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THE FRONT It's June, so don't forget to stop and smell the flowers, like Doug and Carolyn Giannunzio's eight-year-old yellow lab "Bird" is doing. Carolyn writes that Bird's hobbies include swimming and catching frogs. She also wants us to know that the 20-gal crock (c. 1915) had severe damage *before* she to put it outside and planted it with flowers.

THE BACK The big one, an enormous 12" vase from Red Wing's *Decorator Line*. It's a Charles Murphy design, of course—shape number M3019—and it's seen here in *Blue*, one of the *Crystalline Glazes* this line came in. The other colors were *Silver Green* and *Burnt Orange*. There has been great interest in the line recently and is collector demand is considerable: this piece books for up to \$1,500.

The *Decorator Line* was introduced in 1959 and is interesting because it's one of the latest examples of production artware made that most Art Pottery people agree is worth calling Art Pottery. It's difficult to think of many other companies producing this kind of quality artware at this late date. The complex glazes of Haeger come to mind first, probably because Haeger was one of the few artware companies that survived as long as Red Wing did.

The *Decorator Line* lives up to its name: it seems doubtful that these pieces were designed to be used as anything other than decoration. Certainly their appropriateness as flower holders is questionable—the strong, multi-hued glazes and attention-getting geometric and figural designs will overpower almost any floral arrangement.

Next Convention

Next MidWinter GetTogether

Next Board Meeting

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February	January 1	January 10
April	March 1	March 10
June	May 1	May 10
August	July 16	July 18
October	September 1	September 10
December	November 1	November 10

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

Classified

Classified ads are 15¢ per word; \$3 minimum charge. Ads are divided into *Red Wing For Sale*, *Red Wing Wanted*, *Other Pottery For Sale*, *Other Pottery Wanted*, *Events*, *Clubs*, *Publications* & *Web Sites* and *Announcements* sections, so you do not need to include those words in your ad. You may want to run ads for a year at a time: run up to 25 words six times for \$15, run up to 35 words six times for \$20. Please type or print clearly and proofread before submission. Send all ads with payment to the Editor at the address above.

Display

ad size	1x	6x
1/8 page (includes typesetting)	\$ 60	\$ 45
1/4 page	100	90
1/2 page horizontal / vertical	200	180
full page	400	360

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CONVENTION UPDATE & SCHEDULE



KAY WILSHUSEN

It's countdown time—the July Convention is just around the corner! Needless to say, I am inundated with Convention registration and commemorative forms! Just about every inch of

my office exhibits the color *green*! Although the computer program works efficiently, the manual recording—which precedes the computer entries—has been cumbersome. This has resulted in a backlog, because of which I have received many telephone inquiries about commemorative orders and table applications. The current system of processing these forms will be reviewed, and changes will be made to fully utilize the computer capabilities in order to avoid a backlog next year. Thanks for your patience!

Take a moment to look at the Convention schedule at right. It has been revised since the last one was printed, and some activities occur on different days than as in previous years.

Remember those folks last year with the red shirts? One word comes to mind—*volunteers*! Without volunteers, the Convention simply would not take place. Plus, many of you would greatly miss the *fun* of volunteering! For those who have not participated, may I suggest you try a new experience? You'll have lots of fun, meet new people, and perhaps find the beginnings of some very special friendships. Give me a call and join our RWCS team of volunteers!

I'm looking forward to seeing thousands of happy faces at the Convention! If you recognize me roaming about the high school, please greet me and introduce yourself. It will be fun for me to try to match the "green form" with a face!

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
WEDNESDAY, JULY 8		
9:00 – 12:00	Board of Directors Meeting	Administration Office
2:00 – 4:30	Auction check-in, catalogs for sale	Gymnasium
THURSDAY, JULY 9		
8:00	Courtyard Cafe opens	
8:00 – 3:30	Display & Rare Items set-up	J 106, J 107, J 108
8:30 – 5:00	Renewals, New Members	Courtyard Cafe
8:30 – 7:00	Registration	Courtyard Cafe
8:30 – 11:30	Auction check-in	Gymnasium
8:30 – ???	Distribution of bid numbers	Gymnasium
	Auction catalog for sale	
9:00 – 9:45	Orientation for First Timers	H 215
9:00 – 10:00	Chapter Presidents meeting	H 206
9:00 – 11:00	Distribution of Commemoratives	H 106
10:00 – 3:00	Tour Goodhue County Historical Society Museum; free shuttle bus, must wear Convention badge	Red Wing, MN
10:00 – 11:00	Chapter meetings and Hospitality Rooms	TBA*
11:00 – 11:40	Orientation for First Timers	H 215
11:30 – 12:45	Auction grading	Gymnasium
11:45 – 1:00	General Session	Auditorium
12:45 – 4:45	Auction Preview	Gymnasium
1:00 – 3:50	Shared Interest Groups	H 200 rooms
2:00 – 4:00	Distribution of Commemoratives	H 106
5:00 – ???	Auction	Gymnasium
FRIDAY, JULY 10		
8:00	Courtyard Cafe opens	
8:30 – 3:20	Registration, Renewals and New Members	Courtyard Cafe
8:30 – 3:20	Displays open	J 106, J 107, J 108
9:00 – 9:45	Orientation for first timers	H 215
9:00 – 10:00	Transport Show & Sale/Souvenir items	Gymnasium/Hallway
9:00 – 11:00	Distribution of Commemoratives	H 106
9:00 – 3:20	Sale of education material	Auditorium Hallway
10:00 – 10:50	Educational seminars	H 200 rooms
11:00 – 11:50	Educational seminars	H 200 rooms
11:50 – 12:50	Newsletter Advisors Luncheon Meeting	TBA
11:50 – 12:50	Lunch on your own	Courtyard Cafe
12:30 – 1:20	Educational seminars	H 200 rooms
1:30 – 2:20	Educational seminars	H 200 rooms
1:30 – 3:00	Commemorative Distribution	H 106
2:30 – 3:20	Educational seminars	H 200 rooms
2:30 – 3:20	Transport Show & Sale/Souvenir items	Gymnasium/Hallway
3:30 – 5:30	Business meeting and Elections	Auditorium
6:00 – 8:30	Potter's Picnic	Colvill Park!
SATURDAY, JULY 11		
7:00	Courtyard cafe open to RWCS	
8:00 – 9:00	Set up	Gymnasium/Hallway
8:00 – 10:30	Registration, Renewals and New Members	Courtyard Cafe
8:00 – 1:30	Displays open to the public	J 106, J 107 & J 108
9:00 – 10:30	Show & Sale open to RWCS Members only	Gymnasium/Hallway
9:00 – 10:30	Commemorative Distribution"	H 106
9:00 – 11:00	Auction prices-received catalogs for sale	Courtyard Cafe
10:30 – 1:30	Show and Sale open to the public	Gymnasium/Hallway
10:30 – ???	Commemorative lottery"	H 106
	Watch monitors for lottery numbers	
1:30 – 3:00	Show & Sale removal	Gymnasium/Hallway
1:30 – 3:30	Display removal	J 106, J 107, J 108
6:00 – ???	Convention banquet	Treasure Island
SUNDAY, JULY 12		
9:30 – 10:30	Brunch, St. James Hotel	5th Floor

*To be announced

"in case of rain: Red Wing/Winona Technical College

"while supplies last

CONVENTION UPDATES

EDITORIAL



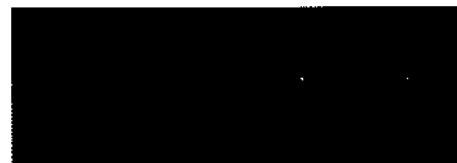
JEFF & RUBY
BENSON

Time again! We're looking forward to another fun Convention. Be sure to stop by the display room to see the spectacular displays and rare items. If you

have an unusual or rare item that you'd like to share with other members, give us a call! It would be great if you could bring it for the rare table so all of us can get a little more of an education. And, everyone who brings in a rare item or who sets up a display is eligible to win one of the very valuable special commemoratives.

Please remember—this is *your* Convention. We strongly urge you to get involved and volunteer! If you have an hour or more to spare, contact the RWCS office or any committee chair. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Besides, it's a lot of fun!

Remember to stop by and vote for your favorite displays and rare items!



JEFF & PAULETTE
FLOYD

Your friendly mail carrier should have delivered to you back in May the news as to whether or not you were drawn in the lottery for Convention Auction. You should have received

a letter confirming your selection or a postcard if you were not drawn in the lottery. If you are unsure of the

status of your auction piece, please call the Auction Committee directly. *Do not* call the RWCS Business Office.

For those selected in the lottery, remember that the Auction Committee will have final say in any matters about condition or authenticity of auction items. Check the schedule for Auction Check-In and Preview times.

If you *have* been drawn for this year's Auction, remember to bring a self-addressed stamped envelope along for your Auction check. Checks will be mailed out the week after Convention by the treasurer. If you forget your envelope, your check will be delayed.

If you don't attend this year's Convention, but would like to receive an Auction Catalog with prices realized, send the Auction Committee a check for \$2 (payable to RWCS) *after* the Convention.

Hope to see you in July!



LARRY & KATHY
ROSCHEN

Congratulations to Dawn Harman of Phoenix, AZ, winner of the Commemorative Committee's "Early Order" drawing. Her order form was randomly selected from all commemorative

orders received by April 1st. Dawn's prize is a 1998 special commemorative, which she will receive at the July Convention.

The May 31st deadline for prepaid commemorative orders has now passed. Members who did not prepay may still purchase a commemorative if they attend the Convention. (Another member cannot buy a commemorative for you.) Purchases may

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The June issue is about people, primarily those who are asking to run the RWCS. Please take the time to read about the nominees before you come to Red Wing, and if you see the candidates at the Convention, be sure to introduce yourself and say hello. Get to know them. That's the only way to make an informed vote. This organization needs informed voters! The election is at the Annual Business meeting, 3:30 on Friday. If you can't volunteer or help out with RWCS activities in other ways, *you can at least vote!*

Ann Busse Nelson has decided not to run for president. She wrote that:

Due to opportunities forthcoming in my career I find that I have to withdraw my nomination for president. I have given my decision a great deal of thought and this is the only viable conclusion. I want to thank everyone who encouraged me to run and those who supported my candidacy. After ten years on the RWCS Board it is time for me to move on and pursue professional and personal goals. I plan to complete my term of office as secretary and remain an active member in the society. Thanks again to everyone, see you in July!

I received a letter from a member who is asking if we can provide her with some help:

An old salt glazed crock was stolen, unfortunately, sometime last summer from a country home in southeastern Minnesota. It had been in the family for three generations at least. I have not given the name of the owner or the exact location



since they are concerned that someone may come back for the few other pieces they have. It is really sad to think that one has to worry about old family keepsakes as I am sure it could not mean as much to anyone else. As you can see, there is a chip on the inside of the top

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CLUB NEWS

Charitable Contributions

According to the IRS, the RWCS *must* donate any interest earned throughout the year to a charitable organization. Traditionally, the board has recommended to donate these monies to the Goodhue County Historical Society. If there is an organization that fulfills the IRS definition of a charitable organization and that you feel the RWCS should consider for its annual donation, please contact secretary Ann Busse Nelson or treasurer Jerry Flicek. This does not mean RWCS would not continue an annual donation to GCHS. But we are able to donate to multiple organizations. Please include a description of the organization, its needs and a rationale for why RWCS might donate. All requests will be reviewed by the RWCS Board of Directors. The board makes recommendations to the general membership at the annual meeting.

We would like to receive all requests by June 1, 1998 so they may be reviewed prior to the July BOD meeting.

Nominations Committee

Additional nominations were received by the nominating committee: secretary: Sue Jones (Tagliapetria), Craig Rang; for cast rep.: Jerry Erdman. The Board of Directors intends to divide the responsibilities of the Convention chair into three separate categories: (1) Registration, (2) Show & Sale, (3) Social Events. Any RWCS member interested in chairing one of these committees should contact a Board of Directors member. Ann Busse Nelson has withdrawn her nomination for President

(see editorial). Note that nominations from the floor are entertained.

We have invited the candidates to submit a brief resume and personal statement so that you may become acquainted with them before the meeting. [Editor's note: candidates were asked to list volunteer activities (beginning with RWCS), as well as professional affiliations, work history and education that they felt relevant to their qualifications. Candidates were also asked to supply a personal statement of no more than 100 words. Many statements exceeded 100 words, but in fairness to all, those that exceeded 150 words were cut altogether; the statements were not edited.]

CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT

CORINNE REED, West Des Moines, IA. RWCS member, 1983-98; historian, 1994-98; pres., Iowa chapter, 1992-98; co-editor *Inside Iowa* (chapter newsletter) 1997-98; 20th Anniversary *Collecting the Legacy* display chair, 1996-97. B.S. Education, Univ. of Northern Iowa & Drake U.; Masters, Curric. & Instruction, Drake U. 31 years teaching experience, currently middle school science teacher, mem., School Improvement Committee, team leader, and technology committee chair.

Statement In 1994 a Vision Committee of the RWCS was formed to examine the future of the society. In the committee's final draft report was a quotation by John Cartwright, planning consultant. "An organization must plan ahead and move forward. To accept the status quo is to stagnate and die." Also contained within the report was a mission statement that "... the RWCS be America's foremost society for the preservation of Red Wing Stoneware and Pottery, as well as other American Stoneware. . ." I look forward to the opportunity to



lead the RWCS into the second "20 years" of its existence and the continued fulfillment of that vision and mission. Managing the amazing growth of the RWCS while being sensitive and responsive to the needs of the membership is a challenge I accept should I be elected president.

CANDIDATES FOR VICE PRESIDENT

BYRON BUSH, Texas

Dallas Oracle Users Group, Newsletter editor, 1993-94. Masters, Bus.



Admin., Okla. City U.; B.S., Computer Science, Colorado State Univ.; A.A.S., Petroleum Technology, Colo. Northwestern Comm. College. Database supervisor/consultant to

companies such as U. S. Geological Survey, Conoco, Deloitte & Touche, and Schlumberger since 1984. Created the web site "Wing Tips" in 1997, dedicated to supporting the Red Wing Collector.

WENDY CALICOAT, Seneca, MO

RWCS volunteer for Convention & MidWinter registration, fee collecting, announcements & signs, 1995-98; head volunteer, 1998; PEO philanthropic organization for women, 1995-98; Member-at-large, Seneca School Dis., 1998-



99; Parents/Teachers Organization, member, 1996-98; room mother, 1997; coordinated and presented an inservice for all elementary teachers to learn Windows 95, 1996; Jasper-Newton County Metro Medical Alliance, member; Committee chair for "Stop the Violence in America Today" campaign, 1991-98; co-chaired a state election campaign; have produced and directed yearly fundraising event since 1991. Johnson Valley Comm.

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College, 1981-83. "Domestic Engineer," 1991-present; Schaumburg/Glunt, Sales Manager, 1989-91.

Statement Most of you know me as one of the women behind the registration desk pulling her hair out. Actually, I am a mother of two small children, who—along with me—have the dreaded "Red Wing Collectors Syndrome." My participation in the RWCS has only added fuel to the fire. It is with great enthusiasm that I embrace the opportunity to serve as Vice President. If elected, I will implement a hands-on approach. I decided to run because I believe the board needs to be accessible and approachable by the majority of members, not just a selected few. I function well within a team concept organization, and believe that I can bring the board some fresh and innovative ideas as this terrific group grows in the coming years.

CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY

SUE JONES (TAGLIAPETRIA), Madison, WI
RWCS member, 1988-present; *News-*



letter advisor, 1996-present; Convention educational seminars participant; have served as a board member for several non-profit residential agencies as secretary, vice president and member at large, 1986-present; volunteer guardian for man with developmental disabilities, 1991-present; started volunteering at age 12 when I was secretary of our local 4-H club! Registered Nurse, specializing in Developmental Disabilities, State of Wisconsin, 1968-present; national consultant in the training of professionals who work with the developmentally disabled, special emphasis on Team Building and positive listening skills.

Statement I accepted the offer to run for secretary because I believe that in order for an organization of the magnitude and quality of RWCS to not only survive but flourish, each member must do their part. I bring to this position extensive experience

with the public, skills in team building and listening, and a genuine love of people. Most of all, I share a passion for Red Wing and want to be a part of promoting the RWCS, particularly to continue to add new members, new collectors, and to make it a society that all can enjoy regardless of which end of the collecting frenzy they represent.

CRAIG RANG, Billings, MT

RWCS member 1993-present; commemorative distribution volunteer, 1995-97; organized Big Sky chapter (Montana), 1994; president, 1994-present; displays presenter, 1997.



Member and officeholder, Soc. of Petroleum Engineers, 1978-98. Nominated for Distinguished Lecturer SPE worldwide, 1998-99 (declined). B.S., electrical engineering, Montana State University. Schlumberger Well Services, sales & district mgr., 1974-present.

Statement I am running for the position of secretary of the RWCS and have the necessary skills to handle the needs of this position. I routinely use the computer and associated software programs in my daily job activities. These include word processing programs, spreadsheets and internet connections. I have a personal laptop computer that goes wherever I travel and am connected via the internet email to just about anywhere in the world. I have educated myself about Red Wing pottery/stoneware and can hold my own with even more seasoned collectors. I have 5 weeks of paid vacation/year, so should have no conflicts with scheduled board meetings.

CANDIDATES FOR HISTORIAN

STEVE BROWN, Ottawa, IL

RWCS, member, 1979-present; Publicity Chair, 1990-92; *Newsletter* contributor; frequent displays participant. Employed as nuclear engineer at Commonwealth Edison.

Statement Having grown up in Red Wing, it is clear to me that the preservation of the Red Wing Potteries' history is important to our local heritage.



My vision of the collector's society goes beyond our bylaw commitment to education and includes an active interface with the local community.

Having previously served on the RWCS board, I have the experience to strengthen the ties with both the RWCS membership and the local community. I look forward to the challenge of advancing the RWCS as a national organization with a local personality. I solicit your support as the RWCS Historian.

PETE MAY, Minnesota

Background RWCS member, 1985-present; Gopher chapter, president, educational committee; past member on church councils and past scout leader.

Statement Over the years of collecting Red Wing I have come to appreciate all areas including stoneware, art pottery and dinnerware. I feel it is important to get as much history documented while there are still people who have worked in the pottery or know of people who have. I would want to get the "Living History" preserved by video and audio as soon as possible. I would hope to coordinate this project with the Goodhue County Historical Society. I would also like to continue with learning more of the history and preserving important pieces for future generations.

CANDIDATES FOR EAST REP

JERRY ERDMAN, Tigerton, WI

RWCS member, 1989-present; Tigerton School District board mem., 1994-98; vice president, 1995-98; CESA 8 District Board of Control, delegate, 1998; project leader, 4H, 1983-98; County Livestock, president, vice president, 1993-98; Disabled American Veterans, lifetime member; American Legion, member; Watt Collectors Society, member; American Simmental Assoc., member.



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MAY 2-3, 1998 RED WING, MN

All members were present except Barney Olson and Anne Busse Nelson. Guests were: Lorraine Osterholz, Nicol Knappen and Pete May. Acting President Rich Cronmeyer called the meeting to order Saturday at 8:10 am.

Approval of minutes—Correction on third page of February minutes: "Library of Congress." Motion by John Key to approve as distributed, seconded by Marv Osterholz. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT Jerry Flicek presented the preliminary report for 1997. Total revenue was \$624,880.97; total expenditures were \$538,866.93. Profit in 1997: \$86,014.04. Balance in 1996: \$115,852.00. Financial resources available as of December 31, 1997: \$201,866.04.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT After paying bills, there is \$212 left in the petty cash fund. Corrinne recommends that all supplies go to the Business Office except video tapes. Corrinne requested two copies of all minutes to go the Historian (one for Historian and one for the archives). Agreed by Rich Cronmeyer.

NEWSLETTER The June *Newsletter* will be mailed between June 1st and 10th to get to the members before the July Convention.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUCTION As of April 30, 1998 the committee has received 276 Auction cards. There will be more security at the Thursday night Auction.

COMMEMORATIVE Commemorative delivery is expected in the next two weeks. Larry has ordered approximately 8,000 commemoratives for Convention. There are about 2,000 20th anniversary books left. Agreed to sell for \$10 each in the Commemorative area at Convention. Members that are expired need to be renewed before receiving a commemorative.

EDUCATION Sandy Short reported there have been cancellations for speakers for July Convention. One main speaker is still needed. Education will continue to tape seminars for Historian. Sandy will check on microphones for seminars. Moved by Corrinne Reed, seconded by John Key to approve the expense total of \$500 to purchase the appropriate

number of microphones for Convention. Motion carried.

DISPLAYS Ruby Benson advised that displays are on target for July. Displays will be back on the first floor this year. Ruby is looking for items for the rare table.

MEMBERSHIP John Key reported 7,075 *Newsletters* were mailed for April, 1998. The Red Wing area will have a new area code effective July 1, 1998: 651 (from 612). Moved by Corrinne Reed, seconded by Wally Armstrong to give John and Kim Key email access. Motion carried.

PUBLICITY Sue Gillmer will print 11,700 copies of the *Red Wing Eagle* supplement for the Convention.

EAST REPRESENTATIVE Marv Osterholz will not run for reelection. He is hoping to get an Illinois Chapter up and running. **WEST REPRESENTATIVE** Wally Armstrong reported on activities of Golden State Chapter and chapters west of the Mississippi. He passed out a list of current chapter presidents.

MANAGER'S REPORT Kay Wilshusen reported that the MidWinter Get-Together drew 372 members. Next year's MidWinter will be February 19-21, 1999.

Kay reported on the problems with the computer software for processing the Convention and Commemorative forms. Moved by Sandy Short, seconded by Ruby Benson to allow expenditures for temporary office help (as approved by Larry Roschen) for Convention backlog. Motion carried.

The 1998 Convention Schedule was finalized for the June *Newsletter*. Wendy Callicoat appointed head volunteer to work closely with Kay.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE Rich Cronmeyer advised additional members running for office. Sue Jones (Tagliapietra), and Craig Rang for Secretary, and Jerry Erdmann for East Rep.

INTERNET COMMITTEE Sue Gillmer advised that the Internet Committee has gotten no where. Nicol Knappen resigned from the subcommittee. Discussion on whether to disband the committee. Moved by Sue Gillmer, seconded by Ruby Benson to disband the Internet subcommittee. Motion Carried. Moved by Larry Roschen, seconded by

Sue Gillmer to have Wally Armstrong and Webmaster Adam Steinberg complete the web pages to get all the "under construction" pages filled in by July Convention. Motion carried.

BOD INSURANCE John Key gave Jerry Flicek Errors and Omission Policy for the Board. Jerry will fill out the forms and give to the insurance agent. Jerry advised John Key he needed copies of *Newsletters* to send with the forms. Tabled until July board meeting.

CHAPTER BUTTON PRODUCTION Washington, Montana, Nebraska and California chapters have not done buttons. Wally Armstrong stated that Washington and Montana do not want to do one. Ann Busse Nelson will call all four Chapters named above to see who wants to do the button.

ACQUISITIONS COMMITTEE Corrinne Reed inquired whether the name could be changed from Acquisition Committee to Historical Preservation. Tabled until July Board Meeting.

Adjourned for the day at 4:56 pm.

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 1998

Reconvened at 8:10 am.

Revisited Hall of Fame: Revisit again at each Fall board meeting.

Discussion on Convention Chair to be divided into three parts consisting of Registration, Show & Sale, and Social Events. Registration will be handled by Wendy Callicoat. Show & Sale by Dave Hallstrom and Social Events by Ann Busse Nelson. It was agreed that a table would be set up at Registration for volunteers to sign up to help. Will explain Convention Chair situation at the Annual Business Meeting.

Jerry Flicek advised the Board that any person hired will need to supply their social security number or Federal ID number for 1099s.

Moved by Sandy Short, seconded by Jeff Floyd to authorize Jerry Flicek to pay all the bills of the May, 1998 BOD Meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 am.

Respectfully submitted,
PAULETTE FLOYD
Acting Secretary

These minutes are condensed. For a complete set, send a SASE with \$5+ postage to Ann Busse Nelson.

Hobel Bros. Remembered

DEBBY HAMERNIK



Nestled in the fertile Maple Creek Valley in northeast Nebraska lies the tiny village of Leigh. A strong farming community, it has seen its share of disasters over the years, including floods, tornados, blizzards and what-have-you. The faithful remain and support its schools, churches, volunteer fire department and rescue unit, and a local bar and the post office are still on main street. Of the many grocery stores that were, only one remains now, and it is in the building that years ago housed the HOBEL BROS. GROCERY.

Returning to my roots a couple of years ago for my 40th high school class reunion brought back lots of memories. I was on a planning committee with others, and one of them was Doug Hobel, an old friend. We had a lot of fun renewing the acquaintance, and eventually I steered our conversation to his family's grocery store "give-aways." He shared some interesting family history with me.

Doug's great-grandparents, the Wenzel Hobels, homesteaded east of Leigh on a timber claim in 1875. They devised a means of paying their way that called for real teamwork. Mrs. Hobel—who had worked as a cigar-maker before her marriage—went

back to New York and worked there for two years, sending her wages back to her husband. Once back in Leigh, life was not easy. Their son, W. F. Hobel, recalled that they had to walk to the town of Stanton for groceries, a distance of some 20 miles, carrying the groceries on their backs, sometimes through four feet of snow.

W. F. Hobel married in 1892 and raised a large family of 10 children. In 1924, three of his sons formed a partnership to operate a general merchandise store in Leigh. In 1932 the store moved to its permanent location in the building on main street that still houses a grocery store. The senior partner, Jerry, died in 1940, and the other two—Adolph (Duffy) and Leonard (Slip)—continued the business until July 15, 1968. The Hobel families were always involved in many school, church and community activities.

Many a farm wife brought in eggs and cream to trade for the weekly groceries. All one had to do was hand over a slip of paper and your order was quickly filled. Although times

were hard in the 1930s, the Red Wing crockery 'giveaways' soon became an important reason for continued shopping at HOBEL BROS. Interestingly, though sought after by farm and town wives, neither of the proprietors' wives wanted the freebies in their own homes and told their husbands to give them to someone else!

Both of my parents had gone to school with the Hobel brothers, and Mrs. Leonard Hobel had taught my mother for a year. I went to high school with Doug, Calvin and Carolyn Hobel. Thus, when I found my first shard with HOBEL BROS. advertising



intact, it seemed natural to pursue this aspect of my collecting. But, continued digging through family dumps couldn't produce any more pieces and raising a young family held other priorities.

In 1975 I went to a great-aunt's estate auction hoping to find some-

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be made during all commemorative distribution sessions at the times listed on the Convention schedule.

Reminder: your membership must be current (expire 8/1/98 or later) in order to receive a commemorative, participate in the Auction or other Convention events.

Thursday, July 9

Friday, July 10

Saturday, July 11

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U.S. Army, retired staff sergeant, 1970; cash crop and raise Simmental cattle on 210-acre farm.

Statement I would like to become more involved in the RWCS by filling the East Rep position. As my background notes, I have been involved in various organizations requiring experience in public relations, financial and budget matters, contract negotiations and being able to maintain an open mind while listening to the needs of the individuals and continuing the needs to set the highest possible goals for the society. My life's experiences are an indication of the type of individual I am and my sincerity with which I accept each challenge.

MIKE ZAESKE, Kalamazoo, MI

RWCS member, 1988-present; Michigan chapter, president, 1992-98; parliamentarian for annual business meetings; *Newsletter* advisor, 1996-present. American Art Pottery Association, member, 1990-present; contributor to *Journal of AAPA*; contributor to Harvey Duke's *Official Guide to Pottery & Porcelain*; Lions Int'l., member, member, board of



directors, White Cane committee chair; volunteer computer repairs for at-risk kids in Kalamazoo public schools; Boy Scouts, troop leader. B.A., North Park College and Theological Seminary; 40-hrs graduate studies (political science), Univ. of Illinois-Chicago. Licensed Master Electrician. NETech Solutions, Inc., president, 1996-present. Former facilities manager and instructor in Electrical Technology at Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

Statement With more than 7,000 members and an annual budget of over a half million dollars, the RWCS requires innovative leadership and a dynamic, responsive board of directors. We need to define our goals and aggressively pursue them. I support the formation of a RWCS Foundation that could accept donations from the RWCS and which might eventually become the catalyst for historic pottery preservation. I endorse and urge the society to preserve oral and video histories of former Red Wing employees.

CANDIDATES FOR WEST REP

WALLY ARMSTRONG, Monroe, WA

Background RWCS member, 1988-present; West Rep, 1996-98; seminar presenter and facilitator, 1992-98; Puget Sound chapter charter member; Commemorative volunteer, 1993-98; display presenter; Acquisitions committee; Internet subcommittee.

SHARON COX, Urbandale, IA

Background RWCS, member, 1986-present, Convention & MidWinter volunteer, registration, 1995-present. Upper-Midwest Area American Power Dispatchers Association, current president, and past vice president, treasurer and secretary. Power buyer, MidAmerican Energy Company.



Statement I believe in the RWCS and want to see it continue to prosper by showing continued strong leadership and strengthening the membership. I believe in the preservation of history that the Red Wing legacy has left us. I believe that by taking an active role in the organization,

I will help continue the traditions we have all grown to love. I look forward to the new challenges, helping others solve problems they encounter and making new acquaintances that become new friendships.

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edge but otherwise was in mint condition—considering the age.

Anyone who sees this crock is asked to contact a RWCS board member, or call the business office. Let's hope it can be recovered.

Ken Tiaht wrote and asked why we didn't publish the meeting dates in every *Newsletter*. . . .

Now I am a pretty new member (one year) and it's possible that everyone else knows that the summer meeting is the second weekend in July—if that is when it is held—but I doubt that I'm the only one who would benefit from having the dates in every issue of the *Newsletter*.

It's a good idea, and we're doing it. For some of us, the second weekend in July is so permanently tattooed on the brain that we forget to mention it to others. . . .

Gary Telft made a "Red Wing-at-the Movies" sighting:

I found myself another one! It was a John Wayne western in which the Duke "sang" *Pretty Red Wing*. This movie firmly settled any doubt that the fight for the title of "The Singing Cowboy" would be a two-way battle between Roy Rogers and Gene Autrey.

And Robin Callas wrote to say that she was recently watching

The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit. During the movie there is a scene where a group of businessmen are having a meeting while eating dinner. The dishes on the table are *Bob White*.

Keep them coming—I love 'em!

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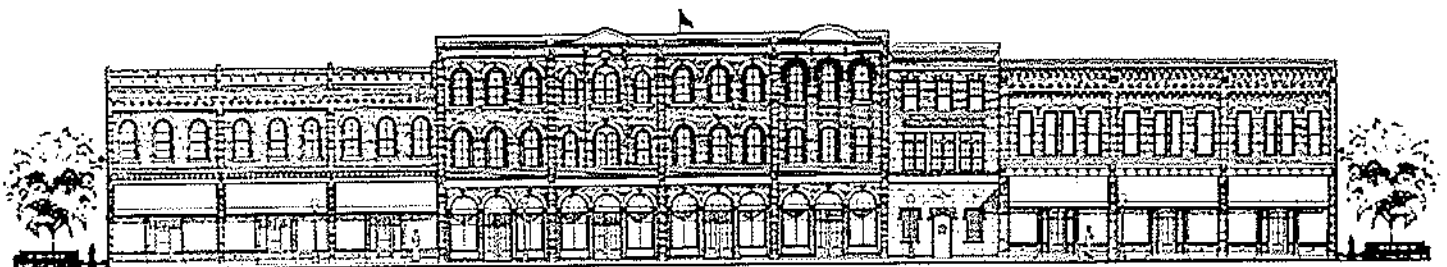
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AUCTION

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RED WING, MN

A public auction will be held at the Red Wing National Guard Armory,
800 Blk of E. 7th St., Red Wing, MN

4:00 P.M. **Tuesday, July 7, 1998** 4:00 P.M.

COMMEMORATIVES & COLLECTIBLES:
1986 to 1994, The Clay Giants Book #2,
Rumrill Vases, Quilted Wall Hanging of Vases
& Commemoratives

RED WING ART POTTERY - Dishes, Vases,
Tampico Water Cooler Complete, Village
Green Water Cooler Complete, Flower Pots

STONEWARE - Water Coolers, Water Cooler
Lids, Assort of Crock Lids, Assort of Cocks,
Salt Glaze Cocks, Assort of Jugs, Bean Pots,
Beater Jars, Ball Lock Jars, Churns, Preserve
Jars, Assort of Bowls, Gray Line Pitchers.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: We will have 400+ pieces for the Tuesday night auction. Catalogs
available at \$3.00 each. Inspection from noon to Auction time. Also don't forget 4:00 P.M. start.

A public auction will be held at the Red Wing National Guard Armory,
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4:00 P.M. **Wednesday, July 8, 1997** 4:00 P.M.

ART WARE - Assort of Vases & Planters

COMMEMORATIVES - 1982 to 1997, Clay
Books #1, 2 & 3, Red Wing Newsletters &
Auction Prices

GRAY LINE - Salt & Pepper, Cookie Jar, Pitcher,
Bowls, Bailed Handled Bowl, Beater Jars

STONEWARE - Water Coolers, Refrigerator
Jars, Pantry Jars, Mason Jars, Beater Jars,
Pitchers, Adv. Jugs, Salt Glaze Crock, Jugs w/
Wings, 20 lb. Butter Crock w/Large Wing,
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What: Stoneware Sale

Consisting of Red Wing,
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Who: Gail Peck
Dan DePasquale

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The next deadline is July 18

Classified ads are 15¢ per word; \$3 minimum. Ads are divided into *Red Wing For Sale*, *Red Wing Wanted*, *Other Pottery for Sale*, *Other Pottery Wanted*, *Events*, *Clubs & Publications*, *Internet Web Sites*, *Announcements*, and *Services* sections, so you do not need to include those words in your ad. You may want to run ads for a year at a time: run up

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Red Wing For Sale

Tampico dinnerware: approx. 60 pieces: 18 serving pieces including water cooler w/ lid and stand. Will not sell separately. \$2,200 obo. 406-756-1731. 898

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Gray Line cookie jar, Reamer, large refri. jar, w/lid, 3# butter pail w/adv; Red Wing 20# butter w/Hruska & Co. adv; Western 20# butter w/UNITED DAIRY adv; 1# pantry jar. Call 715-258-0813. 898

Autographed *Clay Giants I* w/ 1977-78 price guide, \$100; *Clay Giants II* w/ 1981 price guide, \$65; Original *RWCS Newsletters*, April 1977-Dec. 1995, \$50; Autographed *Red Wing Dinnerware* w/ 1980-81 price guide, \$45; Red Wing Convention buttons through 1995 (minus 1987 & 1991) \$5 each. Maxine Brubaker, 515-792-2665.

2-qt stone Mason jar, blue print, \$275; medium stacking refrigerator jar, \$175; 1-qt bell-shaped poultry waterer, \$150. Greek key bowls: 6", \$85; 7", \$125. *Bob White* cookie jar, \$90. *Tampico* water cooler, complete, \$525; beverage server w/ cover, \$85; 12" salad bowl, \$75. Small KoRec feeder, \$110. Commemoratives, 1994, \$65; 1996, \$95. Lowell Reed, 2808 Vine, West Des Moines, IA 50265. 515-225-3024.

Pink Spice dinnerware, 12-place setting, assorted serving pieces, \$700. 715-246-5734. 898

Commemoratives—RWCS: 1992, \$100; 1994, \$95; 1995, \$85; 1996, \$90; 1997,

\$85. Cannon Valley: 1989, \$65; 1992, \$55. 303-771-0480.

5-gal Red Wing old style button water cooler lid. 5W on top of button. Excellent condition. \$700. 505-895-6201.

25-gal crock, 6" wing, Red Wing stoneware emblem, excellent condition. Marjorie Patwell, Harmony, MN 55939. 507-886-8261.

Commemoratives 1984 thru 1997 mint, boxed. Can deliver July Convention. Gerald Smith, 22833 Aspen Rd., Sarcoxie, MO 64862-9106. 414-325-5479. email smithpdc@candjop.com

2-gal Red Wing water cooler w/ lid and spigot. Bail handled, mint condition. Highest bid. Call evenings 785-457-3476.

RWCS commemoratives: 1981, \$335; 1982, \$525; 1983, \$460; 1985, \$260; 1986, \$160; 1997, \$85. 3-gal small wing cooler, \$345; 6-gal wing Ice Water, \$995; 4-gal salt glaze crock (RW1) lazy 8, \$785; Spongware umbrella stand, \$1,500; 5-gal wing beehive, \$450; 5-gal elephant ear churn, \$650; 1/2-gal KoRec, \$160; 2-gal GNRJ jug, \$425; 1-gal MPLS. DRUG jug, \$175; RW beater NEWBERRY, MICH, \$185; KOEHLER & HINRICH CHEESE, \$325; 2-lb butter WHITE & MATHER, \$200; *Gray Line* 3-lb bail butter LAURENS, IOWA w/lid, \$525; *Gray Line* shaker, \$650; large (4-oz) mercury bottle, \$275; *Tip-Toe* trivet, \$110; *Pink Spice*, 30 pcs., \$135; 400 plus other pieces listed. Buds Barn, Rt. 3, Box 55, Parkers Prairie, MN 56361. 218-338-6166.

Red Wing Wanted

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1997 Revised Price Guide to *Red Wing Pottery & Their Wares*, \$2.60 ppd.; 3rd Edition *Red Wing Pottery & Their Wares* \$20.95 ppd.; *Guide to Locust Souvenirs* \$3.60 ppd. Bonnie Tefit, W174 N9422 Devonwood Rd., Menomonee Falls, WI 53051-1302. Phone: 414-251-1415 or email at LocustEnt@aol.com.

Two great books: *Red Wing Stoneware* and *Red Wing Collectibles*, both w/ 1997 updated values. \$9.95 each or \$17.95 for both plus \$1.25/\$1.75 postage, respectively. Quantity discounts available. Gail Peck, 2119 W. 1st, Grand Island, NE 68803. 308-382-5792. 798

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The Wisconsin Pottery Association invites you to attend its meetings in Madison, WI on the third Tuesday of each month (except in July and August). Members bring in new finds and mystery pieces for discussion, and there is a presentation. Call 608-241-9138 for more information.

Internet Web Sites

WEB SITE—Red Wing stoneware, artware, dinnerware, ads, references, shopping tips and much more. Visit our site at: www.RedWingNet.com on the internet. Byron Bush 281-489-3003 699

The Golden State Red Wings have their web site up and running now; the address is: www.msr.net/gsrw. It is still under construction, so be patient, and tolerant!

The Teacherage is a web site specializing in Red Wing and RumRill art pottery. Visitors may buy, list pieces for sale, or post requests for wanted items. Please visit us at: members.aol.com/tcherage/index.html 1298

Events

Art Pottery Show & Sale, August 22, 1998, 9am–3pm, Madison Wisconsin, Ramada Inn Southeast, Interstate I-90 and Hwy. 12–18. Sponsored by the Wisconsin Pottery Association (and held in conjunction with the Ceramic Arts Studio Convention). \$3 admission includes entrance to a special one-day exhibit entitled *Haeger: The Early and The Extraordinary*.

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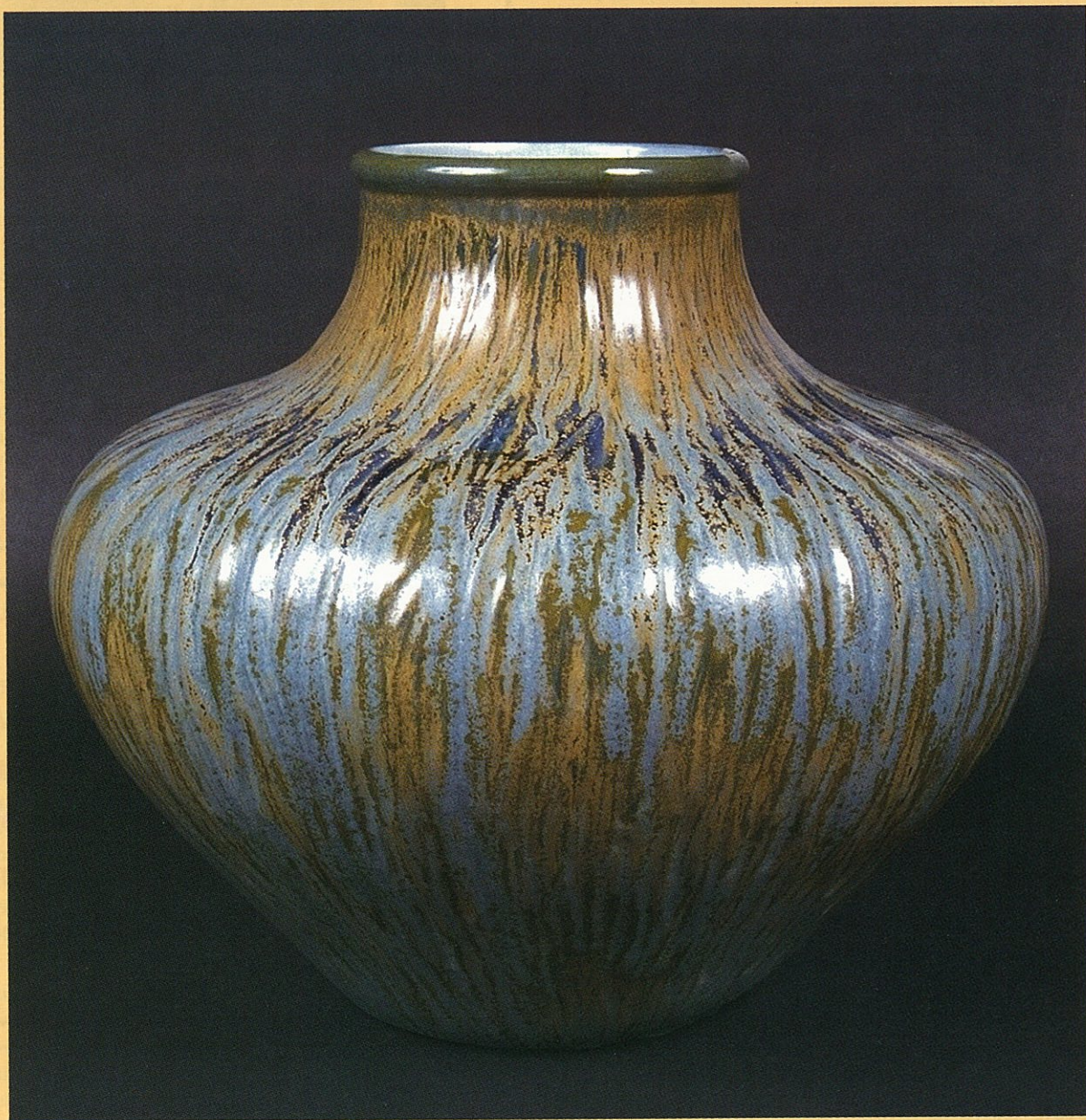
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