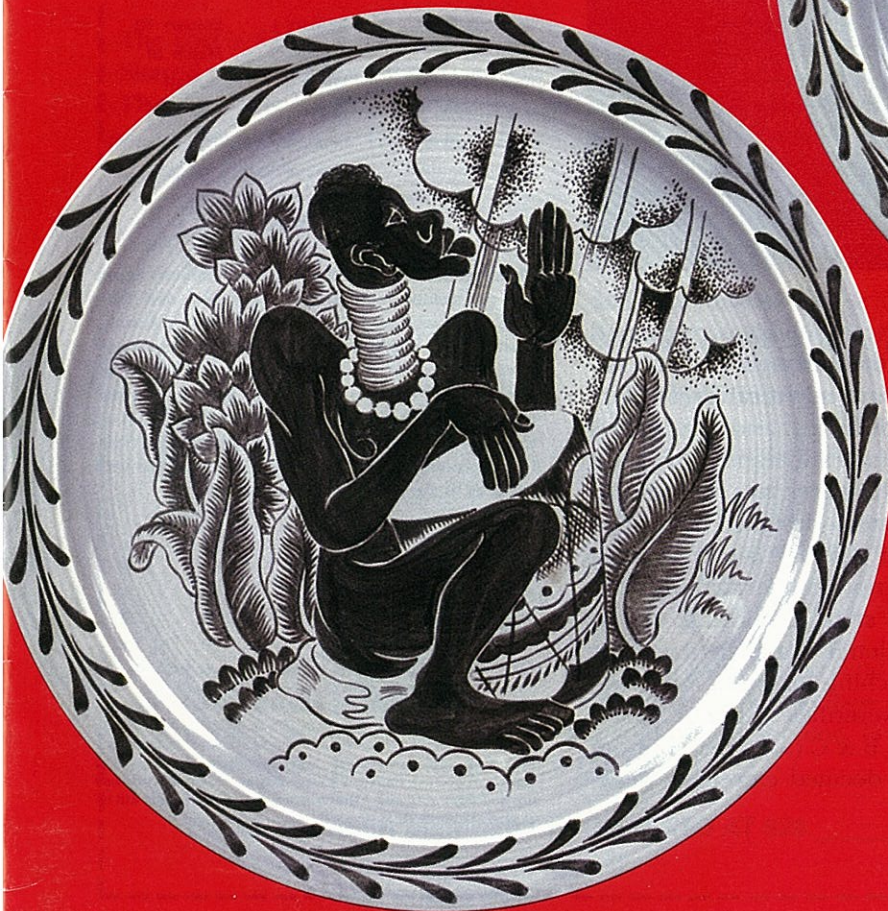
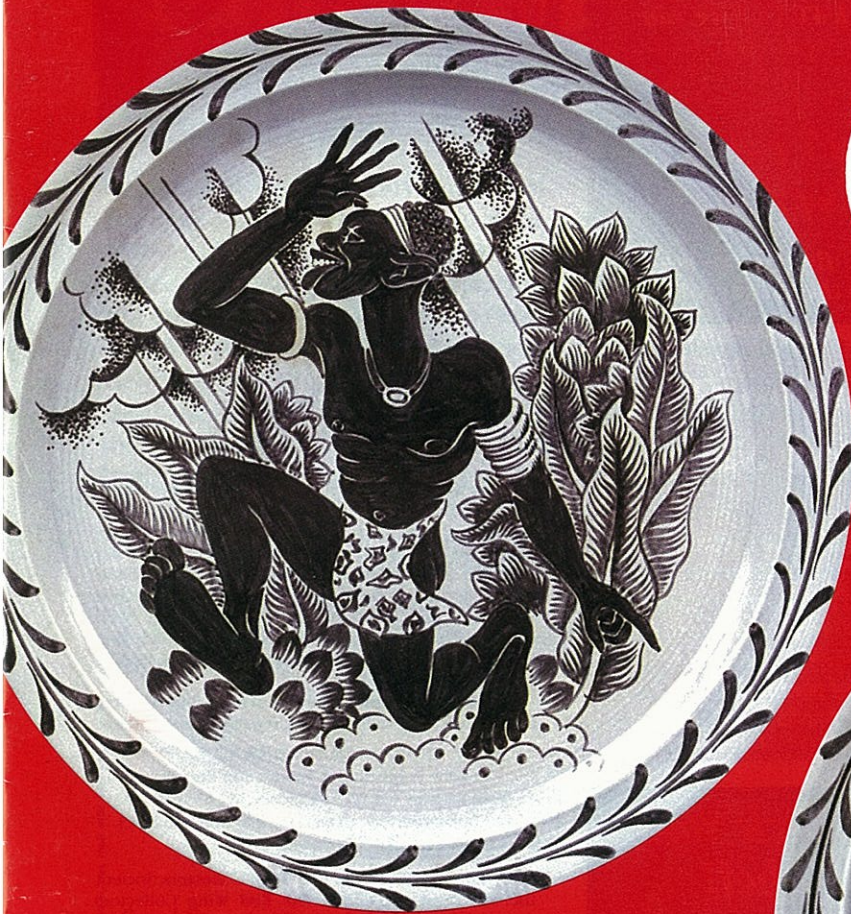




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**you've renewed since Convention
and sent in \$15, you owe
another \$5. Please send a check
for the balance due, and save
the Membership Committee
the hassle of contacting you.
Thanks!**

Exp. 12/1/97

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Please renew by Jan. 24, 1998.

ON THE COVER It's Kwanzaa! The African-American holiday is celebrated December 26th through January 1st. Some celebrants might call these plate designs caricatures and art critics might call them exuberant but fanciful stylizations. However you characterize them, the plates—designed by Charles Murphy and offered briefly around 1942—were not popular with the Red Wing sales staff, according to an unprintable letter found by Ray Reiss when researching his book *Red Wing Art Pottery*. Nevertheless, the 14" plates, Nos. 1128 A, B & C (seen here bottom to top), are deemed extremely desirable today.

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ISSUE	TEXT / EDITORIAL	ADVERTISING
February 1998	January 1	January 10
April 1998	March 1	March 10
June 1998	May 1	May 10
August 1998	July 1	July 10
October 1998	September 1	September 10
December 1998	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

DISPLAY ADS are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The publisher reserves the right to refuse ads for any reason. *The Newsletter is produced on a Macintosh in Quark XPress. Ads must be supplied electronically as EPS or TIFF files for Mac. Be sure to include necessary fonts. If you are unsure about acceptability, inquire with the Editor. *Quotes supplied for design and makeup if needed; there is a \$50 minimum. *Camera-ready ads are no longer accepted. *Unformatted or unreserved ads will be treated as classifieds.

MidWinter GetTogether

Registration for the MidWinter GetTogether will begin on the 2nd floor of the Kahler Plaza at 2pm on Friday, February 20. The Social Gathering will begin at 7pm in the Kahler Plaza Courtyard located on the 3rd floor. Here you can mingle with your fellow members to find out what's new in their collections. Room Sales also begin Friday evening. This year we've moved the Room Sales over to the Kahler Plaza to keep all sellers together on the three floors reserved for this purpose. Floor numbers will be posted on a board located at the registration table.

If you are a dealer and would like to sell from your room, you must mention this to the Kahler Plaza when you make your reservations (call 1-800-533-1655). They will then assign you a room in the Room Sales area. You will be given a sign to display on your door when you are open for business.

Saturday's General Session will begin at 8am with three different speakers who will share their expertise on stoneware and Art Pottery. We will then take a one hour break. After the break, we will form Shared Interest Groups to visit with other

collectors and discuss your many interests. During the Shared Interest Groups you will be given a ticket that entitles you to win one of several prizes and that will also give you early access into the Sale. You must have a ticket to get early entry. The sale will begin at 1pm, and remember, *keep your tickets!* Sunday will end the GetTogether with a Continental Breakfast beginning at 7am.

This is a fun-filled weekend that you won't want to miss! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call 1-800-977-7927. See you in February!

(YOU MAY CLIP THIS FORM OR PHOTOCOPY IT)

MidWinter GetTogether Registration Form February 20-22, 1998 Kahler Plaza, Rochester, MN

Send to:

RWCS MidWinter GetTogether, PO Box 50, Red Wing, MN 55066

Make check or money order payable to "Red Wing Collectors Convention"

REC'D	CK #	\$	ENTERED

The cost is \$20 per member in advance. This includes a Friday night Social hour; Saturday's General Session, Shared Interest Groups and Sale on Saturday; and Sunday's Continental Breakfast.

The deadline for registering by mail is January 15, 1998. You can register at the door for \$25 per member.

Please Print

NAME _____ MEMBERSHIP # _____

STREET ADDRESS _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

Please register these additional members

NAME _____ MEMBERSHIP # _____ NAME _____ MEMBERSHIP # _____

NAME _____ MEMBERSHIP # _____ NAME _____ MEMBERSHIP # _____

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Children 15 and under are FREE

CHILD'S NAME _____ MEMBERSHIP # _____ CHILD'S NAME _____ MEMBERSHIP # _____

- ☐ I want to set up at the Saturday afternoon Sale. Please send me a tax form and seller's contract. I understand that I must include a stamped self-addressed envelope with this form to receive my contract.
[Due to limited space, all tables are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Contract requests must be post-marked no later than January 15, 1998.]

TOTAL NUMBER MEMBERS REGISTERED AT \$20 _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes October 4 & 5, 1997

All BOD members were present, meeting called to order at 8am.

Moved by Diane Hallstrom, seconded by Wally Armstrong to approve the minutes of July. Motion carried.

Moved by John Key, seconded by Ruby Benson, to reimburse Historian Reed for expenses of "Collecting the Legacy" of \$759.86. Motion carried.

All committees presented post-Convention reports.

Moved by Corrinne Reed, seconded by Jerry Flicek, that RWCS BOD meet in February during MidWinter with one night lodging paid. Motion carried.

Moved by Jeff Floyd, seconded by Sandy Short to appoint Wendy Callicoat as interim Convention chair pursuant to Article XVII effective 10/5/97 until July, 1998 Annual Meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Larry Roschen, seconded by Rich Cronmeyer not to produce a RWCS MidWinter souvenir. Motion carried.

Moved by Wally Armstrong, seconded by Jerry Flicek to purchase two Dell Computers per specs/price quoted. One for the office of the RWCS Business Manager, one for the Membership Committee. Motion carried.

Moved by Rich Cronmeyer, seconded by Sue Gillmer, that existing Membership chair computer go to the Treasurer. Motion carried.

Moved by Ruby Benson, seconded by Paulette Floyd, to pay all bills, including stipends. Motion carried.

Moved by Diane Hallstrom, seconded by Sue Gillmer that RWCS purchase the first four commemoratives for archives at \$3,750. Motion carried.

Moved by Rich Cronmeyer, seconded by Marv Osterholz to approve a start-up budget for the Business Manager for office supplies, including but not limited to: fax machine, laser

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BARNEY
OLSON II

Your Board of Directors met on October 4 and 5 at the Treasure Island Casino near Red Wing. This meeting produced many interesting substantive discussions and decisions. You will read about most of these elsewhere in the *Newsletter*.

The meeting produced two unfortunate resignation announcements. Diane and Dave Hallstrom have decided to resign as Convention Committee Co-chairs. The obvious success of the Convention during the term of the Halstroms' chairmanship does not need to be mentioned. The other resignation is not effective immediately, but Corrinne Reed has announced that she will not seek reelection for the position of Historian. Corrinne has done a fantastic job in organizing the Historian's files and as all of you know she was the instrumental driving force behind the "Collecting the Legacy" twentieth anniversary display.

Along with the election of a Convention Committee Chair, all of the officers and the East and West Representatives will be up for election in 1998. For those of you that may not be aware, both Rich Cronmeyer—your Vice President—and myself, as your President, have decided not to seek reelection. Interested parties for any of the positions up for election in 1998 *must* contact Rich Cronmeyer (who is the Chair of the Nominating Committee) and indicate your position of interest.

Along with the selection of a Business Manager comes the announcement that the RWCS will finally have a business office. It is anticipated that this office will initially be located on the third floor of the Pottery Place Mall. Additional details should be

available by the MidWinter Get-Together. The MidWinter Get-Together dates were set for February 20, 21 and 22, again in Rochester, Minnesota. Be sure to see the registration form on page 3.

It was decided, in order to provide more editorial space for news articles, to only provide a synopsis of the minutes of the Board of Directors meetings. The full text of all Board of Directors meetings is available by writing the Secretary and providing a self-addressed stamped envelope (55¢ postage). All Chapter presidents receive a full version of the minutes, so that those of you within a chapter might consider contacting your chapter president, as opposed to writing to Ann. (By the way, for those of you who do not know, Ann Busse became Ann Nelson at the time of her marriage to her husband Linn, during August of 1997. Congratulations to Ann and Linn.)

A special thanks on behalf of the Board to Mike Robinson of California for his continuing support of RWCS.

There is much continuing business that needs to be done with respect to the Society, and I know that I can count on all of the membership for continued input and suggestions through the expiration of my term at the Convention in 1998.

**1998
Commemorative,
Convention
&
Auction forms
will be mailed
late February**

Business Manager!

At long last the RWCS will have a staffed office! We are pleased to announce that Kay Wilshusen has accepted the position as our first Business Manager. Final details were still being developed when this article was written, but by the time this is published the office and manager should be in place.

The concept of a Business Manager was first discussed in the late 1980s during former president Dan DePasquale's tenure. After some discussion the idea was put on hold for several years. But by the mid-1990s the need for change in organizational structure became apparent as the number of RWCS members continued to grow by leaps and bounds. The late Russ Pigott (chair), Larry Peterson, Jerry Flicek and Dan DePasquale formed a Vision Committee to look at the future needs of the Society. This committee developed a mission statement and goals. After Russ Pigott's death Jerry Flicek took the lead and before long presented a proposal that included a Business Manager within a revamped organizational structure. This proposal was presented to the membership at the 1996 RWCS Convention.

Candidates for this position were sought through classified ads placed in numerous newspapers in the region surrounding Red Wing. Over 40 applications and resumes were received. The Search Committee (Jerry Flicek, Diane Hallstrom, John Key and Larry Roschen) reviewed the resumes and arranged for interviews with ten candidates. The committee was greatly impressed by several candidates, but soon agreed that the position should be offered to Kay Wilshusen.

Members should soon notice several benefits from a staffed office. Membership, Convention and Commemorative forms and payments will all be sent to one address rather than to individual committee chairs. Records

will be centralized in one computer database. This will allow members to get answers to nearly any RWCS-related question with one phone call to the office. It should eliminate the need to call numerous committee chairs for information. Once phone lines have been established and converted, members will be able to speak to a real person rather than a voice mailbox when they call the RWCS toll-free phone number during office hours. Not immediately, but eventually, members will be able to pay for their membership, commemorative, Convention registration, etc. with just one check.

Kay was chosen for her office management experience, and we will look to her for additional ways to improve service to our members. As with any new endeavor it is likely that not all will run smoothly at first. For Kay to do her job properly she will need office space, a desk and chair, filing system, computer and printers, a telephone and all the other details small and large that are required in a modern office. We are in the process of putting the office together.

But more importantly, Kay will need time to learn how the RWCS works, to become comfortable with the computer database and how to best put them together to serve the RWCS. We ask for your patience as Kay learns and grows into the position. We are confident that you will soon see the benefits that Kay adds, and will agree that this is a move long overdue for the RWCS.

LARRY ROSCHEN (On behalf
of the Search Committee)

ABOUT OUR NEW BUSINESS MANAGER

Kay Wilshusen was born in Red Wing and graduated from Red Wing Central High School. After graduating from Winona State University, she went to work at Mayo Clinic. The majority of



her 16 years at Mayo Clinic encompassed the hiring of medical secretaries for the entire Mayo campus, including the two affiliated hospitals. Kay was also instrumental in development of the word processing center that serves medical residents and staff physicians.

Satisfying a compelling urge to live in Maine, she moved there and was employed as a Community Relations Director in a hospital near Portland. Living in the New England area afforded great opportunities to explore the coastline as well as hike in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. After a few years in Maine, she elected to return to the Midwest.

Upon returning to Minnesota, a friend suggested entering a partnership in a private practice of physical therapy. As the business administrator of a new clinic, it offered many exciting challenges. The practice became well established and successful for 12 years. It closed in July, 1996 when the other partner (a physical therapist) moved to the Twin Cities.

Since that time Kay has assumed the part-time role of Shared Ministry Coordinator at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Red Wing, where she coordinates the involvement of volunteers in church activities.

Kay's interests include most outdoor sports—hiking, biking, canoeing, boating, tennis, downhill skiing, cross-country skiing, and occasional golf. She also enjoys wood carving and reading as indoor activities.

Tell us about the price received for a Red Wing product. Briefly describe item, where sold, date, venue (store, auction, etc.) and price received. Send in on a post card (the post office ones are fine) as often as you like. Multiple submissions mean

multiple entries in Newsletter Special Commemorative Lottery at the 1998 Convention. Send to the Editor at the address on inside front cover. All entries received between July '97 and June '98 eligible whether published or not.

ITEM	LOCATION	DATE SOLD	VENUE	PRICE RECEIVED
Orange-banded rolling pin, no handles, marked MARTIN BROS. CO. / GENERAL MERCHANDISE / GEORGE, IOWA / PHONE 20	Sheldon, IA	3/97	auction	\$ 90.00
Blue-band rolling pin marked STORM LAKES BIGGEST ATTRACTION / STAPLE STORES INC. / STORM LAKE, IOWA	Emmetsburg, IA	2/97	auction	\$ 380.00
12-1/2" Red Wing brushware vase, mint	Tyndall, SD	11/96	auction	\$ 45.00
8-gal black birchleaf crock, mint	Tyndall, SD	11/96	auction	\$ 50.00
12-gal birchleaf crock, #1 oval, molded handle	Sioux Falls, SD	2/97	antique mall	\$ 90.00
6" sponge panel bowl w/adv BIG SPRINGS, NEB., mint	Osmond, NE	3/97	auction	\$ 175.00
2-gal churn, 4" wing, stamped both blue & red, #1 oval, molded handles	Omaha, NE	2/97	antique mall	\$ 175.00
3-lb pantry jar (no lid)	Newell, IA	3/97	auction	\$ 265.00
1-qt Mason jar, black print, good condition	Osmond, NE	3/97	auction	\$ 175.00
4-gal RW churn w/ lid, spider on inside of churn	Mt. Carroll, IL	3/97	auction	\$ 175.00
1-gal jar w/ small wing, cracked	Osmond, NE	2/97	auction	\$ 110.00
1993 RWCS commemorative, chicken fount	Rochester, MN	1/97	flea market	\$ 60.00
1/2-gal fancy jug w/ McPIKE & FOX adv, mint	Snyder, NE	3/97	auktion	\$ 300.00
All sponge RW casserole w/ lid, mint	Snyder, NE	3/97	auction	\$ 435.00
1/8-pint cone top jug, SOUVENIR OF RED WING, mint	Snyder, NE	3/97	auction	\$ 435.00
Small cherryband pitcher, bottom flakes	Snyder, NE	3/97	auction	\$ 225.00
1/8-pint fancy jug, EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, dated 1902, mint	Snyder, NE	3/97	auction	\$ 450.00
4-gal shoulder jug, zinc glaze w/ Albany slip inside, 4" wing and #7 oval	Sioux Falls, SD	2/97	antique mall	\$ 75.00
5-section nut dish, tan speckled glaze	Red Wing, MN	4/97	garage sale	\$ 12.00
20-gal salt glaze crock w/ double ribcage, base chip	Mason City, IA	2/97	auction	\$ 850.00
6-gal salt glaze w/ single "P", double-stamped	Mason City, IA	2/97	auction	\$1,100.00
2-gal pantry jar w/ lid	Mason City, IA	2/97	auction	\$ 700.00
#144 vase, crane motif, excellent condition	Niles, MI	8/97	antique shop	\$ 34.00

Prices Received is to let us know what kind of money Red Wing is bringing. When Red Wing is purchased way below its

actual value, this is a Recent Find. Thus some submissions to Prices Received have been transferred here.

ITEM	LOCATION	DATE SOLD	VENUE	PRICE RECEIVED
teacup in Capistrano pattern, mint	Portage, WI	7/97	antique mall	\$ 2.50
Red Wing Snack Set creamer & sugar, pink	Howell, MI	5/97	antique shop	\$ 8.00
#1144 female nude w/ lyre, Grey Engobe w/ Solid Turquoise glaze	Wilton, IA	9/97	antique mall	\$22.50
2-qt Delta Blue bean pot w/ lid, mint	Montevideo, MN	9/96	auction	\$17.50
Beater jar w/ Wisconsin adv., excellent condition	Anaheim, CA	9/96	antique mall	\$15.00
1/2-pint fancy jug, excellent condition	Milwaukee, WI	9/96	antique mall	\$27.00
Union Stoneware funnel, small chip, smudging on Union Stoneware stamp	Lincoln, NE	7/97	antique mall	\$22.50

One of our members, an attorney, Kirk A. Schnitker (#917), has written to me about the growing concern collectors have about fakes and repairs. Kirk suggests that the RWCS needs to address this issue and work with legislatures (he suggests beginning in Minnesota) to seek protection for collectors. As it happens, his remarks coincides with an effort that has circulated here in Wisconsin and that I believe is relevant to all of us who collect pottery or other antiques. I am forwarding Kirk's remarks to Barney Olson and Ann Busse and suggesting that this topic be added to the next BOD agenda.

Kirk writes that

Unless significant steps are taken there is almost no accountability for those making fakes, selling fakes or for those who repair pieces and sell them. A repair can be made and a piece sold without ever having to be honest about the integrity of the piece.

Other collector organizations are dealing with this issue (Kirk mentions a national fishing tackle organization). Here in Wisconsin, the CAS Collectors Organization and the Wisconsin Pottery Association have circulated a version of the adjacent form letter. A leader on this issue has been the American Art Pottery Association (AAPA), which has long published a code of ethics that it insists its members adhere to. Among them are

2. Sellers must truthfully and accurately represent pieces for sales as to authenticity and condition, point out all damage, alterations, repairs and missing parts.

and

5. Sellers must give any buyer who purchases pottery . . . the privilege of return of any piece if invisible repairs or alterations are discovered. . . .

The AAPA also offers dealer members a small plastic tent sign that they can display at shows or mall booths to let the buying public know that they belong to the AAPA and adhere to its code.

Fakes are also a difficult issue. In the latest issue of the *Journal of the AAPA*, Jeff Abrams alerted readers to a fake piece of Teco found in Adamstown, PA, and notes that

other potteries recently and currently being reproduced and fraudulently being sold as originals with original marks include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following: Marblehead, Van Briggles, Merrimac, Grueby, Roseville, Weller and Rookwood.

Lest you think stoneware is exempt from these unscrupulous practices, I'll report what one Chicago dealer told me this summer. He found a plain, non-Red Wing crock that had a Red Wing wing stamped on it in red ink. When he ran his finger across it, it smeared.

You are urged to clip or photocopy the adjacent form letter and send to the Secretary of the Federal Trade

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Secretary
Federal Trade Commission
Room H-159
Sixth and Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, DC 20580

Ref: 16 CFR Part 304, Comment

Dear Secretary:

The Hobby Protection Act should not only be continued, it should be expanded. While the current Act does a great job of protecting the Political Memorabilia and Numismatic collecting areas, many more antiques and collectibles categories require similar protection.

The Act should include permanent, non-removable labeling requirements. The need is for all antiques and collectibles reproductions (exact copies), copycats (stylistic copies) and fantasy items (forms that did not exist historically) to be plainly and permanently marked with the date of manufacture and/or the word "copy."

Many reproductions, copycats and fantasy items begin life legitimately as decorator items. They are sold by wholesalers with paper labels indicating country of origin. However, these labels are easily removed. When that happens, the pieces then become a problem because they often have an exact copy of a period (older) mark. Once the modern label is removed, these pieces enter the secondary market where unsuspecting buyers purchase them as authentic older pieces.

Reproductions, copycats and fantasy items seriously hurt the value of period pieces. In the many categories where reproductions of antiques and collectibles abound, buyers are hesitant to make any purchases because prices fall, and everyone becomes discouraged. There is a substantial dollar loss that affects everyone involved with the category including auctioneers, collectors, dealers, and decorators.

As a member of the Red Wing Collectors Society—the largest pottery collectors club in the nation (with over 7,000 members)—I urge the Federal Trade Commission to recommend to Congress that the Hobby Protection Act be expanded to require that all reproduction, copycat and fantasy items be plainly and permanently marked. Such action is absolutely necessary to ensure that in the future individuals can buy antiques and collectibles with confidence.

Sincerely,

MEMBER NAME

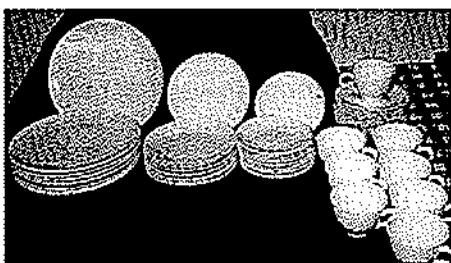
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Questions

Answers

Need help identifying something? Or is there something about Red Wing that you've always wanted to know but didn't know who to ask? Here's your chance—and you may win a Special Commemorative for your efforts. Good 35mm photos help, but Polaroids are better than nothing. If you want your photos returned, enclose a SASE. Allow a generous amount of time for your answer to appear.



Q I have never been able to find any information about my Red Wing Christmas dinnerware service for eight. I understood it was made in the 1950s. Do you know anything about it? —Ruthe Exner, Red Wing, MN

MARY BANG: I have never seen a set like this! It appears to be in the *Casual* shape. If anyone has any information about this set, please write me in care of the *Newsletter*.



Q I need to know the current value on this Red Wing chicken. The marking on the bottom is RED WING USA #249.—Eleanor Yager, Watertown, MN

MARY BANG: The *Rooster Casserole* came in several colors and in two sizes; both are highly sought. I see these 9" (large)

pieces in shops (in mint condition) from \$100 on up; the dark blue commands the higher prices.



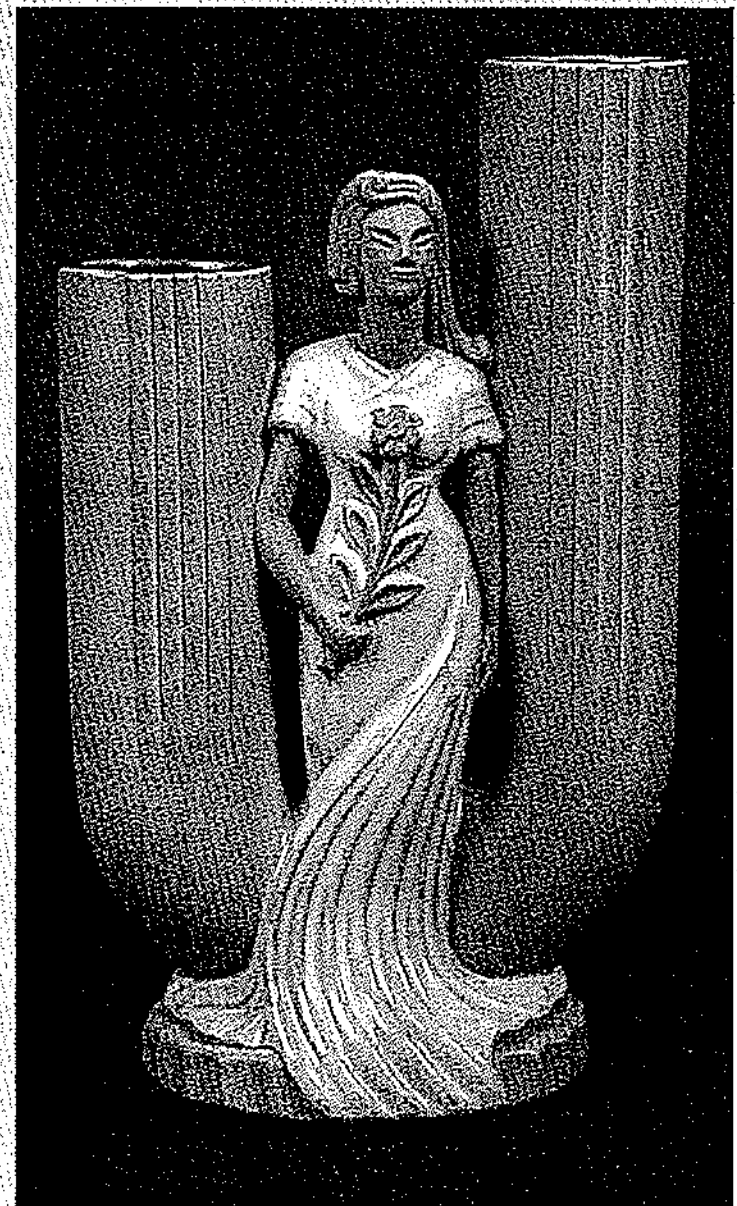
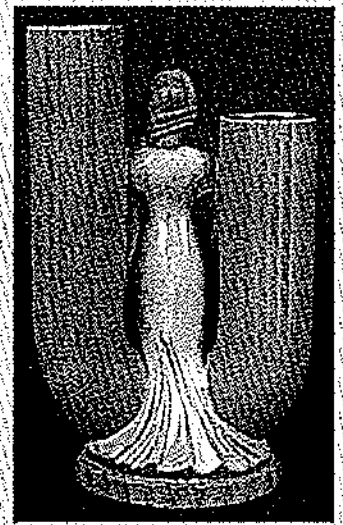
Q We found this umbrella stand, or sand jar, in Texas. Is it Red Wing?

—Ron & Vickie Harwood
Coquille, OR

GARY TIEFT: Red Wing made a similar jar, but the only ones we can attribute had squared panels. The Roseville, Ohio, company Robinson-Ransbottom, however, was selling brushed ware sand jars or umbrella stands with rounded panels as recently as two years ago. Ransbottom's production can't be traced to old Red Wing molds that the company obtained after Red Wing's demise either, because they were making brushed ware back in the early days, concurrent with Red Wing, sometimes in identical designs. The "stag" lobby jars and cemetery urns and saucer in "leaf" designs were also products of both companies, and maybe others.

RON LINDE: I have examined a piece like yours in person. Red Wing brushed ware has a *luster* light green or *luster* dark green or *luster* bronze interior—not matt. This piece is also thinner-walled than most of the Red Wing brushed ware.

Three of Charles Murphy's masterpieces of design for the Red Wing Potteries are shown at right. The nude with lyre (#1144), the double vase with female figure (#1175), and the bust (#1147), were part of a dozen pieces designed by Murphy shortly after he arrived at Red Wing in 1940. They were conceived to be what today we might call an "upmarket image enhancer," for Murphy envisioned them selling at jewelery and better department stores, clearly an attempt on his part to enhance Red Wing's reputation for quality. They were seen in a 1942 catalog, but offered for a short time only. Whether the Red Wing sales staff was unable to cope with the new marketing strategy, whether the public response was poor, or whether the timing—on the brink of U.S. involvement in World War II—was poor, we'll probably never know. Irregardless, today, all of the pieces in the series—particularly the figurals—are highly sought. Generally very costly, at least one RWCS member has found one at a bargain price (see Recent Finds).



Murphy's Masterpieces



DIANE & DAVE
HALLSTROM

We cannot believe it has been eight years since we agreed to chair the Convention Committee. We have seen the RWCS grow into one of the largest volunteer-run Conventions in the nation, from 1,284 registered members in 1990 to an unbelievable 4,024 members at last year's Convention. The amount of time, energy and effort has become overwhelming.

Trying to run our business and organize the Convention has become too much of a juggling act for us. The Convention is taking more time away from our business than we are able to spend. Regrettably, we decided at the October 5 board meeting that we needed to resign as Convention chairs. We will still be very active in the RWCS and will be available to help whomever is chosen to take over the Convention committee.

When we agreed to this last term, we were promised a full-time additional person on staff to help with the paper work that has become so overwhelming for both the Convention and Commemorative Committees. That did not happen in time and unfortunately the work and effort on last year's 20th anniversary took a big toll on us. With the help of our new Business Manager, however, the work load for the committees will be considerably lightened so it should be much more manageable as the RWCS continues to grow.

We cannot thank everyone enough who has helped us during our years as Convention chairs. Without the help from all of the volunteers, the board members, or the staff at the high school, your Convention would not be the fun that it is. A special thanks from us to you.

From the Editor

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Commission. It is time that collectors took a strong stand on this issue.

I received another interesting communication from James Jaeger, membership #4165:

I just finished reading the article about the 1997 commemorative in the recent *Newsletter*. I want to compliment the Commemorative Committee for their selection. . . . It was refreshing to receive commemoratives that reflect the uniqueness of salt glaze pieces. We did not spend a lot of time looking for the perfect example of salt glaze. We took what was offered to us and happily found we had two uniquely different commemoratives. The 1997 commemorative represents the wide variation found in Red Wing stoneware. The wide variations are part of what attracts people to collecting Red Wing. Commemoratives should continue to promote the uniqueness and variations of Red Wing pottery and stoneware.

¶The Red Wing sightings in the media continue. Sometime back Kathy Kimball (#2885a) wrote to say

At the beginning of the old *Hazel* reruns (starring Shirley Booth), our *Katrina* cookie jar sits on the kitchen countertop!

Please keep the print, movie and TV sightings coming! I love 'em.

RWCS Twentieth Anniversary Buttons

The Wisconsin Chapter has a limited number of 20th Anniversary Buttons left over from the Convention. If you are interested in purchasing any buttons, they will be sent to you at the cost of \$2 apiece. Send your check made out to the WI Red Wing Chapter to Pete Pavloski, 1417 Rapids Trail, Nekoosa WI. 54457.

GOLDEN STATE RED WING CHAPTER

The September 13 meeting of the Golden State Red Wing Chapter was attended by seventeen of our members, and was held in Healdsburg, CA. The 1997 GSRW Commemorative was unveiled, a miniature bail handle penny bank. A picture can be seen at our web site: www.msrrw.net/gsrw/.

We authorized an educational road trip to the Southern California area to give a presentation on Red Wing stoneware to a collectors club in the Los Angeles area in January. Any RWCS members in the area are welcome to meet with us on Friday, the 16th of January. Contact us for further information after the location and time are set at the December 13th meeting.

The dues for the Golden State Red Wing chapter have been increased to \$12 per year, and membership at this time is restricted to California residents. The Spring meeting was set for March 14, 1998 in Pinole (Bay Area) California.

Our current slate of officers was railroaded/re-elected for another term: Bruce Cameron, Castro Valley, *president*; Ralph Nelson, Visalia, *vice-president*; Mike Robinson, Stockton, *secretary/treasurer*; and Denise Nelson, Visalia, *historian*.

For meeting information and schedules, contact Mike Robinson at 209-463-5179 or email GSRW@aol.com.

New Advertising Rates & Format

There are new advertising rates in effect for 1998, posted on the inside front cover, along with a revised deadline schedule for both editorial copy (text), and advertising. And, beginning in 1998, the *Newsletters* will be dated February, April, etc., instead of January–February, March–April and so on.

The rates for display ads have virtually doubled. There was a modest increase two years ago, but it turned out not to cover printing costs. The current rates more accurately reflect the actual cost to print the additional advertising pages. Some of you may not realize that the Editor/Publisher is entirely responsible for the *Newsletter* advertising, and that it is not a revenue source for the RWCS itself. The money is collected by Ekeby Publishing and the ads are printed by Ekeby Publishing as an addition to the *Newsletter*. Your Editor made overtures at this last board meeting to

initiate turning the advertising over to the club, but some board members were extremely skeptical about my altruistic motives. And I admit, it would be difficult, under the present contract structure, to bring the advertising revenues back to the RWCS.

I regret that I've had to increase the rates, but I hope I've come up with a new advertising format that will help small businesses continue their display advertising. From time to time advertisers have requested the smallest display ad, a 1/8th page. However, we need two at a time to make page layout work, and that has never happened. And, generally, small advertisers are unable to cope with the required electronic submission format that the *Newsletter* now requires. So, part of the revised advertising structure adds a standardized 1/8th page ad that includes typesetting. Two examples of the ad are printed

below, one explaining what goes where, and another showing how it would look. The example is for an antique mall, but I see no reason why it couldn't be adapted to advertise a show or auction. The cost is reasonable: \$45 per issue when you contract for a year's worth at a time, or \$60 each if you only need to run the ad once or twice. If this format doesn't meet your needs, or if you need graphics, you'll have to use the regular formats.

Note that *Newsletter* advertising can only be added in four-page increments. That's why you have to call in to reserve display ads. If I've already got four pages and somebody wants a full page, I can't give them the go-ahead until we get another three pages worth. Occasionally, advertisers are denied space, but please believe me, I make every effort to accommodate everyone in every issue.

Business name

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Phone, Fax, Email

Days & Hours

Directions or other information, maximum of 2 lines,
60 characters each.

Description or other information, maximum of 2 lines
60 characters each.

(expiration date)

Countryside Antique Mall

31752 65th Avenue

Cannon Falls, MN 55009

507-263-0352

Mon-Sat 9:30-5:30; Sun 11-5:30

20 miles west of Red Wing, Hwy. 19 to Cannon Falls stoplight,
then one mile south.

45 dealers; 2 floors of antiques and collectibles,
lots of Red Wing stoneware, dinnerware and art pottery.

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BOD Minutes

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printer, dot matrix printer, two phone lines, (one dedicated to fax) desk, chair, not to exceed \$5,000. Discussion. Motion carried.

Moved by John Key, seconded by Rich Cronmeyer to condense RWCS BOD and Annual Meeting minutes that are published in the *Newsletter*. Members who would like to have a full set of minutes may send a SASE to the secretary or may they contact their chapter

presidents who are always sent a copy. Motion carried.

Moved by Sandy Short, seconded by Dave Hallstrom that following the recommendation of the Search Committee, the RWCS pursue an employment contract with Kay Wilshusen of Red Wing, MN. 13 ayes, 1 abstention. Motion carried.

The next RWCS BOD meeting will be on February 20, 1998, from 1-4pm, and February 22, from 8am-noon, at the Kahler Plaza, Rochester, MN. The following RWCS BOD meeting will be

May 2, 1998, 8-5 pm, and May 3, 8am-noon, at Red Wing High School, Room I-100.

Respectfully submitted,

ANN E. NELSON
Secretary

NOTE: Since the posting of these minutes Wendy Callicot declined the position of Convention Chair.

These are the condensed minutes. Members may request a complete set of minutes from the secretary (address on inside front cover). Enclose a large SASE with 55¢ postage.

A NOTE FROM RAY REISS

I would like to talk to you about two things:

First, I am considering doing a **Red Wing Art Pottery Book II**. It will be about 160 pages with just photos & prices of pieces of Red Wing Art Pottery, Lamps, specialty items and lunch hour pieces (dinnerware, art pottery or hand made items). If you are interested in helping out, I would like to take photos of your pieces to use in Book II. Any piece that was not reproduced in color in the first book I would be interested in photographing at the MidWinter GetTogether.

Please write a short message to me with the piece(s) that you have (shape number and glaze name—photos are not necessary) and I'll get in touch. Please include your phone number.

Secondly, I am doing an update sheet for the **Red Wing Dinnerware Price & Identification Guide**. It will be free (SASE) to anyone that has my *Dinnerware Price & Identification Guide*. I need descriptions and prices of pieces that are not in my *Dinnerware Guide* such as those three-tier serving dishes, pepper mills, water coolers, etc. (or prices in the guide that are inaccurate such as the *Town & Country* soup tureen). Prices should be what you've seen them go for at auctions or what you know they have sold for recently. As always, thanks for your support!

Ray Reiss 2144 N. Leavitt Chicago, IL 60647



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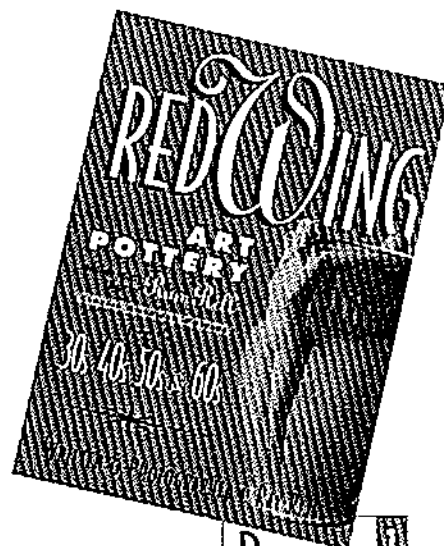
Dinnerware Price and Identification Guide

Art Pottery

INCLUDING POTTERY MADE FOR RUMRILL

1997 Updated Price Guide for Art Pottery Book

Written, photographed and published
by Ray Reiss



RED WING DINNERWARE PRICE AND IDENTIFICATION GUIDE \$12.95 + \$1.65 S&H

RED WING ART POTTERY INCLUDING POTTERY MADE FOR RUMRILL \$50.00 + \$5.05 S&H
CONSISTENT WITH 1997 UPDATED PRICE GUIDE

1997 UPDATED PRICE GUIDE FOR RED WING ART POTTERY \$5.00 + \$1.00 S&H



(ILLINOIS RESIDENTS ADD 8.75%)

TO ORDER WITH VISA CALL (800)355-2324 OR SEND CHECK TO: PROPERTY 2144 N. Leavitt Chicago, IL 60647

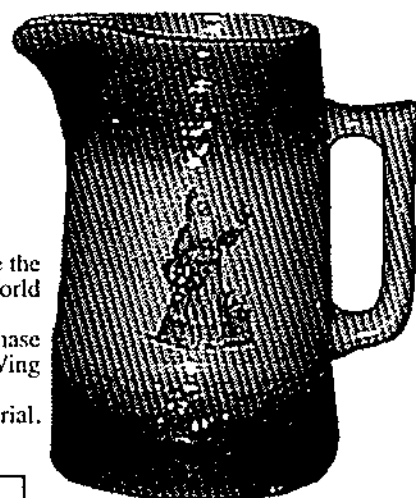
RED WING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Introduces our 4th Annual Stoneware
Christmas Collectable

Historic Red Wing 20 Ounce Cherry Band Pitcher with an Old World Santa Design

The Red Wing Chamber of Commerce is offering this 20 ounce Cherry Band Pitcher to celebrate the Christmas season in Red Wing. The pitcher has blue spray banding on the motif and a blue colored Old World Santa. These pitchers are the 2nd in a series of 3 Old World Santa decorated Cherry Band Pitchers. These pitchers are numbered and manufactured only through the Christmas Season. If you decide to purchase this collectible, you will be celebrating a nostalgic look back in history. This Collectible is made in Red Wing Minnesota by Red Wing Stoneware Co.

The Chamber of Commerce also offers a sweatshirt with the blue colored santa on white material. Contact the Chamber of Commerce for availability and price of the sweatshirt.



\$27.00 each pitcher

ORDER INFORMATION

DATE _____

PRICE	QTY	PRICE	EXTENSION	PAY BY CHECK OR CREDIT CARD
\$27.00 each	_____	27.00	_____	VISA _____ MASTER CARD _____
SALES TAX - MN RESIDENTS ADD 6.5%			_____	CARD NO. _____
SHIPPING ADD FOR SHIPPING			_____	EXPIRATION DATE _____
CONTINENTAL US.		5.00	_____	NAME: _____
OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL US ACTUAL			_____	ADDRESS: _____
(Provide credit card no.)			_____	CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
TOTAL			_____	

TO ORDER BY PHONE CALL 1-612-388-4719 OR FAX 612-388-6991

MAIL TO: RED WING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 420 LEVEE ST., REDWING, MN 55066

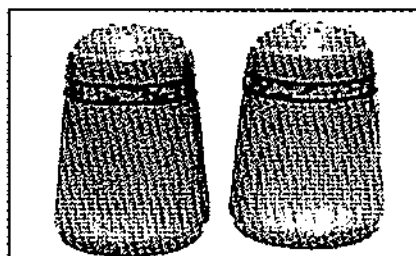
1997
Limited Edition
20 ounce
Cherry Band Pitcher
with Old World
Santa

Thank You Red Wing Collectors



RED WING STONEWARE CO.
INTRODUCES OUR

1997 GRAY LINE SALT & PEPPER SET



Each year we produce a numbered limited edition item that is a replica of a significant historical Red Wing Stoneware piece. Our 1997 limited edition is a rendition of the rare Gray Line Salt shaker. The Gray Line of stoneware was manufactured for approximately 10 years and is some of the most sought after Red Wing pieces. These fluted Salt & Pepper shakers are drilled for either salt or pepper and come decorated with blue banding and red sponging between the bands.

These sets are numbered and manufactured only through December 31, 1997. If you decide to purchase this collectable, you will be celebrating a nostalgic look back in history. A collectable made by the only active stoneware manufacturer in Red Wing Minnesota - Red Wing Stoneware Co.

\$24.95 for set of 2

ORDER INFORMATION

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PRICE	QTY	PRICE	EXTENSION	PAY BY CHECK OR CREDIT CARD
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TO ORDER BY PHONE CALL 1-800-352-4877 OR FAX 612-388-0208

MAIL TO: RED WING STONEWARE CO. 4909 MOUNDVIEW DRIVE, REDWING, MN 55066

*for your
patronage
during the
1997
Convention.*

*We welcome
you to stop
in anytime
and look
forward to
meeting you
at the next
Convention.*

The next deadline is January 10

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

to 25 words six times for \$15, run up to 35 words six times for \$20. [Note: the small number at the end of an ad tells when the ad expires, e.g., 1197. Ads without dates are one-time ads.] Please type or print clearly and proofread before submission. Send all ads with payment to the Editor, *RWCS Newsletter*, 6662 Fairway Circle, Windsor, WI 53598.

Red Wing For Sale

Limited quantities of "Wildlife Prints" by RW designer Charles E. Murphy. Suitable for framing! Prices range \$15 to \$175. Write or fax for list. Byron Roderick, 1705 Whistlepig Lane, Broomfield, CO 80020. Fax 303-466-9911.

All kinds of handles for stoneware crocks, pails, jars, jugs, rolling pins, etc., just like originals. Send SASE for catalog. Andy Hebenstreit, 607 Carrington St., Waupun, WI 53983. 920-324-2525. 498

Clay Glants w/ 1977-78 price guide, \$100; *Red Wing Dinnerware*, autographed, w/ 1980-81 & 1990-91 price guides, \$45. Commemoratives: 1983, \$465; 1984, \$275; 1985, \$250; 1986, \$150; 1987, \$75; 1988, \$80; 1989, \$300; 1990, \$165; 1991, \$125; 1992, \$125; 1993, \$100; 1994, \$100; 1995, \$100, 1996, \$100. V. Hanson, 20975 Geo. Hunt Cr., #610, Waukesha, WI 53186. 414-798-9877. 498

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

First Edition: numbered Red Wing Sturgis Rally Stein. Only 1,000 made each year. Order now to have your same number recorded to year 2000. \$39.95 + \$5 s&h. Blueberry Hill Collectibles, 605-342-1009. 298

Commemoratives: 1985, \$225; 1986, \$150; 1987, \$75; 1988, \$75; 1989, \$275; 1990, \$150; 1991, \$125; 1992, \$125; 1993, \$100; 1994, \$100; 1995, \$100; 1996, \$100; 1997, \$125. Or, 1985-1997 set \$1,500. Medium Cherryband pitcher w/ adv., \$300; blueband mug, \$75; 3-gal salt-glaze target/lazy 8, \$200; Wesson oil beater jar, \$50. 612-785-4781 or 612-348-4655.

Mammy Clock, mammy perfect, clock not working, \$275. 3-gal wing shoulder jug, great condition, \$95; 2-gal wing crock, \$70; bean pot COMPLEMENTS OF W.H. DAMM & Co. / R.C.U. STORE, COLLINS, WIS. No lid, small chip on one handle, otherwise great, \$65. Shipping extra. Call 218-736-5536.

Commemoratives: 1986, \$210; 1989, \$325; 1990, \$140; 1991, \$135; 1992, \$125. RINDHESCH yellow ashuray, rim flakes, \$50. E. SHON yellow beverage server, \$125. *Village Green* mug advertising STOVER'S MILLS, \$25. Other old Red Wing, send SASE for list. Bonnie Tefft, W174 N9422 Devonwood Rd., Menomonee Falls, WI 53051.

Some choice stocking stuffers for the holidays. 3# Goodhue county butter crock (lighter mark), \$365. 4-gal hand-turned cooler (nice), \$935. 20# butter w/ 4" wing (nice), \$865. 4-gal elephant ear crock w/ Minnesota oval & bottom-signed, blue (slight damage), \$1,800. 5-gal hand-turned cooler (decent), \$435. *Magnolia* ginger jar w/ lid (nice), \$265. Burgundy triple dolphin centerpiece (mint), \$635. 6-gal potbelly cooler (decent), \$465. Smallest spongeband casserole w/ lid (nice) \$585. 5" spongeband bowl (mint), \$485. Smallest spongeband custard (nice), \$215. 2-qt spongeband pitcher (nice), \$275. 3# spongeband butterpail w/ lid (nice), \$485. #50 *Nokomis* pitcher w/ blue ink RumRill stamp, only one known (mint), \$885. #50 RumRill pitcher, yellow (mint), \$85. RumRill store display, Potter at Wheel w/ large lettering, green, (mint), \$1,200. 1-gal crock w/ 4" wing (exceptionally), \$525. 5-gal salt-glaze ribcage crock, side-stamped Minnesota (mint), \$950. 20-gal salt-glaze butterfly crock, front-stamped Minnesota, only one known (hairline), \$2,600. 2-gal salt-glaze target straight-sided cooler, bottom-signed Minnesota, only one known, w/ hexagon bung, (slight damage), \$3,700. 1-gal salt-glaze crock w/ SEIGEL-COOPER CHICAGO etc. adv., only one known (damaged), \$2,800. 5-gal Ice Water cooler, 6" wing (mint), \$1,165. Burgundy muse lady (mint), \$185. *Round Up* chuckwagon pitcher (mint), \$315. Brown accordian player (mint), \$335. *Delta Blue* mug (mint), \$145. Red Wing True China plaque, blue, (mint), \$325. Red Wing Union Stoneware cancelled check, \$75. 3-gal bar cooler lid (slight damage), \$385. 5-gal bar cooler lid (nice), \$345. 4-gal bar cooler lid (decent), \$535. 4-gal bar cooler lid for Ice Water (as is), \$135. 2-gal

pantry jar, no lid, (nice), \$685. 5-gal churn lid (good), \$150. 3- or 4-gal churn lid (nice), \$145. 2-gal churn lid (mint), \$285. Other lids. Other nice pieces. All prices are firm. Shipping extra. 612-923-5189 evenings.

1983 commemorative, \$600. The following items all w/ logo of *Red Wing Shoe Co. 90th Anniversary*: Semi-truck and trailer, \$100; pick-up truck, \$100; 6" crock and matching mug made by Red Wing Stoneware, limited # made, #164 of 250, 2nd edition, \$1,000. Please call 612-388-3942.

400 pcs collection just purchased. Coolers, churns, crocks, jugs, bowls, pitchers, etc. Some of everything. Call or write for complete listing. Bud's Barn, Rt. 3, Box 55, Parkers Prairie, MN 56361. Tel 218-338-6166.

Complete commemorative set, including 1st year commemorative. This mint set will be sold to the highest bid received by January 1, 1998. Send bids to Commemorative Bids, 1354 N. 59th St., Milwaukee, WI 53208. Inquiries 414-771-1951, 8am-3pm.

42 pieces of *Round Up*, includes butter dish, gravy boat and the teapot. 605-342-7337.

Commemoratives: 1979, \$950; 1980, \$875; 1981, \$335; 1985, \$265; 1986, \$165; 1987, \$90; 1989, \$285; 1990, \$85; 1995, \$65, 1996, \$95; 1997, \$85. Lilly bowl & pitcher, \$1,450; spongeware umbrella stand, \$1,600; 5-lb Blue Sponge butter w/ lid, \$165; Blue beater jar, \$170; 1/2-gal Mason jar, \$275; 1/2-gal *Acid Proof Measure*, damage, \$175; 4-gal Imperial shoulder jug, \$225; 1-gal brown top wing jug, \$160; 2-gal small wing churn, \$150; 3-gal small wing cooler w/ lid, \$650; bean pot w/ adv., \$55; 4-gal pantry jar, \$695. Bud's Barn, 218-338-6166.

RWCS Commemoratives for 1985 thru 1996, \$1,250 all. Shipping and insurance included. 515-737-2480 after 5pm.

Pitchers: Grayline, small, \$250, large \$225, large w/ adv., \$350. Saffron, small w/ adv., \$175, large, \$150, large w/ adv., \$175. Beater jar: Grayline w/ adv., \$275. 616-361-7127.

Bulldog, brown, unmarked, \$750; salt, from Hart, MN, \$800; brown unmarked cows

(cow & calf), NM, \$950. R.P., 6910 State Rt. 163, Millstadt, IL 62260. 618-476-7178.

50 dinner plates from our collection. Send SASE for your wants. Orville Holm, 12626, 227 Ave. S.E., Monroe, WA 98272.

30-oz. cherryband pitcher w/ adv BOOTH ENTERPRISE / MAPS / MAXINE THIELEN - OWNER / HARLAN, IOWA. Not old but beautiful. Blue-grey accents. Only \$35 ppd. 712-755-5425. Galen Sorensen, Box 464, Harlan, Iowa 51537. ^{2/98}

Set of 3 black label Red Wing Mason fruit jars, mint condition. Call 612-985-5974.

3-lb crock w/adv. ABERDEEN TEA STORE, ABERDEEN - S. DAKOTA. One hairline towards rear, \$175; 7" white shoulder bowl w/ adv. CHRIS WEBER - HAVANA, N. DAKOTA, \$55. 507-526-5966 after 5pm.

Red Wing Wanted

Mixing bowls and any other advertising items from "Bang's Market, Ada, Minn." Mary & Otto Bang, 612-941-4754.

RumRill Pottery with paper stickers indicating shape and finish numbers. Finish number must be legible. Also, RumRill catalogs and sales information from Mt. Giliad, Ohio. Write: Michigan Chapter RWCS, Box 643, Oshkosh, MI 49077-0643.

Will pay top prices for salt glaze butterfly crocks, jugs, and coolers. We are collectors not dealers—we pay full value. Steve and Diane Winkey, 319-351-6730. ^{4/98}

One RWCS 1980 commemoratives bowl, willing to pay \$600. Please call James Thomas at 701-253-3410.

Any stoneware w/ advertising from Greene, Iowa, Osage, Iowa or Clear Lake, Iowa, call Kevin or Laura at 515-424-9481. ^{2/98}

A pair, any size, of white pudding pans or nappies. Please leave message for Kent at 612-429-4068. ^{2/98}

Red Wing elephant planter #236 wanted, any color. Can trade nude vases for above. Gerald Smith, 22833 Aspen Rd., Sarcoxie, MO 64862-9608. 417-325-5479. ^{4/98}

Ash receivers, any color, mint condition only. Win Twins ashtray, any color, mint condition only. Days 612-339-7401 x 218. Eves., 612-263-3434. Ask for Greg. ^{4/98}

RWCS commemoratives—will buy full set; Minnesota ovals, transitionals, signed salt glaze, rare or unusual items, advertising. 218-338-6166. ^{4/98}

Flat lid for "cream cheese" jar, lid for saffron casserole. 218-681-4261. ^{2/98}

Red Wing clown clock. James Estlund, 1001 2 E, Hastings, MN 55233. 612-437-3632. ^{4/98}

3-gal or smaller RW jug w/ WATKINS advertising. Excellent to mint. Steve 612-447-8459.

Blue birchleaf: 60-gal crock, 10-gal churn, 15-gal Ice Water, button lids, Albany slip 20# butter, Elephant ear 20# butter. 402-379-3396. ^{2/98}

"Lily" wash basin. 612-437-8060. ^{4/98}

Continental Buffet Blue; Dynasty, Forest Green, 4-cup teapot w/ lid, 20-oz water pitcher, beverage server w/ lid; figurines #178, \$1124. LaRae Holm, 360-794-4746.

Looking for the following *Desert Sun* dinnerware serving pieces: casserole, bean pot, teapot, and beverage server. Also, one after-dinner saucer. George Heide, H.C. 67, Box 7, Circle, MT 59215. 406-485-3537.

Other Pottery For Sale

M. A. Hadley water cooler w/ 6 mugs, all w/ stunning cobalt horse design, cooler has horse front and back, all signed. Pix available. \$650. s/h included. 760-244-5863. ^{10/98}

Other Pottery Wanted

Western Stoneware 2-gal cooler lid. 402-821-2495 before 1pm weekdays.

Early Midwestern stoneware beer bottles wanted. Must be stamped or stenciled with potter, brewer, or bottler name. Quality glass bottles (bitters, flasks, barbers, figurals, etc.) also wanted. Steve Ketcham, Box 24114, Mpls., MN 55424. 612-920-4205. ^{4/98}

Rolling pin JAMES & PEACOCK, HEBRON, ILL. Beater jars, rolling pins, mini-jugs, pitchers w/ Illinois advertising, cherryband white pitcher BALSTERS, SCOTCH GROVE, IOWA. If not for sale would like a picture of pitcher. Tony Peacock, 815-747-2712. ^{2/98}

Rockingham/Bennington pitchers wanted. Would also like to contact other Rockingham collectors. George Dick, 408-942-8697. ^{4/98}

Missouri and Illinois stoneware, crocks, jugs, churns, w/ towns, also adv. crocks, mini-jugs, Anna Pottery, sewer tile art, pottery animals. R. P. 6910 State Rt. 163, Millstadt, IL 62260. 618-476-7178. ^{2/98}

Frankoma Buffalo figurine and other Frankoma figurines. 515-847-2772. ^{10/98}

Clubs, Publications

Subscribe to the original *Red Wing Collectors Newsletter*, first published in 1977 by David A. Newkirk. Six issues per year, \$12. *Red Wing Collectors Newsletter*, 2246 95th Street, N.W., Maple Lake, MN 55358. 612-878-2595. ^{2/98}

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 Tefft, 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. ^{2/98}

The Wisconsin Antique Dealers Association announces the release of their new educational video *Red Wing Pottery From Crocks to Coffee Cups*. Featuring Gary and Bonnie Tefft as they discuss the history of the Minnesota industry, including terra cotta, stoneware, signatures, glazes and later wares. Running time is 52 min., color. To order mail \$26.45 plus \$1.50 s/h to Sharon Cypher, 135 N. Main St., Hartford, WI 53027. Or phone 414-673-2751 days or 414-673-5456 eves.

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 281-489-300. ^{2/98}

The Golden State Red Wingers 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 Red Wing Collectors Society web site is now under construction. If you would like your site linked, please contact RWCS subcommittee chairperson Sue Gillmer at sgillmer@win.bright.net.

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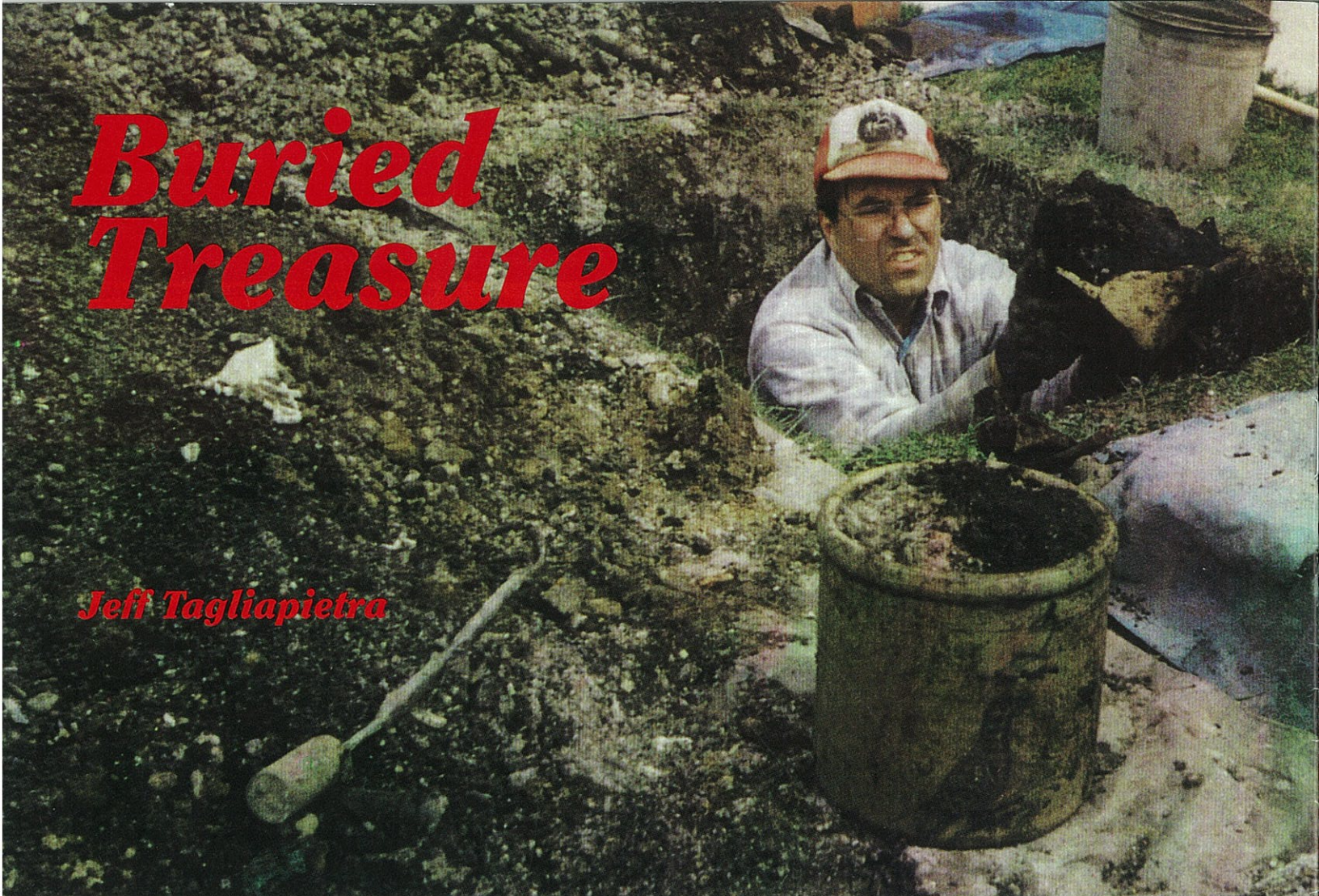
Auction, Sun., Jan. 18, 1998. Osmond, Nebraska. Two outstanding churns, Red Wing Stoneware Company salt-glaze 4-gal, superb, w/ three line sidestamp. Also selling 3-gal Lincoln Pottery works, Lincoln, NE churn. One of two known to exist. Excellent label for positive identification. Advertising brochures available after Jan. 1, 1998 by contacting Northeast Auctioneers, 402-748-3985 or email neauction@buntel.net.

The Wisconsin Antique Dealers Association 24th Annual Winter Antiques Show & Sale, February 6, 7, 8th, 1998. Our educational specialty booth will feature Gary and Bonnie Tefft, w/ a display of Red Wing, their new video, and their book. Fri., 11-9, Sat., 11-6, Sun., 11-4. Waukeshaw Expo Forum Building, Northview Rd., Waukeshaw. 1 mile south of I-94, Hwy J (exit 294) to Northview Rd. Call 414-673-2751 days or 414-673-5456 eves. for more information.

Stoneware Auction, Saturday, Feb. 21, 1998, 7pm, at the Kahler Hotel in Rochester, MN. Approximately 300 pieces. Catalogs will be ready by Jan. 15, 1998. \$3 per catalog. Richard Houghton, 1967 Launa Ave., Red Wing, MN 55066. 612-388-5870.

Buried Treasure

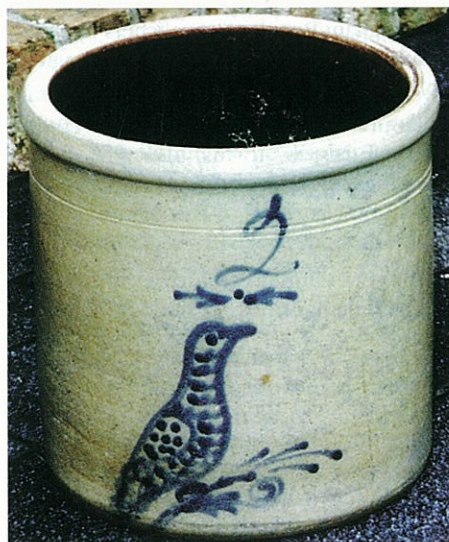
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The industrious fellow above is Dan Gross of West Bend, Wisconsin. Dan's hobby is digging for treasure. He often works with a partner; they always asks permission to dig. Armed with old maps, they look for areas that have been long-settled. They have discovered that areas where the earth is soft is a probable indication of a long-ago dump or outhouse site. Outhouse sites in particular have proven to be good treasure-yielders.

Dan collects old soda bottles and finds them often enough to justify this laborious methodology. The most valuable bottle he's ever found was an old green bitters bottle that he valued at about \$1,000. When he and his partner find things that they don't collect, they sell them.

He's seen here in 1995 digging a site in Milwaukee (owned by a local parish) that was soon to be paved over. On this particular occasion this crock was found about four feet



down at the site of an old outhouse. Obviously the crock had never been in the hands of a collector before!

Because Dan does not collect stoneware, he took it to sell at his booth at an outdoor flea market. I came upon it at six in the morning

and did not hesitate to buy it at the *very* reasonable price he was asking. It had a small hairline, but it was a 2-gal salt-glazed crock with a bird decoration—something you don't come across every day!

I don't think it's Red Wing, but it is probably midwestern in origin, possibly even made by Pierron or Hermann, who were manufacturers of stoneware in Milwaukee. Certainly the bird is not typical of designs done by eastern stoneware companies.

About a year later I was attending an antique advertising show and saw the photograph above at a non-sale display. I recognized my crock and the fellow who sold it to me. I obtained a copy of the photo and tracked Dan down to get the entire story. He told me that at the time of the dig pictured above, he and his partner found both stoneware and glass bottles, dolls' heads, and, of course, this wonderful crock.