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any changes.**

Please renew by October 24, 1996.

Front cover: A 20-gal Double Bird
crook that sold recently at auction in
Wisconsin. Check the Recent Prices
section on page 7 to find out what it
went for. Be sure you're sitting down.

RED WING COLLECTORS SOCIETY, INC.
NEWSLETTER

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MidWinter GetTogether

Rochester, Minnesota

February 21-23, 1997

You know it's coming—the ice and snow and sunless days. You'll be busy with Thanksgiving and the holidays, but sometime after the first of the year you'll be climbing the walls, just itching to get out and look for Red Wing. Well, we'll be ready for you at the second annual MidWinter GetTogether in Rochester, MN. Reserve a room at the Kahler Hotel and book a plane, train or automobile now! Just looking at February 21-23 circled on your calendar will help lift those winter blues.

Rochester in February, you ask? The 400 participants at our first MidWinter GetTogether know why we chose the Kahler Hotels as our base of operations. All four Kahler hotels are connected to downtown Rochester's extensive skyway and subway system. You can stay toasty warm while you stroll to downtown shops, restaurants and shopping malls. The four hotels can supply a total of 1,500 rooms for us if need be, and if we manage to fill them all, greater Rochester has 3,500 more room accommodations. This is because Rochester is the headquarters of the world-renowned Mayo Clinic. Hey! Why not get a check-up while you're in town?

The Red Wing Collectors Society MidWinter GetTogether offers members a unique opportunity to congregate under one roof. It's a three-day opportunity to live and breathe Red Wing with your fellow addicts. There will be something for everyone: education, networking, and two different opportunities to buy, sell or trade.

If your significant others don't quite understand about Red Wing, they can run wild through the metropolis eating, drinking and shopping. And send the kids to a movie. They can do it all without ever stepping outside thanks to the skyway/subway system.

Activities start Friday with a social hour and cash bar. For those who want to sell Red Wing out of their rooms, Friday night will be a beehive of activity. This aspect of the MidWinter GetTogether was one of the great successes last year. It was great fun and shopping went on until at least 11 pm.

Saturday morning there will be a general education session. After a lunch break, we'll have Shared Interest Group meetings—a great way to discuss the intricate ways of your collecting eccentricities.

Later Saturday afternoon the Show and Sale opens. It's hard to describe how terrific it was last year to go to an all-Red Wing show in the middle of the winter. What a tonic!

Sunday morning there will be a buffet breakfast from 8 until 10. A nice chance to sit down and commiserate about the one that got away, or brag about the one you got.

You'll find a registration form in this Newsletter envelope. Do yourself a favor and fill it out and send it in *now*. Then call the Kahler Hotels toll free at 1-800-533-1655 and reserve your room at either of the Kahler Hotels.

There are 200 discounted rooms available on a first-come, first-served basis. *Be sure to ask for the RWCS room rates. This is your responsibility!* If these rooms are full when you register, you can contact the Rochester Chamber of Commerce at 1-507-288-1122 for suggestions about other places to stay.

Now circle February 21-23, 1997 on your calendar with a red magic marker. Put a couple of stars next to it and write the words "Red Wing heaven, here I come!"



SCENES FROM THE 1996 MIDWINTER GETTOGETHER: SHARED INTEREST GROUPS, BREAKFAST BUFFET AND SHOW & SALE

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 *Can you tell me if my vase is Red Wing? It is matt turquoise color and has the shape number 905.*

—Gail A. Kendall, Salt Lake City, UT

RON LINDE: Your request has prompted a lot of thought and a lot of looking! Red Wing Potteries did a 905 shape



number only twice to my knowledge (in 1939 and in 1965). The 1939 catalog shows it to be an 11½" bowl, and the 1965 catalog shows 905 to be a novelty item: a donkey plant-

er. (I accessed these catalogs at the Goodhue Historical Society in Red Wing.) On the remote chance that the 905 was actually an upside-down 506, I checked that shape number and found it was used during the 1930s for a 7½" handled vase. While Red Wing did a matt turquoise glaze during the 1930s, because of the shape number discrepancies, I do not think your vase was made by Red Wing.

Knowing that several potteries have numbered pieces, I have looked through several pottery books but do not find an example of it. Perhaps one of our members will recognize it. . . .

Q *Have you ever used a black light for detecting repairs with success? Do you have any hints or how-to's for detecting repairs in general?*

—Steven Johnson, Prior Lake, MN

NICOL KNAPPEN: I have never found black lights to be useful—much less reliable—for detecting repairs on pottery. A friend who repairs concurred, saying that black lights *will* show certain kinds of repairs on glass and possibly porcelain.

There is no substitute for close observation with a lupe or powerful magnifying glass in very bright light—sunlight is best. Repairs have more opacity (because they are essentially paint) than glazes. Repairs to plain matt surfaces (e.g. Red Wing stoneware and artware) are easier to detect than repairs to highly decorated ware (like Roseville) which are more easily camouflaged. A repaired surface will also usually *feel* different.

Q *From time-to-time I've been out shopping and seen brown and green dishes that a friend told me were made by Red Wing. I'm doubtful, because there seem to be a couple of different kinds. Were they all—or any of them—made by Red Wing?*

—Susan Webb, West Palm Beach, FL

SUE JONES TAGLIAPIETRA: You have doubtless encountered Red Wing dinnerware, but also probably an imposter.

The two green-and-brown patterns that are commonly confused with each other and with other similar dinnerware are *Village Green* and *Bakeware* (the latter also known as "Provincial Oomph").

Bakeware was introduced in 1943 as a sturdy, utilitarian dinnerware. Collectors often refer to it as "Provincial Oomph"—or just "Oomph"—because this phrase was used in its marketing campaign. *Bakeware* is generally not marked, with the exception of some of the larger pieces like the teapot and beverage server. *Bakeware* can be identified and differentiated by its smooth brown glaze and the lids (as shown on the sugar bowl opposite) with their knobs that are button-like and smooth. *Bakeware* bottoms have an unglazed ring, or "foot." The plates

are green on top and solid brown on the underside. The beverage mugs have a green band at the top, as do the coffee cups.

Village Green was introduced in 1953 as colorfast and ovenproof. Some sources maintain that this was the second most popular Red Wing dinnerware pattern. If availability is any indication, I would second this assertion. *Village Green* is usually marked RED WING U.S.A. in either impressed or raised letters. It is easily identified by the ribbed effect seen on the brown-glazed exterior surfaces. The lid knobs are raised and swirled. *Village Green* bottoms are glazed-over entirely and three stilt marks can be seen. The plates are green, top and bottom. The beverage mugs and coffee cups have the characteristic ribbed brown exterior and a green interior.

Along with photos of the *Bakeware* and *Village Green* coffee cups opposite is the picture of an imposter, probably Louisville. Note the difference in the bottoms of the three examples. The Louisville example is completely flat and the glaze brushmarks can be seen. In the side view of the same piece one can see that there is less differentiation between the two glaze colors. The shape of most of this pottery has rounder lines rather than the straighter lines of the Red Wing dinnerware, and the green is a bluer green. I have never seen a marking on this pottery.

Both *Bakeware* and *Village Green* are readily available, and it would be fairly easy to assemble a complete set of either. The most difficult-to-find pieces in *Village Green* are probably the handled marmite, coffee server with stand, and water cooler, followed by the gravy with tray, butter dish and rim soup. The other pieces are fairly common. The average price for dinner plates range from \$6–\$10, beverage mugs from \$10–\$15 and water cooler \$300–\$500.

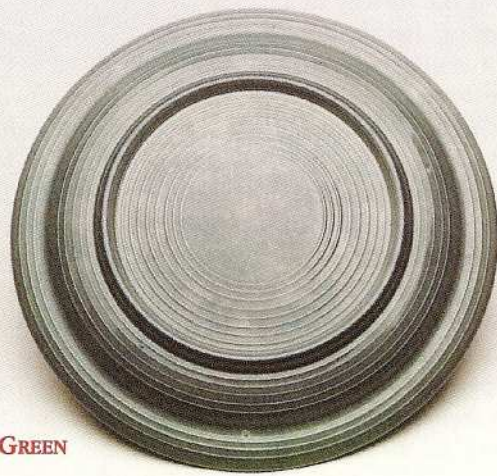
Bakeware is also fairly common but is often priced lower because it is unmarked and many vendors fail to recognize it as Red Wing. When so identified, however, the average prices are similar to *Village Green*.



BAKEWARE



VILLAGE GREEN



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BAKEWARE



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BAKEWARE



"IMPOSTER"



The Lampert's Bowls

STEVE JOHNSON

July in Red Wing is always a humbling experience for me. There are vast quantities of wonderful pieces that I, like many of you, have no reasonable hope of ever seeing in my own collection. However, my interest in the background of Red Wing advertising pieces has become a hobby in itself and it costs virtually nothing. I am not limited to my own shelves when seeking information about the history of a company, geography of distribution, or context of some peculiar advertising ploy. Join me, "tuition free," for a short session from Red Wing Advertising Studies 101.

Sponged saffron bowls commemorating the 1937 golden anniversary of Lampert Yards Inc. are said to be the only common dated Red Wing advertising piece (*Red Wing Collectibles*, p. 71). Having seen building supply stores with the Lampert name, I wondered if there was a connection. With a golden anniversary in 1937, that would make it a very long-lived company! As it turned out, the answer was as easy as opening the phone book. Lampert Yards Inc. is still a thriving family-owned business that



has corporate offices in St. Paul, MN.

A couple of friendly phone conversations led me to John Fesler, grandson of co-founder Jacob Lampert. Mr. Fesler has a keen sense of history and was gracious enough to answer all my questions as well as providing insights I never would have thought to ask about.

The company began in 1887 as a lumber yard in Sleepy Eye, MN, founded by two brothers, Leonard and Jacob Lampert. In 1910, due to a falling out, the company split, with Jake Lampert Yards operating the eastern part of their old territory. It was Jake Lampert Yards that became

the Lampert Yards that distributed the bowls.

By 1937, Fesler estimated that the company was operating about 80 stores in four states: Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and South Dakota. This explains why the bowls are so common and why there is no town listed on them. The bowls came in a set of three and were given to building contractors, local VIPs and good customers. Fesler recalled having seen the Red Wing invoice for the bowls and thought that they cost about \$1 per set.

Fesler told me that 1937 really marked two phenomena: not only was it the golden anniversary of Lampert-Yards Inc., but there was the feeling that "We had worked our way out of the Depression," and that better times were ahead. His personal testimony of the growing optimism as the grip of the Great Depression was broken will always make my Lampert's bowls special.

Lamperts Yards Inc. operates retail outlets today under the names Lampert's, Lampert's Building Center and Lampert's Home Center.

Rescued!

MARK A. RUSSELL

A couple of years after the Sioux Indians defeated General Custer at the Battle of the Little Bighorn, some hardy pioneer was camping on a small wooded creek in Eastern Kansas. Or perhaps it was one of the soldiers from the small encampment just to the north of the creek. In fact, it could have been any number of people traveling the military highway only a mile or two to the west who discarded one of the then new Red Wing jugs when it became empty.

The jug, a perfect 3-gal salt glaze beehive with a drop eight, lay in the small wooded creek area for over a hundred years. One day, a couple of young girls from a new Kansas



housing development were exploring in the creek behind the house. They discovered the jug and dragged it home. Over their mother's protests, it became part of their home's decor, where it kicked around the family room for several years.

In 1993 my wife and I experienced our first Red Wing Convention and were living and breathing Red Wing. Sometime after the Convention that

same summer, we were invited to a back-to-school party. The first thing we spotted when we entered our host's family room was this wonderful jug. But people were pushing it out of the way with their feet as they set up folding chairs. I bit my lip a couple of times to keep from yelling out "Be careful!" When someone accidentally hit it with a metal chair I couldn't take it any more and told my hosts what they had and its approximate worth.

After existing out in the wilds and surviving the affections of a young child it now rests as a prized member of their family.

Keep looking—they're out there waiting to be rescued. . . .

Prices Received

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 to be held at the 1997 Convention in July. Send your postcards or letters to the Editor at the address shown on inside front cover.

ITEM	LOCATION	DATE SOLD	VENUE	PRICE RECEIVED
3-lb spongeband butter pail w/ lid & bail, adv. from May Bros., Tripp, SD, mint	Tripp, SD	7/96	auction	\$ 825
5-gal Birch Leaf beehive jug, mint	Gibbon, MN	8/96	auction	\$ 310
1986 Acid Proof RWCS Commemorative	Byron, IL	8/96	auction	\$ 120
4-gal Birch Leaf crock, Union oval bottom-signed MINNESOTA STONEWARE CO.	Byron, IL	8/96	auction	\$ 60
2-pc yellow reamer (reamer & cup)	Mitchell, SD	7/96	antique mall	\$ 110
2-gal shoulder bowl, signed	Mitchell, SD	7/96	antique mall	\$ 36
Child's Hanksraft pink dish w/ Red Wing-style signature	Buffalo, NY	6/96	antique shop	\$ 24
20-gal Double Bird w/birch leaves salt glaze crock, side stamped MINNESOTA STONEWARE CO. (see cover)	Fond du Lac, WI	8/96	auction	\$22,500
Blue spongeware spittoon	Fond du Lac, WI	8/96	auction	\$ 2,750
Unsigned (but believed to be RW) flower pot w/ cobalt decoration	Fond du Lac, WI	8/96	auction	\$ 2,000
Vase #B-1429, yellow-green exterior, grey interior	River Falls, MN	8/96	auction	\$ 15
6-gal crock w/ 4" wing*	River Falls, MN	8/96	auction	\$ 35
5-gal shoulder jug w/ small wing*	River Falls, MN	8/96	auction	\$ 18
5-gal shoulder jug w/ small wing*	River Falls, MN	8/96	auction	\$ 35
3-gal salt glaze Double Bee crock*	River Falls, MN	8/96	auction	\$ 75
Christmas tree holder, no oval	Proctor, MN	9/96	auction	\$ 550
5-gal shoulder jug, large wing, 5" crack	Proctor, MN	9/96	auction	\$ 50
6-gal crock w/ 5" wing, w/lid	Moose Lake, MN	8/96	auction	\$ 160
12-gal crock w/ 5" wing	Moose Lake, MN	8/96	auction	\$ 145
15-gal crock w/ 5" wing	Moose Lake, MN	8/96	auction	\$ 70
Matt white compote #758 w/ candlesticks #1619 (hairline in compote)	Moose Lake, MN	8/96	auction	\$ 18
1977 lapel pin	New Germany, MN	8/96	auction	\$ 25
5-gal beehive jug	New Germany, MN	8/96	auction	\$ 200
Gopher on stump	New Germany, MN	8/96	auction	\$ 120
Sewer pipe sample	New Germany, MN	8/96	auction	\$ 25

*not cleaned, so condition unknown to bidders

Recent Finds

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
Drop 8 salt glaze crock, excellent cond.	LaValle, WI	7/96	rummage sale	\$ 4
1-qt fancy jug, bottom-signed R.W.S.C.	Rockford, IL	8/96	garage sale	\$10
2-gal salt glaze crock w/ double "P", small rim chip	Sioux Falls, SD	8/96	garage sale	\$20

Magnolia

1232



975



1317



976



1320



1322



1212



1215



1023



1218



1010



1026



1031





New York-based industrial designer Belle Kogan created *Magnolia* for Red Wing Potteries in 1940. The company debuted 24 shapes and numerous others followed. The line was originally offered in *Matt Ivory*, *Brown Antiqued Ivory*, *Green Antiqued Ivory* and *Oxblood*. By far the biggest seller was *Brown Antiqued Ivory*, a glaze concept

recycled from a previous RumRill line. It is seen in most of the examples shown here. *Magnolia* can also be found hand decorated (#1023 opposite), but these pieces are scarce if not rare. The pieces here are not shown in scale, and, with the exception of #1233 and #1231, are from the collection of Wally Armstrong.

Message from the Secretary



ANN BUSSE

Members or chapters who wish to request permission to use any of the various names of the Red Wing organizations should submit their requests, in writing, to the Secretary of the RWCS. These requests will be placed on the agenda for consideration at the next Board of Directors meeting.

As the RWCS is a not-for-profit organization, all interest earned on investments must be donated to a charitable organization. Traditionally, this amount has gone to the Goodhue County Historical Society. However, if any member or chapter has a worthy charitable organization in mind for part of these funds, please advise the Secretary. Requests for donations will be placed on the agenda for Board consideration and must include criteria and history of the recipient organization.

Any member or chapter who discovers or who has what they believe to be a viable purchase for the Acquisitions Committee should contact the Secretary or any member of that committee directly. Members include Dan DePasquale, Gary Tefft and Chuck Drometer.

Would all chapter presidents please send me a current list of officers names and addresses? If you wish to receive the minutes, agendas, and RWCS business I have to know where to send it!

Commemorative Committee



LARRY
ROSCHEN

Kathy and I would like to thank the many members who have given us compliments on this year's commemorative. From the response it is apparent that the cookie jar was a winning idea.

Topping it in 1997 will be difficult, but we believe we have another winner. The 20th Anniversary Convention next July may still be nine months away, but the commemorative is ready for production.

We'd also like to thank again the wonderful people who helped us with inspection and distribution of the 1996 commemoratives. The task grows larger every year, and without the dozens of volunteers the job would be impossible. Thanks to all of you!

The total number of 1996 commemoratives sold was 7,175, an increase of 989 over 1995. There were 5,401 prepaid commemorative orders and 1,774 purchased at the convention. The prepaid orders included 2,133 mailed commemoratives. In addition to being very popular with the membership, this year's commemorative will greatly benefit the RWCS financially. The \$83,783 profit made this year is by far the highest total ever.

Please watch for information about ordering the 1997 commemorative in upcoming issues of the RWCS Newsletter.

Nebraska Chapter Meeting

On Saturday, August 10, 1996, a social get-together and picnic was enjoyed by 24 Nebraskans who expressed an interest in reactivating a Nebraska Red Wing chapter that had been chartered approximately 15 years ago but that has remained inactive virtually since its inception.

The meeting commenced at about 7:30 pm and lasted two hours. Jerry Schleich served as temporary chairperson for the meeting and distributed copies of the by-laws from two different chapters to demonstrate the differences between the various chapters by-laws.

After considerable discussion, a motion was made for establishment of a Working Group to study the by-laws and to make a recommendation for the Nebraska Chapter to consider. Those individuals who expressed a willingness to serve on the Working Group were Ron Hruska, Bob Roth, Louise Schleich, Sharon Filipi and Mac Bergen.

The group then determined that the next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 5, at the Schleich residence in Lincoln. It will follow the general format of the previous meeting, with a social hour and then a picnic dinner with each of the participants bring a covered dish; the hosts will furnish the main course and soft drinks.

We are asking everyone to submit names and addresses of any others whom they think may be interested in becoming a member of the Nebraska chapter. Contact temporary chairperson Jerry Schleich at 402-436-3111.

You may leave a message for any member of the RWCS Board of Directors by calling our toll free number:

1-800-977-RWCS
(1-800-977-7927)

To contact Board Members directly, see the listing on the inside front cover of each Newsletter.

EDITORS NOTE

We will be glad to publish meeting notices or abbreviated minutes of RWCS chapter meetings. If you distribute a newsletter, please include the RWCS Editor and the Historian on your mailing list.

RWCS Board of Directors Meeting • July 10, 1996

President Olson called the meeting to order at 10 am. All Board of Directors members were present; guests included John Sagat, Terry Daleiden, Sue Blomstrom, Wally Armstrong, Ron & Debi Chenault, Lorraine Osterholz, and Nicol Knappen.

Moved by Ruby Benson, seconded by Diane Hallstrom to approve Board of Directors minutes of February, 1996. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Jerry Flicek presented his report. Moved by Larry Roschen, seconded by Jeff Benson to approve the treasurer's report. 11 ayes, one abstention. Motion carried.

Historian Corrinne Reed presented her report on the progress of the RWCS archives.

CONVENTION REPORTS

Auction Floyds reported there were 437 requests for the lottery, up from 1995.

Display Bensons reported they were all set for Convention. There are six displays plus some non-competitive and many rare items.

Publicity Drometer reported the supplement was 16 pages this year because he sold so many ads.

Commemorative Prepaids were up 300 from 1995. More mail-outs also. A projected \$70,000 profit from the 1996 commemorative.

Membership D. Olson reported still some glitches in the software program. She and Knappen have been working with the mail house to alleviate problems.

Education Peterson reported on the success of the MidWinter GetTogether education seminars. Next year's MidWinter dates are February 21-23 1997. Convention 1996 has more seminars and shared interest groups. Larry Peterson is not running for re-election and President Olson thanked him for his years of service as Membership Chair. Sandy Short reported on how to better videotape the sessions. There are some sound problems.

Convention Hallstroms reported the

facilities are ready. The High School is working out well and security is excellent. An estimated 3,400 members are expected to attend.

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer Flicek will investigate the overruns of previous *Newsletter* with Newkirk and get back to BOD.

Vice President Cronemeyer stated that the January, 1996 *Newsletter* published the slate of officers. Wally Armstrong of Puget Sound Chapter has been nominated for Membership Chair. Other nominations will be taken from the floor.

Nicol Knappen (*Newsletter* publisher) requested the Board of Directors take to the membership a change in postal rates. Second class mail now has been categorized as Periodical rate. It will be delivered with first class. It would save RWCS money and allow for more advertising in the *Newsletter*. He further requested we list the *Newsletter* with the Library of Congress and apply for an ISSN number. Knappen will also be using a different mail house for the next *Newsletter*. Moved by Cronemeyer, seconded by Paulette Floyd to approve up to \$500 to achieve a Periodical rate for mailing *Newsletters*. Discussion. Motion carried unanimously. This motion will be brought to the membership for approval.

20th Anniversary Committee. Ruby Benson reported the theme is "Collecting the Legacy—RWCS 20th Anniversary." A week of events are planned, although the normal Convention events will be held as usual. The 20th Anniversary Committee will meet monthly on the first Saturday of the month beginning September, 1996 in Red Wing. Moved by Roschen, seconded by Jeff Benson, for RWCS to fund travel and lodging for 20th Anniversary Committee members. Motion carried unanimously.

President Olson reported that members who request using pottery names held by RWCS to contact the RWCS Secretary and the information

will get back to the BOD.

President Olson received a release from the Grays (former RWCS computer programmers); a settlement was reached and the matter is closed.

Discussion on the proposed by-laws change of Article IV, East/West representatives.

Treasurer Flicek reported the Society has \$3,525 of earned interest for fiscal year 1995. According to our not-for-profit IRS status, RWCS must donate that money. Moved by Corrinne Reed, seconded by Rich Cronemeyer to donate \$3,525 to the Goodhue County Historical Society. Motion carried unanimously.

Chuck Drometer reported the Anderson Stoneware Company of Waterloo, Iowa was requesting permission to use Union Stoneware, one of the protected names, in reproducing advertising cards. Moved by Rich Cronemeyer, seconded by Jeff Floyd to allow reproduction of the advertising card with the words "REPRODUCTION" and "1996" to be added to the card. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Ruby Benson, seconded by Rich Cronemeyer to pay all bills and expenses for RWCS Board of Directors and Convention 1996. Motioned carried unanimously.

Jerry Flicek presented a proposal on restructuring the Board of Directors of RWCS.

Fall Board of Directors meeting is October 26-27, 1996.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
ANN E. BUSSE, *Secretary*

In Memoriam

Henry Mayer passed away August 2, 1996 at the age of 84. Henry and his wife Evelyn were charter members of the RWCS, holding #26. They owned Patio Place Antiques in Racine, MN from 1971 to 1991.

Classified

Please see the inside front cover of the Newsletter for complete advertising rates and deadlines.
The next deadline is November 20.

Red Wing For Sale

Churn lids custom made for your stoneware. All lids stamped inside 'MN. POTTERY.' By mail send \$30 for 2- through 6-gal churn lids and \$40 for 8-gal and up. Specify type of churn. All postpaid. Call Ken or Mary at 507-433-5265 or send payment to Mn. Pottery, 1100 N.E. 16th Ave., Austin, MN 55912-3647. ⁵⁹⁷

All kinds of handles for stoneware crocks, pails, jars, jugs, etc. Also for Blue/White Stoneware. Just like originals. Send SASE for catalog. A. Hebenstreit, 607 Carrington St., Waupun, WI 53963. Phone 414-324-2525. ⁵⁹⁷

Commemoratives: 1981, \$295; 1982, \$275; 1984, \$275; 1985, \$275; 1986, \$180; 1987, \$175; 1988, \$80; 1989, \$300; 1990, \$165; 1991, \$125; 1992, \$125; 1993, \$100; 1994, \$100; 1995, \$75. 619-244-5863. ⁹⁹⁶

Sponge "Hull" pitcher, tiny chip repair, \$650; 5-gal Beehive 6" wing #4 oval, \$500; 10" spongeband bowl, \$225; spongeband cookie w/ lid, \$950; 1-lb pantry jar w/ lid, \$600; 7" spongeband casserole w/ lid, rare paper advertising, \$375; 20-gal salt glaze crock, primitive butterfly, \$950; 40-gal crock, 6" wing, #4 oval, \$700; 11" sponge panel bowl, \$250. Several hundred other stoneware pieces available. Call or write for a complete list. Excelsior Coin & Collectibles, 449 2nd St., Excelsior, MN 55331. Tel 612-474-4789; Fax 612-474-5551.

Bronze Line: #914 Centaurette in mint condition for sale/trade. *Crazy Rhythm* service for 8 (10 1/2" and 6 1/2" plates, cups/saucers, fruit bowls) and seven serving pieces, \$525 set. *Midnight Rose* teapot, \$125. *Tampico* gravy, \$20; sugar base \$2. *Town & Country* Dusk Blue gravy, 10 1/2" plate, \$25; sugar, \$45, stoppered mustard, \$250. *Bob White* hors d'oeuvre bird, \$40; 10 1/2" plate, 2 @ \$10 each; cup/ saucer set, 6 @ \$10 each. *Random Harvest*, 120 piece set with 23 serving pieces (1 or 2 examples of each, except the 2-qt pitcher), \$1,650 set. *Smart Set*: many unusual items, including iron stands. 312-225-5692 weekday evenings only between 6 and 10 pm CST.

I am taking offers on a framed delegate ribbon inscribed MINNESOTA FEDERATION OF LABOR, RED WING, MINNESOTA, 1936. The inscription is gold on maroon. The ribbon includes a button with an Indian labeled CHIEF RED WING with a second ribbon attached. A picture is available on request (while they last) with a SASE. Write to Stan Moulder, 103 E. Chippewa, Paola, KS 66071.

RW Commemoratives: 1993, \$90; 1994, \$90; 1995, \$80; 1996, \$85. Cannon Valley Commemoratives: 1988, \$75; 1989, \$65. 301-771-0480.

Must sell as set! Commemoratives: 1985-1994. First \$1,150 takes them. 218-739-5675 evenings and weekends. ⁹⁹⁷

Red Wing Stoneware: 10-gal crock, J.F. CAIRN, SASKATOON, \$1,200; 1/2-gal jug, GOTTSCHALK & ANDERSON GROCERS, \$600; 5-gal shoulder jug w/ wing and Michigan advertising, \$750; 3-, 4- & 5-gal blue birch leaf beehives w/ ovals, \$2,500, will separate; outstanding sponge bowl, \$185; Madison, WI adv. jug, \$150. 608-588-2411.

Churns: 2-, 4-gal salt glaze leaf; 4-, 5-gal elephant ear w/ oval; 3-, 5-gal birch leaf; 8-gal RW. Crocks: 50-, 30-, 25-, 15-gal RW; 30-, 25-, 20-gal birchleaf; 4-gal salt glaze leaf. 507-523-2731.

Blue Wing 20-gal jar. This extremely rare find has a gorgeous 6" blue wing and a matching 6" #20 above that. Nice Red Wing Union Stoneware Co. oval below the wing. One chip in back bottom, otherwise condition is excellent. Best offer over \$350. Pictures available on request. 218-736-5536.

Unmarked miniature jug w/ 6 blue bands w/ brown top, \$150. Blue stoneware spittoon, \$150. 1994 RW butter commemoratives, \$70. Henderson foot warmer, \$150. 1-qt Mason fruit jar black print, \$180. 1/2-gal Mason fruit jar blue print, \$280. 1-gal Mason fruit jar blue print, \$620. 515-465-3958.

Very rare RW salt glazed miniature crock w/ cobalt decoration. 3 1/2" high, c. 1890. Albany slip interior. *Mint* condition. 203-271-2364.

Red Wing Wanted

Lids for 3- and 5-gal Red Wing Ball lock jars. Dennis Kralicek, Rt. 5, Box 372, Yankton, SD 57078. 605-665-6638. ¹¹⁹⁶

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

Any photos or printed matter regarding Red Wing Potteries. Would like to buy or just photocopy for research purposes. Ray Reiss, 800-355-2324. ¹⁹⁷

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, Oshtemo, MI 49077-0643.

Any stoneware with Osage, Iowa advertising and Greek Key bowls with advertising. Phone Doug at 815-874-8650. ¹⁹⁷

Crocks: 5- and 6-gal 4" wings ovals 1 thru 6; 6-gal 6" wing 3 oval; 5-gal 6" wing 2 oval; blue 5- and 6-gal elephant ear. Phone 414-628-0782. ¹⁹⁷

RumRill pottery, one piece or entire collection. Also interested in catalogs, brochures and advertisements with the RUMRILL name. Call Fran toll-free at 1-800-659-3539. ⁵⁹⁷

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. ⁵⁹⁷

#6 large wing churn, lid optional; any copy of *Clay Giants*. Collecting anything w/ Excelsior Springs advertising. Stephen Birks, 903 Ravencrest, Frankfort, KY 40601. 502-695-2558. ¹⁹⁷

Trade or buy: Would like #439 duck in *Fleck Yellow* or *Fleck Tan*. Have *Fleck Blue* #439 for trade or will buy. Ron Linde, 500 S. Water St., Northfield, MN 55057. 507-645-6619.

Red Wing dinnerware, 1 pc. or 1,000. *Ardenne's, Normandy, Zinnia, Desert, Caprice, Delta Blue, Pickardy, Spruce, Kermis, Desert Sun*, anything unusual. Write C. J., PO Box 66, Ringwood, IL 60072. Fax: 815-363-1351. ⁵⁹⁷

Remmler's Brewery etched glass, \$400; Red Wing Brewery etched beer glasses, \$300; also want other Minnesota Brewery etched beer glasses, foam scrapers, factory scene signs. Pat Stambaugh, 2418 Sugar Lake Trail, Cohasset, MN 55721. 218-326-8959. ⁵⁹⁷

RumRill deco nude. Also Cowan. Pay cash or trade only. 6-gal elephant ear, nice piece. 6-gal. water cooler, both Union oval, qt. RW mason jar. Gerald Smith, 22833 Aspen Rd., Darcroxie, MO 64862-9608. 417-325-5479. ⁵⁹⁷

Red Wing Art Pottery roosters, 8" & 12" size, #1438. 507-523-2731.

Butter churns, 8- and 10-gal, wing or leaves. Mike Sadowski, 117 Masters St., Scranton, PA 18510. 717-951-0125.

Any pottery or stoneware item labeled PAAL ELEVATOR, CURRIE, MINNESOTA. Please describe and price by calling 507-354-4510 after 5 pm any day. Thank you. ¹¹⁹⁶

Any RW cookie jars, especially green: *Chef, Friar* or *Katrina*. Will consider all kinds. Call Dean Snow at 419-924-2469. ¹¹⁹⁶

Other Pottery For Sale

Poppy Trail Metlox "Red Medallion" dinnerware for 12, salt and pepper, sugar, creamer, butter, platter, coffee and two serving bowls. \$395 or BO. 612-459-5370. ¹¹⁹⁶

Other Pottery Wanted

Ceramic Arts Studio figurines wanted. Call Tim at 608-241-9138.

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Looking for Glidden, Harris G. Strong, Roseville *Raymor*, Marc Bellaire, Sascha Brastoff, 40s to 50s Rookwood and mid-century studio pottery. Dennis Hopp. 312-935-7872.

Camark pottery w/ Arkansas state impressed mark or block caps mark. 608-846-8939.

Auction

DAIRYLAND AUCTION / KENNETH OTTO AUCTION. Saturday, October 26, 1996, 10 am. Legion Lunch. Located in the Elroy American Legion Hall in the City of Elroy. Watch for Dairyland Auction Arrows off Hwy. 80-82 near Bank. Red Wing Stoneware: (2) 5-gal Beehive jugs; spongeware cookie jar; 5-gal water cooler; 4-gal churn w/ lid; 2-gal butter churn; (2) 5-gal shoulder jugs; 4-gal leaf churn, hairline; 5- and 3-gal cooler lids, hairline; cherry band pitcher; 4 lg. bowls, signed; 3-, 5-, 10# butter crocks; 3- to 20-gal crocks; 5-gal elephant ear crock; 3-gal wing adv. jug (Groomes & Ullrich), damaged; Badger on Football; Michigan Minnesota mini jug, student signed. RW dinnerware: 14 pcs. *Round Up*; 20 pcs. *Brittany*; 6 pcs. *Oomph*; 12 pcs. *Two Step*; 6 pcs. *Village Green*. Red Wing Art Pottery: *Brown Fruit Tray*; rare #889 *Quail* 8" x 8" ash tray; #879 green *Dolphin*; green & yellow 9" x 13", 7 1/2" 8" & 10" vases; 100 yr. cent. hotplate. Stoneware: 3 1-gal crocks; 2 2-gal and 1 3-gal salt glaze crocks w/ cobalt rib-cage & targets; 4-gal salt glaze crock w/ flowers;

20-gal salt glaze crock w/ cobalt design; 3-gal German cobalt churn. Watt: *Apple* refrig. pitcher; *Tulip & Autumn Leaf* cookie jars w/ covers. Red Wing Commemoratives: 1985 Water Cooler; 1986 Acid Measure; 1989 Spongeband pitcher; 1990 Fancy jug; 1991 Pantry jar; 1992 Northstar jug; 1993 Chicken Waterer; 1994 20-lb crock; 1995 Giraffe. Note: Preview from 4 pm to 8 pm on Friday, October 25, 1996. RWCS member #5946. Terms: Cash or good check. Kurt Monson #123 and Tom Simonson #244 Registered Wisconsin auctioneers. Mike Frye Clerk, Randy Frye Cashier for Dairyland Auction Service, Inc., #23, PO Box 118, Elroy, WI 53929, 608-462-8218.

Books

Don't be fooled by cheap, inaccurate imitations: *Red Wing Art Pottery Including Pottery Made for RumRill* by Ray Reiss has approximately 10 times more pieces illustrated than any other book on the subject. This in-depth, hardbound coffee table book includes over 800 color photographs, 1,300 total photographs including many original catalog reproductions, chapters on *Nokomis* & other blue ink stamped pieces, dinnerware, lamps and much, much more. Order your autographed copy. 800-355-2324. \$50—includes a *free price guide!* Dealer discounts on 3 or more! 11/96

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Clubs & Publications

Ceramic Arts Studio of Madison Newsletter. Six issues a year for \$18. Free ads to subscribers seeking or selling Ceramic Arts Studio works. *CAS Collector*, PO Box 46, Madison, WI 53701. 608-241-9138.

The North Dakota Pottery Collectors Society. Information on membership (\$10) and their quarterly newsletter is available from Sandy Short, PO Box 14, Beach, ND 58621.

The Tile Heritage Foundation, a national non-profit organization, provides information and referrals regarding historic and contemporary tiles and other ceramic surfaces. Resource library available. Membership encouraged. Send \$5 (credited toward membership) for brochure, illustrated book list and sample copy of quarterly bulletin *Flash Point*, to Tile Heritage, Box 1850, Healdsburg, CA 95448. 707-431-8453.

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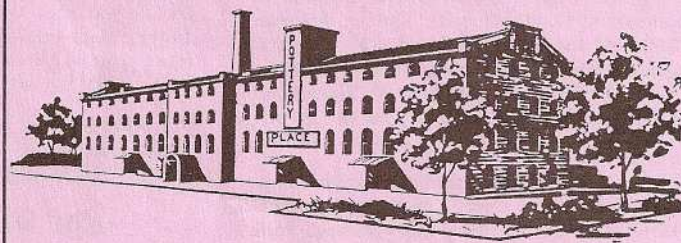
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Red Wing Tile

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During one of my interviews with Red Wing designer Charles Murphy, he mentioned that Red Wing Potteries considered the production of decorative tiles in the 1940s. The handpainted examples that he designed had a *Harvest* motif, similar to the dinnerware line of the same name. He also stated that tile never did become a production item at Red Wing Potteries.

Tile and pottery companies on the east coast produced decorative art tiles beginning in the mid-nineteenth cen-

tury, while California art tile production had its peak in the 1920s and 30s. Red Wing, with its enormous manufacturing resources, clearly considered entering this market, but for reasons unknown to us decided against it. Certainly by the early 1940s—the probable date of the experimental tile shown here—the designs of the modern movement began to catch on. Simple tiles with unadorned surfaces replaced the labor-intensive hand-decorated tiles that many tile collectors admire today.