Area Chamber of Commerce • 439 Main Street • Red Wing, MN 55066



REPRESENTATIVE AT LARGE

During the month of September 2004, letters were sent out on my behalf by the RWCS business office to RWCS members in Florida. I have received positive interest and responses from residents in Florida regarding the organization of a new Chapter.

If you live in Florida and have not responded via email, letter or phone, please contact me. If you are a resident of Florida during the winter months or if you live in a nearby state and you are interested in joining please contact me.

We are hoping to have our first organizational meeting in 2005!

If you are thinking about starting a Chapter please contact me at our next RWCS activity, which will be the MidWinter GetTogether. I am always eager to help in the implementation of a new Chapter.

Since I have been on the Board of Directors serving as one of your Representatives at Large, we have four newly established Chapters, the Illinois Chapter, the Siouxlander Chapter, the Trails West Chapter and the Lewis and Clark Chapter (Montana/North Dakota). We also have re-activated the Michigan Chapter.

At this time I want to thank all of the RWCS members who have contributed so much time and effort to these new and re-activated Chapters. THANK YOU!

Again I am getting good response from our Florida RWCS members and I am anticipating a Florida Chapter in the near future.

Sincerely, Your Rep At Large –
Jerry Erdmann,
Jjerd@frontiernet.net 

MID WINTER AUCTION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2005 – 6:00PM

FOUR POINTS SHERATON HOTEL NORTH • DES MOINES, IA

Assortment of Beater Jars w/advertising, 5 Gal. Ball Locking Jar, 1 Qt. Mason Fruit Jar, 5# Pantry Jar, Bean Pots with advertising, Double Banded Mugs, Cherry Band Pitchers, Several Spongeband pieces, 4 Gal. drop eight Salt Glaze Crock, Assortment of Crocks & Jugs 2,3,4,5, & 6 Gal., Water Coolers 2,3,4,5 & 6 Gal., Butter Churns 2,3,4,5 Gal., Commemoratives, Several pieces of Bob White Dinnerware, plus other pieces of Dinnerware, and a good assortment of Red Wing Art Ware such as Cobalt Blue, Brushware, Magnolia Vases and much, much, more.

*This is only a partial listing,
for a complete listing send \$5.00 for a catalog to:*

Houghton's Auctions • 1967 Launa Ave. • Red Wing, MN 55066

RWCS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2005 NATIONAL EVENTS

February 11-13: MidWinter GetTogether

February 11-13: BOD Meeting

July 7-9: Annual Convention

2005 CHAPTER EVENTS

January 8: The Southwest Redwings will hold their Christmas Party at The Calico Cow Restaurant -- 4:30- 7:30 pm. Call Lyle Tuttle at 623-583-2364 for more information.

January 31: The Southwest Redwings will meet at the John & Diana Schneeman home -- 6:30 pm. Call Lyle Tuttle at 623-583-2364 for more information.

February: Trails West Mo-Ks next meeting will be held at the MidWinter GetTogether in Des Moines.

February 28: Southwest Redwings Road Show, Location TBA. Call Lyle Tuttle at 623-583-2364 for more information.

March 5: Nebraska Redwings will meet in York, Nebraska at 6:00 p.m., at a location to be determined (probably the Country Kitchen).

March 19: Spring Fling, Southwest Redwings. Location TBA. Call Lyle Tuttle at 623-583-2364 for more information.

April 9: The Southwest Redwings will meet at 1:00 pm in Payson, and caravan to Close Quarters at Bill & Joy Close home. Call Lyle Tuttle @ 623-583-2364 for more information.

June 4: Nebraska Redwings Picnic meeting will be at 12:00 noon, park location to be determined.

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

24 official RWCS "Special" Commemoratives, 1977-2003 (none produced 1978, 1979, 1981) - \$18,000.00. Wayne or Sue - 952-467-3144 or 952-443-2518. 12/04

Pitcher w/Lid 8 Cups, pictured in dinnerware book. 5 Mugs - 10 oz. 2 w/chips, pictured in Art Pottery Book p.64 left side. \$85.00 set, plus shipping. Red Wing Art Pottery Book-\$60.00. Call 425-778-8639.

Commemoratives: 1996-\$90.00, 1997-\$75.00, 1999-\$55.00, 2002-\$80.00. Bud Vase #912-\$425.00. 1 Gal. Crock Large Wing-\$470.00. Call 509-751-0948.

Red Wing Water Cooler 5 Gal. no cracks, good condition. Small chip on bottom edge and handles are rusty. Same pieces as photo on cover of Antique Trader that sold for \$2400. Asking \$2000 or will sell to highest bid. Call 660-825-4306.

1993-2004 Commemoratives in mint condition - \$1080.00. RWCS Newsletters, 1993-2004 - \$50.00. Buzz Ward, 701-593-6275.

Tampico, 43 pieces. Good condition. \$1,000 plus postage. Call 937-372-0596.

We will not be attending the MidWinter gathering although we live 35 miles from Des Moines. I have ten pieces of crockery for sale. If interested in seeing it or for further information, contact Maxine Brubaker, 206 E. 19th St. N., Newton, IA 50208, Tel. 641-792-2665, debmlb@netins.net

Tall Blue Sponge Butter Crock, mint - \$200.00; 2 Gal. "Iced Tea Cooler", no lid, mint - \$800.00; Brown & White Bailed Bean Pots w/lids, 1/2 & 1 Gal. - \$125.00, \$150.00, bottom signed, excellent condition; Rustic Design Glazedware Pitcher and three Mugs, Cobalt w/White Int. 2 Mugs w/hairlines - Pitcher very unusual shape - \$500.00, gorgeous; - OBO's; Call 231-775-4128. 2/05

RED WING FOR SALE

3 Gal. Sunbeam Tea Cooler. Russian Blend. Austin, Nichols & Co. New York - Chicago. Complete with lid and spigot. Excellent condition - \$3,550.00. Call 608-347-9346.

1993-2004 Commemoratives - \$90.00 each. Buzz Ward, 701-593-6275.

Handles and Wooden Lids. Send SASE for flyer to: Larsen's Collectibles, 757 120th Street, Hampton, Iowa 50441-7555. Phone 641-866-6733. 4/05

RED WING WANTED

Red Wing Bean Pot with Whitewater, WI Advertising. Call 715-582-0182 or email: natynski@vbe.com. Also interested in other Wisconsin Bean Pot, Spongeware Bowl Advertising.

All Blue Sponged Panel Bowl, 10-inch. Wayne or Sue - 952-467-3144 or 952-443-2518. 12/04

CLUBS AND PUBLICATIONS

New 2004 Values for both *Red Wing Stoneware* and *Red Wing Collectibles*. \$9.95 each or \$17.95 for both plus \$1.50/\$2.00 postage, respectively. Quantity discounts available. Gail Peck, 2121 Pearl, Fremont, NE 68025. 402-721-5721. 12/04

UPCOMING AUCTIONS

3rd Annual Pottery Auction - Sunday March 6, 2005. 400+ pieces of pottery. Red Wing, Watt, McCoy, Blue & White. Adv. pieces, etc. Storden School City Center, Storden, MN 56174. Croatt Auction Service, midwestauctions.com. 507-445-3919 or 507-445-3475. 2/05

CURRENT PRICES & SCOOPS

Tell us about the price received for a Red Wing product. Briefly describe item, where sold, date, venue (store, auction, etc.) and price paid. Send in on a post card. Multiple submissions mean multiple entries in Newsletter Special Commemorative Lottery at the 2005 Convention. Send to the Editor at the address on page 3. All entries received between July '04 and June '05 are eligible whether published or not. Please keep submittals with purchase dates within six months of the Newsletter issue.

ITEM	LOCATION	DATE SOLD	VENUE	PRICE PAID
8 Place Setting - Capistrano - mint	San Antonio, TX	3/04	Estate Sale	\$160.00
Red Wing Dishes - 75th Anniversary Set				
Double Handle, 5 Gal. Birchleaves Beehive Jug with advertising from "Music Hall Bath House Co., Salt Sulphur Water, Excelsior Springs, MO"	Mansfield, TX	4/04	Antique Mall	\$170.00
1/2 Gal. Stone Mason Fruit Jar - excellent	Mansfield, TX	4/04	Antique Mall	\$92.00
5 Gal. Koverwate - chip	Oconomowoc, WI	4/04	Private Sale	\$140.00
15 Gal. Koverwate - mint	Oconomowoc, WI	4/04	Auction	\$450.00
30 Gal. Birchleaf Crock - small chip	Clyman, WI	4/04	Auction	\$180.00
Stone Mason Fruit Jar 1 Quart excellent condition	LeRoy, IL	5/04	Auction	\$225.00
51 perfect pieces of Majestic True China	Minnesota	5/04	85 mile Garage Sale	\$15.00
1994 Commemorative - 20lb. Wing Crock	Estherville, IA	6/04	Auction	\$10.00
5lb. Butter Crock - adv. "Delevan Co-op Creamery"	Blue Earth, MN	6/04	Private Sale	\$525.00
5-inch Sponge Panel Bowl - mint	Estherville, IA	7/04	Auction	\$360.00
6 Gal. Birchleaf Churn in black, oval over, no lid	Odin, MN	7/04	Auction	\$140.00
2 Gal. Large Wing Crock w/adv. for "Albert Pick & Company" Chicago. Quality, Service, Value	Victoria, MN	7/04	Private Sale	\$1,900.00
Town & Country 2 pint "Rust" Pitcher - mint	Thomson, IL	8/04	Flea Market	\$1.50

RED WING PHOTO CONTEST

I'm looking for photos for my 2006 Red Wing Calendar.

The photos can be individual pieces - displays - convention, history or what have you!

Let's see some rare pieces or unusual pictures.

To return photos enclose a stamped self address envelope and send to:

Jim Lehman

**301 Spaulding Ln #62
Fort Collins, CO 80524 • 970-416-6809**

WHAT DO YOU COLLECT AND WHY?

Everyone has a favorite piece of Red Wing pottery. We'd like to ask you to share your thoughts on this topic by mailing or e-mailing your story and photo to us, as we are always looking for member contributions.

Please enclose a photo of yourself or your collection, to add a more personal touch.

Please contact us with any questions you may have about submitting articles. 

MidWinter GetTogether

February 11-13, 2005 Four Points Sheraton Hotel Des Moines, Iowa
(CLIP THIS FORM OR PHOTOCOPY IT)

MidWinter GetTogether Registration Form

Deadline for pre-registration is January 21, 2005.

Requests for seller's contracts will not be accepted after January 10. Seller's must pre-register.

Person submitting this form:

NAME	MEMBERSHIP #
STREET ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
CITY, STATE, ZIP	

Pre-registration is \$20 per member - children 15 and under are free. The registration fee at the GetTogether will be \$25 per member over 15 years of age. The registration includes Friday night Social Hour, Saturday General Session, Educational Seminars, Saturday Sale and Sunday's Continental Breakfast. You may combine payment of pre-registration and seller's table in a single check or money order.

Please Print

NAME MEMBERSHIP # ____ PRE-REGISTRATION \$20 or ____ CHILD 15 AND UNDER FREE	NAME MEMBERSHIP # ____ PRE-REGISTRATION \$20 or ____ CHILD 15 AND UNDER FREE	NAME MEMBERSHIP # ____ PRE-REGISTRATION \$20 or ____ CHILD 15 AND UNDER FREE
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Total Enclosed \$ _____

Send to: RWCS MidWinter GetTogether, PO Box 50, Red Wing, MN 55066.
Make check or money order payable in US funds to Red Wing Collectors Society Inc.

Seller's Tables: Please send me the seller's contract for the Saturday sale. (\$25/table)
____ ANTIQUES (90% ANTIQUES) or ____ SOUVENIRS (90% SOUVENIRS)

Due to limited space, all tables are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. You must enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope to get your contract. Signed contracts must be postmarked no later than January 28, 2005.