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THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER



You will find this dog dish referenced in Ray Reiss' Red Wing Art Pottery Two book. It is classified as a production line looking dog dish. It is marked Red Wing but it does not have a shape number on it.

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FROM THE EDITORS

As we are working to prepare everything for the 27th Annual RWCS Convention, we want to give you a brief preview of what you can expect. If you have attended the annual RWCS Convention, you have a good idea of what will happen and where things are located. If you have never attended, you should seriously consider planning to come to Red Wing. The excitement of Convention week and the opportunities to see old friends and make new ones is unlike any other collector's gathering in the US.

In this issue you will preview the tentative Convention Schedule of activities. It may be challenging to fit everything in. For those who come to Red Wing a few days prior to Convention, you will need to be aware of the Grand Excursion activities happening. It will be a couple of very fun, exciting weeks for the city of Red Wing!

Some times it can be easy to become complacent about belonging to an organization. We may forget what it is that made us feel the thrill of discovering a piece to add to our collection or the learning that can happen as we inquire about an aspect of collecting Red Wing. Attending the annual Convention is one way to reenergize yourself and your collection. If you are unable to make the trip to Red Wing, the Newsletter is another way to stay connected. We are always encouraging members to contact us with their stories, experience or expertise.

Very few collectors' organizations have the strength of membership numbers that we do. They also

do not have a Foundation that helps run a museum dedicated to preserving and educating people on the history of the Red Wing Potteries.

We talk about the importance of getting the next generation interested and then keeping them involved. The RWCS has truly been on the cutting edge of implementing ways to involve kids and help carry on the rich history and love of Red Wing items. Many other collectors' organizations have covered what we are doing and have an interest as we develop new ideas to support our efforts. You will find this in the Antique Trader article.

This year will be another memorable and history-making one for the KidsView seminars. You will learn how the next chapter of KidsView activities will be written- literally. This will be the second chapter and will focus on art pottery. This is a multi-year project that is incredibly exciting for the RWCS. Make sure you learn how your kids can get involved and help them prepare before they come to Convention!

We truly believe that member involvement and feedback has helped the Newsletter continue to grow and be a source of information, education and enjoyment for all members. We thank you for this wonderful opportunity and welcome your ideas and feedback! 

Cindy Taube & Gail Rosenthal

2004 RWCS CONVENTION SCHEDULE

RED WING HIGH SCHOOL, RED WING, MN

SUNDAY, JULY 4

Sunrise-3:30 Outdoor Antique Show Downtown Red Wing
(sponsored by RWCS Foundation, contact Diane Hallstrom 651-388-5744)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

8:00-12:00 Board of Directors Meeting L-100
11:00-3:00 Brat Feed (includes early badge pick up for those who are pre-registered) Pottery Place Mall
Sponsored by Pottery Place Mall
12:00-3:00 Auction Check-in, Catalogs for Sale Gymnasium

THURSDAY, JULY 8

8:00 Courtyard Café Opens
8:00-4:00 Set up the Display & Rare Items J 206, J 207, J 208
8:00-7:00 Membership/Registration Courtyard Café
8:00-10:00 Chapter Presidents Meeting L 100
8:00-10:00 Commemorative Distribution H 106
8:00-11:00 Auction Check-in Gymnasium
8:00-??? Distribution of Bid Numbers Gymnasium
Auction Catalog for Sale
9:00-3:30 Sale of Educational Material Auditorium Hallway
9:00-9:45 Orientation for First Timers H 215
10:30-12:00 Keynote Address Auditorium
12:15-1:00 Kids View Auction Check-In Auditorium
12:15-4:15 Auction Preview Gymnasium
12:30-3:00 Historical Bus Tour departs/returns from high school parking lot
1:00-1:45 Orientation for First Timers H 125
1:00-2:00 Chapter meetings and Hospitality Rooms To be announced
1:00-2:50 KidsView Seminars Art Room
1:00-4:00 Commemorative Distribution H 106
3:00-3:50 KidsView Auction Auditorium
4:30-??? Auction Gymnasium
5:30-8:00 View Displays J 206, J 207, J 208

FRIDAY, JULY 9

8:00 Courtyard Café opens
8:00-3:20 Membership/Registration Courtyard Café
8:30-10:50 Commemorative Distribution H 106
8:30-3:20 Displays open J 206, J 207, J 208
9:00-3:20 Sale of Educational Material Auditorium Hallway
9:00-9:45 Orientation for First Timers H 215
9:00-10:00 Transport Show & Sale/Souvenir Items Gymnasium
10:00-10:50 Adult Educational Seminars H 200 rooms
10:00-11:50 KidsView Educational Seminars Art room
11:00-11:50 Adult Educational Seminars H 200 rooms
11:50-12:50 Lunch on your own Courtyard Café
12:30-3:20 KidsView Educational Seminars Art room
12:30-1:20 Adult Educational Seminars H 200 rooms
1:30-2:20 Adult Educational Seminars H 200 rooms
1:30-3:00 Commemorative Distribution H 106
2:30-3:20 Adult Educational Seminars H 200 rooms
2:30-3:20 Transport Show & Sale/Souvenir Items Gymnasium
3:30-5:30 Business Meeting Auditorium
6:00-8:30 Potter's Picnic (serving food until 7:00 pm) Colvill Park
In case of rain it will be held at the MN State College-SE Technical
Sponsored by RW Chamber of Commerce

SATURDAY, JULY 10

7:00 Courtyard Café opens
8:00-9:00 Set up of Show & Sale Gymnasium
8:00-10:30 Membership/Registration Courtyard Café
8:00-10:30 Commemorative Distribution H 106
8:00-11:00 KidsView Plate Pickup Courtyard Café
8:00-11:00 Auction prices-realized catalogs for sale Courtyard Café & Gym
8:00-1:30 Displays open to public J 206, J 207, J 208
9:00-10:30 Show & Sale open to Registered Members Only Gymnasium
10:30-1:30 Show & Sale open to public Gymnasium
9:45-1:00 Commemorative Lottery (while supplies last) H 106
1:30-3:00 Show & Sale removal Gymnasium
1:30-3:00 Display removal J 106, J 107, J 108
5:30 p.m. Banquet Social Hour 5:30-6:30, Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. St. James Hotel-5th Floor

SUNDAY, JULY 11

10:30 Brunch - St. James Hotel 5th Floor

MEMBERSHIP

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

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

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CLUB NEWS

from the
Auction Manager



JEFF FLOYD

Members should have been notified if their Auction submission was drawn in the lottery. If you are unsure of the status of your item, please email or phone the Auction Manager. Do not contact the RWCS Business Office.

If your piece is in the Auction, please use the Wednesday afternoon 12:00 to 3:00 PM check-in time, if possible. You may also check your piece in on Thursday from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Please bring your SASE to check-in.

Remember that the Auction starts promptly at 4:30 PM Thursday. Viewing is Thursday afternoon only from 12:15 PM to 4:15 PM.

The Auction Manager will have final say in any and all matters regarding condition, and authenticity of any item submitted.

If you would like a prices realized catalog, please send a check for \$3 to the Auction Manager after the Convention. 

Pre-registration Winner

The winner of the July Convention pre-registration lottery was Cindra Lutz of Athens, Ohio. She will receive one of the special commemoratives for 2004.

STONEWARE MARK SHROUDED IN MYSTERY

This article is about stoneware that bears a distinctive cobalt decoration. The picture of the crock, jug, churn and preserve jar show the volume size (3 gallons) with lines on either side of a dot below the number. It is the design below the numeral that is so unique. (see photos)

Foremost among the speculators about the design was Lyndon C. Viel, one of the founders of the Red Wing Collectors Society and the author of The Clay Giants, The Stoneware of Red Wing, Goodhue County, Minnesota.

On page 65 of his book 2 and page 98 of book 3, Viel shared his experience of finally concluding that the design was initials. The large "S" would be a family or last name and the smaller "A" could be a first name. From Red Wing city directories he found a potter named August Sandberg employed by the Minnesota Stoneware Co. in 1894.

I had the pleasure of discussing these pieces with the Rev. Viel at a Red Wing Collectors Convention, and he agreed that they were not Red Wing products even though they shared some of the same general characteristics. We agreed that August Sandberg could have possibly been involved with the design since it was common for these potters to move from one pottery to another. There was no evidence, however, to indicate that the SA designation was anything more than pure speculation.

Other collectors see other possibilities in the design. Some see the letter "K." Some wonder about the upper part of the S with the small circle inside it possibly being the abbreviation for the word

"company." We all wonder about the significance of the line that is shaped like a shepherd's staff or crook.

We welcome additional speculation from everyone and would be thrilled if someone could inform us of the original meaning of the design.

The picture of the three jugs points out three different variations of the design. The design in the middle is the one found most frequently on various pieces. The one on the right appears to be the most primitive and is highlighted by the pointed top of the staff. Also, it has a rarely been seen without the lines and dot between the number and the design. The design on the jug on the left is distinguished from the other two by its larger "S" with small circle placed near the side of the upper part. This variation has been seen on only three pieces; the jug, a 6 gallon crock and a 4 gallon churn.

Do these three variations imply that there were three different potters decorating the pieces or are they the evolving skills of one person?

When and where were these pieces made? Prior to the Civil War many stoneware pieces were ovoid shaped. The straight sides, rims and formed tops all evolved from equipment and manufacturing advances developed after the war. The white or Bristol glaze was introduced just before the turn of the century and that improvement generally did away with the old salt glaze for commercial use. Most knowledgeable stoneware collectors would probably agree that these pieces were made during the last half of the 19th century. But where? All we can share is that most of

them have been seen in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. Most of our pieces were found at farm and small town auctions and local flea markets in north central Ohio. Whenever possible I would ask the previous owners where the pieces had been made. No one knew.

We are aware of the following sizes and types of containers. The types of containers are shown in the picture of the 3 gallon pieces. Our collection contains 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 gallon crocks; 3 and 4 gallon jugs; 3, 4, 5 and 6 gallon churns and the 3 gallon preserve jar. We have been told that someone else had heard of a water cooler but we have no confirmation. We would appreciate learning about any other sizes and types of containers out there.

There are two other characteristics that should be shared. The one that

is common with the stoneware of other potters is the one or two scribe lines around the crocks and churns that are close to the attached handles. The uncommon characteristic is that the crocks are made with a wider bottom so that a 2 gallon crock will stack nicely on top of a 3, the 3 on top of a 4, all the way through the 8 gallon crocks.

Some variation have been found. Several summers ago at a Red Wing Collectors Society Convention, Dick Marshall, a collector from Indiana, shared a crock with a cobalt D.A.B. under the design. I want to thank Jack May of Broomfield, Colorado, for sharing his jug with the flag-true folk art- and Mike Race of Chisholm, Minnesota, for sharing his jug with the target, or bee stinger, added to the bottom. Are there other oddities out there?

Please help expand our knowledge

of this uniquely decorated stoneware by sharing with us what you know or can learn from the elders in your community. Are there other forms or sizes than what we have? Where were they made? When were they made? Who made them? August Sandberg is a long shot but until we know more, we'll use his initials. What more can we learn about the "SA" stoneware?

If you have any information, please contact Brad Booth at evboo1481@aol.com or call 419-892-2024.

We would like to thank Brad Booth for sharing this article and the photos with us. He originally submitted this article to AntiqueWeek, where it ran in the March 29, 1999 issue. We also like to give credit to Lyndon Viel and his Clay Giants publications. 



(top right) The "SA" initials are found on all these different pieces. (lower right) Variations of the "SA" mark have also been found. (below) Additional decorations are incorporated with the "SA" mark.



CLUB NEWS

from the
Education Manager



SANDY SHORT

As always, Education 2004 will be worth attending. The hardest part will be deciding which five seminars to attend!!

Attendees will be able to expand their horizons and learn about other potteries -Abingdon, Wisconsin, Fort Dodge and White's of Utica, New York.

Steve Showers and Dennis Nygaard will show and tell about their latest dump escapades. Mike Orgler will have a double session about the various colors of Red Wing jardinières. The two part dinnerware seminar from last summer as well as the mystery dinnerware seminar from MidWinter will be given by Larry Roschen and Terry Moe. Steve and Rose Splittgerber will take you through the Schleich Museum.

We are excited to announce Ray Reiss as the Keynote Speaker. You know you will learn and laugh!

Other repeat seminars are "Memories", "Mini Jugs", "Odds & Ends", "Sewer Tile", "Salt Glaze", "Potential of Your Collection", "Ball Lock Fruit Jars". Come to the H pod on

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OUTDOOR ANTIQUE FLEA MARKET KICKS OFF RWCS CONVENTION WEEK!

The Outdoor Antique Flea Market will be held in the streets of historic downtown Red Wing on Sunday, July 4, 2004. It begins at sunrise and will go until 3:30 pm. Please note that items for sale must be antiques or souvenirs. This event on Sunday will kick off the week of the Annual Red Wing Collectors Society Convention. This is the perfect event and audience to sell your items to, so don't miss out!

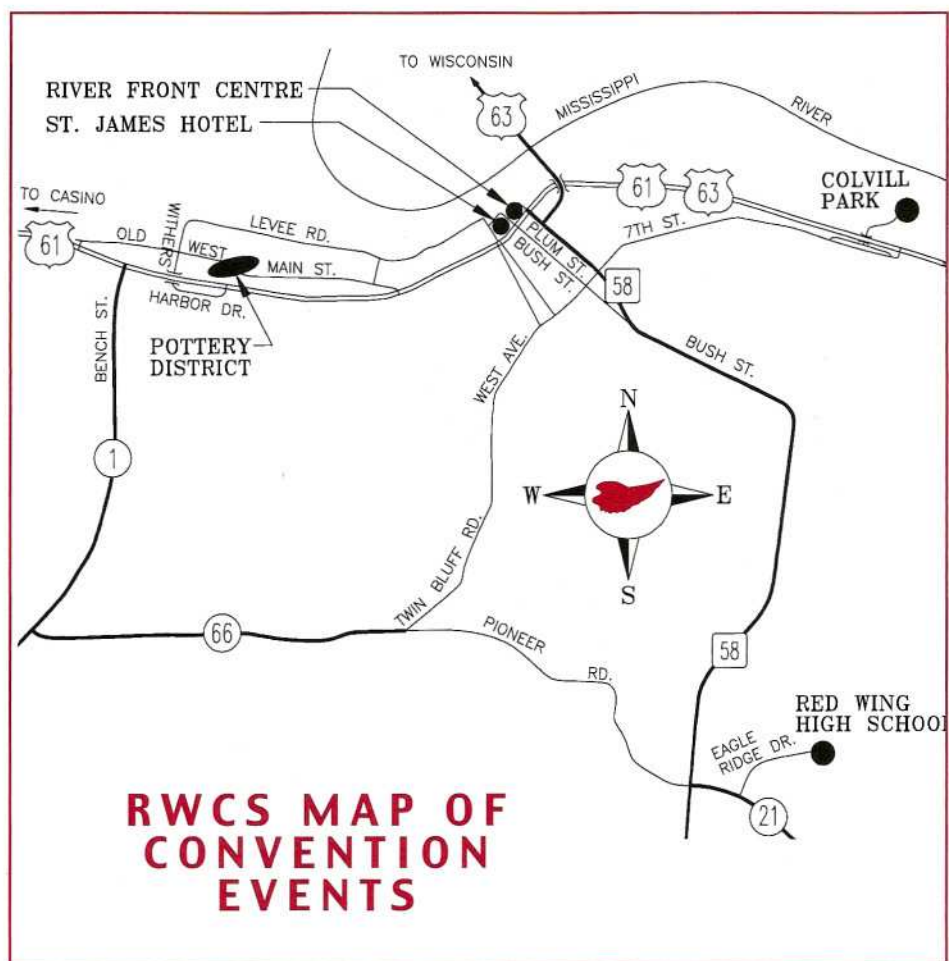
A \$50.00 donation to the Red Wing Collectors Society Foundation secures a 20'x 20' space to display all of your wares. You will be able

to rent 2½' by 8" tables for \$10 each and chairs are only \$1 each in case you do not want to haul those items. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis so don't wait. For more information please contact:

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR MUSEUM?

by Ron Linde

Have you seen your Museum recently? By Convention time photographs from the Revoir collection will be on display. Thanks to your donations, additional new cases for representative and rare stoneware items and "lunch hour" dinnerware will be installed. A brushed ware diorama will be added. Also a donor area that recognizes members who have generously donated items and/or money to the Museum will be in place.

To help the Museum, several RWCS members have created

memorial funds to honor loved family members. Most recently Sue Jones Tagliapietra (RWCS Interim President) and husband Jeff Tagliopetera started a Memorial Fund for John Paulsen (grandfather of Wendy Callicoat - RWCS V-President). The Memorial Funds for Helen Schleich, Chuck Jones, Florence Tefft, and Jessie Armstrong continue to grow and support Museum expenses.

Make plans to visit your Museum at Convention time. Please take time to thank Phil Revoir as we acknowledge him for his donation to your Museum of important



original photographs and negatives related to the pottery industry in Red Wing.

Again thank you to the many RWCS members who have so generously supported the Museum with their time, money, loans, and donations. This project can give us all a sense of pride and ownership. Check out your Museum.

See you at Convention! 

New for kids and families. The ice arena next to the Red Wing High School will offer open skate Wednesday through Saturday July 7-10 from 11:30-1:30. Cost is \$2.00 and rental is \$2.00.

2004 RWCS KIDSVIEW CONVENTION SCHEDULE RED WING HIGH SCHOOL, RED WING, MN

THURSDAY, JULY 8 - Art Room

Group 1	Group 2
1:00-1:50 Make your own Stoneware Piece	Auction Viewing "Learn from the pros"
2:00-2:50 Auction Viewing "Learn from the pros"	Make your own stoneware piece
3:00-3:50 Kids Only Auction - Main Auditorium Children will be divided into groups based on age	

FRIDAY, JULY 9 - Art Room

Group 1	Group 2
10:00-10:50 Plate Painting "Learning the basics" Kids age 3-9	Plate Painting "From a mold to the finished product", Kids age 10-15
11:00-11:50 A Living History: Part 1 Join Jolene McKoon as Belle Kogan in her studio at Red Wing Pottery and practice using molds to make a special sweet treat	
12:30-1:20 A Living History: Part 2 Join Steve Brown as he teaches us about the life and times of Charles Murphy. Kids will then design their own creation in clay.	
1:30-2:20 Join author Ray Reiss as he shares the story of Art Pottery. Group 1 (3-9 yr olds) Let's cut and paste and make our own book about Red Wing. Group 2 (10-15 yr olds) Research and write about Belle Kogan and Charles Murphy for Chapter 2 in our book "Collecting Red Wing". Kids age 10-15 will move to the computer lab to finish this segment of the program.	
2:30-3:20 Putting it all together (all ages) Come and play "Pottery Twister" and other games. Lots of hand on activities especially designed for the kids.	Art Room

RWCS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2004 NATIONAL EVENTS

July 8-10: Annual Convention - Red Wing, MN

October 16-17: Board Meeting

2004 CHAPTER EVENTS

July 8: Siouxland Redwingers Summer Meeting and Election of Officers @ 1:00 p.m. at the Red Wing High School, room TBA. The 2004 Siouxland commemorative will be unveiled and distributed to members at this meeting

July 8: Iowa Meeting, Red Wing, MN, Red Wing High School.

September 11: Golden State Meeting, Galt, CA Home of Huisman.

COMMEMORATIVES ARE READY

The Annual Convention is almost upon us now. Commemorative inspection and packing is in full swing as we have our first winner of a 2004 Special Commemorative. Cindra Lutz of Ohio is the winner of the early Convention registration prize for this year. It is not too late to make yourself eligible to win one of the 18, 2004 Special Commemoratives. The Special Commemoratives are awarded to the 9 winners in the Convention Display contest, 2 attendees of the Convention selected at random, 1 to a Newsletter article submitter, 2 to Convention volunteers, 2 to attendees of the annual meeting. And of course, you can buy 1 at the

Thursday auction (that's if you have the high bid).

The Commemorative distribution process will be the same this year except we are shifting our hours on Friday to allow our volunteers to attend a couple education sessions. Production this year is targeted to 6,200 pieces to allow every member the opportunity to purchase a Commemorative. If we determine that we will have lottery pieces, we may allow those with the lowest lottery numbers to purchase them on Thursday and Friday. You'll need to look for details on the lottery bulletins located throughout the building at Convention on

specific details, as we do not yet have our final order totals.

Finally, the Commemorative could not be produced without countless hours from our group of dedicated volunteers. I am looking to add some volunteers to our ranks, so if you are interested in volunteering, please let me know. We can usually use a few more hands on Friday and Saturday. Please call me at 651-503-6973 or email me at jstremble@hotmail.com if you would like to help this year.

John Tremble 🖋️



These photos show the destruction of the RWCS 2003 commemorative molds. It won't be long until the 2004 commemorative is unveiled.

Congratulations to the rejuvenated MI Chapter. On May 15, 2004 a dozen people met with Jerry and June Erdmann and decided to become an active chapter. Charles Cotton will act as president and Charlotte Ackerman will be secretary/treasurer.

CONVENTION LODGING

This July Red Wing will be playing host to a major national event the week prior to the annual RWCS Convention. We urge you to call early and make your room reservations. For lodging information, contact:

Red Wing Chamber of Commerce • 651-388-4719 • 800-762-9516 • or visit www.redwingchamber.com

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

POTTERY X-FILES - QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q I have an 8 gallon crock that we would like some information about. I have had it since 1970. My father-in-law gave it to me and he was a "native" of Red Wing. He told me this crock had been in his family for years. At the time he found it, it was laying on its side in his cellar. He was thrilled that I had an interest in it and then he gave it to me!

D. Fenton Ness, Murdock, MN

A What a great story! This 8 gallon birch leaf butter churn was produced by the Union Stoneware Company in the early 1900s. The "8" gallon size butter churns are extremely scarce and hard to find. If it had the original lid, it would be even more valuable. The way it is now, the value could be between \$1,800-2,000.

(D. Hallstrom/L. Peterson). 



Q Please help me with the age and value of my 30 gallon Red Wing crock. It is 25" high, 21" across, the wing is 5", with the blue oval stamp. It has a heavy rim around the top.

H. Duden, Red Wing, MN

A The approximate time your 30 gallon crock was produced was 1915 and the estimated value could be \$350-450.

(D. Hallstrom/L. Peterson). 



EDUCATION (continued from page 6)

Friday, July 9th. Please check the supplement for rooms and times.

This is my last Convention as Education Manager. I would like to thank all who have volunteered your time, knowledge and expertise to present over the years. Usually, it didn't even take arm twisting!!! The Education program has continued to grow, thanks to all of you fine speakers and listeners.

Now, it is time for a new education manager to work with the membership. I know many of you have wonderful collections and knowledge you could share. Please call or email Diana Bailey and volunteer or suggest ideas or names of presenters. She will do a great job! Diana can be reached at PO Box 170, Cedarburg, WI 53012 or email baily.diana@worldnet.att.net 

There is still time to get involved with the Display Room.
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ANTIQUE TRADER FEATURES RWCS KIDS AND EXPERT

It can be a challenge to keep the Red Wing Collectors Society in the eye of the collecting public. Why do we bother? Because there are thousands of collector's organizations and clubs out there and people have the tendency to collect things, so building awareness is important. By attracting more members and the younger generation, we will ensure that all of the history, knowledge and value of Red Wing pieces will continue the legacy that began decades ago.

The RWCS has earned the respect and attention from major publications and collecting organizations. Every member should be proud of what the RWCS stands for and recognize the efforts of all the people who work hard to make our organization stand out from all the other groups.

In the April 7 issue of *Antique Trader* they had a special "Guide to Pottery" section. They discuss the importance of learning more about collecting and taking time to research. Collectors need to be informed and the process of educating yourself should be continual, from the fledgling newcomer to the person who has collected for years. Having reputable reference books or guides is important, as well as knowing where to look on the internet or who to call can help.

Red Wing Collectors Society member Ron Linde was interviewed for this article. Linde, who has written about Red Wing pottery, reinforced the value of

reference guides.

The RWCS organization was also cited as a group dedicated to collecting a specific kind of pottery.

Then in the April 27 issue of *Antique Trader*, you will find a photo and story on their front cover titled, "Next in line..."

The topic was collecting clubs seek younger members to ensure hobby longevity. The photo is of Mike Robinson with two boys taken at the last RWCS Convention.

We were very excited to be contacted for this article. It gave the RWCS another opportunity to share our progressive KidsView programs with a national audience. The article focuses on how difficult it is to interest children and young adults in collecting. This should be a major concern for all hobbyists and collector clubs. Larry Krug of the Association of Collecting Clubs (ACC) stated, "Collecting provides a quality experience for young people. It can create an atmosphere for developing new friendships. It can enhance their knowledge base and supplement their school education process. It can strengthen family bonds."

The RWCS was cited as having noticeable success generating interest in the younger generation



with the KidsView seminars. *Antique Trader* also used two more photos taken from the KidsView activities to illustrate the kids involved in fun learning experiences.

There is great value in having RWCS members contacted by national publications and our organization held up as an example of a collectors club that is doing very progressive things. We are very appreciative of this kind of support from a respected publication.

This comes back to the importance of each member and the willingness of our membership to get involved. That is the premise on which the Red Wing Collectors Society was born!

For more information on the ACC, visit www.collectors.org. To learn about *Antique Trader*, visit www.antiquetrader.com or call 715-445-2214. 

RED WING CELEBRATES GRAND EXCURSION

In the April issue we shared with you a major event that will precede the annual RWCS Convention in Red Wing. The Red Wing Grand Excursion will be celebrated with fireworks, parades, historic walking tours, special museum exhibits and lectures, parties, picnics, concerts, theater performances, regattas, water shows, bike rides, guided hikes and arts and crafts fairs. The Prairie Island Indian community will have a Native American camp at Bay Point Park and a Civil War-era battles and encampments at Colvill Park.

There will be several concerts during the event and tickets can be

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purchased for the performances now. On Friday, July 2nd join in the fun with the Johnny Holm Traveling Fun Show on stage at Bay Point Park 9:30 p.m. – 12:30 a.m. Saturday, July 3rd the Prairie Island Indian Community proudly presents The Little River Band performing on the Treasure Island Resort & Casino stage at Bay Point Park from 9:30 - 11:00 p.m. Kurt Jorgensen, will open the show from 8 – 9 p.m. Sunday, July 4th is the Christian concert by the highly

acclaimed group RIVER from 7:00 to 9 p.m. with a fireworks extravaganza immediately following the concert. RIVER is preceded by special guests 3Pete at 6:30 p.m.

Purchase advance tickets through the Sheldon Theatre Box Office at www.sheldontheatre.org or call 651-385-3667 or toll-free 1-800-899-5759.

All these events are aimed at celebrating the Mississippi River and recognizing what an important role it has played in Red Wing's growth over the years. 

For additional information, visit www.grandexcursion.com/redwing.

COLLECTING CAN BE A STRESS RELIEVER

You are always hearing about how to reduce stress in your every day life. Well, here is another example that you can try. How can buying antiques and collectibles be classified as a stress reliever?

- Collecting lets you relax and recharge your internal battery. Enjoying an activity and finding ways to forget about the challenges of every day helps a person stay healthy. By collecting something that interests you, it takes your mind off of your daily responsibilities.

- Collecting allows you to express your own personality and interests. It shows other people another aspect of your self outside of your every day work persona.

- Having something in common with others is a fun way to meet other people with similar interests. Joining a collector's organization is another step in meeting people who like what you do.

- Many people who become very knowledgeable in their collectible field of interest are sought after to share their knowledge and earn the respect of others in the field.

- The potential to make money is also possible by being aware of trends in the marketplace and values of specific collectibles.

So there you have it- collecting Red Wing items is good for your health! Be sure you indulge in this on a regular basis to maintain a lower stress level and increase your own collection! 

RARE IMPRESSIONIST CERAMICS EXHIBIT

For one day only, on August 29, 2004, the Wisconsin Pottery Association will host, "The French Connection: Impressionism in French and American Pottery, 1873-1900." About 120 pieces of the rare Impressionist-influenced French and American pottery will be seen. It will be the first large US public display of the French pottery since 1876.

The exhibit will be held in conjunction with the 9th annual Wisconsin Art Pottery Show and Sale, held at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wisconsin. Exhibit hours are 9-4; admission is \$4. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Wisconsin Pottery Association's education efforts.

For additional information on the exhibit/show or for directions, visit www.wisconsinpottery.org.



Interim Secretary RWCS
PAULETTE FLOYD

Red Wing Collectors Society
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday May 1, 2004 -
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Sunday May 2, 2004 -
8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
Best Western East Towne Suites,
Madison, Wisconsin

All board members attended. Diana Bailey was a guest.

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 AM.

Motion by Steve Brown and seconded by Wally Armstrong to approve the minutes of the February 13-15, 2004 Board Meeting as amended. Motion carried.

Business Manager's Report given by Kay Wilshusen: Financials for February & March were reviewed.

MidWinter Evaluation: Record number of attendance for MidWinter 2004.

RED WING COLLECTORS SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING • MAY 1-2, 2004

Motion by Wendy Callicoat seconded by Sandy Short to discontinue the Newspaper publicity in the Des Moines Register for MidWinter. Discussion. Motion carried.

Motion by Paulette Floyd, seconded by Steve Brown that on an annual basis the Business Manager will come to the July Board meeting with a list of all persons that will need a pass for the Annual Convention. Motion carried.

Education Manager's report given by Sandy Short: There are 17 presenters at this time. Discussion on Keynote Speaker.

Commemorative Manager's report given by John Tremble: Members with lottery numbers 1-500 will be given the option to purchase their lottery piece when they pickup their commemorative.

Auction Manager's report given by Jeff Floyd: 261 Auction entries have been received as of April.

Unfinished Business: Review of the Stipends for Managers. Motion by Steve Brown seconded by Wally Armstrong to increase the annual stipends for Auction Manager to \$1250, Education Manager to \$1250 & Commemorative Manager to \$5,000, effective 2005. Discussion. Motion carried. 2 abstained.

Motion by Jerry Schleich seconded by Sandy Short that stipends be set for the four year elected term of the Managers.

Motion carried.

Review & Update Board Policies/Procedures/Issues/Contracts/Leases etc. Newsletter is up in 2005 and will be going up for bid at that time. Wendy will be reviewing the contract and will come to the Fall Board Meeting with any recommendations.

Convention Button: The Wisconsin Chapter is going to do the button for 2004.

Changes to KidsView Activities: Wendy & Sue went over all the programs that they have set for KidsView for 2004 Convention.

The KidsView Committee is seeking donations of any PLAIN Red Wing Dinner Plates for the kids to paint during Convention. Members are encouraged to contact Wendy Callicoat or Sue Jones Tagliapietra.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM Saturday and reconvened Sunday 8:00 AM.

Good of the Order: The Board discussed the possible development of two standing subcommittees.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted:

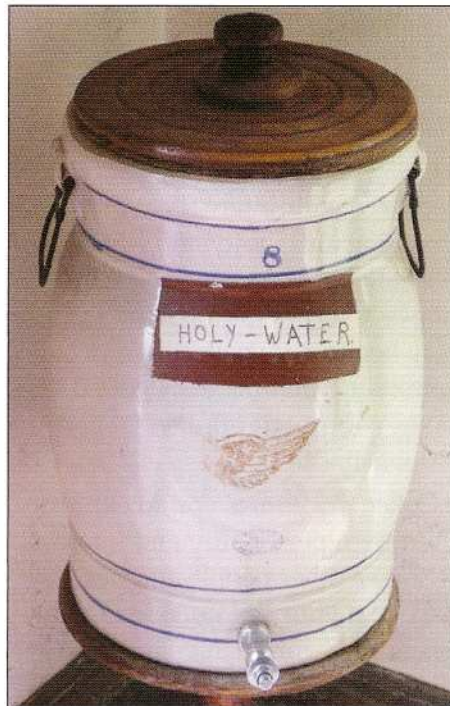
Paulette Floyd
RWCS Interim Secretary

HOLY CROCK!

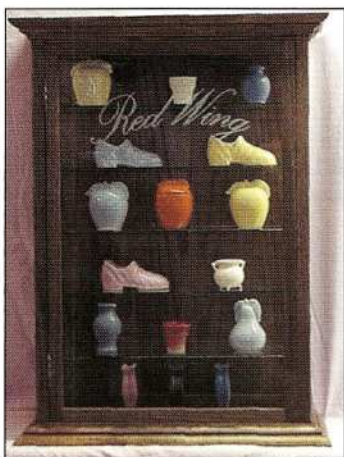
We were RV camping in Columbus, Texas, which is halfway between Houston and San Antonio, for a week in January. We decided to take the "Painted Church Tour" which is a self-guided tour of seven churches of various denominations in seven small towns centered north of Schulenburg, Texas. Many of the churches were built between 1860-1880 and are open to the public. The most ornate was a Catholic church built about 1907 in High Hill, Texas. To our surprise, we found a familiar piece of Red Wing during our tour of that particular church. Inside a small

room off the main doorway they kept their holy water. It was in an 8 gallon Red Wing water cooler being used for "higher purposes!"

This story and photos were sent to us by Nancy Christopherson of Prior Lake, Minnesota.



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AUCTIONS

Tuesday July 6, 2004 • 3:30 PM
National Guard Armory
Red Wing, MN

500+ pieces consisting of assortment of Crocks & Jugs, RW Liquor Co. Shoulder Jug, 1# Pantry Jar, Water Coolers, Lids, Salt Glaze Jugs - 1 being a 10 Gal. Double Handled Threshing Beehive, Beater Jars, Spongeband pieces, Commemoratives, Brushware Lamp, Cookie Jars, Vases, Rooster Casseroles, Animal Planters, Ash Receivers, plus more.

Catalogs available June 1st at \$5.00 each.

Wednesday July 7, 2004 • 3:30 PM
National Guard Armory
Red Wing, MN

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NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES

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Classified ads are 15¢ per word;
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DEADLINES

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

EDITOR ADDRESS

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

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

CLASSIFIEDS

RED WING FOR SALE

2 Gal. Iced Tea Cooler w/Handles & Spigot, no Lid - Mint - \$1300; Hazel Extra Creamery Butter (RWII) w/Lid & Bail, lid has small chips - \$325; 5 Gal. Koverwate, mismarked 3, very unusual, one small chip near base - \$550; obo's.
Call 231-775-4128. 6/04

We have put the balance of our 20 year Red Wing collection in our antique store. There are over 100 pieces of Stoneware and Pottery. Come see them at Cabin Antiques, 156 South Penn, Oberlin, KS located at the junction of Hwy. 83 and 36. Call ahead: 785-475-2311 or 2615. 6/04

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

Stop in Superior, WI for our 6th Annual Red Wing Artware and Dinnerware Sale in our booth 62 in each shop. (The Superior Antique Depot, 933 Oakes Ave. and Allouez Antiques, 4101 E 2nd St.) Shop from 10-5 daily. June 19-July 12, closed July 4th. There is a good variety to choose from and well worth a stop in Superior, WI.

Hamm's Popcorn Set, complete - mint, Call 763-553-1156.

1 Qt. - 1/2 Gal. - 1 Gal. Dome Top Canning Jars w/Shield - \$10,500; Sleepy Eye Verse Mug-\$2,100; 1989 Commemorative -\$350; Old Newsletters: Aug. 1981-Dec. 1995-\$275; Aug. 1982-Dec. 1995-\$225; Clay Giants I - good condition-\$150; Clay Giants II - excellent condition-\$225; Antique Ethnic Furniture by Lyndon Viel - copyright 1983 - mint-\$175; Red Wing Pottery & Their Wares - Hard Cover - Copyright 1983-\$125; Red Wing Dinnerware by Stan Bougie & David Newkirk - copyright 1980-\$75; Guide to Red Wing Markings - David Newkirk - 1995 - mint condition-\$40.
Call 262-878-1150.

Tip Toe Pottery by Red Wing: 6 Plates, 12 Dessert Plates, 8 Bread-Butter Plates, 12 Cups/Saucers, 3 Soup, 1 Platter, Salt, Pepper, Sugar, Creamer, Large and Small Vegetable with Covers. Do not wish to separate. All offers will be considered. Willing to share shipping charges. Please write or call: Beverly M. Low, 10 Red Coat Lane, Unionville, CT 06085, Phone 860-673-4927.

RED WING FOR SALE

Complete set - mint Commemoratives - 1977-2003 for \$7500, also set 1984-2003, mint for \$1825. Bob White Dishes, 8 place setting, plus serving pieces and Pepper Mill - all mint for \$2250. Can pick up at Convention - Phone 913-721-2188.

Spongeband Bowls - 8"-\$200, 10"-\$300; 1 Gal. Stone Mason Jar, Blackprint-\$1000; 1/2 Gal. Stone Mason Jar, Blueprint-\$325; Sleepy Eye Mug 5" H-Mark WSCO-\$300; Sleepy Eye Mug 4 1/2" H-Mark WSCO-\$250; Duck - Shape #972 4 1/2" Luster Mazarin Blue, very tight, hard to see, 1/2" hairline-\$125; Bar Handle Petal Lid #5, No W.-\$250; Bell Feeder, Complete Adv. Northern Iowa Produce Co., McGregor, Iowa-\$300; #3 Bar Handle Petal Lid, Beautiful-\$200. #2 Salt Glaze, Bar Handle, Petal Lid 3" hairline and two shallow chips on underside. Overall it looks great-\$250. Call 541-881-1102.

Complete set of Commemoratives 1977-2003, 10 & 20 year Convention Booklets, 14 Convention Buttons, Excellent Condition - \$9000 plus shipping or pickup. Call 218-326-3010.

Commemoratives: 1980-\$750; 1981-\$500; 1982-\$625; 1983-\$525; 1984-\$375; 1985-\$325; 1986-\$200; 1987-\$100; 1988-\$100; 1989-\$265; 1990-\$90; 1991-\$100; 1992-\$80; 1993-\$85; 1994-\$75; 1995-\$80; 1996-\$105; 1997-\$100; 1998-\$100; 1999-\$65; 2000-\$90; 2001-\$90; 2002-\$90; 2003-\$80.
Call evenings: 320-253-2696.

Commemoratives consecutive years 1988-2003 boxes and descriptions-\$2000; Dark Green Red Wing Union Stoneware Co. Vase #97-\$175; RumRill White Swan Vase #444-\$200; Cream Color Transportation Pitcher 9" Tall-\$250; Rare White Dog Dish-\$200; Bob White Cookie Jar-\$150; White Bowl Blue Poka Dots-\$50; Call 651-388-3675.

RED WING WANTED

Red Wing, Remmler Cokins, Midwest Brewing Openers, Tin Signs, Glasses, Tap Knobs, Wood Cases, Foam Scrapers, Tokens, Call 651-345-4446.

OTHER INFORMATION

Looking to buy Art Pottery? Trying to find a particular shape or glaze? I can help! Contact Ron Linde, 500 South Water Street, Northfield, MN 55057 or email ronlinde@clear.lakes.com or leave a message at 507-645-6946.

CLUBS AND PUBLICATIONS

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

NEW! 2003 price guides now available for each of my three books: Red Wing Art Pottery Including Pottery Made for RumRill (book one), Red Wing Art Pottery TWO, and Red Wing Dinnerware Price & ID Guide. \$5 each s&h \$2 (1-3 price guides). Red Wing Art Pottery Two (\$29-\$6 s&h) and Dinnerware (\$12.95-\$3 s&h) books available while they last. Sorry book one out-of-print. Send check to Ray Reiss 2144 N. Leavitt Chicago, IL 60647. Phone 773-235-7393. 6/04

CHAPTER INFORMATION

Wisconsin Chapter - Started in 1980. The Wisconsin Chapter has 60 active members. We meet two times a year. Plan on attending the Wisconsin Chapter Meeting at the Red Wing Convention. We have a fall meeting that is held in various places in Wisconsin. There is a luncheon and a meeting. A commemorative is distributed at the fall meeting to anyone attending. (You must be present to receive one) The 1st commemorative was handed out in 1992 and we have had one every year since. The President is Pete Pavoloski. Contact Pete at: Pete Pavoloski, Wis. Chapter RWCS, 1417 Rapids Trail, Nekoosa, WI 54457 or RWerning@aol.com

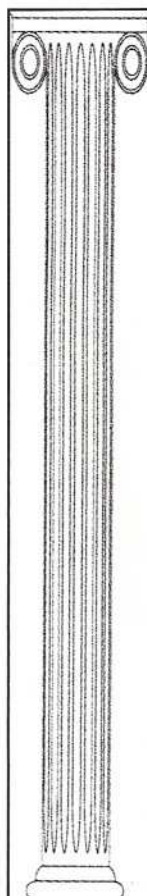
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*P*ERSONAL FAVORITES



We like to share stories and photos sent in by the membership in each issue of the Newsletter.

This photo was sent to us by the Keltner in Manchester, IA.

It is your personal stories, experience and knowledge that captures the spirit of the Red Wing Collectors Society!