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MEMBERSHIP

TOP 10 LIST, 5 GALLON BEEHIVE JUG

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 member per household in order to have associate membership. Members can pay for more than one year when renewing their membership.

Contact the RWCS Business Office for additional details.

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NEWS BRIEFS

NEW SMARTTOWN CARD HELPS MEMBERS RAISE MONEY FOR RWCS...AND THEMSELVES!

W/hen you're in town for Convention in July, you'll need to eat, buy gas and likely make other purchases at local businesses. So why not accumulate cash rewards for yourself and RWCS when making those purchases?

Many Red Wing businesses are participating in SmartTown, which is a

"shop local" program that rewards you for shopping at participating businesses in Red Wing. With your SmartTown card, these businesses offer cash rewards to you and also make a matching contribution to a non-profit or charity. These cards will be handed out during Convention at the registration table at Red Wing High School, and the RWCS Business Office has already registered them so that the matching contributions benefit the Society. So get your SmartTown card early and use it often!

There is no cost to participate in this program. This is not a credit card, but it is similar to the rewards card you might use at your local grocery store. Every time you use your card at a participating business, you earn cash for you and RWCS. (Your rewards accumulate and are stored on your card until you spend them.) More information about the SmartTown program will be included in the Red Wing Republican-Eagle Convention Supplement, which can also be picked up at the high school during Convention. More than 40 Red Wing businesses are participating in the SmartTown program, including the following:

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Blue Moon Oar d'oeuvre Fiesta Mexicana Pantry Restaurant Harbor Bar The Port Veranda Restaurant Jimmy's Pub

Smokey Row Café Liberty's Restaurant & Lounge Marie's Casual Dining & Lounge

Gas Stations:

Corner Stop- Marathon Joe's Mobil

Other businesses: Hallstrom's Florist Uffda Shop St. James Hotel Moments on Main Clara's Gifts & Coffee Kitchenware & Coffee

IEWELL PETERSON: 1929-2008

RWCS Charter Member Jewell Peterson died last month at the age of 79. She was well-known in the Minnesota antique community and played an important role in generating interest in Red Wing in the early years of the Red Wing Collectors Society. One of her best-known contributions to the Society was her commissioning of the 1977 RWCS Commemorative.

Longtime RWCS member and past president Barney

Olson had this to say about Jewell: "I met Jewell Peterson for the first time in 1977, at the very first get-together of the Red Wing Collectors Society. Jewell welcomed me into her home that first year I met her family and other long-term RWCS people such as Vi Malmquist and her husband, Carol Schaeffer (Jewell's running partner in the antique business), and members of Jewell's family. Jewell's hospitality continued on a yearly basis from the first year through last year. She was always most enthusiastic whenever I saw her and her interest in Red Wing Stoneware was deep-seeded. My condolences go out to her children and family."





ABOUT THE COVER

7ou can always tell when you're in the parking lot of a Red Wing auction, because while some collectors wear their passion for Red Wing on their sleeve, others like to proudly display it on their license plate.

Having a vanity plate with a Red Wing message is a fun way to show that you're crazy about collecting, and it's clear that some collectors like to get exceptionally creative with their message. All the plates pictured here and on the cover are great, but we have to give the award for "most creative" to the Minnesota collector who uses symbols from the Periodic Table of Elements in NACLGLZ to say "salt" glaze. Very clever!

Do you have a Red Wing license plate that you'd like to share with your fellow collectors? E-mail a photo to newsletter editor Rick Natynski, and it will be included in another Red Wing license plate pictorial in a future issue. In the meantime, keep an eye out for your fellow collectors' Red Wing plates while you're in town for Convention next month.

Speaking of Convention, this issue is your full download on the annual event. If the answers to any of your questions are missing, please contact the RWCS Business Office and Stacy or Katie will help you out.



CLUB NEWS



STACY
WEGNER

Executive Director

The RWCS Convention is fast approaching and the business office is getting ready for your arrival. Convention registration is going well and many more of you have registered via the web than last year. Thank you for using the new system! For those of you who are not familiar with the capabilities of the RWCS website, Bonnie Myers will be leading two education sessions during Convention to introduce the online membership services and all the other great resources available on the website.

With more than 70 new people already joining the Society in 2008, our recruiting efforts are paying off. I'm working hard to promote membership in RWCS through several different venues this year. Currently there's a pod cast on www.antiquetrader.com of me being interviewed by publication editor Noah Fleisher. This is a 30-minute discussion that anyone can listen to and learn more about the Society. We also have ads and event listings running in many antique publications.

Don't forget: if you personally recruit five or more new members to join RWCS, you get membership for free for one year. Chapters, don't miss your chance to win the bragging rights to the "Little Brown Jug of Membership" by being the chapter that recruits the most new members.

We also have new RWCS membership brochures and business cards available for you to hand out. If you set up at a flea market, run an auction or have a booth at an antique shop, contact Katie Hardyman and she'll be happy to provide you with copies of the new brochure and business cards to pass along to potential new members.

In addition, several members have created a sign to place in their antique booths to promote RWCS. Simply putting RWCS membership benefits and contact information on a small index card can increase the Society's visibility among

visitors to your antique venue. I'm working on a standardized layout and will have it available to download on the resource page of our website very soon.

If you're planning on attending an antique event and wished you had an extra newsletter or supplement to show people what RWCS is all about, we have plenty of back issues at the office. Consider stopping by to pick some up, or plan ahead for shipping time and we'll be happy to send you materials.

All these materials can be picked up at Convention. Please contact Katie by June 30 so we have enough time to fulfill your request and have everything available at the high school for you to pick up.

Finally, I'm looking for the help of RWCS members to get out the word about the Society in your local area. If you have an idea that is working for you or your Chapter, please let me know. Your efforts will help the Society build upon its extensive history long into the future.

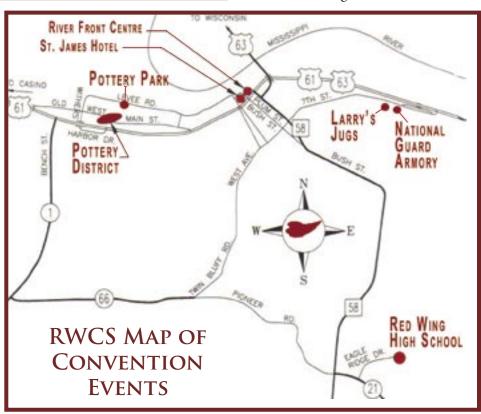


FIRST TIME TO CONVENTION? CHECK THIS OUT:

If 2008 will be your first time attending the Red Wing Collectors Society
Convention, there is lots to see and do!
Start your first Convention experience out right by attending an Orientation
Seminar led by longtime RWCS member
Russ Johnson. Russ will discuss all of the activites that are lined up and offer tips on making the most of your Convention experience.

Time: 9 a.m. Thursday, July 10 9 a.m. Friday, July 11 **Place:** Red Wing High School C

Place: Red Wing High School Choir Room, located just down the hall from the registration area.



2008 Annual RWCS Convention Schedule Red Wing High School - Red Wing, MN

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Wednesday, July 9		
8:00 – noon	Board of Directors Meeting	L 100
11:00 – 3:00	Brat Feed (includes early badge pick up for those who are pre-registered) Sponsored by Pottery Place	Pottery Place Mall
noon – 3:00	Auction Check-In, Catalogs for Sale	Gymnasium
8:00 p.m. – 10:00	Red Wing Pottery Museum Wine & Cheese Fundraiser	Red Wing Pottery Museum
Thursday, July 10		
8:00-4:00	Ephraim Pottery Demonstration, Courtyard Café Open	Courtyard Café
8:00 – 4:00	Set up the Display and Rare Items	J 100 Pod
$8:00 - 7:00 \\ 8:00 - 10:00$	Registration Opens Chapter Presidents Meeting	Courtyard Café L 100
8:00 – 10:00 8:00 – 10:00	Commemorative Distribution	H 100 Pod
8:00 - 11:00	Auction Check-In	Gymnasium
8:00 - ???	Distribution of Bid Numbers; Auction Catalog for Sale	Gymnasium
9:00 - 3:30 9:00 - 10:00	Sale of Educational Materials Orientation for First Timers	Courtyard Café Choir Room C-100
10:30 – noon	Welcome Session/Keynote Address: The New Pottery Park	Auditorium
11:00 – 12:30	Bus Tour Registration (at Information Table) KidsView Auction Check-In	Courtyard Café
12:15 – 1:00	KidsView Auction Check-In	Auditorium
12:15 – 4:15 12:30 – 3:00	Auction Preview Historical Red Wing Bus Tour – Departs/Returns High School	Gymnasium Doors by Auditorium
1:00 - 2:00	Chapter Meetings and Hospitality Rooms	To Be Posted
1:00 - 3:30	Chapter Meetings and Hospitality Rooms KidsView Seminars and KidsView Auction	Art Room/Auditorium
1:00-4:00	Commemorative Distribution	H 100 Pod
4:30 – ??? 5:30 p.m. – 8:00	Auction View Displays	Gymnasium J 100 Pod
Friday, July 11	view Displays	J 100 10d
8:00 – 3:20	Registration	Courtyard Café
8:00 – 3:30	Ephraim Pottery Demonstration, Courtyard Café Open (until 1:30)	Courtyard Café
9:00 – 10:50	Commemorative Distribution	H 100 Pod
8:30 – 3:20	Displays Open Sale of Educational Materials	J 100 Pod
9:00 - 3:20 9:00 - 10:00	Orientation for First Timers	Auditorium Hallway Choir Room C-100
9:00 – 10:00 9:00 – 10:00	Set Up Show and Sale/Souvenir Items	Gymnasium
10:00 - 10:50	Adult Educational Seminars	H 200 Rooms
10:00 – 11:50	KidsView Educational Seminars	Art Room H 200 Rooms
11:00 – 11:50 11:50 – 12:30	Adult Educational Seminars Lunch – On Your Own	Courtyard Café
12:30-1:20	Adult Educational Seminars	H 200 Rooms
1:30 – 2:20	Adult Educational Seminars	H 200 Rooms
1:30 – 3:00 2:30 – 3:20	Commemorative Distribution Adult Educational Seminars	H 100 Pod H 200 Rooms
2:30 – 3:20 2:30 – 3:20	Set Up Show and Sale/Souvenir Items	Gymnasium
3:30 - 5:30	Annual Business Meeting	Auditorium
6:00 p.m. – 8:30	Potter's Picnic (Serving food until 7:00 p.m.) Sponsored by Chamber of Commerce	New Location in 2008: Pottery Park
Saturday, July 12		
8:00 - 9:00	Set up Show and Sale (Courtyard Café Open 8:00 – 1:00)	Gymnasium
$8:00 - 10:30 \\ 8:00 - 10:30$	Registration Commemorative Distribution	Courtyard Café H 100 Pod
8:00 – 10:30 8:00 – 11:00	KidsView Plate Pick Up	Courtyard Café
8:00 - 11:00	Auction Prices-Realized Catalogs for Sale	Courtyard Café/Gym
8:00 – 1:30 0:00 – 10:30	Display Open to the Public	J 100 Pod Gymnasium
9:00 – 10:30 10:30 – 1:30	Show and Sale Open to Registered Members ONLY Show and Sale Open to the Public	Gymnasium
9:30 – 1:00	Commemorative Lottery (while supplies last)	H 100 Pod
1:30 – 3:00	Show and Sale Removal	Gymnasium
1:30 – 3:00 5:30 p.m. – 6:30	Display Removal Banquet Social Hour	J 100 Pod Red Wing Golf Club
6:30	Banquet Dinner	Red Wing Golf Club
	Schedule current as of June 1, 2008 - subject to change.	

CLUB NEWS



JEFF
FLOYD

Auction Manager

Thanks once again to all the members who submitted an item into the Convention Auction Lottery. Letters went out around June 1 to all members that were drawn in the lottery. Please contact the Auction Manager directly if you are unsure of the status of your submission.

Check-in times for the Auction are Wednesday from noon to 3 p.m. and Thursday from 8 to 11 a.m. Please use the Wednesday check-in if at all possible. Viewing for the Auction will be from 12:15 to 4:15 p.m. Thursday. The Auction will start at 4:30 p.m. Any member who would like a catalog with prices realized from the Auction can send a check to the Auction Manager after Convention. They are priced at \$3. Please make your check out to "RWCS."

Hope you see you in July!



TERRY
SPEEDY
Interim Education
Manager

I can't believe Convention is right around the corner! We have a lot of great educational seminars lined up for this year, including the keynote address to be given by Brian Peterson of the City of Red Wing. Brian led the development of the new Pottery Park where this year's Potter's Picnic will be held for the first time, and he'll discuss the evolution of the project.

Many members have stepped up to present educational sessions, so Convention will be filled with great seminars this year. Topics will include mini and advertising jugs, Ebb Tide dinnerware, Red Wing 101 & 102, Concord dinnerware, a "then-and-now" pictorial history of the Pottery District, building a chapter website and safely displaying your collection.

CONVENTION NEWS & NOTES

The 7th annual Outdoor Antique Flea Market will be held in the streets of historic downtown Red Wing starting at sunrise on Sunday, July 6, and running until around 3:30 p.m. A tax-deductible \$50 donation to the Red Wing Collectors Society Foundation will get you a 20-foot by 20-foot space to peddle your wares. Tables and chairs can be rented for \$10 and \$2, respectively. There's always space for more sellers and all proceeds benefit the Red Wing Pottery Museum, so consider joining the fleet of sellers.

Please note that the items for sale must be antiques or souvenirs. Checks made out to the RWCS Foundation can be sent to Red Wing Collectors Society Foundation Fundraiser, c/o Diane Hallstrom, 317 Bush St., Red Wing, MN 55066. Contact Diane with questions at DIAHALL@REDWING.NET or 612-247-9876. It will be a great way to start off a week of Red Wing memories for 2008.

The winner of the July Convention pre-registration lottery was Doug Arndt of Stockton, IL. The early bird random drawing took place on April 20. He will receive one of the 2008 Special Commemoratives.

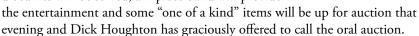
Potter's Picnic is moving to Pottery Park! Trees are planted, grass is laid and the sidewalk is ready. Come one, come all to see the new interpretive signs and pavilion. Same day and same time as always, but in a new home on Levee Road across the railroad tracks from Pottery Place. Please bring lawn chairs along if you can.

Volunteer "Thank You" Board: As part of the new volunteer recognition program, there will be a place for members to write messages to the more than 100 volunteers who help make convention possible. Visit the high school cafeteria during Convention to write a note on the message board and thank a member.

Wine & Cheese Tasting Fundraiser for the Red Wing Pottery Museum

WHERE: THE RED WING POTTERY MUSEUM WHEN: 8 TO 10 P.M. WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

Come enjoy good food, friends and music on the evening of Wednesday, July 9 to benefit the Red Wing Pottery Museum. Wine sampling and hors d'oeuvres will be served, a 4-piece band will provide



The admission for this event is your donation of a piece of stoneware, dinnerware or art pottery for the upcoming Red Wing Collectors Society Foundation's Pottery Museum Fall Auction on Sunday, Oct. 19 at Grandpa's Garage in Cannon Falls, Minn. We would appreciate all donated pieces to be high quality, mint condition pieces with 100 percent of the auction proceeds going to your Red Wing Pottery Museum. Dick Houghton will again be auctioning off the items for free and Grandpa's Garage has donated the venue for this fundraising event.

Indigo and the Bald Eagles have graciously donated their time and talents to play their Dixieland Jazz all evening for our entertainment. The RWCS Foundation hopes to see you there!

Call Diane Hallstrom at 612-247-9876 for more information.

KIDSVIEW PREVIEW

Kids, are you ready for another summer of fun? The time is getting close for our 9th annual KidsView Seminars. We have some fun activities planned again this year that we know you will enjoy.

The theme this year is all about advertising. We're going to use the Red Wing Potteries Ledger as our teaching tool for this year's activities. Start think about all of the advertising that Red Wing made for businesses and look at advertising pieces you or your parents might have before you come to Convention so we can have some discussions. Most of all, prepare yourself to have loads and loads of fun!

Thursday, July 10 will be the always popular "Make Your Own Stoneware Piece" with Mike and Russa Robinson, and the annual KidsView Auction will take place in the afternoon. We still need donations for the KidsView Auction. People can bring pieces to the auditorium at noon on Thursday.

Friday, July 11 will be another exciting day featuring the Ephraim Pottery folks where the kids will be divided into work groups. They'll once again make a trip back into the pottery work room and produce "special" Red Wing advertising items based on orders that are placed with the Red Wing Stoneware Company. We need volunteers who are willing to play different characters in our reenactment of the orders for special advertising pieces being placed by specific companies and how that order is finally made and sent to the customer. For example, we'll need salesmen, pottery workers, clerks, etc. The kids will be the actual potters who are creating the wares for distribution. We would like to have adults in period costume to serve as "supervisors" and we need volunteers who are willing to help with set design to make the scene real for the kids. We also encourage volunteers to bring advertising pieces that can serve as examples so the kids have a good idea of what the real items look like. If you can volunteer for KidsView, please e-mail Sue Jones Tagliapietra at PRESIDENT@REDWINGCOLLECTORS.ORG or Wendy Callicoat at CROCKS701@AOL.COM.

We hope to see you again for another great KidsView experience!

Wendy Callicoat and Sue Jones Tagliapietra, KidsView Co-Chairs



2008 KIDSVIEW PLATE DESIGN WINNER

Ari Williams from Rio, Wis. is this year's winner of the KidsView Plate design competition. Her plate design was chosen out of nearly 100 designs submitted by children who attended the KidsView seminars at the RWCS 2007 Convention.

Ari will now paint her design on a Red Wing dinner plate. The plate is auctioned in the Thursday RWCS Auction to raise money for ongoing KidsView activities, so watch for the announcement by Jeff Floyd on Thursday evening to find out the number of the item and don't miss your opportunity to own this one-of-a-kind Red Wing plate.

2008 DISPLAY ROOM UPDATE

Good news for displayers: we still have space available! Like last year, the Display Room will be on the first floor in the J100 rooms of Red Wing High School. We do have a few people who signed contracts to display, but there's plenty of room for more. We know that every member could put on a stellar display with their collection, so now is your chance to show off some of your passion!

Using an idea introduced at Convention 2007, displays will again be limited to a maximum of 10 feet; one eight-foot table and two feet of floor space is a usual arrangement. Even though there is a maximum limit, your display certainly can be a bit smaller if you wish. Only want a six foot table? We have spaces available. We try to be extra flexible for our displayers of Rare



Items or groupings, but are best able to have enough display space when we know how much table or floor space to allow. Therefore, contact us in advance because we cannot guarantee space for last minute arrivals. In all categories, space is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Get your contracts in early to reserve your space.

Competitors in the Memorabilia, Art Pottery, Stoneware, and Dinnerware categories will get a sneak-peek at the displays during set-up times that are closed to viewers, and will automatically qualify to take home the 2008 RWCS Regular Commemorative as a thank you. Should your display also win People's Choice or Best of Show in its category, you will also receive a 2008 Special Commemorative.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about what it takes to put up a display, please contact us. It is a fun way to show off your collection. It is not very difficult, as the only requirement is that you spend a little time setting up your display and taking it back down. Interested parties should contact: Display Room Chairs Glenn & Julie Beall, 215 W. 7th St., Logan, IA 51546-1221, GBEALL@LOGANET.NET or 712-644-2256.









STILL IN BUSINESS

LAMPERT YARDS, INC.



When it comes to Red Wing advertising bowls, bean pots, pitchers and beater jars, the pieces that lack a city or state name in the advertising typically aren't as desirable as the ones that do contain this information because collectors are often more interested in collecting advertising from a specific city or state. And since the business being advertised likely closed several years ago, finding out where it was located can be difficult.

This isn't the case, however, with the Red Wing saffron sponge bowls that bear the name of Lampert Yards, Inc. Not only is Lampert Yards still in business, but with nearly 40 locations scattered throughout the Midwest, the lumber yard chain is still owned by the Lampert Family.

Lampert Yards was originally founded in 1887 by Jacob and Leonard Lampert with the purchase of a yard in Sleepy Eye, Minn. Although the brothers were born in Switzerland, their father moved the family to the United States in 1866. Their second acquisition occurred in 1890, when Leonard moved to Mankato, Minn. to run a new yard.

In the late 1800s, the Interstate Commerce Commission adopted a regulation requiring that a community be established every six miles along the railroad lines. (This being the farthest a farmer could travel in a day's time.) The towns were small, but served their purpose as trade centers for surrounding farms. The central business district normally consisted of one general store, one grain elevator and one lumber yard. Lamperts was an early pioneer in the establishment of line lumber yards, and 10 of them were established by the young company before the turn of the century.

The retail lumber business grew steadily during the first decades of the 20th century thanks to the expanding needs of farmers in the Upper Midwest. Since Lamperts was

dealing in large quantities of lumber, it was decided that its headquarters should be moved closer to the source of supply, which was primarily in northern Minnesota and Wisconsin. So in 1900, the general office was moved to the Twin Cities.



Above: The Lampert Yards Red Wing advertising bowl. Top of page: (left to right) Lampert's Cleveland, Minn. location in 1938, an undated photo showing three Lampert employees, the Northfield, Minn. location in 1938.

Eventually Jacob and Leonard each had children of his own, and each thought his son was the most qualified to run the company. Because of this, the company split in 1924. Leonard Lampert retained all properties west of a line from Duluth to Mankato, to approximately Sioux City, Iowa. Leonard's company eventually became known as Lampert Lumber. Jacob Lampert kept the yards east and south of the line, and his company became known as Lampert Yards.

The end of an era came in 1928 when Jacob Lampert stepped down from his role as president of the company and his son, Horace H. Lampert, took the helm. Horace successfully guided the company through the depression and pre-war years in which several yards were bought. By 1937, Lamperts had a total of 53 yards, and to mark its 50th anniversary, the company commissioned its "Golden Anniversary" advertising saffronware sponge bowl with the Red Wing Potteries.

A tragic drowning took the life of Horace in 1938 and John K. Fesler was elected president shortly thereafter. John was the husband of Elsie Lampert, Horace's sister.

The next 30 years were reasonably uneventful, yet prosperous for the company. Sales volume increased steadily. Several yards were bought and sold during this period. At one point, the company owned approximately 75 yards.

In 1966, John K. Fesler retired as president and his sons, David R. and John L. Fesler, assumed the roles of president and vice president, respectively. The company progressed rapidly, along with the housing boom of the 1960s and 70s. The acquisition of new yards and companies continued.

Between 1966 and 1979, the company realized substantial sales growth and prosperity. This was a period of change and consolidation. Many of the smaller yards were closed while most of the larger yards were remodeled to resemble the new "home center" concept. In June of 1979, John L. Fesler acquired control of the company and became its president.

The early 1980s proved to be turbulent times for the lumber and building materials industry. These yards saw the worst downswing in the industry since the Great Depression. Starting in 1983, the company rebounded and through perseverance, was positioned to take advantage of the improved business climate.

Daniel Fesler became the fourth generation of his family to hold the role as president of Lampert Yards in 1994. He follows in the footsteps of his father, John L. Fesler, grandfather John K. Fesler, and great grandfather Jacob Lampert.

More than 120 years after its inception, Lamperts now operates 36 lumber yards located in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota and South Dakota. As dedicated to the lumber and building material business as ever, the company says it's looking forward to a bright future through increased expansion and market growth.

Historical text and photos provided by Lampert Yards, Inc.

Changing of the Guard

Organizer of Pottery Place Outdoor Sales to Step Down After 20 Years

Story by Rick Natynski

of all the activities that highlight the RWCS Convention, one of the events most anticipated by collectors is the parking lot sales at Pottery Place. This year will likely be just as good as years past, with lots of quality pieces being set out for sale and just as many collectors out there in the wee hours of the morning eager to find a deal.

One thing will be different, however: it will be the last year that the man who started it all will be out there peddling his wares in his large silver tent. Dennis Chasteen, the first person ever to set up in the Pottery Place parking lot, is calling it quits after 20 years. Next year Bernie Bussman, the coordinator of the indoor sales at Pottery Place, will take over the reins of organizing the outdoor sale.

"I've just decided that I want to start participating in Convention activities and enjoy it myself," Dennis says. "I'm looking forward to attending various events around town during the day, adding pieces to my personal collection, and I'd even like to put on a few educational seminars at the high school. The time has finally come to let someone else run the sale."

The early days of collecting

It was clear early on that Dennis was destined to become a Red Wing collector, for he was only 10 years old when he came across five crocks when cleaning out his grandmother's basement. Many young boys would jump at the chance to destroy the crocks, especially when instructed by their grandmother to do so. But instead Dennis asked if he could lug them home and keep them. He put the crocks in his bedroom, using one of them as a laundry hamper.

Dennis got more into antiques in his early 20s, and living in Iowa and Minnesota gave him ample opportunity to find good Red Wing. But it wasn't until he moved to Aberdeen, SD in 1984 where he found huge amounts of Red Wing at auctions and very little competition from other collectors.

"I was paying 50 cents a gallon for stoneware, and if I found a piece I didn't have, I bought it," he says. The competition started getting stiffer around 1995, although he recalls driving to auctions in Nebraska, North Dakota, Wyoming and Montana and still running into people that didn't know the value of Red Wing.

In fact, it was a farm auction located in north central Nebraska in 2000 where Dennis discovered one of his best deals. When he arrived at the auction that listed 55 crocks of various sizes in the sale bill, he found that all the pieces were common and several had significant damage. When giving the inventory one last look before leaving, he got an invitation that every collector dreams of. An old lady walked up and asked if he might be interested in the one piece they left back in the root cellar, because it was too big to carry out. They went back to the woman's house, where Dennis found a side-stamped 20 gallon salt glaze butterfly crock in mint condition.

"I walked up the stairs and asked the woman if she'd sell me the crock right then and there for 500," he says. "She said, 'Oh no – if it's worth that much, I should put it in the auction."



Dennis went back to the auction, where he later saw the woman's sons carrying the crock out to the line of stoneware on the lawn. Shortly thereafter, another auction attendee went up to the crock, flipped it upside down and sat on it.

"I was fuming," Dennis chuckles. "Here I had a chance to buy this great piece before it went into the auction, and now some guy was using it as a chair. It was unbelievable."

What happened next, however, was even harder to believe. The auctioneer put all the stoneware up for choice and started the bidding at \$50. Dennis rose his card in the air, and that was the only bid the auctioneer received. Yes, he won the crock for only \$50.

Parking lot sale proprietor

Dennis joined RWCS in 1987, when the only organized sale during Convention was the official Show & Sale that took place at the Vo-Tech building in Red Wing. Back then, people who wanted to sell Red Wing in the days leading up to Convention either sold pottery out of their trunk, set up on the lawns of a few local antique shops, or had to find homeowners who would let them set up in their driveways. A few people would also set up inside Pottery Place, but it was Dennis who asked to set up out in the parking lot.

"I get too claustrophobic," he says. "I need to be outside. When I asked to set up outdoors, they let me do it, but refused to charge me."

Before he knew it, other collectors were asking if they could set up and sell next to him. Within two or three years, about 25 dealers were selling out of the parking lot and there still was no charge. Once Pottery Place started holding the brat feed on the Wednesday of Convention week, a minimal \$10 fee was charged to dealers to help defray costs. The fee has gradually increased over the years, as has the number of dealers participating in the sale. In fact, a new high was set last year with 92 different dealers scattered throughout the Pottery Place lot over the course of the week. Now it costs a total of \$30 per space for the entire week, with sellers invited to set up as early as July 7, the Monday before Convention, until Saturday, July 12.

"Although I've been compensated for organizing the sale in the past bunch of years, this has always been something I've done more for fun than anything else," he explains. "I've really enjoyed getting to know RWCS members and their families. I've met a lot of super people and made a lot of friends. I'll miss it, but it's time to move on."

When roaming through the Pottery Place parking lot this July, don't forget to stop by and thank Dennis for his years of service, because he's helped in giving us all some special memories. And if you're interested in setting up in the parking lot this year, call him at 605-380-7222 to reserve a spot.

CHAPTER NEWS & EVENTS

Chapter Meetings during Convention

All RWCS Chapter Meetings are scheduled for 1 to 2 p.m., Thursday, July 10 at Red Wing High School. Room assignments will be posted at Convention.

Lewis & Clark Chapter

Dinner at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, July 11 at Liberty's Restaurant & Lounge in Red Wing. Please RSVP to Shiela Schumacher by July 8 at RJSJ@MCHSI.COM or 952-242-4203. New members welcome. The fall meeting will be in Montana on Sept. 27.

Trails West Chapter



The Trails West Chapter's spring meeting was held at the beautiful country home of Larry & Kay Salisbury in Melvern, Kan. on April 19. The weather was beautiful, the pot luck luncheon was incredible and 40 chapter members attended the meeting with some exceptional "show & tell" stoneware. Dennis and Dixie Hostetler provided a wonderful fish fry to go with the pot luck and no one went away hungry.

The group was joined by Jerry & June Erdmann, RWCS Representative at Large from Tigerton, Wis. and Gary & Mary Wisbar from Stillwater, Minn. Chapter member Elizabeth Beall and her father, Glenn, drove in from Logan, Ia. to share her latest find – a bottom-marked Red Wing 5-inch bowl.

This meeting's special finds included two winged butter churns, two jugs with Kansas City advertising, a Missouri advertising bowl, a two gallon salt glaze double "P" crock, a cherry band pitcher with western Kansas advertising, a Universal cake maker and a very rare Wakefield, Kan. poultry waterer.

The next chapter meeting will be held at the National Convention in Red Wing, and the fall meeting will be held at the home of Bob & Vivian Perry in Lee's Summit, Mo.

TALES FROM THE DUMPS

Discovery of the Bach Shard

The spring months of 2008 were good ones for dedicated dump diggers Steve Showers, Dennis Nygaard and Austin Fjerestad. They rescued many great pieces from the Red Wing pottery dump – some that have been seen before, and a few that have not.

In this installment of "Tales from the Dump," Austin shares his discovery of a salt glaze lunch hour piece. The three diggers have expressed interest in sharing finds from the dump on a regular basis, so you can look forward to more "Tales from the Dump" segments in future issues.

Story by Austin Fjerestad, Red Wing Pottery Dump Digger

Prior to our dig on April 26, Dennis had already found a handful of good pieces including a whole 2 gallon lid and a 3 gallon lid in a mossy green color. He had also found a whole 1 gallon syrup jug with a small hole in it and a zinc glaze butter crock with brown sponging. All of this was found on April 21, and on top of the day's finding he had also recovered 80 percent of a 6 gallon churn. I had hopes of finding the rest of a 5 gallon leaf crock I had recently dug.

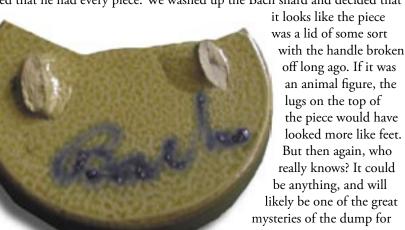
A couple hours after getting down to the dump, neither of us were having any luck. The day was overcast and cold, and snow was in the air. But, we pressed on. I had uncovered some strange shards and a few 2 gallon crock fronts, but that was it. Both Dennis and I were having problems keeping our holes open due to the large piles of kiln stones that had been thrown in the area.

Finally I struck something of interest: it looked to be a mini saucer that was extra thin and fragile. I carefully unearthed it and saw it was shaped like a flower pot saucer, but it was all salt glaze and had Albany slip on the inside. I turned it over to find it covered in dirt, and it had a lug handle like that of a broken jug handle.

I told Dennis I had a strange shard and wiped it off to reveal the best feature yet – it was marked in cobalt blue letters. Above the marking were two broken lug handles that looked like it was one part of a handle, so I thought the piece might be a small lid. The big blue letters made me gasp as I read them and I couldn't believe what I was looking at. The name "Bach" flowed together in old style cursive. Who was Bach? Was he a worker at the pottery? Was he a dealer of some sort in Red Wing? Or was it just a sample piece? I began to revel in my finding, and told Dennis, "You will never guess what I found! Man, oh man! You will never guess!"

Dennis was only 10 feet away and he looked intrigued. "I bet it's a stand for an animal of some sort," he said, although uncertain. I dug deep and wide in search of the missing pieces, but couldn't find anything else. I closed up my hole, wondering where the rest of the piece was. Dennis and I went home then, and Steve stopped by to see the Bach shard. He didn't know what it was either.

When Dennis got home, he found that he had key pieces to his churn, and later discovered that he had every piece. We washed up the Bach shard and decided that



years to come.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR MUSEUM? POTTERY PARK MEMORIALS AND NEW SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Story by Ron Linde, RWCS Foundation Board Member

The RWCS Foundation Board continues to develop plans for expanding the Red Wing Pottery Museum. Back in March, Board member Dave Kuffel arranged a museum tour and meeting with developers of the "Wings and Wheels Museum" in Poplar Grove, Illinois. Later that day, Dave and six other Foundation Board members held a meeting to discuss ongoing plans for development of the Red Wing Pottery Museum. We also met with our website manager for updates of the Foundation website at www.rwcsfoundation.org.

Now is your chance to honor a loved one or have your name on a memorial bench or tree. This offer is being extended to RWCS chapters and individual members before being offered to members of the Red Wing community. A brass plaque will be attached to the bench honoring you or your group, your family, or other loved ones. The memorial trees will be noted with signage on the ground. Do you want to purchase a memorial bench or tree in the Pottery Park? The following items are

available with the quantity available in parenthesis:



4 ft. benches without back, pictured at left (2): \$850

6 ft. benches without back (3): \$1000



6 ft. benches with back, pictured at left (2): \$1250

Memorial trees in a variety of species: \$500

Blair Clemo is the fourth winner of the RWCS Foundation Award presented through the Northern Clay Center of Minneapolis. This award is presented to a deserving individual starting a career as a potter or studying or researching historical aspects of the pottery field.

Clemo's porcelain and stoneware pots often have scalloped lips and are glazed in

pastel colors. He has been accepted into the prestigious ceramics program at Alfred University in Alfred, New York – one of the leading



Clemo: Scholarship winner at work

institutions training talented young potters in the United States. You can meet Clemo at the RWCS Foundation Museum Open House during Convention on July 9.

That reminds me...Convention is coming soon! Be certain to rummage through your Red Wing stoneware and pottery collection to find a good item to donate that will sell at the fall fundraising auction for the Foundation. This piece of stoneware or pottery is your admission to the Open House celebration that will take place at the Pottery Museum on Wednesday evening, July 9, during the RWCS Annual Convention. Turn back to the bottom of page 6 to find more information about the event.

RED WING POTTERY ROAD SHOW A BIG SUCCESS

More than 100 people brought their Red Wing stoneware, dinnerware and art pottery to the Red Wing Pottery Road Show on May 18 at the Red Wing Pottery Museum in Red Wing. Longtime collectors Ron Linde, Larry Peterson, Dale Erickson, Chuck Drometer and Mike Anderson were on hand to help people learn more about their pieces and offer estimated values for insurance purposes. Also present during the show was longtime restoration artist Keith Klindworth, who gave advice and took in pieces for repair.

Of the more than 200 pieces brought to the Road Show, there were several highlights including several previously unknown lunch hour pieces. The highlight of the lunch hour bunch was a hand-painted umbrella stand bottom-marked by the creator. Other pieces included a very small greyline pitcher and a set of plates.

Just as the event was winding down, in walked the find of the show. The relatives of Harry Tiedeman – a past Red Wing Potteries Union president – brought in a photo of Harry, his Union President pin, a mini jug smaller than a penny and a Red Wing souvenir jug. With excitement and interest, the members drew around to see the history come alive. Larry Peterson, RWCS Foundation Board Member, estimated the value of their items and encouraged them to consider documenting the pieces' history.

"This is one of the many reasons that the Red Wing Pottery Museum is here – to document and remember the Red Wing Potteries' history," Peterson said.

The event was sponsored by the Red Wing Collectors Society, RWCS Foundation, RWCS Cannon Valley Chapter and Pottery Place retail stores. Thanks to the event's success, plans are in the works to hold the Red Wing Pottery Road Show again in 2009.



Above: Larry
Peterson discusses a
brown beehive jug
with a young family
as RWCS member
Mike Anderson
looks on. Right:
This photo of a folk
art Red Wing lunch
hour umbrella
stand was shared
at the Road Show,
which attracted
100+ attendees.



LETTERS FROM THE MEMBERS



Please welcome two of the newest RWCS members – Grady and Gus Jacobs from Hoisington, Kan. They started collecting when they were 4 months old, and now only 6 months later they already have quite a nice collection. They recently acquired this 4 gallon salt glaze single P crock. As you can see, they're closely inspecting it for chips and hairlines, and they're hoping to find that it's side-stamped. Although we've been trying to buy this crock from them, they won't budge an inch. We guess we taught them well!

Outdoor space:

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Dennis Chasteen 605-380-7222

Dean & JoEllen Jacobs

Shortly after the April issue of the *RWCS Newsletter* was delivered to mailboxes throughout the country, an alert charter member e-mailed to say that a side-stamped 8 gallon crock with the same primitive butterfly and daisy decoration appears on page 15 of *A Guide to Red Wing Markings, Book II* by David Newkirk.



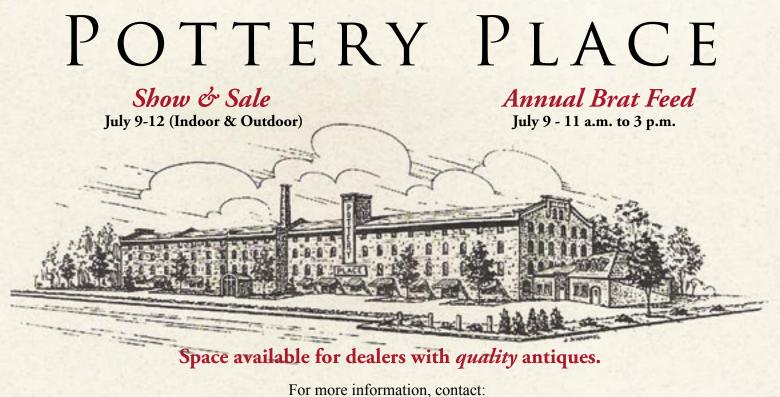
A longtime RWCS member from Iowa also called in to report that he owns a back-stamped 10 gallon crock identical to the one pictured on the April cover, except that his has the dash-dot-dash under the numeral and a few more details in the decoration. He picked it up at a farm auction in southwestern Iowa more than 30 years ago.

"I went to the auction and saw the crock and a 4 gallon salt glaze single P churn, both mint, but realized I had forgotten my checkbook at home," the collector recalls. "I only had \$32 in my pocket and that had to cover lunch, too. I waited to eat until the pieces sold, and luckily the crock only cost me \$10 and the churn was \$16, so I still had \$6 left to get some lunch from the food cart."

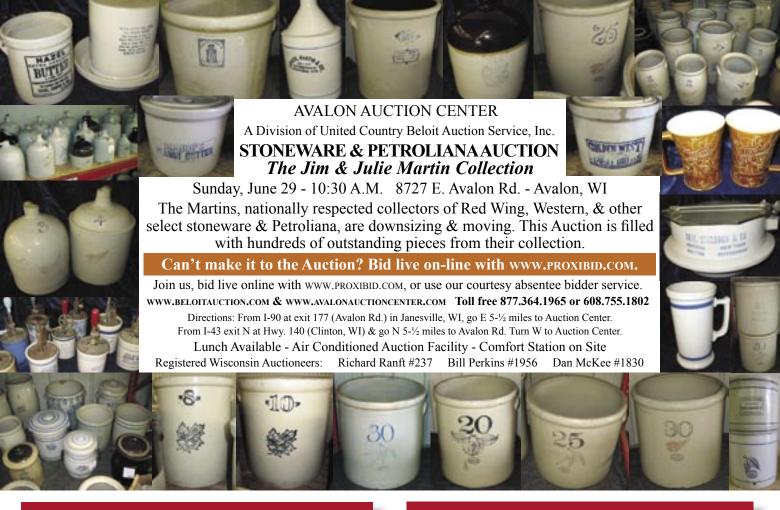
So, while this Red Wing decoration is quite difficult to find, there are a few known examples out there.

Indoor space:

Bernie Bussman 651-388-7765



2000 Old West Main Street Red Wing, MN 55066 651-385-5578



RED WING STONEWARE & ART POTTERY

AUCTION

Tuesday, July 8, 2008 – 3:30 PM National Guard Armory Red Wing, MN

Salt Glaze 4 gal. crock w/bird on a branch, plus other SG Crocks, Zinc Crocks, 3-4-5 gal. Salt Glaze shoulder Jugs & Beehive jugs, 4 gal. Ice Water Cooler, 5 gal. Water Cooler,



3 gal. SG Churn w/leaf, Crock & churn lids, Adv. Bean pots, Spongeband Bowls, Grayline, Saffron, Mini Jugs, Artware, 12" & 16" Birch Canoes, Dinnerware – Lexington Rose, Tampico, Bob White, Commemoratives, RW Framed prints by Sandy Hokanson, plus much more. Catalogs available at \$5.00 each.

HOUGHTON'S AUCTION SERVICE 1967 LAUNA AVE. RED WING, MN 55066

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RED WING STONEWARE & ART POTTERY

AUCTION

Wednesday, July 9, 2008 – 3:30 PM National Guard Armory Red Wing, MN

Salt Glaze & Zinc Crocks, Shoulder Jugs, Churns, 10

gal. Water cooler, Mason Fruit Jars, Butter Crocks, Beehive Jugs, Covers, Spongeware Bowls, Artware, Dinnerware – Assorted Patterns, Test Plates, Lunch Hour Plates, plus much more.
Catalogs available at \$5.00 each. See the website for

more pictures of both sales.



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CLASSIFIEDS

Classified ads are 15¢ per word; \$3 minimum charge and are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Ads are divided into the following sections: Red Wing For Sale, Red Wing Wanted, Other Pottery For Sale, Other Pottery Wanted, Events, Auctions, Clubs & Publications and Web Sites, 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. (Note: the small number at the end of an ad tells when the ad expires, e.g., 12/07. Ads without dates are one-time ads.) Please type or print clearly and proof read before submission.

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Full page	\$400	\$360
1/2 page (horizontal or vertical)	200	180
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DEADLINES

Issue	Ad Deadline	Editorial Deadline
February	Jan. 10	Jan. 1
April	March 10	March 1
June	May 10	May 1
August	July 25	July 15
October	Sept. 10	Sept. 1
December	Nov. 10	Nov. 1

EDITOR ADDRESS - **New as of April 2008** Make checks payable to RWCS and mail with ads to: Rick Natynski

PO Box 441

Elm Grove, WI 53122-9998

Ads may also be e-mailed: NEWSLETTER@REDWINGCOLLECTORS.ORG with checks sent separately. Or, call Rick at 414-416-WING (9464).

RED WING FOR SALE

Handles and wooden lids. Send SASE for flyer to Larsen's Collectibles, 757 120th Street, Hampton, Iowa 50441-7555. Phone 641-866-6733. 8/08

Disposing of 200+ item Red Wing Stoneware collection of 20 years. 53 crocks, 35 lids, 26 jugs, 12 salt glaze crocks, 5 water coolers. Other items including 7 commemoratives, canning jars, churns, poultry waterers, etc. You arrange shipping. Call 509-697-6565 or write to C. Brown; 120 Brown Lane South; Selah, WA 98942 for complete listings. (Discount for purchase of total collection.) 6/08

RWCS Commemoratives 1981-2005 (25) excellent condition - many boxed. Many newsletters from early years (newspaper type), convention buttons - ribbons - anniversary booklet. \$4,000.00 or reasonable offer for all. Possible delivery to Convention. E-mail VANGLORP@HOTMAIL.COM or call 541-259-2327 or 715-779-5456. 6/08

M1549 compote-type RW planter, fleck yellow, \$35. Also NAPCO Cleveland, Ohio green glass planter #1169, \$10. Both excellent condition. Call Elizabeth at 651-481-3987.

Orange Ale Detroit monkey jug, ex shape, \$795. 5 gal hand-turned water cooler, very nice! \$395. 8 gal churn, 6" wing – as nice as you will find! \$2,850. Blue & white lily pitcher & bowl set, mint, \$1,135. 5 gal black birchleaf beehive, Union oval, mint, \$435. Christmas tree holder (patent applied for), mint, \$875. Salt glaze shoulder jug, pear top NS-1 with a few very small chips, \$225. Blue & rust umbrella stand, mint, \$1,895. 15 gal Elephant Ear crock, bold black number. Has one chip in base, otherwise mint. \$785. Will bring to Convention. If you are not completely satisfied, no deal! Contact Bryan at ByJT@PRTEL.COM, 218-731-3286 or 218-826-6258.

Red Wing Tip Toe dinnerware, service for 8 consisting of 10 ½" plates, 7 ½" plates, cups & saucers, salad bowls and many extra pieces. Excellent condition. Call 913-599-6461 for more information.

Private collection of Red Wing, Weir, Dodge City and other pottery companies – 100+ unusual and common items. Call Beverly A. Peterson at 507-487-5029, evenings. For list and prices, please enclose SASE and write to 2411 Co. Rd. 110, Ivanhoe, MN 56142.

Commemoratives – mint condition: 1981 (one), 1984 (two) and 1985-2004 (one each year). \$3,500 for all 23, or best offer. Call 651-388-8150 after 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or anytime Saturday or Sunday. Please leave message.

Large Bob White collection. Many unusual pieces. If interested, e-mail CESBROOK@COMCAST.NET or call 847-458-4280 after 5 p.m. \$700/OBO plus shipping.

RW collection for sale. Great prices! E-mail DOGSRUS@METROCAST.NET for mold numbers. 8/08

40 gal wing crock, \$1,000, lid \$250; 8 gal birchleaf churn, \$2,700; 5 gal birchleaf shoulder jug, \$180; 2 gal Great Falls, Montana jug, \$260; 1 gal fruit jar, \$500; 2 gal buttermilk feeder, no base, \$200; 1 gal large mouth wing brown-top jug, \$430; Centuria, Wis. Cherryband advertising pitcher, \$400; Lily pitcher & bowl, \$1,000; spongeband beater jar with Freeman, S.D. adv., \$250; 5 lb. Pantry Jar with Cologne, MN adv., \$600; Hamm's bear bank, \$600; 4 gal salt glaze preserve jar, \$900; spotted large pig, \$900. Call Sid at 701-749-2586.

RWCS Commemoratives – complete set 1977 through 2007, \$7,850; North Star brown low 2 lb. butter jar bottom marked with full company signature (NS-3), \$645 (*RW Stoneware* pg. 122); 1965 Minnesota Twins "All-Star Game" commemorative tray in shape of home plate, \$595 (*RW Collectibles* pg. 146). Call 651-433-4113.

Commemoratives (in boxes): 1 each of 1992, 1993, 1996, 1997, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006; 2 each of 1998 & 2005; 4 of 1999. \$1,000 for all – firm. Call Gene Saatoff at 218-473-2959.

RED WING WANTED

Wanted – Lid for Robinson-Ransbottom water crock dispenser I.D. 6 ½". Crock is off-white with bright blue stripes, #2 inside a crown above chrome spigot. Contact Gordon Tindall, Red Rose Diner, 526 Main St., Towanda, PA 18848, 570-265-7203.

Wanted – Luster black piano planter #M-1525. (4½"x9"x11") Contact Bret at saglibom@hotmail.com or 651-301-9820.

CONVENTION STREET BANNERS

Ever wonder how you could get your name or your chapter on a street banner hung downtown Red Wing during Convention? For only \$350, you can have one made and it will be hung downtown each year by the RWCS Business Office. If interested in ordering one, please contact Stacy Wegner (contact info page 2).

CLUBS AND PUBLICATIONS

2005 stoneware book (*Antique Trader Stoneware Price Guide*); includes Red Wing; Monmouth-Western; Blue/White; Eastern U.S. 288 pages; colored photos; \$20 postage paid. Gail Peck, 2121 Pearl, Fremont, NE 68025; 402-721-5721. 12/08

RECENT FINDS & DEALS

Did you find a rare piece or a great deal worth sharing? Briefly describe the item, where it was sold, date purchased, venue (store, auction, etc.) and price paid. Send in on a post card, or if you'd like to include a photo for publication, e-mail RWCSNEWSLETTER@WI.RR.COM, or enclose in an envelope. Multiple submissions result in multiple entries in the Newsletter Special Commemorative Lottery at the 2008 Convention. Send to the editor at the address on page 2. All entries received between July 2007 and June of 2008 are eligible whether published or not. Please keep submittals with purchase dates within six months of the newsletter issue.

ITEM	LOCATION	DATE	VENUE	PRICE
40 gal RW Elephant Ear transition crock, Union oval, mint	Cedar Falls, IA	12/07	Private sale	\$950.00
12 gal RW Elephant Ear transition crock, hand-drawn numeral, Union oval	Hutchinson, MN	3/08	Auction	\$22.50
Authentic Sleepy Eye vase, mint	Windom, MN	5/08	Auction	\$5.00
2 lb. butter crock with "Golden Jar Dairies," (crock is gray – not yellow)	Rochester, MN	5/08	Flea market	\$70.00
20 gal RW salt glaze double leaf crock, cracked in back	Lewiston, MN	5/08	Auction	\$525.00
20 gal RW salt glaze triple ribcage crock	Seward, NE	5/08	Private sale	\$2,600.00





All you can eat Belgian Waffle Breakfast



Sunday, July 6, 2008 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at First Lutheran Church in Red Wing (Corner of 5th St and West Ave)

Adults: \$6.50 Children 6-10: \$4.50 Children 5 & younger eat free

CLUBS AND PUBLICATIONS (CONT'D)

2006 values for *Red Wing Stoneware* and 2008 values for *Red Wing Collectibles*! \$9.95 each or \$17.95 for both plus \$2/\$2.50 postage, respectively. Quantity discounts available. Gail Peck, 2121 Pearl, Fremont, NE 68025; 402-721-5721. 12/08

Blue & White Pottery Club – Visit the club's website for membership form at www.blueandwhitepottery.org. Annual membership is \$15 for first member, \$5 each additional member and \$1 for members under 12 years old. You can also write to B&W Pottery Club, PO Box 460517, Aurora, CO 80015.

Collectors of Illinois Pottery & Stoneware – Visit the club's website at www.coips.org for membership form. Annual membership is \$20 for the first member of the household and \$5 for each additional member. You can also write to COIPS, c/o Susie Nolan, 402 N. Laurel St., Elmwood, IL 61529 or e-mail coips@mchsi.com.

GAIL PECK & DAN DEPASQUALE'S



Stoneware sale

Consisting of Red Wing, Blue/White and miscellaneous stoneware in addition to Red Wing memorabilia

SUPER 8 MOTEL - RED WING, MN CONFERENCE ROOM, POOL ENTRANCE

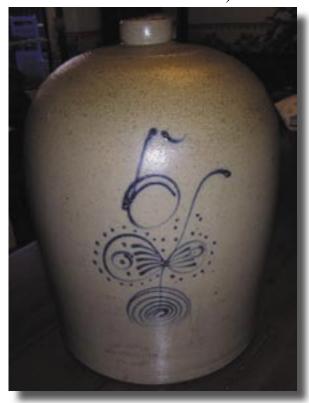
> Wednesday, July 9, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, July 10, 8 a.m. to noon

A TOP 10 LIST FOR SERIOUS COLLECTORS

From the home office in Red Wing, Minn., here are the top 10 signs that you might be a little too serious about collecting Red Wing:

- 10. You have the number for Larry's Jugs programmed into your cell phone.
- 9. You build an addition on to your home for the specific purpose of housing your collection.
- 8. Your license plate says N0K0M1S, or you own one of the license plates pictured earlier in this issue.
- 7. Your insurance agent asks "Now what did you find?" when he sees your phone number pop up on his caller ID.
- 6. You have multiple copies of *Red Wing Stoneware* and *Red Wing Collectibles* in every vehicle you own.
- 5. You refer to fellow collectors by their eBay ID instead of their real name.
- 4. You refuse to pay \$800 for a new refrigerator, but you have no problem dropping much more than that for a nice piece of stoneware.
- 3. You're excited to drive to Des Moines in early February.
- 2. You have a recurring dream that you find a 40 gallon salt glaze crock in an old barn with a cobalt decoration depicting a bird eating a butterfly, only to wake up in a cold sweat.
- 1. Getting up at 4 a.m. and driving 5 hours to an auction sounds like a good idea.

5 Gallon Beehive Jug



The fact that this 5 gallon salt glaze beehive jug has more than 30 cobalt dots in and around the ribcage decoration and is also front-stamped with the Minnesota split oval signature gives this jug its hefty value. It recently exchanged hands between two private collectors for a reported \$10,000.

COMING IN THE AUGUST ISSUE...



CONVENTION REVIEW



