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That's right—you can win a 1996 RWCS Special Convention Commemorative! All you have to do is contribute to the new feature sections of the *Newsletter*. If your material is selected for any of the following categories

your name will go into a contributor's lottery. Send in as often as you like. If you're published twice, your name goes in twice! The winner's name will be drawn at the 1996 Convention Auction. So take a few moments and send in your questions for the experts, or news of a recent find. Think about photographing your collection, or report on a great show you attended. If you've got an idea for a feature article, call or write the editor—it might be just what we're looking for. Features for the entire year will be selected by _____, so get busy! You've got nothing to lose, and you might win!

On the cover: To symbolize the transition from the old to the new *Newsletter*: two beautiful Red Wing transitional crocks. Collection of Ron and Sandy Paskey.

On the back cover: If we consider Red Wing's move from stoneware to Art Pottery, Brushed Ware might also be thought of as transitional. This 12" Small Urn #131 sports a cupid for Valentine's Day. Collection of David and Betty Knutzen.

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**RED WING COLLECTORS SOCIETY, INC.
NEWSLETTER**

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NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES

Classified

Classified ads are 15¢ per word; \$2 minimum charge. Ads are divided into *For Sale, Wanted, Events, Clubs & Publications* sections, so you do not need to include those words in your ad. You may want to run ads for a year at a time: run up to 25 words six times for \$15, run up to 35 words six times for \$20. Please type or print clearly and proofread before submission. Send all ads to the Editor at the address above.

Display

size	1x	6x
1/8 page	\$ 30	\$ 25
1/4 page	50	42
1/2 page horizontal	75	65
1/2 page vertical	75	65
full page	135	110

Deadlines

March / April 1996	March 8
May / June 1996	May 3
July / August 1996	July 17
September / October 1996	August 23
November / December 1996	October 25
January / February 1997	December 30

DISPLAY AD FORMATS *Electronic* The Newsletter is produced on a Macintosh in Quark XPress. Ads may be supplied electronically; inquire to the editor at the address above. *Film* Full page ads may be supplied as film, right reading, emission down. *Camera ready* Ads may be submitted camera-ready at a resolution of 600 dpi or greater. Because camera-ready ads are digitized, small or fine-lined type may degrade. A 300 dpi laser print (or Xerox), therefore, cannot be used. Ads received that do not meet the above criteria will be reformatted as necessary and the appropriate charges billed, there is a \$50 minimum. Quotes supplied on design and makeup as needed. *Preprinted flyers* can sometimes be accepted; ask the editor.

MidWinter GetTogether!

The MidWinter GetTogether will be held at the Kahler Hotel in Rochester, Minnesota. It will include something for everybody. You'll find education, networking with friends and collectors, and two different opportunities to buy, sell, or trade Red Wing during this otherwise slow time of year when you most need a Red Wing fix.

Rochester was chosen to hold the MidWinter GetTogether because of its elaborate skyway and subway system: it will keep you warm and dry during no matter what the weather! There are approximately 5,000 rooms available in Rochester, primarily because of the world-renowned Mayo Clinic. And, you can drive *or fly* to Rochester for this event. The Kahler Hotel Corporation owns four hotels with a total of 1,500 rooms. All four hotels are all connected by the skyway system. This will allow all of our members the opportunity to be together under "one roof" to talk, sell, and trade Red Wing. What a wonderful opportunity to expand your Red Wing knowledge and friendships.

Those who are just coming along for the ride will find many restaurants, shopping malls, specialty stores and theaters, many of which can be reached through the skyway system.

Be a charter participant of the MidWinter GetTogether! To reserve

your room at any of the Kahler Hotels, call 1-800-533-1655 toll free. There will be 200 discounted rooms available on a first come/first serve basis. You must ask for the RWCS room rates. (This is your responsibility.) If these rooms are full when you register, you can contact the Rochester Chamber of Commerce for other places to stay (1-507-288-1122).

The cost to be a charter participant in the MidWinter GetTogether is \$20 per member; children 10 and under free. This \$20 entitles you to all GetTogether activities, beginning with a Friday night social gathering from 6:30 to 8:30 on the 11th floor Penthouse Suite of the Kahler Hotel. There will be *bors d'oeuvres* and a cash bar.

Saturday activities will be held on the Subway Level of the Kahler Hotel and are in either the Heritage or Windsor Hall meeting rooms. There will be signs to direct you to all events. The General Education Session will start at 9:30 AM; there will be three different speakers. We will break for lunch from 11:30 till 1:00. You can take the skyway to one of the many restaurants for lunch.

From 1:00 to 2:45, the Shared Interest Groups will be meet in Windsor Hall. There will be three different session times to give you a choice of topics.

The Sale will be in Heritage Hall from 3:00 to 7:00 PM Saturday. Admission to the sale (for non-registrants and the public) is \$5.

An additional opportunity for buying, selling, or trading will be room sales. A special section of rooms in the Kahler Hotel will be set aside for members who wish to sell from their room. *Any* member may sell out of their room and there is no additional fee for this. Let the Kahler Hotel know that you will need one of these rooms. We will have a bulletin board posting the room numbers of members selling from their rooms.

Sunday morning there will be a continental breakfast from 8:00 to 10:00 AM. What a great way to say good-bye to your Red Wing friends!

***There is still time
to register!***

The deadline for registering has been extended to February 25th. But hurry! Send the name and membership numbers of those attending to Dave & Diane Hallstrom, PO Box 256, Red Wing, MN 55066. Don't forget to include the \$20 per person registration fee. If you have any other questions, please feel free to call Diane Hallstrom at 612-388-5744.



**RICH
CRONMEYER**

STANDING COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS
Elections of standing committee chairpersons will be conducted as the last order of new business at the Annual Business Meeting to be held on Friday, July 12, 1996.

As stated in the bylaws, these chairpersons shall be elected by a simple majority vote of those members in good standing present at the meeting. Successful nominees will serve four-year terms.

The nominating committee has proposed the following slate of nominees: *Auction Committee*, Jeff and Paulette Floyd; *Commemorative Committee*, Larry Roschen; *Convention Committee*, Dave and Diane Hallstrom; *Display Committee*, Jeff and Ruby Benson; *Education Committee*, Sandy Short; *Membership Committee*, Deb Olson; *Publicity Committee*, Sue Gilmer.

Additional nominations will be accepted in writing and published in the Newsletter prior to the meeting. Also, as usual, nominations will be accepted from the floor at the Annual Business Meeting. Please send additional nominations (including nominee's phone number) to me at my address listed on the inside front cover of the Newsletter.

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Please renew by March 24, 1996.

THE RED WING COLLECTORS SOCIETY Newsletter steps off in a new direction with this issue. Reformatted and redesigned after considerable membership debate, this new look reflects the RWCS as it is today: a strong, vital group with diverse interests.

With a membership spread out all across the country, our RWCS Newsletter represents the primary means of communication between members. While the RWCS's annual Convention attracts an astonishingly high percentage of its membership, there are many members whose only tangible connection to the group is the Newsletter. Reading letters and stories from members gives us all a sense of community.

A not inconsiderable function of the RWCS Newsletter is to inform and educate. Throughout the year this new Newsletter will attempt to devote equal coverage to each of the three main Red Wing collectible interests: stoneware, dinnerware and art pottery.

Because no one knows it all, I've asked a number of long-time collectors to assemble as an Editorial Advisory Board. It is my hope that this group will chart the editorial direction of the Newsletter. Who better to determine what aspects of Red Wing's products deserve illumination in print?

Similarly, we all have questions from time to time, so a *Questions & Answers* section has been introduced. Send in your questions and our Advisors will answer. Another feature is called *Recent Finds*. Drop me a line the minute you make a collecting coup—the only thing we like more than hearing about the one that got away is hearing about the one that was got.

The sum total of an organization is its membership. The same principle applies to this publication. Good graphics will mean little without consistent, quality input from dedicated Red Wing collectors. I invite you to participate in making the RWCS Newsletter everything you want it to be.



ANN BUSSE

The RWCS Board of Directors (BOD) November 11 and 12, 1995 at the Bluff room of the Super 8 Motel in Red Wing, Minn. Present: Rich Cronmeyer, Ann Busse, Corinne Reed, Larry Roschen, Sandy Short, Deb Olson, Marv Osterholz, Dave & Diane Hallstrom, Paulette & Jeff Floyd, Jeff & Ruby Benson, Jerry Flicek. Absent: Barney Olson, Larry Peterson, Dan DePasquale. Guests: Kathy Roschen, Lorraine Osterholz, Eva Drometer, Nicol Knappen, Wally & Jessie Armstrong, Terry Wilmot.

In the absence of Pres. Olson, Vice-Pres. Cronmeyer called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. Rich acknowledged the Red Wing Visitor & Convention Bureau and the Red Wing Lodging association for our accommodations and noon meal.

Moved by Paulette Floyd, seconded by Dave Hallstrom to approve the minutes of July 5, 1995 and the minutes of the conference call of August 15, 1995. (A condensed version will be sent to the Newsletter.)

TREASURER'S REPORT Jerry Flicek reported the IRS contacted him regarding our interests earned on investments and not reporting the income on them. He checked with our CPA and they were told by the IRS that moneys earned in interest bearing accounts must be donated to a charitable organization. Our cost to the IRS for 1995 was \$2,500.00 Moved by Flicek, seconded by Diane Hallstrom that all interest income on investments be donated annually to a charitable organization designated by the BOD and acceptable to the IRS. Discussion. Motion carried unanimously. Moved by Diane Hallstrom, seconded by Ruby Benson to donate 1995 interest income of RWCS to the Goodhue County Historical Society. Discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Flicek reported the submission for a RWCS foundation has been filed and the IRS is reviewing the request. It may take as long as a year before it would be approved.

Flicek reported some problems with distribution of auction checks. He recommends RWCS mail out all auction checks. Auction committee will accommodate this recommendation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUCTION Floyds submitted comments from their auction survey. In 1996 the auction will begin at 5:00 PM. Houghton's fee for 1996 will remain the same, at 2%.

DISPLAYS Bensons reported they are lining up displays for 1996 and requested suggestions for the special display. Insurance of displays was discussed. Moved by Deb Olson, seconded by Chuck Drometer to make sure displays are insured for items and liability. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLICITY The supplement was not an expense for RWCS. Ad sales supported the cost. A written report was submitted.

COMMEMORATIVES Larry Roschen reported the 1995 commemorative net profit was \$35,924.85. The new area of distribution worked well. Discussion on ways to improve registration and distribution. Mrs. Marie Murphy, widow of Charles Murphy was given an honorary 1995 commemorative courtesy of the RWCS BOD.

Discussion of how to improve registration and distribution. Moved by Diane Hallstrom, seconded by Chuck Drometer that all registration materials for Convention will be mailed separately from the Newsletter. Motion carried unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP Deb Olson reported 5,928 current members as of 11-10-95. Renewal cards are being sent. Moved by Dave Hallstrom seconded by Chuck Drometer to hire out at between \$6-\$8 an hour someone to input the membership list onto the new software program. Discussion. Motion carried unanimously. Deb said there are many gaps in the membership numbers for a variety of reasons of non-renewals. She recommended the membership list be restructured from number 2000 and up. The BOD suggested that Membership could do as she sees fit to accommodate this. There have 137 new members since July 1995.

HISTORIAN Corrinne Reed distributed a copy of the videotapes available for rental. A request had been made by a chapter president to duplicate tapes. The BOD agreed the video may be duplicated by chapters and/or individual members for educational purposes only and could not be sold. Presenters from previous years will be contacted by the historian and form for future seminar presenters will reflect this change.

Corrinne requested insurance coverage for historians inventory. Dan Depasquale and Gary Tefft will be contacted to formulate an appraisal of the value of the RWCS inventory ASAP. Corrinne mentioned there is a 16mm film from the 1950s of the potters/pottery that needs to be put on videotape for preservation purposes. Moved by Diane Hallstrom, seconded by Ruby Benson to spend up to \$200 to put the film onto videotape. RWCS will keep one copy and donate a second copy to the Goodhue County museum. (Who have the original film) Motion carried unanimously.

Corrinne asked about the status of the acquisition committee. Discussion. Corrinne will write an article for the Newsletter reminding members of the purpose of the committee.

EDUCATION In the absence of chair Larry Peterson, Diane Hallstrom reported on the winter education session at the Kahler hotel in Rochester, MN March 2 & 3, 1996. There will be educational speakers, room sales, a show/sale, et. al. Details will be published in the Newsletter.

CONVENTION Hallstrom asked for input regarding the RW high school as a location for the

1996 convention. (The BOD toured the facility on Friday evening.) The school board and administration are very receptive to hosting the convention. Discussion. The BOD recommends Hallstroms finalize plans with the high school and the RW Tech College. The BOD supports the convention committee with their choice of location for 1996, either the High School and/or the RW Tech College. Discussion of the Banquet and the Potter's Picnic followed.

VISION Jerry Flicek reported has not met since convention. He reminded the BOD that Vision is an ad hoc committee, without authority to enact policy, but recommends to the BOD. Areas the Vision committee is discussing are: retaining members and recruiting new members; IRS mandates more educational experiences, ways to generate revenue other than commemorative, professional convention manager.

OTHER BUSINESS

NAMES ACQUISITION Flicek reported the process of preserving the names of nine of the original potteries for historical reasons is completed. However, he pointed out that preserving these names for historical reasons is not the intent of the law. RWCS has the following on file with the Secretary of State of Minnesota: Red Wing Pottery, Inc.; Red Wing Sewer Pipe Co.; Red Wing Sewer Pipe Corp.; Minnesota Stoneware Company; North Star Stoneware Company; Union Stoneware Company; Minnesota Pottery; John H. Rich Sewer Pipe Works. These nine are reserved in the name of RWCS.

Discussion of censured members per Article VI of the RWCS By-laws. Moved by Jeff Floyd, seconded by Jeff Benson to table discussion of the language of Art. VI until Spring BOD meeting.

20TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE, comprised of Diane Hallstrom, Chair, Larry Roschen, Jerry Flicek, Ruby Benson, Corrinne Reed, Sandy Short, and volunteers from the general membership will meet and plan for the 20th anniversary convention, 1997. The 1997 convention button will be selected by this committee. The sub-committee will select the design, put forward by an individual member or chapter, and will select chapter to produce and sell it per BOD approval.

1996 CONVENTION BUTTONS The BOD would like to rotate this fundraiser among the chapters as much as possible. Two chapters volunteered to do the buttons in 1996. Secretary Busse will contact chapters who have not yet participated before assigning it to a repeat chapter. Any button design for 1996 should not conflict with the language of the 20th anniversary, i.e., 1996 is RWCS' 20th convention, 1997 is RWCS' 20th anniversary.

After further discussion, it was decided to keep the RWCS membership list confidential per current policy. (See minutes of July 5, 1995.)

STIPEND REVIEW Every Fall BOD meeting the annual stipends for standing committee chairs

are reviewed. In a written request mailed to the BOD Gary Tefft requested a change in by-laws regarding stipends. Discussion. No recommendation for any amendment changes in the by-laws was presented.

NEWSLETTER CONTRACT The BOD reviewed the contract proposal with Nicol Knappen of Ekeby Publishing. Each item was discussed individually. A final contract will be sent to President Olson for final review and signatures within one week of this meeting. Vice-President Cronmeyer and Knappen will sign a tentative agreement of contract content during this meeting so operations on the Newsletter can begin. Moved by Corrinne Reed, seconded by Deb Olson that the treasurer disperse \$16,800.00 to Ekeby Publishing for publication costs of the first two issues of 1996 Newsletter. Discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

RWCS HOTLINE Diane Hallstrom reported on the costs and services to institute a hotline for members to call in about thefts. The BOD will continue to investigate the costs and feasibility of this service.

CHAPTER REPORTS Iowa chapter met in October and had Steve and Phyllis Showers as guest speakers.

PUGET SOUND, GOPHER, CANNON VALLEY all reported their chapters are active.

WEST REP Sandy Short reported Montana chapter has met. Golden State produces a great newsletter.

EAST REP Mary Osterholz reported he had been contacted by members because they had not received payment for articles submitted to the Newsletter from May and August. Cronmeyer will contact Newkirk re: the need for timely payments.

Moved by Jeff Floyd, seconded by Ann Busse for the treasurer to pay all bills from convention, board meeting, and all RWCS bills submitted, with travel to be reimbursed at .30 a mile. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned for the day: Reconvened at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, November 12, 1995.

COMPUTER UPDATE Deb Olson reported the new program is completed and will be up and running no later than December 1, 1995.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE Per Article V of the by-laws a nominating committee was appointed and a slate of standing committee chairs will be published in the newsletter four months prior to the election at the annual business meeting in July, 1996.

The Spring BOD meeting will be February 17 & 18, 1996 in Red Wing, Mn. All agenda items and information to accompany reports must be sent to Ann Busse no later than February 1, 1996, to be placed on the agenda. BOD should receive their board packets at least a week prior to the meetings. Adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann E. Busse, Secretary



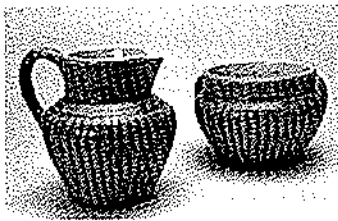
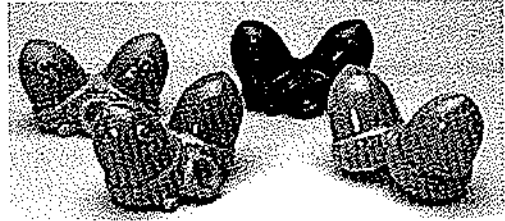
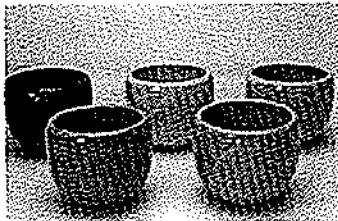
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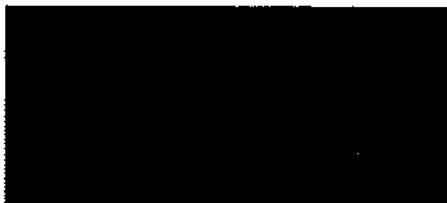
Above, nine 64-oz pitchers (#179) in the five original *Gypsy Trail* colors of Royal Blue, Orange, Yellow, Turquoise and Cream Ivory as well as the later colors Pastel Pink, Pastel Green and Pastel Yellow. Pastel Blue can be seen below right—note the range of blues from the Custard Cups to the Bean Pot and *Fondoso* Cookie Jar.

An assortment of Snack Sugar and Creamers from the *Plain* line is seen next, in the five original colors and two *Fondoso* colors. Far right: Custard Cups, Double Salt and Peppers, *Reed* Sugar and Creamer and two *Plain* Mustard Jars, an Oil Cruet and an Egg Cup.

Red Wing began manufacturing the *Gypsy Trail* lines in 1935 with the introduction of *Chevron*. *Plain*, *Reed*, and *Fondoso* followed. Collection of Sue Jones Tagliapietra.







DIANE & DAVE
HALLSTROM

This year's Convention will be held July 10-13, 1996. This year will be an exciting one because we are moving our Convention to the new Red

Wing High School. Located directly across the highway from the Technical College, this spacious, up-to-date facility will comfortably accommodate all of our activities in one large building, and it should easily meet our growing Convention needs for many years to come.

The new school gives us a central location for all Registration, a great area for Displays and Commemorative distribution, and a wonderful 750-seat auditorium that can be used for the Annual Business Meeting and the General Session. The facility also has a cafeteria that will be available for us to use during the Convention. Forget what you knew about cafeterias—this one is more like the food court at a shopping mall! And—the best part—we now have more space and a better sound system for the Auction and Show and Sale.

Just like the lobby of a busy airport, throughout this building is a system of television screens that will allow us to display late-breaking news of Convention events like the Commemorative lottery numbers. You can see why we are so excited! The new facility is much larger than the Technical College so this year you may want to give yourself a little extra time to familiarize yourself with the new school.

In fact, we need additional volunteers to help with the Convention for just that reason. Because this facility will be new to everyone, we will need extra people to help direct members to the many activities. It will be a fun

and exciting time to meet new friends. Anyone who wishes to donate even an hour or two of their time will find themselves greatly appreciated.

REGISTRATION Be sure to register by mail, it will save you time *and* money. The registration fee—if sent in by the deadline of May 15—will be \$2 per person. Children ten and under are free. If you register after the deadline, the fee is \$3 per person. Register now so you don't forget!

SHOW AND SALE This year the Show and Sale will be in the gymnasium of the new high school. It's quite a large space, so if you are selling at the Show and Sale, you may find it helpful to bring a cart to help you move your things into the sale area.

If you would like to have one or more tables at the Show and Sale, you must check the appropriate area on the registration form and remember to include a self-addressed stamped envelope. When filling out your forms, remember that any helpers must be current members in good standing and registered for the Convention.

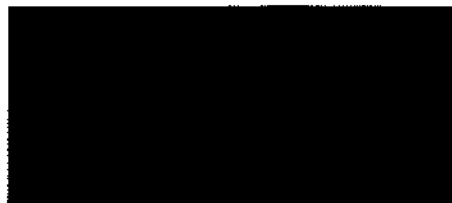
You must also have a Minnesota tax number. This year you will have to send a copy of your certificate for us to verify. We are unable to allow anyone to sell at the Show and Sale who has not sent us a copy of their Minnesota tax number certificate.

BANQUET Saturday evening's Banquet is a great way to unwind, socialize, and end an enjoyable Convention. Tickets will be \$17.50 per person. You can purchase Banquet tickets when you register by mail. They will also be sold on a first come/first serve basis during the Convention. Because we ran out of tickets for the Banquet last year, we have booked the largest room at Treasure Island. This will allow more members to come join in the fun and enjoy a relaxed evening to say good-bye to friends.

ADVERTISING IN THE PACKETS If you are interested in advertising your antique store, garage sale, business, etc. with a flyer for insertion in the Convention Registration Packet, please contact us before May 15. This is a very effective and direct way to

advertise your business to the many dedicated Red Wing collectors who attend the Convention.

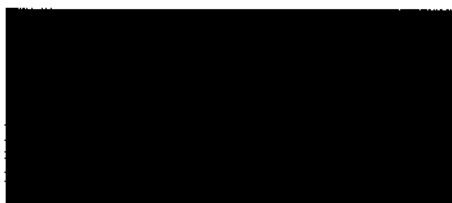
Our address and phone number are listed on the inside front cover of this Newsletter. Please contact us if you're interested in volunteering to help at the Convention, or if you need any additional information.



CHUCK
DROMETER

At last year's Convention, many out-of-state members asked how to get ads or articles into the Red Wing Collectors Society Supplement that is published during the Convention week by the *Republican Eagle Newspaper* in Red Wing. If you would like to have an ad placed in the supplement, contact me for ad rates. My address and phone number are listed on the inside front cover of this Newsletter.

We do need good articles for the supplement, so if you would like to submit one, please do so! Again, send to my attention. Sooner is better than later!



JEFF & RUBY
BENSON

Hey! It's February! That means Convention time is getting closer and closer. You've had a long winter to admire your collection, and to add to it. Now start thinking of ways to display that collection so others can admire it too. We're looking for members to share their displays and rare items. Call us (see inside front cover) for more details.



LARRY
ROSCHEN

RULES AND ORDERING INFORMATION Each year the RWCS offers a Convention commemorative to members. The commemorative will be a miniature reproduction of a Red Wing stoneware or pottery. The identity

of this year's commemorative will not be revealed until the July 1996 convention.

ELIGIBILITY Each paid membership is eligible to purchase one commemorative. In other words, you may purchase one commemorative for each \$15 membership fee paid. You must be a current member at the time of the Convention (membership expiration must be 8/1/96 or later); those with expired memberships cannot pick up or be mailed a commemorative until dues are paid. Membership status for all orders will be verified by the Membership Committee's records.

ORDERING The only way to reserve a commemorative is to prepay, using the order form (sent in a separate mailing). When filling out the form, please provide all the information requested including your membership number (found on your *Newsletter* mailing label). Families with multiple memberships may mail their forms together and combine payments on a single check, but a separate order form must be completed for each commemorative ordered.

Checks or money orders should be made payable to RED WING COLLECTORS SOCIETY. The price is \$20 per commemorative picked up at the Convention, or \$27 for each mailed commemorative. Payment must be in U.S. funds and included with your order. A \$15 fee will be charged for any check returned for non-payment; the commemorative will be held until the check is made good and the \$15 fee is paid.

Please do *not* send orders via registered mail, or other mail class that

requires my signature. Unfortunately, my work schedule does not allow me to reach our post office before closing time, and registered mail that is not claimed promptly is returned to the sender.

ORDERING OPTION (see order form) Check only one of the three options. Your order will be returned if more than one box is checked. No. 1 (\$20) Select this option if you, your spouse or another family member who shares the same membership number (differing only by the letter at the end of the number) will be at the Convention to pick up your commemorative. You must wear your Convention Registration Badge when picking up commemoratives. If you are unable to attend, you must send an additional \$7 per commemorative to have your order mailed. No. 2 (\$20) Select this option if you cannot attend the Convention (or are unsure about attending), or if for any other reason you wish to have another member pick up your order. You must include your friend's name and membership number on your order form. Please name only one person as your order will be printed under that person's membership number on our commemorative pick-up list. Please get your friend's consent before designating him or her to pick up your order. Your friend will need to wear his or her Convention registration badge, but not yours. No. 3 (\$27) Select this option if you wish to have your commemorative mailed to you. We expect to mail these orders the week after the Convention; they should arrive the 4th week in July barring unforeseen problems. The \$7 shipping charge for each commemorative is set by the Society's by-laws, not by the Commemorative Committee. If you choose this option you *cannot* pick up your commemorative at the Convention because pieces designated for mailing are not brought to the Convention. Mailed commemoratives will be equal in quality to those distributed at the Convention (they are inspected, selected and boxed *before* the convention). If you move or change addresses after sending your order please notify Larry Roschen to avoid delivery problems.

Mailed orders will be sent via first

class mail, which has been used the past three years with excellent results. However, if you have a strong preference for UPS delivery, you may write "Send via UPS" on your order form. Be prepared for a longer wait as UPS orders will not be shipped until work on the mailed orders is finished; the delay may reach several weeks.

EARLY-ORDER INCENTIVE (new this year). We appreciate members who send in their orders early; we can process those orders before the arrival of the busy spring and summer months. To add a little incentive, members who order early will be eligible to win one of the limited-edition special commemoratives. To be eligible, your completed commemorative order must be received by April 1, 1996. The winner will be drawn at random on April 1st and will be announced in the May/June issue of the *RWCS Newsletter*.

DEADLINE Prepaid orders must be postmarked no later than May 15th. Orders received postmarked later than May 15, 1996 will not be accepted and will be returned to sender. No exceptions will be allowed. This includes any new members who join RWCS after May 15th. If you miss the prepaid order deadline and still want a commemorative, you must attend the July Convention (see Convention Sales below).

The May 15th deadline may be of concern to members who are unsure if they will attend the Convention. Consider option No. 2—have a friend who is attending pick up yours. If you choose option No. 1 (pick up yourself) but later find you are unable to attend, all is not lost! You can send the \$7 shipping charge to have your commemorative mailed—this can be done before or after the Convention. Or, a friend can still pick yours up at the convention if you notify me of this change no later than July 1st. Pick up changes received after this date cannot be honored.

COMMEMORATIVE SALES AT THE CONVENTION Sales of commemoratives to new members and members who did not prepay will be made on a first-come, first-serve basis while the supply lasts.

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If you are a member who did not prepay, another member cannot purchase a commemorative for you; you must attend the Convention in person to purchase one. Thus you are strongly urged to prepay via the enclosed order form if there is any chance you will be unable to attend.

LOTTERY On Saturday morning, any remaining commemoratives will be offered for sale at the regular \$20 price to Convention-registered members drawn by lottery from prepaid orders. All members who have sent a prepaid order (including mailed orders) will be assigned a lottery number, but only those who have registered for the Convention may purchase. The lottery list will be posted on Thursday.

The Convention registration badge of the person whose name is on the lottery list *must* be shown to the Commemorative Committee when purchasing a lottery piece. Thus family or friends of an unregistered member

whose name comes up in the lottery cannot purchase a lottery piece for that person.

The purpose of the lottery is to provide a fair means to sell surplus commemoratives; the lottery does not entitle anyone to purchase an additional piece. The lottery and commemorative sale will end when the final available piece has been sold. At this point the commemorative will be "sold out" and no longer available from the Commemorative Committee.

SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVES As in past years a limited number of special commemoratives will be given to winners of the Display competition and as door prizes to members attending the Convention. One will also be sold at this year's Convention Auction, one will be given to a member whose commemorative order was received by April 1st (as described in the "Early-Order Incentive" section above), and another will be given to a contributor to the *RWCS Newsletter*, name to be

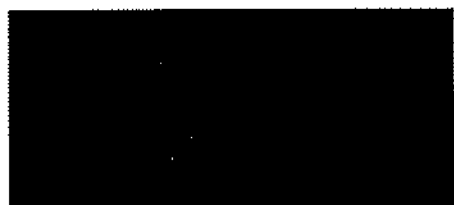
drawn by lottery at the Auction.

PROOF OF PURCHASE AND MISDIRECTED MAIL The Commemorative Committee cannot be responsible for orders it does not receive, regardless of reason. To be sure your order was received, you may request an Order Confirmation notice by including a self-addressed stamped envelope with your order.

Proof of commemorative purchase will be your cancelled check, money order receipt or an order confirmation notice. Any claims made without a proof of purchase will not be honored.

YOUR ORDER WILL BE RETURNED if it cannot be processed because of missing or conflicting information, or if you include payments for membership dues or Convention registration.

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS If you are unsure about the ordering process, did not receive an order form or have any other questions about the commemorative, please contact me (see inside front cover for address).



JEFF & PAULETTE
FLOYD

By now you should have received your Convention packet containing your Auction Registration Form for the 1996 RWCS Convention. This year,

three changes to the Auction will be implemented as a result of our Auction Survey. 1) In response to many concerns that the auction runs too late, we will start the auction at 5 PM. 2) There will be a minimum commission charge of \$10 on items consigned to the Auction that sell for less than \$100. Anything that sells for more than \$100 will be charged the normal 10% commission rate. We hope this change will improve the quality and condition of items submitted, and discourage members from using the Convention Auction as a bump, scratch

and dent sale. 3) Auction checks will not be passed out at the Auction this year. You will have to bring a self-addressed, stamped envelope with you when you drop off your Auction item. Your check will be mailed to you within a week of the Convention.

All guidelines used last year will be in effect for 1996. The lottery system will again be used. Items will be drawn from Registration Forms *postmarked* by May 1, 1996. Remember, only one Registration Form may be used per address, no matter how many memberships are at that address.

No additions or substitutions will be allowed. (For example, if you submit a 3-gallon handturned water cooler, but present a 4-gallon molded water cooler to the Auction Committee, it will not be accepted.)

You will be notified by postcard that your Registration Form has been received by the Auction Committee. By the third week of May, approximately, you will receive another postcard notifying you whether or not your item was drawn in the lottery.

Acceptable items for the auction are stoneware, pottery, dinnerware and

earthenware items made in the United States. Also acceptable are items related to the pottery history of Red Wing (e.g., papers, memorabilia, etc.).

There will be a limit of 15 RWCS Commemoratives allowed in the auction. No 1995 commemoratives will be allowed. No modern day reproductions can be submitted. Chapter commemoratives may be submitted but will be subject to the lottery.

The only multiple items that will be allowed are RWCS Commemoratives, or items sold originally as a set (e.g., a set of *Round Up* dinnerware).

If you make it into the Auction, and believe your piece is unique or unusual, please send us a photograph. We may be able to use it for Auction publicity.

Please keep in mind that you will be submitting a Registration Form far in advance of the actual Auction. You must be prepared to hold your piece until you are notified in May that you have or have not been selected in the lottery. Think carefully before you submit your entry. If your item is confirmed for the Auction but does not show up, you will forfeit your Auction privileges for 1997 and possibly further.

Questions

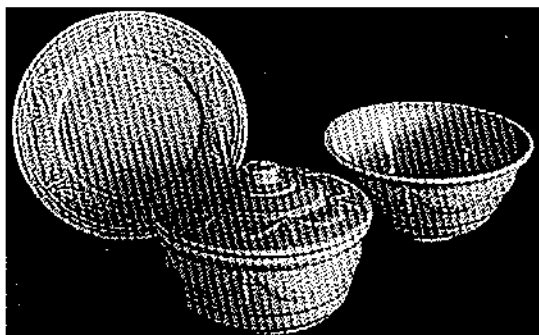
Answers

Need help identifying something? Or is there something about Red Wing that you've always wanted to know but didn't know who to ask? Here's your chance—and you may win a Special Commemorative for your efforts. See the inside front cover for details.

Q *I've heard of a collector who has examples of all but six of the Red Wing dinnerware patterns. I'm new at dinnerware collecting and am wondering which six would be the most difficult patterns to find?*

—Sue Shields, La Grange, IL

MARY BANG: Many patterns are scarce, but some are truly rare. Among these I'd list—not necessarily in order of their rarity—*Nassau*, *Delta Blue*, *Bud*, *Hamm's*, *Wreath* and *Flight*.



Rare Wreath. Collection Sue Jones Tagliapietra.

MONNA ERICKSON: My list is similar to Mary's—sometimes where you're located plays a big part. Mary thought about including *Sweden House* or *Diamond Jim's* on her list, but *Sweden House*, for example, is pretty findable in my area. I'd say *Flight*, *Round-Up*, *Delta Blue*, *Leaf Magic*, *Bud* and *Nassau*.

Q *What's the craziest piece of Red Wing advertising that you have seen?*

—Chase Peck, Carbondale, IL

LARRY PETERSON: A 1-gal crock has been found with a wolf on it, made for M. Wolff & Co., of Chicago, Illinois. I don't know if you'd call that crazy, but it's certainly an unusual piece of Red Wing. In my book (co-authored with Dan & Gail DePasquale) *Red Wing Collectibles*, two especially crazy pieces are shown. One is a 2-gal jug for Petty's Tonic, "the greatest hog remedy known." The instructions on the jug are downright comical. The other advertises salt sulphur water from The Music Hall Bath House Co., of Excelsior Springs, Missouri. The water was "a sure cure for constipation, liver and kidney diseases."

GARY TEFFT: You didn't specify that the advertising had to be on a piece of Red Wing, although that is what I suppose you mean. In which case, although more promotional in nature than actual advertising, in 1908 or thereabouts the Red Wing newspaper ran some cartoons that promoted the town's industries. One featured a cartoon character made out of pieces of crockery.

In regard to advertising on crocks and general craziness, something that I find interesting is that some collectors are able to find pieces of advertising that have one or both of their names. Dick Vogel, for example found a (non-Red Wing) crock from the Dick & Vogel company. Some Red Wing collectors have had similar luck. [Let's hear from them.—ed.]

Q *Have the sponged 5" bowls been reproduced? We went to an auction where there was a small 5" sponged bowl claimed to be Red Wing. It was sponged in Red Wing colors, had smooth sides and a small rolled rim at the top. The shape wasn't as round as the old bowls; it was shaped with straighter sides. The bottom was marked with a "5" and looked very new. (It sold for \$100.)*

—Dorothy Kjelland, Moorhead, MN

GARY TEFFT: Yes, the Red Wing 5" sponged bowls have been reproduced (by a California potter), but I believe that the bowl you're describing was made by the Western Stoneware Company.

Q *I bought this 15" RumRill vase at a garage sale for \$8. It's bright orange and in perfect condition, but*



I can't make out the shape number. I call this my rocket ship vase. How much do you think it's worth?

—Kay Sharp, Washington, IL

RON LINDE: This vase—*from the Neoclassic group*—is one of the

tallest that Red Wing made. It's #674. I'd put its current value at about \$350—so you had a good day garage saling!

MIKE ZAESKE: I'd establish the range for this vase (which some collectors refer to as the "torpedo" vase) at \$125–\$175. In another color the price might be substantially higher, but *Orange* (or even *Gypsy Orange* with very little brown—more likely the actual color of this vase) is not an unusual RumRill color. Still, Ms. Sharp did *very well* in my opinion.

Recent Finds

Made a collecting coup recently? Share it with your fellow members—you may win a Special Commemorative for your efforts. See the inside front cover for details.

Figure the odds. . . This past year we added three mini-jugs to our collection. All three are from different towns and each of those towns are within a ten-mile radius of our home in Sutherland, Iowa.

A friend from Cherokee brought us a "Plager & Price / Sutherland, Iowa."

Then, at a local auction, I acquired a "C.F. Reifsteck / Calumet, Iowa." Calumet is only four miles from Sutherland.

I made a trade to acquire a "Clausen Cash Store / Paullina, Iowa." What makes this one even better for us is that my wife Tillie is originally from Paullina.

—Jerry Litka

