

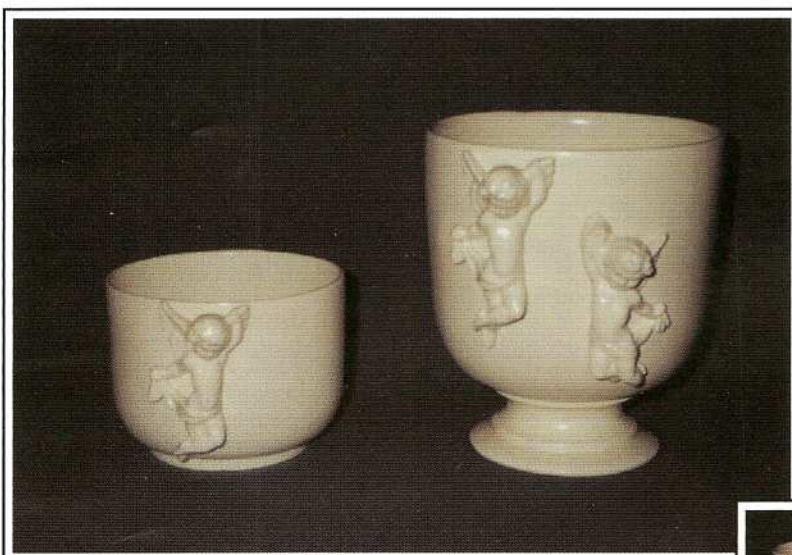


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THE CHERUB GROUP FROM 1963



Ron Linde shares this information on his cherub set. In 1963 the Red Wing Potteries introduced a grouping of four pottery containers with applied cherubs. This grouping was available in mat white only. The 8" cherub vase (shape number 821) originally sold for \$2.75 while the 10" footed cherub vase (shape number 822) sold for \$3.75. The 4.5" cherub planter (shape number 823) sold for \$2.75. The 8" footed cherub compote (shape number 824) had two applied cherub figures and sold for \$5.50.

The spring 1963 catalog was the only catalog that offered the cherub series, which was designed by chief mold maker Teddy Hutchson. Pictured above: 4 1/2" Cherub Planter (823) and 8" Footed Compote (824). Pictured below: 10" Footed Vase (822) and 8" Cherub Vase (821).



Although I do not have knowledge of the quantity produced, these pieces are not easy to find, especially the 8" footed compote with two applied cherubs. All of the production pieces that I have seen are bottom marked RED WING USA with the shape number. The cherub group is not listed in Red Wing Art Pottery Catalogs after 1963.

Current values for shape numbers 821, 822, and 823 range from \$250-350 while shape number 824 with two applied cherubs may sell for \$400-500.

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GET READY FOR MidWinter GetTogether

The upcoming MidWinter GetTogether in February, 2002, will be held again at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa. If you have not attended MidWinter before or it has been awhile, you really should mark your calendar to attend.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Four Points Hotel & Suites

by Sheraton

4800 Merle Ray Road (see map)

Des Moines, IA 50322

Phone 515-278-4755

For reservations call 1-800-325-3535 and be sure to indicate that you are a RWCS MidWinter attendee and/or a room seller.

Deadline is January 24th, 2002 for the special block of rooms (up to 4 guests per room). Floors 1-4 are designated non-smoking and floor 5 is smoking.

*See back page
for MidWinter
GetTogether
Registration Form.*

*Hurry - deadline
for pre-registration
is January 15, 2002.*

TYPES OF ROOMS

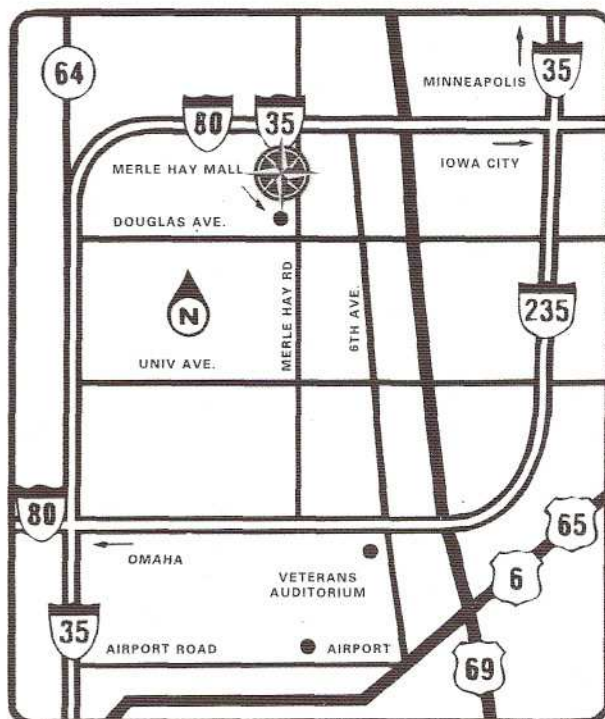
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Junior Suite: 1 king and 1 sleeper sofa (about 1½ rooms with the bedroom area bigger and the living area smaller) at \$89 plus 12% tax.

Extended Stay Suite: 1 king and 1 sleeper sofa (about 1½ rooms with the bedroom area smaller and the living area bigger) at \$99 plus 12% tax.

Family or Parlor Suite: 1 king and 1 sleeper sofa (the size of 2 rooms with a big dining room table and kitchen area) at \$119 plus 12% tax.

Whirlpool Suite: at \$139 plus 12% tax. 



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR MidWinter GetTogether

Four Points Sheraton Hotel - Des Moines, Iowa
February 15-17, 2002

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Board of Directors Meeting	1:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Iowa Board room
Registration	1:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Lobby
Social Gathering & Hor D'Oeuvres & Cash Bar	7:00 - 11:00 p.m.	Heartland Ballroom
Room Sales	Evening	Four Points Hotel

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Registration	7:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Lobby
Deluxe Continental Breakfast	7:00 - 8:30 a.m.	Lobby (seating in Salon B)
General Session	8:30 - 10:00 a.m.	Salon C
Education	10:15 - 11:15 a.m.	Rooms to be announced
Show & Sale	1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Heartland Ballroom

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Continental Breakfast	7:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Hosted by Iowa Chapter
Board of Directors Meeting	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Iowa Board room

First Choice Travel Discount Rates

Travel Window: February 12, 2002 - February 20, 2002 (Sat. night required)

US/Canada Originating Passengers:

Round Trip Fare Paid	Discount
Between \$200-\$299USD/\$300-\$499CAD	\$30USD/\$45CAD
Between \$300-\$449USD/\$450-\$674CAD	\$50USD/\$75CAD
Between \$450-\$749USD/\$675-\$1124CAD	\$75USD/\$113CAD
\$750USD/\$1125CAD or greater	\$100USD/\$150CAD

Fares shown are before discount and do not include applicable PFCs, international taxes, fees, surcharges, inspections fees, or processing fees.

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June	May 1	May 10
August	July 1	July 15
October	September 1	September 10
December	November 1	November 10

AUGUST J. BECKER

GROCER, BAKER AND ENTREPRENEUR 1875-1959

Mike Back, Red Wing Collector Society member, contributed this article on Becker Advertising pieces.

When I was in high school back in the early 60's. I worked in a gas station for \$1.25 an hour plus a few extra green stamps. During the summer you could count on my mother always having a cold pitcher of lemonade in the refrigerator. You could also bet the lemonade would be in the "Becker pitcher," which compared to the more modern, lighter Tupperware pitcher weighed at least five pounds! Perhaps it kept my younger, albeit smaller, brothers and sisters from drinking the lemonade.

My grandparents August and Lura Becker, who had moved to California in 1952, lived only a few blocks from us at that time. They also had a "Becker pitcher," which grandma used to water the breezeway plants. We didn't think anything of it at the time, because we believed things had to be at least 100 years old before they were classified as an antique. Since the pitcher was dated 1914, it had a ways to go!

In 1972 when I first got married, I asked my grandmother if I could have her pitcher as a wedding gift. She said, "oh my yes, I never cared for it, they are too heavy, I don't know why grandpa ever had them made." Years later (1986) I remember writing her saying that a "Becker pitcher" had

sold for \$300. She replied, "Can you imagine anyone paying \$300 for a pitcher that cost grandpa 15 cents when you can buy a nice cut glass one for \$50? People are funny I guess." She didn't think much of pottery!



My particular pitcher stayed buried in a cupboard until one evening when I was visiting the Crocker Art Museum in Sacramento and saw a book on Red Wing Pottery in the bookstore. It was "The Clay Giants" by Lyndon Viel. I was quite surprised in thumbing through it to find a picture of my grandparents with a couple of pieces of pottery. I obviously had to buy the book. I should have bought several given its value today.

In 1987, I took the pitcher to the first Golden State Red Wing Chapter Meeting and learned of its value. That is when it all started. I could not get over grown people collecting old crocks and pottery, some of which we had



when I was a kid (particularly those "Chef" cookie jars with those easy to break lids). To digress for a moment, we also had Red Wing dinner plates, and boy were we happy to see those replaced by Melmac. No more chipped or broken plates and the

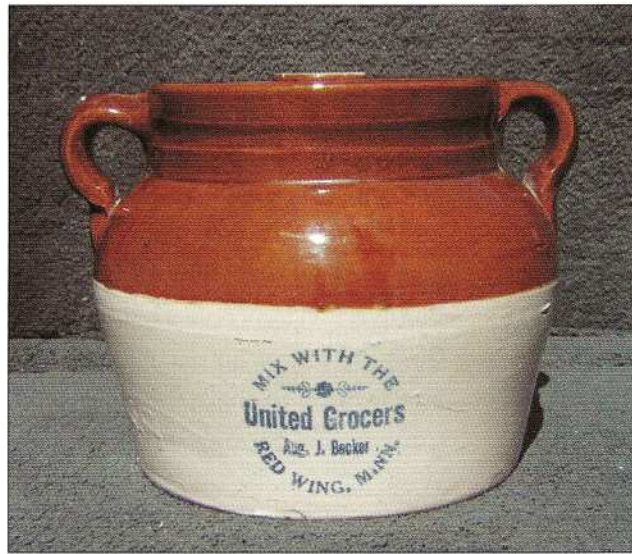
corresponding punishment.

Unfortunately I did not get interested in collecting "Becker" memorabilia until after my grandparents passed away. I was not sure what was out there, but my quest began.

I started by learning more about my grandfather and his earlier years in Red Wing. August Becker was in the grocery business in Red Wing as early as 1909. In 1913 (some say earlier) he opened a grocery store, bakery and later a café and beer bar located at 4th and Plum in Red Wing. It is where the current Elks Club is today. He moved his growing family above the store, where four of his six children were born. The store was in business in one fashion or another until approximately 1939.

In 1909, the first piece of "Becker" advertising appeared on a calendar plate. This was a very popular form of advertising for small businesses between 1907 and the late teens. I believe there are three different "Becker" plates, all dated 1909, but with different fruit or advertising. I have two of the plates, one I purchased from an ad in the RWCS newsletter and the other at the auction this year during the RWCS Convention. I am not sure who I was bidding against, but imagine paying \$260 for a plate that my grandfather gave away with the purchase of groceries!

In 1913, my grandfather had an advertising plate made with a picture of his store on it. He was obviously very proud of the store. These plates were also "give aways" to good customers at that



time. Mine was obtained at the RWCS Convention auction a couple of years ago, again at the cost of a monthly car payment.

In 1914, my grandfather had the cherryband pitcher made by the Red Wing



Union Stoneware Company with a picture of his store on it. As stated earlier, he paid 15 cents (some say

5 cents) for these in lots of 100. They were given to customers who purchased \$5 worth of groceries (according to my relatives) or to some of the local farmers who provided eggs, milk, butter or produce.

Now having three plates and the cherryband pitcher, I wondered what else might be out there. I recalled that back in 1957, after mowing my grandparent's lawn, grandpa gave me an octagonal token that said "good for one loaf of bread" on the obverse and "Aug J. Becker Grocer" on the reverse. (I was really hoping for a silver dollar!)

A few years ago on one of my nostalgic trips to Red Wing, I found and bought a grey line or spongeband bowl with "Becker"

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CLUB NEWS

from the
President



CORRINE REED

The 25th Anniversary Committee has been meeting and planning exciting activities for Convention week 2002 - from the RWCS Foundation Downtown Street Show and Sale kick off on Sunday July 7th, to the St. James Hotel brunch finale on Sunday, July 14th. Make your plans early to attend this very special 26th Annual Convention!

One of the business activities of Convention 2002 will be the election of Officers and Representative at Large positions on the Board of Directors. Those of you willing to give of your time and talents, please contact Nominating Committee Chair, Vice President, Wendy Callicoat.

MidWinter GetTogether 2002 plans have been finalized. Please refer to the information in this newsletter. For those of you who will be flying, be sure to check the information on reduced Northwest Airlines rates through First Choice Travel for RWCS members. 

THE REAL KIDS VIEW OF THE RWCS CONVENTION

The success of the Kids View of Red Wing seminars and activities was very exciting for everyone involved. We received feedback from the kids who participated, and wanted to share the Convention through their eyes. We will continue to look for avenues and activities to engage the younger members of the RWCS and if you have ideas or suggestions, please contact us!

Aarika Floyd
shares her story.

My Collection of Red Wing Mugs.

Since I was two weeks old, I have been going to the Red Wing Collectors Society Annual Convention and have never missed a year. I recently acquired my first Red Wing mug. How I chose the company that makes these mugs was an easy choice, too.

Since I've been going to Convention, I have just realized how important Pottery-making is to our nation's history. This year I took part in the RWCS Educational Seminars for Kids. For many years the Convention has had events that were only for adults. Two Conventions ago was the first ever kids event and it was a success. This year's activities were even better.

Along with the other activities that I took part in, the kid's

auction was the best part. This started me in collecting Red Wing mugs. We had the auctioneer from the Society's REAL auction and some of his helpers to show us how to bid and what we needed to do. At the beginning of the first kids seminars, all the kids got a

bag with a whole bunch of goodies like coloring books and crayons, and fifty Red Wing Bucks. Each kid was able to bid on an item and ended up with their own piece.

The maximum bid was fifty dollars and the one who got to fifty dollars after the bidding was over was the winner of the piece. All the Red Wing pieces were donated, and each kid had the chance to look at the pieces before the auction started. I sat in the front row with the list I made.

"I really liked having the chance to paint my own plate and learn how the old potters did their work many years ago. For a while it was like we were there working with them."

-kids comments-



Aarika Floyd

Then a friend told me to bid on a mug and said that he would pay me for it, (in real money), after the auction because he has never seen a mug like it. Well, the auction started and all the pieces that I wanted had been bought. When the mug came up I shouted, "Fifty dollars!" Then the auctioneer said, "Sold! To the lady in the front row!" I had got the piece that I wanted and I was proud of it.

"I really enjoyed making a jug and decorating a plate because it made me feel like I was a pottery artist back in those days."

-kids comments-

Later my friend came up to me and asked how much I wanted for the mug. After some talking, I didn't give up my piece because it was my first auction that I ever had the chance to actually be involved in and you feel so good about your purchase! After the kid's auction, the real Convention auction started and I helped in

watching some of the other kids that were there while their parents went to that.

After the auction, the kid's part of the Convention didn't end. Earlier that day, we had the chance to learn about salt glaze pieces by the Keynote Speaker of this year's Convention. We also were able to take part in drawing our own commemorative, painting our own dinnerware plates, and learning about mini jug necklaces. On Friday, we had an even better chance to take part in more activities. We made buttons (by drawing the commemorative of the year we were born), we made beaded necklaces, we made our own pieces of pottery with actual clay, we made T-shirts, we learned about the actual Red Wing Stoneware Pottery Company when the building was the actual place where they made the pottery, (not the shopping center that it is now),

by one of the Society's early, early members, we drew our own pictures of our favorite pieces of pottery or pottery that should be made, (those pictures were then hung on a bulletin board at Colvill Park in Red Wing at the Annual Potter's

Picnic), we also learned about the pottery known as "animals," which were actual clay animals, and about how commemoratives are made and the process of making and shipping all of the commemoratives. ALL of that was done in one and a half days of the Convention.

This part of the Convention was a

"The goodie bag was great! We had lots of surprises in it and we even got 50 Red Wing bucks, which I used at the auction to buy my own piece of Red Wing pottery."

-kids comments-

hit for EVERYONE. Well, maybe some parents wanted to do it, too. I still have yet to find another mug for my collection because my collection of Mickey Mouse memorabilia is a lot bigger, but less interesting (everything is either from sales or Disney World). So in conclusion, that is how my collection of Red Wing mugs started and I hope that the other kids that participated in the kids activities at the 2001 Convention had as much fun as I did. 🍷

MidWinter GetTogether

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the MidWinter GetTogether this February 15-17, 2002 at the Sheraton Hotel in Des Moines, IA.

Anyone wishing to volunteer, please contact the RWCS Business Office.

THE RED WING SEWER PIPE INDIAN LOGO

The Red Wing Sewer Pipe Corporation was well known in the region for producing quality sewer pipes beginning in the early decades of the 1900's. You can still find the brick office building still standing down in "clay city." Bob DePalma, who was director and then president of the Sewer Pipe Company, shares the story of how he created a special company logo with an Indian figure. This logo was chosen for several reasons, including the name of the city and the original Indian chief Red Wing.

This logo was used on everything from the company letterhead and

envelopes to the sewer pipe itself. There were several promotional items that eventually had this logo, but one that was unique was a large coffee mug.

The Red Wing Sewer Pipe Company eventually closed in 1978 as the industry changed from using the heavy clay pipe to plastic pipes. You can still find several of the company's promotional items around but the coffee mug has ties to the famous Red Wing Pottery. 

The photo on the right is the logo that was used for the Red Wing Sewer Pipe Company. The photo below shows actual salesman samples.



The photo below shows the clay drying floor where moisture was removed from the pipe. Afterward the pipe was placed in the kiln and fired at a temperature of 2200°-2500° Fahrenheit. Photo taken by Phil Revoir in 1965.



RARE PAIR OF LION DOORSTOPS FEATURED IN THE RWCS FOUNDATION MUSEUM

In upcoming issues we will share with you an item or two that is on display in the RWSC Foundation Museum. Background information or history will also be provided so you have the opportunity to learn about the items that are featured at the museum. Not all items on display are rare or one-of-a-kind. You will find examples of pieces from all the different periods of the Red Wing Pottery. A pair of lion doorstops is featured this month. We hope that you enjoy these articles!

Probably one of the rarest statuary pieces is the lion doorstop. It was truly a functional and beautiful addition to any turn of the century home. This stately animal standing nearly 12" tall was produced by the Minnesota Stoneware Company. Production is estimated to be after the turn of the century because it does not appear on the 1895-1896 price list. However, there is

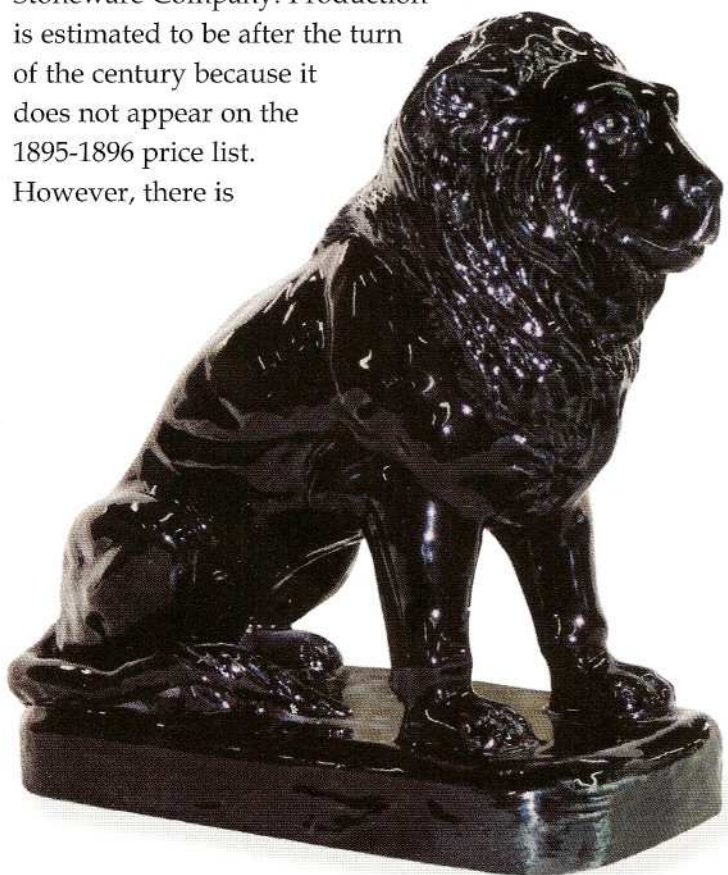
the possibility it was produced at an earlier time and records do not reflect this.

Being of a stoneware body, these molded beauties have been discovered in several glazes, including salt glaze, albany slip, and cobalt. Typically they are seen in the rich albany slip glaze. On display in the Red Wing Pottery Museum are two outstanding examples, one in albany slip and the other in an extremely rare cobalt finish.

The albany slip lion doorstop has been in a collection for over 20 years. We have personally seen a dozen or so of these in private collections.

On the other hand, the cobalt lion could possibly be one of two known to exist. It was purchased from a life long Red Wing resident, which was handed down through several generations. Both of these examples can be viewed on display at the Red Wing Pottery Museum, located at the Pottery Mall in Red Wing, MN. The two lions are in mint condition, which adds to the value of these regal beasts. 

Thank you to Diane and Dave Hallstrom for the information on the lion doorstops.



The lion doorstops were made from molds. Slip, which was the liquid clay mixture, was poured into the mold. After the piece was dry, they "broke the mold" by pulling the mold apart and taking the piece out. The seams were smoothed and the piece went to the kiln for the remaining processes.

*Red Wing Art Pottery including pottery made for RumRill, Ray Reiss

CLUB NEWS

from the
Business Manager



KAY WILSHUSEN

It's time to think MidWinter GetTogether! Many of you had such a great time last year that we've decided to return to the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Des Moines, Iowa February 15-17th, 2002.

For those of you who desire to fly to Des Moines, have we got a deal for you! First Choice Travel in Red Wing, Minnesota, is offering discount rates for RWCS members on Northwest Airlines. The travel period is from February 12-20, 2002. A Saturday night stay is required.

Please mention that you are going to the MidWinter GetTogether in Des Moines and you are a RWCS member. You may contact First Choice at 651-388-3573 or 1-800-564-5203 or e-mail firstchc@redwing.net. 

RED WING COLLECTORS SOCIETY FEATURED IN "COLLECTOR'S MAGAZINE AND PRICE GUIDE"

Look for the October issue of the "Collectors Magazine and Price Guide." The front cover features a large photo of a 10gallon Ice Water Cooler.

Claire Fliess, editor, did a great job of talking about the Red Wing Collectors Society in her message to her readers. She shares facts about the RWCS and invites people to learn more about the history of Red Wing pottery.

The cover story is titled "Pottery from Red Wing, Minn" and again highlights a large photo of the 10 gallon ice water cooler. They shared the article titled, "Our Minnesota," which we published in the April and June 2000 issues of the RWCS newsletter. There are twenty five color photos throughout the four page spread, including historical images from the Goodhue County Historical Society that we used to illustrate the original story in the RWCS newsletter.

Jim Stiller of Excelsior Coin & Collectibles, shared this original article with us. He contributed all the photographs of Red Wing stoneware and pottery items from his personal collection to the

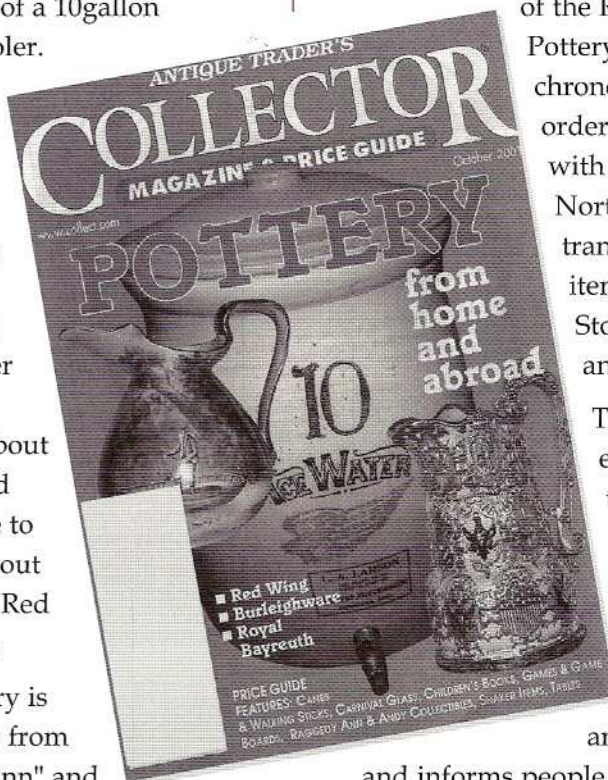
Collectors Magazine article. His goal was to illustrate quality items from each of the different periods

of the Red Wing Pottery in chronological order, starting with salt glaze, Northstar, transition items, Union Stoneware and more.

This kind of exposure for the Red Wing Collectors Society is very positive and educates

and informs people about our organization. It is in a highly respected publication that thousands of antique collectors read every month. It is our hope that as people learn more about the RWCS, they join our group and help carry on the efforts of all members.

If you are interested in subscribing or getting a copy of the "Collector Magazine & Price Guide," contact Krause Publications at 1-800-258-0929. The website is www.collect.com and e-mail is traderpubs@krause.com. To contact Jim Stiller, e-mail rwnut@qwest.net. 



RED WING FOUNDATION GOALS

To preserve Red Wing and other American stoneware and pottery, expand the public's awareness of stoneware and pottery not only as an art form, but also as a historical reflection of American culture.

Establish a museum for the display, collection and preservation of pottery, dinnerware, stoneware and other related products consistent with the educational and historical purposes of the Foundation.

Work to preserve all of the elements of the original pottery building, such as the tunnel kiln and boiler.

Create information regarding the display and the historical nature and role of pottery, dinnerware and stoneware in American history and culture as well as

create an educational exploratory video walking tour of the pottery building in order to enhance the education and knowledge of the public and to encourage further research, education and interest in pottery, dinnerware and stoneware by the public.

Aid interested scholars with the conduction of research.

Establish college scholarships, as well as scholarships to technical or art institutes, with an emphasis on individuals studying areas of historical research, ceramic engineering and pottery making.

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FOUNDATION UPDATE

The RWCS Foundation Museum is a testament to the hard work and vision of many people. We plan to provide regular articles and updates of what is happening with the RWCS Foundation in the newsletter to keep all the members informed.

You will find the display cases filled with unique and rare items that are for the viewing pleasure of the museum visitors. Just as the museum was founded on the hard work and support of many volunteers, the continued success will also depend upon volunteers. People are needed to help answer visitor's questions, do some light cleaning, and various other activities that need to be done.

As time passes, the museum will look to rotate and add new and different pieces for display. If you are interested in volunteering, donating a Red Wing item or supporting the museum financially, please contact Diane Hallstrom at 651-388-5744.

REMINDER: The Nominating Committee is still seeking qualified candidates for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Historian, and Reps at Large. Please contact Wendy Callicoat for additional information.

RED WING COLLECTORS FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING

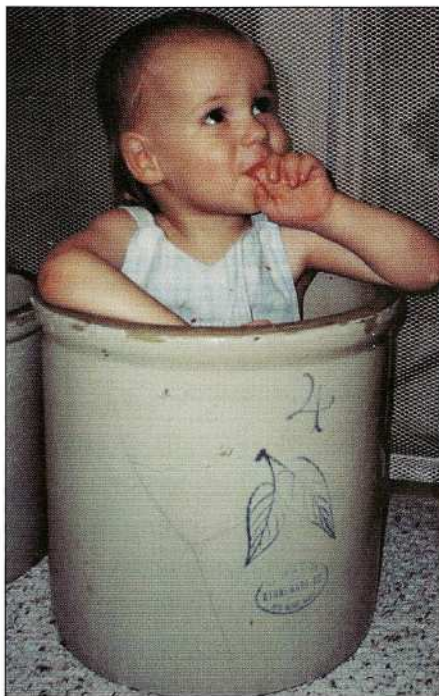
The Board of Directors of the Red Wing Collectors Society Foundation will hold it's Annual Meeting October 27th, 2001 at 6 pm at the Foundation Museum in the Pottery Place Mall, Red Wing, MN.

During a portion of this meeting the Board of Directors will vote to fill any available Board of Director positions. If you would like to contribute your time and talent to the Foundation and be considered for a Board position, please contact John Key at 651-388-0217.

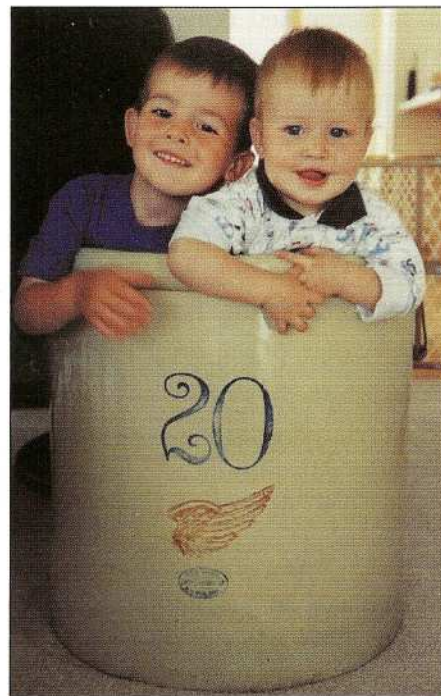
WHAT DO YOU COLLECT AND WHY?

Everyone has their favorite collection or piece of Red Wing pottery. We'd like to ask you to share your thoughts on this topic by mailing or e-mailing your contributions to us, as we are always looking for member input. Be sure to enclose a photo of yourself or your collection, to add a more personal touch. Please contact us with any questions.

Here are a couple of photos that we sent to us by RWCS members. 



The grandson of Joe Bouvette is discovering that Red Wing is what it's all "croked up" to be.



Carter and Garrett Kes, grandchildren of George and Judy Pinc, are a perfect fit for this twenty gallon crock.

**Mark your Calendars now for
MidWinter GetTogether**

**February 15-17, 2002 at the
Sheraton Hotel in Des Moines, IA.**

RED WING AREA CHAMBER of COMMERCE

2001 Limited Edition Beater Jar

Once again the Red Wing Area Chamber of Commerce is offering a collectible pottery piece for the holiday season. This 20-ounce beater jar is the second in a series of three. A Santa emblem is on the front and "Hometown Family Christmas, Red Wing, MN 2001" is on the back.

These jars are manufactured and numbered by the Red Wing Stoneware Company in Red Wing, MN.

Cost: \$32.50 + tax (6.5%)

Shipping/Handling: \$5.00 per piece

If you would like to place an order for these collectible beater jars please call the Red Wing Area Chamber of Commerce at (800) 762-9516.

advertising. It had a crack in it, but it fit in well with the other cracked pottery we have. I don't know when my grandfather gave out these bowls, but my guess is the late 20s or early 30s. There are very few of them. I have only seen one other and that was at the Goodhue County Museum in Red Wing.

As the quest continued, I did run across two different tokens, one for 10 cents in merchandise and the other for \$1 in merchandise. One relative thought these tokens were put in the bread that was baked on the premise, but when told that it was illegal, my grandfather threw the remaining tokens in the Mississippi River.

When you think you have everything, you find more. My mother mentioned she thought there was a metal serving tray with grandpa's name on it. Here we go again.

At the RWCS Convention three years ago, I met Jewel Peterson and mentioned to her I was looking for "Becker" stuff. As fate would have it, she just happened to have a "Becker" tray. Out of the kindness of her heart she sold it to me. (Thanks Jewel.) It certainly is not attractive so it does not hang as prominently on our walls as other memorabilia (but at least it

isn't in the garage). It is dated 1930.

My next acquisition was the bean pot with "Becker" advertising. I found this at the RWCS Convention Saturday sale four years ago. After a futile negotiating session, I purchased the pot for what could have been a small down payment on a car (I did get a lid though). I wasn't right for days (did I mention my wife Judy was very supportive), but I also knew these are hard to find. There must not have been many of these made, as with the bowl, none of the relatives recalled

seeing them. I am not sure exactly when the bean pots were given away, but my guess is in the 1930s.

THE QUEST CONTINUES

While attending the RWCS Convention in 1999, I saw a post card amongst a pottery display in a store window. The

post card had a picture of my grandfather's store on

it and was printed around 1915. The following year I was able to purchase the card from its owner in Red Wing. (Thanks Jeff.) That same year I met Dave Hallstrom. His grandparents were friends with the Becker's. It was a small town. When I mentioned to Dave that I was looking for "Becker" items he said he had a different



post card from the one I had. His post card had a picture of August Becker in 1915 on an old truck. The next day Dave gave me the post card. See postcard above. (Thanks Dave and Diane.)

Well what else was out there? I know of one post card that I do not have, so I will keep looking. After all, the hunt is more than half the fun! Are there other items? I don't know.

So there you have it. I obviously have too much time on my hands. My wife is just as interested in Red Wing as I am (I proposed to her on Barns Bluff). We truly enjoy Red Wing, the pottery and more importantly the people and friendships that we have developed in not only our own Golden State Red Wing Chapter but in the RWCS as well.

After grandpa sold the store he worked as a salesman for the Red Wing Sewer Pipe Company. Yes, he gave away as pencil holders those small sewer pipe samples with those pesky little lids.

Mike is the grandson of the late Mr. And Mrs. August Becker and Mr. And Mrs. Louie Back of Red Wing. He can be contacted at mback44854@aol.com.



August J. Becker

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES

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DEADLINES

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

EDITOR ADDRESS

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

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

C L A S S I F I E D S

RED WING FOR SALE

Complete set of Commemoratives, 1977 thru 2001 - \$10,500. Call 480-396-7472; or email: roadrunners3@juno.com.

2001 Convention Button @ \$1.00 each. Add S&H as follows: \$1+\$1.36, 2+1.60, 3+1.60, 4+1.85, 5+2.05, 6+2.70, 7+2.95, 8+3.20, 9+3.40, 10+3.65. Make checks payable and send to Gopher Chapter, 10666 Vessey Road, Bloomington, MN 55437. Also a few 1996 buttons available at same cost. Questions? 952-881-1676, djjuergens@uswest.net. 12/01

Large personal collection. 20 and 25 Gallon Red Wing Cocks. 20 Gal. Fort Dodge Iowa Crock. Many other pieces. Call 703-492-2038. 12/01

Random Harvest Dinnerware. 1994, 1996, 1997 Commemoratives. Write to: Mary Rudd, 162 Nebraska S.W., Huron, SD 57350.

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Commemoratives: 1981-\$500; 1982-\$675; 1983-\$550; 1984-\$390; 1985-\$290; 1986-\$175; 1987-\$100; 1988-\$100; 1989-\$290; 1990-\$120; 1991-\$110; 1992-\$95; 1993-\$90; 1994-\$85; 1995-\$80; 1996-\$120; 1997-\$100; 1998-\$90; 1999-\$75; 2001-\$90. Also, Red Wing Newsletters - December 1990 thru August 2001 - \$40. Call evenings: 320-253-2696.

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Commemoratives: Mint Condition, 1977-1999 \$8500. Call 608-655-4587 after 6 pm. 12/01

Handles and Wooden Lids. Send SASE for flyer to: Larsen's Collectibles, 757 120th Street, Hampton, Iowa 50441-7555. Phone 515-866-6733. 4/02

RED WING FOR SALE

Hamm's Bear Bank, near mint - \$475. Two Hamm's Krug Klub Mugs - \$75 ea. Call 651-388-9588 and leave message.

RED WING WANTED

RumRill Athenian Group, Ivory Bowl #573; Blue and White Lily Bowl; 10 Gal. Red Wing Crock with H.C. Schranck, Co. Milwaukee advertising in blue ink. Call 262-544-6336. 8/02

Fruit Jars - all sizes any color. 20lbs. Wing Butter Cocks. 3 Gal. Birchleaf Shoulder Jug. 3 Gal. Packing Jar. Call 701-749-2586.

Northwest Iowa Advertising, Sioux City, Hoops Bros. Galva, Akron, Merrill, Kingsley, Correctionville, Danbury, Holstein, Schaller, Early, Schleswig, Storm Lake, and others. Write to: Chris Treiber, 3925 Davis Ave., Sioux City, IA 51106 or call 712-274-8734. 2/02

Flight Dinnerware Pattern: One After Dinner Cup, Two After Dinner Saucers, One Casserole, One Teapot with or without lid. Call 406-485-3537, preferable noon or evenings. Write: G.W. Heide, 82 Brockway E. Rd., Circle, MT 59215.

Information on Red Wing Waffle Cover and Bottom Pictures. Call Jim at 800-657-4609 ext. 779.

Transition Cocks: Avid collector willing to pay top dollar for mint condition transition cocks. Elephant ear, cobalt leaf, birch leaf, butterfly and any others wanted. All sizes 2-60 gallon. Call 800-946-9464 ext. 7000 or email: lberman@lakesgaming.com. 2/02

Metal Stand for 20 Cup Delta Blue Coffee Urn. Call 320-632-3842 or email: gaill@fallsnet.com. 12/01

NOTE If you are a dinnerware collector that is looking to find a particular pattern or piece for your collection, or if you have dinnerware you'd like to sell, you may want to visit www.makeaset.com. This website offers free advertisements and may be a good source to add to your Red Wing dinnerware collection.

CLUBS AND PUBLICATIONS

Two great books: Red Wing Stoneware (2000 values) and Red Wing Collectibles (new 2001 values). \$9.95 each or \$17.95 for both plus \$1.25/\$1.75 postage, respectively. Quantity discounts available. Gail Peck, 2121 Pearl, Fremont, NE 68025. 402-721-5721. 12/01

CURRENT PRICES & SCOOPS

Tell us about the price received for a Red Wing product. Briefly describe item, where sold, date, venue (store, auction, etc.) and price paid. Send in on a post card. Multiple submissions mean multiple entries in Newsletter Special Commemorative Lottery at the 2002 Convention. Send to the Editor at the address on page 3. All entries received between July '01 and June '02 are eligible whether published or not. Please keep submittals with purchase dates within six months of the Newsletter issue. This will ensure we have current prices and scoops.

ITEM	LOCATION	DATE SOLD	VENUE	PRICE PAID
Large Spongeband Pitcher, bottom marked, small hairline-inside only	Robinson, KS	4/01	Auction	\$30.00
1/2 Gal. Wax Sealer, bottom marked, mint	Atchison, KS	4/01	Auction	\$5.00
14" Orleans Chop Plate	Marinette, WI		Rummage Sale	\$1.50
3 Gal. Elephant Ear Crock, bottom marked Minnesota Stoneware	Sheridan, WY		Antique Mall	\$35.00
Large Saffron Pitcher - no adv. - chip on spout	Blue Earth, MN	5/01	Auction	\$55.00
Country Garden Divided Vegetable Dish	Lake Jackson, TX	5/01	Ebay	\$3.00
Beater Jar "Wells, MN" adv. 2 inside firing cracks	Blue Earth, MN	5/01	Auction	\$170.00
Country Garden Bread Tray	Hanover, IL	6/01	Ebay	\$9.99
Fondoso Cobalt Blue Casserole w/Lid - mint	Carlton, MN	6/01	Garage Sale	\$15.00
1978 RW Commemorative	Red Wing, MN	7/01	Auction	\$900.00
RW Piece #278 White Bowl	Red Wing, MN	7/01	Auction	\$1.00
Gypsy Trail Pitcher - Aqua Color	Red Wing, MN	7/01	Street Sale	\$40.00
Gypsy Trail Pitcher - Rose Color	Red Wing, MN	7/01	Street Sale	\$20.00
Lute Song Salt & Pepper & Sm. Tid-bit Tray	Sturgeon Lake, MN	7/01	Garage Sale	\$5.00 for all
RW White Flower Pot #970 - excellent cond. Bottom Marked with # and Red Wing	Cloquet, MN	7/01	Antique Shop	\$7.00
5 Gal. Shoulder Jug, Brown Top, "From the famous old M.C. Mineral Springs - Colfax, Iowa"	Rockford, IL	8/01	Garage Sale	\$10.00
4 Gal. SA Crock Salt Glazed - 2 chips on rim	Rockford, IL	8/01	Antique Shop	\$65.00
Red Wing Ashtray Stamped Red Wing Potteries USA	Halton City, TX	8/01	Antique Mall	\$7.65
2-8 Gal. Button Petal Lids, 1 chipped	Pine City, MN	8/01	Auction	\$30.00

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RED WING STONEWARE INVENTORY AND BLUE & WHITE STONEWARE INVENTORY BOOKS. Each book can inventory 150 pieces of your collections! Has a place for photo, description of piece, when and where purchased and several value updates. \$16.00 includes postage. Send to: Terry & Darla Schuett, 1020 Hamilton St., Wausau, WI 54403. (We will soon have Dinnerware Inventory Books, Art Pottery Inventory Books and Watt Inventory Books.)

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New...Encyclopedia of Red Wing Art Pottery. This is a hardback book which includes over 500 color pictures and all new pricing. This book has a wide variety of Red Wing Art Pottery, RumRill, and Dinnerware. It also includes a chapter on learning about Red Wing Art Pottery and different ways to collect Red Wing. Send \$24.95 plus \$2.50 shipping to: Dollen Books, P.O. Box 67, Minden, IA 51553. Iowa residents add \$1.25 sales tax. *All books will be autographed.* 10/01

MidWinter GetTogether

February 15-17, 2002 Four Points Sheraton Hotel Des Moines, Iowa

(CLIP THIS FORM OR PHOTOCOPY IT)

MidWinter GetTogether Registration Form

Deadline for pre-registration is January 15, 2002.

Pre-registrations & requests for seller's contracts will not be accepted after January 15.

Person submitting this form:

NAME

MEMBERSHIP #

STREET ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

CITY, STATE, ZIP

Pre-registration is \$20 per member - children 15 and under are free. The registration fee at the GetTogether will be \$25 per member over 15 years of age. The registration includes Friday night Social Hour, Saturday General Session, Shared Interest Groups, Saturday Sale and Sunday's Continental Breakfast. You may combine payment of pre-registration and seller's table in a single check or money order.

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Send to: RWCS MidWinter GetTogether, PO Box 50, Red Wing, MN 55066.
Make check or money order payable in US funds to Red Wing Collectors Society Inc.

Seller's Tables: Please send me the seller's contract for the Saturday sale. (\$25/table)

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Due to limited space, all tables are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. You must enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope to get your contract. Signed contracts must be postmarked no later than January 31, 2002.