



Cuspidors & Spittoons
Recent Finds
Questions & Answers

COVERS

FRONT Ah, the theatrical life . . . in Red Wing! RWCS member Patty Van Gundy shares these old post cards showing

my grandfather and other gentlemen I can't identify. Apparently they were in a play, and I thought it was interesting to see the Red Wing beehive used as a prop. My grandfather was born in 1894; I'm guessing this could have been taken some time around 1914. Unfortunately, as with many old pictures, the identities and circumstances of the picture are lost. One can only guess!

Well, perhaps someone remembers, or has a RWHS yearbook that would explain these photos. Perhaps someone even saw the plays! Let's see—if you were, say, 10 years old in 1914, that would make you, uh, 94. Now that I think of it, not very likely, huh?

BACK A hard-to-find "dealer's sign" advertising Red Wing Art Pottery. The glaze is the same as that used in the *Magnolia* line. It measures 7 1/2" wide by 6" high. Craig Rang, the second owner, sent us this photo. He picked this piece up at an estate auction in Baker, Montana last year. The first owner had bought the sign at a closing auction of a dime store in Beach, ND some twenty years previous. She purchased it along with a Rosemeade dealer's sign that this dime store used. It was either a Woolworth or a Coast-to-Coast, Craig couldn't recall which. Maybe someone in Beach, ND remembers this store—maybe even this sign!

REMINDER Any contributions to the *Newsletter* made between July 1998 and June 1999 will automatically enter you in the *Newsletter* Special Commemorative drawing held at the 1999 Convention. The 1998 winner was Ginny Bolzak of Brighton, MI, who won the mulberry-colored mini-iris pitcher just moments after one was auctioned for \$900!

Remember, questions for the Q & A column, recent finds, or photos or anything else qualifies. Multiple submissions means multiple entries!

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NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

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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.

CLUB NEWS



WENDY CALlicot

Thank you for electing me your first woman Vice president. I look forward to working with the other members of the Board in directing the Red Wing Collector's Society into the future. I

would like to thank all my supporters and especially my mother-in-law (my "campaign director") and my children for all their hard work passing out flyers. It is hard to believe that another July Convention has come and gone. I know that many of you are starting to get the fever again. Don't worry, MidWinter is just around the corner. Speaking of the Mid-Winter GetTogether, if any member wishes to volunteer to help, please feel free to contact me. I am collecting names and generating a volunteer list, *so get involved!* We would love to have you!

By the time you read this I will have attended the Fall Board of Director's Meeting in October. I am sure that it will be an education for me and I will have more to report in the next *Newsletter*. Until then happy Red Wing hunting!



KAY WILSHUSEN

The dust has settled from the Convention! After all of the months of preparation, it seems like it passed by so quickly. Time flies when you are having fun! From the comments, it

seems like many of you really enjoyed the Convention. By the looks of the registrations, it was indeed a successful event—3,969 registrants. We even had a member register from Hawaii. In fact, one of our local residents spotted the license plate! You folks certainly will go to great lengths to seek Red Wing pottery. . . .

It was such an enjoyable experience for me to meet so many of you, even though I didn't have much of an opportunity to converse at length with you. The socializing at the Potter's Picnic and the banquet offered a relaxing moment for everyone to talk "pottery." For those of you who attended the Convention, you were served by many hard-working volunteers. In fact, the number of volunteers approximated 270! Wear those volunteer shirts proudly—you deserve our thanks and recognition! In particular, the high school custodial staff certainly deserves a standing ovation!

Although many of you enjoyed various aspects of the Convention, some of you experienced long lines during preregistration on the initial day. We recognized the bottlenecks and are already discussing methods to eliminate those problems for 1999. My greatest task now is to draft a procedure manual for planning this annual event in Red Wing, as well as for the MidWinter GetTogether in Rochester.

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LARRY & KATHY ROSCHEN

Our work on the 1998 commemorative project is nearly complete, and we are already looking ahead to 1999. We still have a few

prepaid commemoratives ordered by members but not picked up at the Convention. If you are one of these members, please send the \$7 shipping charge to the Commemorative Committee address listed on page 2 of this *Newsletter*. Also, there are a few people who ordered mailed commemoratives but have memberships that expired before the Convention. Your commemoratives are being held until membership dues have been paid. If you have questions about your membership status please contact the Membership Committee.

A total of 6,522 prepaid 1998 commemorative orders were received. Of that number, 2,738 were mailed commemoratives and the remainder were to be picked up at the Convention. Nearly 75 were not picked up and have been (or will be) mailed. Commemorative sales at the Convention were 1,042. The grand total of commemoratives sold in 1998, therefore, was 7,564.

We continue to hear positive comments about the blue *Iris* pitcher that serves as this year's Convention commemorative. Thanks to all who took the time to let us know that they appreciate our efforts. That's what makes it all worthwhile for us. We selected the *Iris* pitcher because it fills a niche in the commemorative collection. The Red Wing potteries made pitchers in dozens of varieties;

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Please! Check Your Mailing Label!

If it reads . . . , you are due to renew now! Send \$20 for 1 year renewal or \$40 for 2 year renewal to

Please include your current mailing label and be sure to clearly indicate any changes.

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 1999 Convention. Send to the Editor at the address on inside front cover. All entries received between July '98 and June '99 eligible whether published or not.

ITEM	LOCATION	DATE SOLD	VENUE	PRICE RECEIVED
Jug, browntop, 1-gal, good condition, unmarked	Milltown, WI	11/97	auction	\$ 8
25-gal crock, 4" wing, crack in front, fair condition	Milltown, WI	11/97	auction	30
Mixing bowl w/ advertising, yellowware #8, marked USA, very good condition	Milltown, WI	11/97	auction	12.50
Albany slip-glazed milk pitcher, small chips, 1-gal (?)	Milltown, WI	11/97	auction	75
1-gal brown-topped shoulder jug, wing only	Elkhorn, WI	3/98	auction	400
10-gal salt glaze crock, cobalt leaf, dash-dot-dash	Elkhorn, WI	3/98	auction	375
10-gal zinc crock, black hand-drawn "10", stamped elephant ear leaves	Elkhorn, WI	3/98	auction	250
25-gal zinc crock, 4 stamped birch leaves	Elkhorn, WI	3/98	auction	130
Mixing bowl, w/adv SHAWANO HARDWARE	Elkhorn, WI	3/98	auction	115
6-gal churn, salt glaze, hand-drawn cobalt no. and leaf	Elkhorn, WI	3/98	auction	700
1996 RWCS cookie jar commemorative	Worthing, SD	4/98	auction	52.50
#8 ridged spongeware bowl w/ hairline	Mandan, ND	9/97	flea market	50
30-gal salt glaze leaf crock, w/ crack	Gilbertsville, IA	6/98	auction	800
1-gal shoulder jug w/ adv. WM. STEINMEYER / MILWAUKEE WI	Gilbertsville, IA	6/98	auction	25
5-gal Albany slip glazed beehive w/ RWCS embossed on handle	Gilbertsville, IA	6/98	auction	600
Blue-banded vase, w/adv ALPHA FLORAL CO. in large letters	Rochester, MN	2/98	RWCS GetTogether	700
Blue-banded vase, w/adv ALPHA FLORAL CO. in small letters	Rochester, MN	2/98	RWCS GetTogether	565
Salt glaze North Star lid for 1/5-gal w/ turkey droppings, mint	Gilbertsville, IA	6/98	auction	400
Gypsy Trail large rooster casserole, yellow	Howell, MI	8/97	antique shop	40
15" zinc-glazed bowl, bottom-signed Red Wing, mint	Kewaskum, WI	8/97	auction	100
5-gal crock w/ 3" wing, Union oval and bail handles	Almond, WI	3/98	auction	125
5-gal crock w/ 2" wing, Union oval and bail handles	Almond, WI	3/98	auction	85
2 beater jars, one w/ adv May's Grocery, one w/ mark Cairo, NE, both in very good condition	Clay Center, NE	9/97	flea market	400
4-gal shoulder jug w/ 4" wing and oval	Dickeyville, WI	9/97	antique mall	45
3-gal water cooler w/ large wing, oval, and gallon number inside cooler (no lid, repaired)	Mt. Horeb, WI	8/97	antique mall	390
HAKES beater jar, excellent condition	Laurens, IA	9/97	auction	175
3-gal salt glaze beehive jug, turkey droppings, target	Sikeston, MO	8/97	antique mall	245
Large Grayline pitcher, excellent condition	Lake Mills, IA	12/97	antique mall	175
1-gal North Star pear top jug, salt glazed, bottom-signed NS1, 3 small base chips, some staining	Prescott, AZ	10/97	antique mall	95
1988 RWCS Commemorative (Pompeii plate)	Fergus Falls, MN	9/97	antique store	38

ITEM	LOCATION	DATE SOLD	VENUE	PRICE RECEIVED
6" spongeware panel bowl, mint condition	Sturtevant, WI	2/98	antique mall	\$113
7" spongeware panel bowl, w/ adv St. ANSGER, IA	Osage, IA	11/97	auction	175
8" spongeware panel bowl, mint condition	Sturtevant, WI	2/98	antique mall	119
#1307 Burgundy-glazed bird figurine, mint	Pennsylvania	11/97	antique mall	35
4-gal salt glaze crock w/ upside down leaf (Northstar)	Kewaskum, WI	8/97	auction	160
#2014 low bowl, charcoal exterior, chartreuse interior. small chip	River Falls, WI	4/98	auction	11
Brittany casserole w/ cover, small crack	River Falls, WI	4/98	auction	10
40-gal crock w/ 6" wing and oval, mint	Benard, IA	9/97	auction	400
10-gal Koverwate	Kewaskum, WI	8/97	auction	150
1-qt Mason jar	Osage, IA	5/98	auction	185
Russian milk pitcher	Osage, IA	5/98	auction	125
3-gal salt glaze, double ribcage & target	Osage, IA	5/98	auction	75
10-lb pantry jar w/ lid, HL on lid	Osage, IA	5/98	auction	525
1-gal chicken waterer w/ adv WB KINGSBURY & SONS HARDWARE STORE / OSAGE, IOWA	Osage, IA	5/98	auction	1,700
1-gal jug w/adv BANNER LIQUOR STORE / WINONA, MN	Osage, IA	5/98	auction	125
4-gal churn w/ lid	Osage, IA	5/98	auction	170
RW leaf-shaped ashtray, green, #828	Sandwich, IL	6/97	flea market	5
5# spongeband butter jar w/ lid, mint	Wausau, WI	7/97	private sale	375
2-gal salt glaze target, small chip	Almond, WI	3/98	auction	90
3-gal churn, wing and oval, crack on bottom, lid chip	Almond, WI	3/98	auction	175
Hanksraft childs dish, blue, excellent condition w/ inscription of Hey Diddle Diddle nursery rhyme	Michigan	10/97	flea market	20
3-gal button/petal lid	Fulton, IL	7/97	auction	15

1-gal Albany slip preserve/snuff jar. Bottom-signed Red Wing Stoneware Co.	Cedarburg, WI	5/98	flea market	\$ 5
2-gal crock w/ birchleaves and Union oval, small rim chip	Anamosa, IA	8/97	antique mall	20
Bob White pitcher, mint	Wisconsin Dells, WI	9/97	garage sale	.50
Molded, sponged spittoon	Merrill, WI	12/97	antique shop	25
Blue banded rolling pin marked HORNSBY'S 5-10¢ & VARIETY STORE / WE TEACH YOUR DOLLAR TO HAVE MORE CENTS	Oregon, IL	10/97	flea market	25
RW 5-gal water cooler w/ handles, no lid, large wing	Shipman, IL	2/98	auction	125
1/8-pint (miniature) jug, unsigned, marked MICHIGAN/MINNESOTA	Silsbee, TX	9/97	flea market	2.17
Pantry jar w/ petals lid, perfect condition	Madison, WI	8/97	antique mall	5
7" sponged baking dish (rare size), marked STORM LAKE, IA	Okabaji, IA	3/98	antique mall	75
#1 Lambrecht butter crock, mint, w/ mark front and back 12¢ DEPOSIT	Hatfield, WI	4/98	flea market	12.50
#234 cobalt vase, ink stamped	Rockford, IL	4/98	antique mall	12

*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 Bargain. When submitting an item to Prices Received, let us know if you think it was a Bargain.

I find that mail from and about Red Wing is always interesting when it comes across my desk. Some recent communications need to be shared with you. Here's one from Don Davisson of Fort Pierre, SD:

We bought a piece of *Muse* from an ad in a recent *Newsletter*. The piece was advertised as in mint condition. When the piece arrived, in my opinion, it was not mint. We spoke with the seller on the phone. He was very reluctant to discuss returning my money, even though I expressed my reasons for asking for my money back. He said he would think about it. In the meantime, I sent a letter voicing my concern. He then wrote and said he would return my money. His letter was quite rude.

I do not know the position of the RWCS on disagreements over classifieds. Perhaps this subject should be addressed by the *Newsletter* Advisors board, or the Board of Directors. It seems to me that there should be a buyer satisfaction agreement made by the seller. Also, if an advertiser has complaints registered, should he be allowed to continue to list pieces for sale in the *Newsletter*?

We collect for fun and enjoyment and this transaction has soured us on buying anything from ads, sight unseen. I don't think "buyer beware" applies here as we expect that if an article was in the *Newsletter*, the seller was reputable.

This is the first complaint I've had about an advertiser during my tenure, but I would assume it's happened before in RWCS's history. Future issues will include some sort of disclaimer at the top of the classifieds page warning buyers that it might be prudent to ask for right of return before sending off a check. As to an official policy, *Newsletter* Advisors and BOD members are hereby put on notice that this is possibly an issue to be dealt with.

It's been my experience that unless you insist on the right of return for *any* reason whatsoever, there's always the possibility that you'll be stung. The RWCS and the *Newsletter* can make some rules, but if you've been swindled out of, say, \$400, does knowing that the perpetrator will be ejected from the RWCS make up for that?

Of course this isn't an issue just with Red Wing. I recently had an experience on Ebay, the internet auction service, that taught me a lesson. A scarce piece of pottery was offered for sale, and the detailed description included warning of a tiny base chip. I took the seller at his word, but neglected to ask for a measurement of the damaged area. In my opinion, a 1/4" base chip on a 8" vase is not tiny, but I could see where a non-pottery dealer would think it was inconsequential. Similarly, it never occurred

to ask me if there were prominent mold marks, which there were. I chalked this experience up as a lesson and use the vase as a constant reminder when contemplating future deals. When I sold some things on Ebay recently, I noted that most Ebay buyers were a lot more savvy than I had been. One fellow responded with a list of 11 questions about my listing of a Rookwood bowl. I was flabbergasted, and not a little annoyed, but responded. P.S., the bowl sold to the same guy, who was delighted. . . .

Although buyers can ask for right of return, that doesn't mean that sellers have to give it, or give it with *carte blanche*. Sellers should be aware of a scam that is occasionally pulled. Let's use Roseville as an example. Say a fellow has a piece of *Cherry Blossom* that would normally retail for about \$900, but it has a tight, hard-to-see hairline. He waits to find a similar piece in mint condition advertised somewhere, then buys it. After it arrives, he claims it has a tight, hard-to-see hairline, and returns his original defective piece. If the glaze color and mold quality are similar enough, a seller will have a hard time proving that the defective piece is not the one that was sent off. This is why you'll often see people saying that their items can be returned as long as the original label

Red Wing Jigsaw Puzzle

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Spittoons & Cuspidors

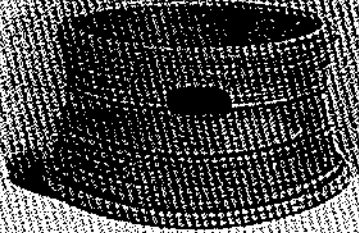
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catalog dated 1894 (pages 21 and 23), and the bottom four photos show pages 10 through 13 of a Red Wing Union Stoneware Company catalog

that was probably printed sometime between 1906 and 1910. Overleaf, a collection of real live spittoons and
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THE RED WING STONEWARE COMPANY.

"IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO UPSET THIS SPITTOON."
Easily cleaned. Very strong.



GERMAN SPITTOONS.
1 1/2 IN. IN DIAMETER.
Especially designed for Bar Rooms, Lodge Halls and other public places.

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THE RED WING STONEWARE COMPANY.

"CATCHES EVERYTHING WITHIN A ROD."



TURNUED CUSPIDORS.
"MIRROR GLAZE."

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RED WING, MINN.
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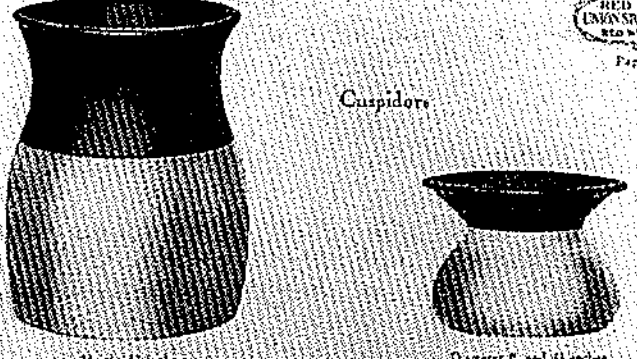
German Spittoons



Diameter 10 inches
Plain and fancy
Especially designed for bar rooms, lodge halls, and other public places.

RED WING UNION STONEWARE CO.
RED WING, MINN.
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Cuspidors



Height 12 inches
Diameter 8 and 11 inches
Gleazed lower half white, upper half dark.

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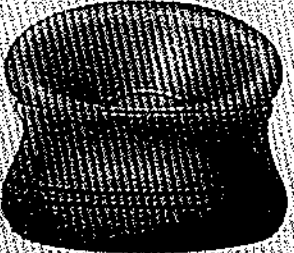
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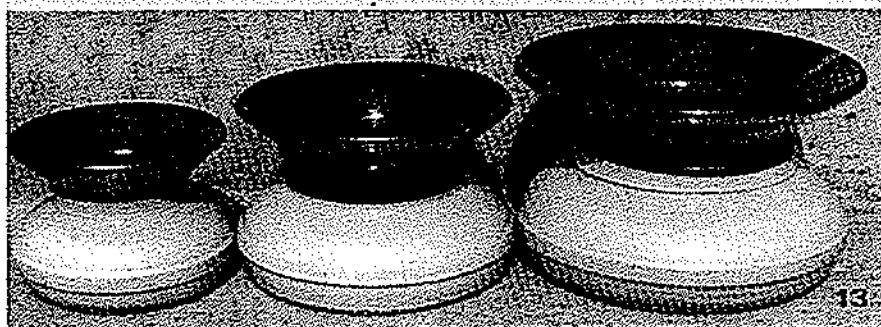
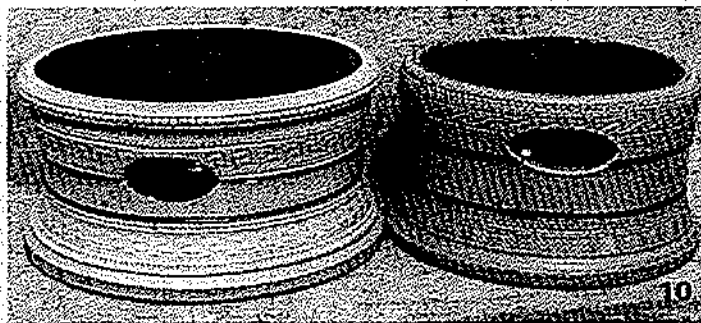
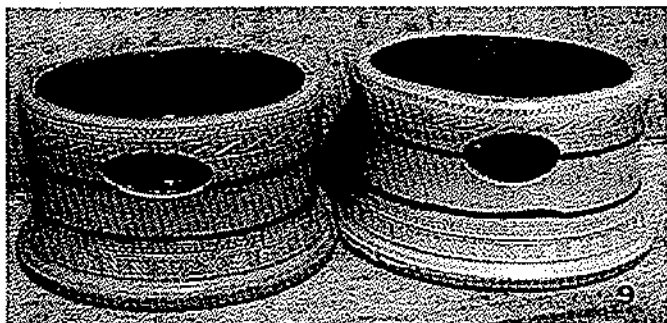
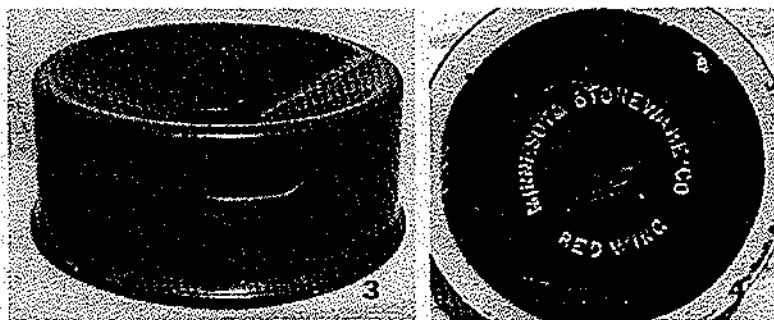
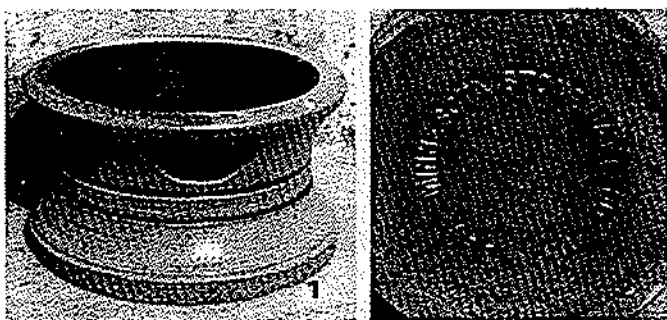
Blue or brown
Three sizes: 8, 10 and 11 inches

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Removable Top Spittoon



Diameter 11 inches



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cuspidors that Rich Cronmeyer has assembled.

In case some younger readers might not understand what on earth these things were used for, we quote the Oxford English Dictionary's definition of a spittoon:

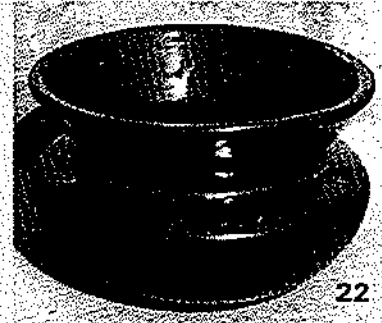
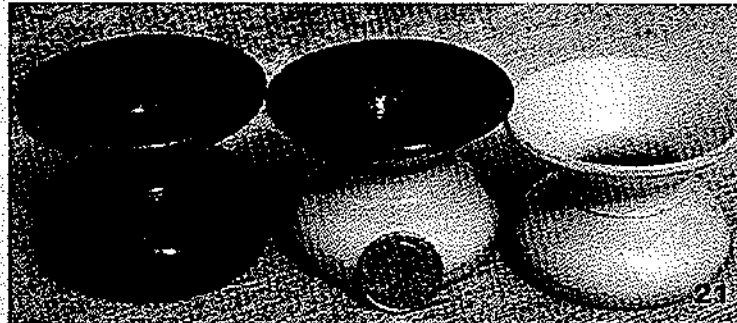
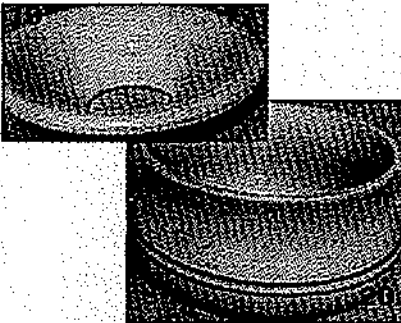
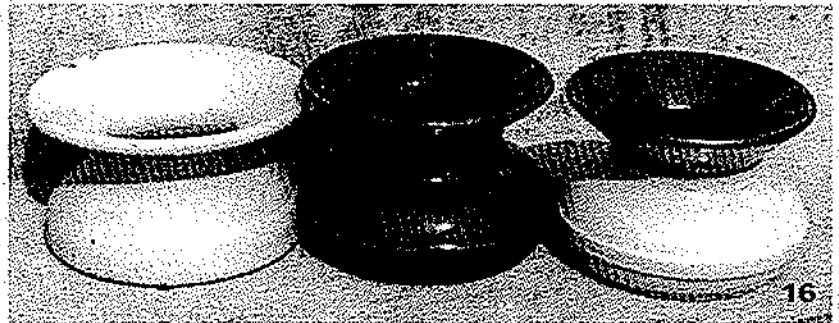
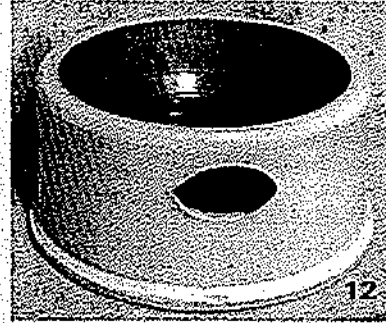
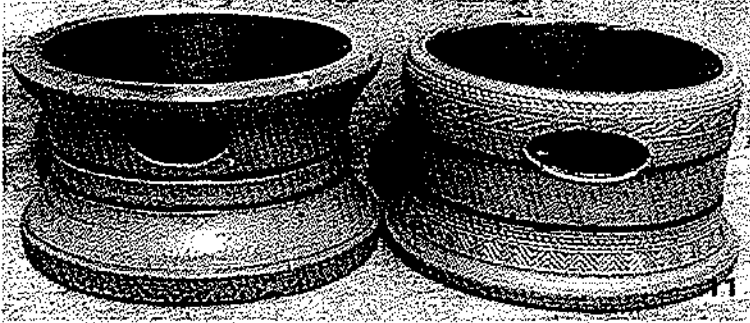
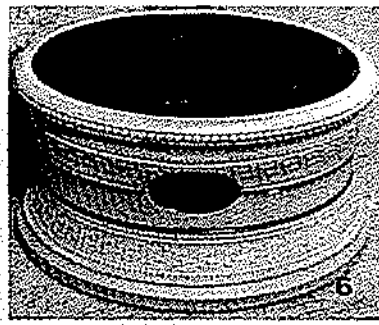
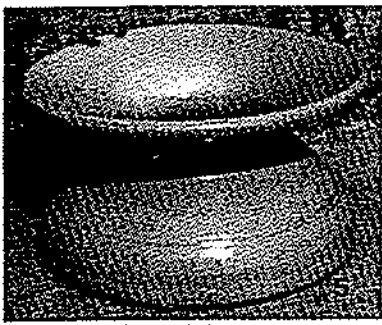
A receptacle for spittle; usually a round flat vessel of earthenware or metal, sometimes having a cover in the form of a shallow funnel with an open-

ing in the middle, and frequently containing sawdust.

Now, what's the difference between a cuspidor and a spittoon? Despite the distinction made in production catalogs, dictionaries consider them the same thing. Spittoon is the newer word, first print usage shown as about 1823, and it's English. Cuspidor is American, and comes from the Portuguese word *cuspidouro* [place for spitting], first usage shown is 1735.

Does that mean cuspidors are an American invention? It would make sense, what with tobacco being almost as American as apple pie. . .

1 & 2 Minnesota Stoneware Company (MSWC) bottom-marked salt glaze spittoon, produced between 1883-1894. **3 & 4** MSWC bottom-marked Albany slip spittoon, 12" dia. "Stoneware cuspidors, dark glaze, strongest earthenware cuspidors made," —1895 catalog. **5** Turned cus-



pidor, white. Came in low and high styles. Appears in the Union Stoneware 1895 catalog; the 1896 price list shows "cuspidors (white) \$1.00/dozen." **6 & 7** Salt glaze spittoon, depicted in the 1894 Red Wing Stoneware Company (RWSC) catalog. **8** Union Stoneware Company (USWC) high turned cuspidor from 1895-1896. **9** 1895-1896 USC transition pieces; salt glaze on left, Bristol glaze on right. Same mold, same decorative

pattern. **10** Two salt glaze spittoons, RWSW on left, USWC on right. **11** Two salt glaze spittoons, MSWC on left, USWC on right. **12** USWC plain white glazed spittoon from transition period of 1895-1900. **13** Albany- and white-glazed low cuspidors in three sizes. **14** Low cuspidors: on the left, old style bottom-marked MSWC, on the right the newer USWC. **15** Brown and brown/white USWC low cuspidors. **16** Low cuspidors. **17** Mottled cuspidors,

a new product in Red Wing Union Stoneware Co.'s 1906 catalog. **18** Mottled cuspidors in three sizes: 6", 8" and 11". **19 & 20** Removable top cuspidor, 12" diameter. **21** Toy cuspidors, offered in a 10/1/1896 price list for 10¢ each. **22** Green-glazed cuspidor, 7 1/2" diameter, offered on the 1930 RW Stoneware & Stoneware Specialties Poster.

Captions and photographs courtesy of Rich Cronmeyer.

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 We have a 2-gal large wing crock on which the wing and oval are switched, with the oval being in the middle and the wing on the bottom. We were curious as to whether or not this was considered an oddity or if it was fairly common. If it is considered an oddity, about how much would it raise the value over a standard 2-gal crock?

—Debby & Brad Collette
Des Moines, WA

DAVE KUFFEL An unusual artwork variation does draw interest. This variation is uncommon, but surfaces regularly. There are collectors who collect "different" 2-gal crocks and collectors who like unusual artwork (upside down oval, double strikes, wrong colors, etc., regardless of the size of crock, or jug churn or cooler. I'd place the value of this crock between \$75 and \$95.



Q I recently bought a 3-gal jug. I thought it was different because of the lack of total glazing on the red wing. It must have got by any inspection they had or was sold as a second. Would a jug like this have less or more value because of its flaws?

—Wayne Engels, Watertown, WI

GARY & BONNIE TEFFT The condition of the glaze on your jug is known as "crawling." It occurs because something on the surface of the piece caused the glaze slip to not adhere and to "pull away" in an area during firing instead of fusing uniformly over the surface. While it does add a certain amount of interest or conversational value to the jug, we don't imagine that it enhances its value.

Q In my travels across western Utah, I asked "any Red Wing around here?" I was directed to a garage out in the countryside and purchased a 20-gal and 15-gal crock. Each had two spigots, and the glazing in the holes indicated that they came this way from the factory. I was given the story that they were "syrup crocks," and the very top layer of the refined crystallized liquid was drawn off as a premium syrup. Made a good story! What do the experts say? And, are



these crocks unusual or of greater value?

—Byron Roderick, Bloomfield, CO

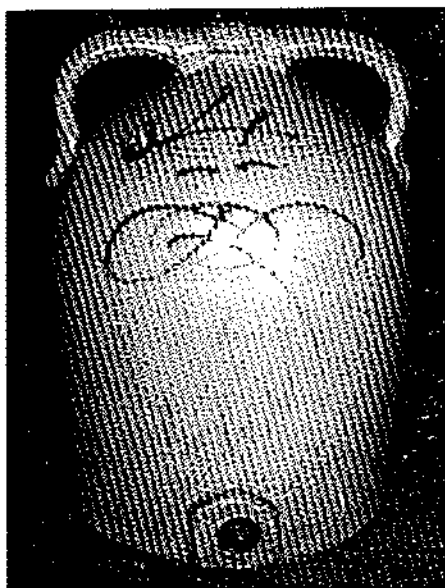
DAVE KUFFEL I think crystallized sugar would be pretty hard to draw through a faucet. . . . I have seen this faucet/spigot configuration only on larger crocks, typically 12-gal and up. It is my understanding that these types of jars were used to mix and package chemicals in a manufacturing process. The top "inlet" was to fill the jar with a fluid (water, thinner, etc.), add in the other parts (powder, pigments, pastes), and mix in crock. Drain off or fill bottles or cans through bottom spigot.

While these crocks are uncommon, they are not highly sought after. Still, I would see this type of jar priced higher than a regular similar crock by 25% to 50%.

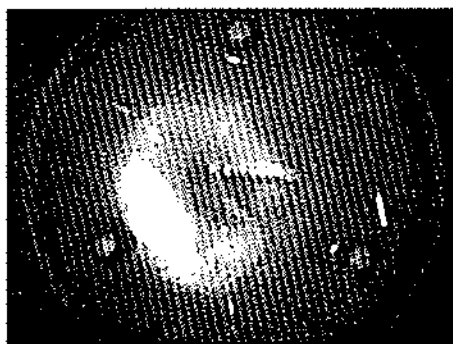
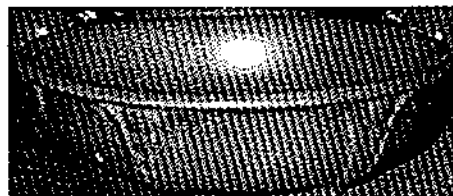
Q On page six of the Red Wing Stoneware book I see that the Red Wing Stoneware Company started in 1877. This 4-gal jug has 1877 incised behind the numeral 4 in 1 1/2" tall numbers. Is it possible that I have a first-year piece of Red Wing?

—name withheld by request

GARY & BONNIE TEFFT The Red Wing Stoneware Company was incorporated on February 9, 1977, but the factory was not completed until the beginning of the following year. A February 6, 1878 article in the Red Wing Advance spoke of the company's opening of the "first batch of ware burned in its new kiln." Your piece demonstrates impor-



tant features to collectors hoping to attribute unsigned ware by shape, color or geometric decoration. These features were traditional of the stoneware industry and not often exclusive to any particular pottery.



Q We found this matt-orange bowl at an antique show. It is bottom-impressed Red Wing. What can you tell us about its value and scarcity?

—Jamey & Flo Jensen, Lone Rock, IA

RON LINDE What an unusual bowl! The deco styling, the impressed Red Wing mark and the orange glaze date the bowl in the mid- to late-1930s. This is a rare piece that I would value at \$100–\$125.

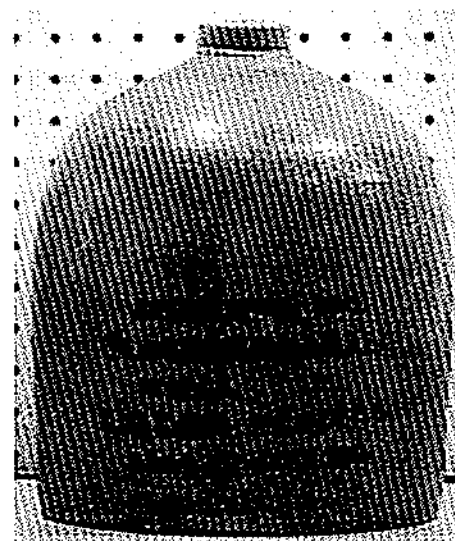


Q I'm hoping that you can help me identify these bowls. As you can see, they are blue glaze inside and out and are graduated from 5" to 9". The bottom marks reads only RED WING USA. Many RWCS members have looked at them and know nothing about this set. If you have any history on them I would appreciate it, also an approximate value would be helpful. Thanks for your help!

—Gary Tyra, Phoenix, AZ

GARY & BONNIE TEFIT A similar style of bowl (without the notches on the

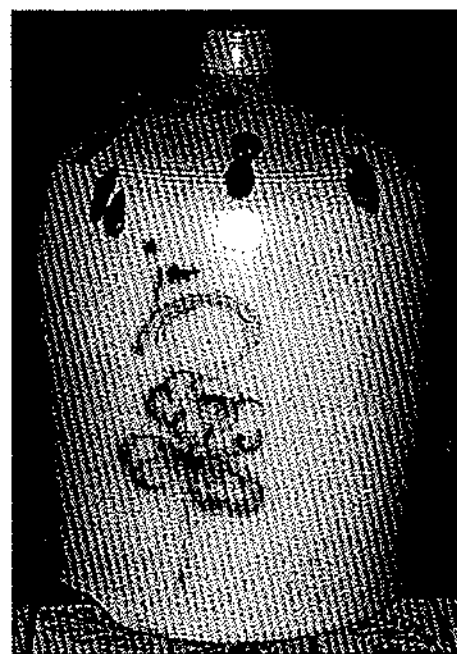
shoulder) was first shown on the c. 1930 Red Wing Stoneware and Stoneware Specialties poster (see *Red Wing Potters & Their Wares*, pps. 158–159). Your style of bowl is shown in an undated (est. c. 1936–1947) Red Wing Pottery brochure under the name *Colonial Shoulder Bowls* (sizes 5", 6", 7", 8", 9", 10", and 12"). These catalogs show the bowls with blue bands or blue-and-red bands on the shoulder. For an all-blue bowl, signed Red Wing, we would estimate a minimum value of \$125. The 5" and 12" sizes would have the greatest value.



Q Can you identify these? I found the 5-gal salt glaze beehive in Nashville and the 2-gal salt glaze jug with advertising came from a dealer who had purchased the jug at a farm auction outside of Topeka, Kansas.

—Joe Hermes

GARY & BONNIE TEFIT Your 5-gal butterfly-decorated jug is most likely a Red Wing product. It was fired in a well-



used kiln that had built up a thick coating of salt glaze that dripped onto the ware from the interior surfaces. A value estimate would be somewhere in excess of \$1,500. The 2-gal is a rare example of an advertising liquor jug. It is not a Red Wing product.

Business Manager
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I began the initial work on the manual last winter, and now I have accumulated pages and pages of notes to decipher from the Convention! I have to admit that I was exhausted after the Convention, and I am sure there were many volunteers who were equally as tired. Thanks to all of you for your support. I greatly appreciate the support from the Board of Directors, and in particular I wish to acknowledge the help from Diane Hallstrom who was so instrumental in guiding me along the entire process.

As the season changes in pretty Red Wing, the color of the trees brings to mind that winter is approaching. That means that the MidWinter GetTogether in Rochester is on the horizon! The dates for that gathering are February 19-21, 1999. Mark your calendars!

Commemorative Committee
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the *Iris* pitcher is a good representation of these pitchers. Also, we felt some color would be a welcome addition to the commemorative collection; most pieces have been a shade of brown or gray.

Look for some major changes in commemorative distribution next year. If all goes according to plan we will have one combined order form for prepaid Convention registration and commemoratives. Details remain to be worked out, but at this point it appears that we will be able to elimi-

Next Convention
Next MidWinter GetTogether
Next Board Meeting

nate the traditional lines based on membership number. Instead, each prepaid commemorative will be represented by a voucher or coupon that members will receive along with their Convention registration badge, tickets, etc. The voucher can then be turned in at the commemorative table for a commemorative. We expect to print the member's name and membership number on the voucher for security reasons.

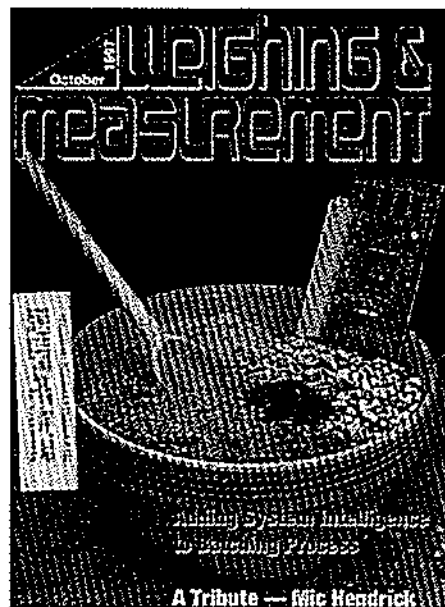
We will need fewer volunteer helpers with this system, thus we should be able to expand commemorative distribution hours. Watch for further details, and be sure to carefully read the commemorative "Rules and Information" that will be included in your Convention packet next February.

From the Editor
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is intact. That probably works pretty good, but I have no doubt that there are some people out there determined enough to figure out how to remove and rebond a label. So I'm

not sure I'd entirely trust that method either. Perhaps some secret black-light-readable-only mark would be an answer. If anyone has figured out a way to solve this problem, or has some other methodology to deal with mail/internet purchases, we'd all appreciate it if you could share your tips with us.

Red Wing shows up in the most unusual places. Jimmy and Becky Carter of Oskaloosa, Iowa sent in a magazine cover that amused me. A Red Wing bowl is used as a prop on the cover of *Weighing and Measurement* magazine (October, 1997 issue). Now, I know that not all of you subscribe to *Weighing and Measurement*, so I thought you might like to see the cover for yourself. In case you can't tell, that's sand, cement, gravel and a computer chip ready to be mixed up. . . .



The Newsletter now has a 1/8-page ad format (see sample at right). The charge is \$60 for one issue or \$270 for six issues (\$45 each)—includes typesetting. Editor, 608-846-8939.

Business name

Street Address
City, State, Zip
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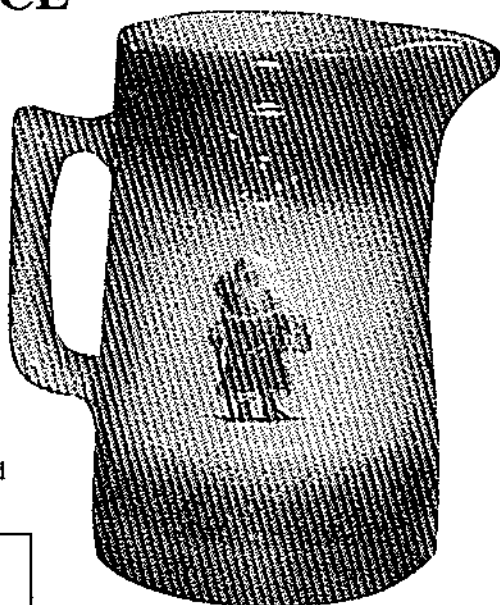
RED WING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Introduces our 5th Annual Stoneware
Christmas Collectible

Historic Red Wing 36 Ounce Cherry Band Pitcher with an Old World Santa Design

The Red Wing Area Chamber of Commerce is offering this 36 ounce Cherry Band Pitcher to celebrate the Christmas season in Red Wing. The pitcher has blue spray banding on the motif and a green colored Old World Santa. These pitchers are the 3rd 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 three button, long sleeve embroidered polo shirt. Contact the Chamber of Commerce for availability and price of the shirt.



1998

Limited Edition

36 ounce

Cherry Band Pitcher
with Old World Santa

\$35.00 each pitcher

ORDER INFORMATION

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TO ORDER BY PHONE CALL 1-800-762-9516 OR FAX 612-388-6991

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



Red Wing Stoneware Co. 1998 Stoneware Rolling Pin

The production of hand-crafted stoneware has been a tradition of Red Wing potters since the mid-1800s. In keeping with our yearly tradition, we are introducing a numbered limited edition piece for 1998 - the Red Wing Stoneware Rolling Pin. Rolling Pins were produced between 1910 and 1925 by various manufacturers in the Midwest. It is not clear if the Red Wing Stoneware Company ever made a rolling pin. Limited information on it is available in the Goodhue County Historical Museum.

The Red Wing Stoneware Rolling Pin is decorated with six hand-painted cobalt blue bands, a red wing and red handles. The rolling pin is hand numbered and will be manufactured only through December 31, 1998.

With your purchase of this rolling pin, you will be experiencing a nostalgic part of the past. You will be the proud owner of a Red Wing Stoneware collectible made by one of the largest active stoneware manufacturers in the midwest - Red Wing Stoneware Company.

\$29.95 each

Order Information

Date: _____

	QTY	Extension	Check ☐	Credit Card ☐
Rolling Pin \$29.95 each	_____	_____	Visa ☐	Master Card ☐
Birch Stand \$ 9.50 each	_____	_____	Discover ☐	
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To Order By Phone: 1.800.352.4877 or Fax: 1.651.388.0208

Mail Orders To: Red Wing Stoneware Co. 4909 Moundview Drive Red Wing, MN. 55066

The next deadline is November 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., 12/98. 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*, PO Box 39, Merrimac, WI 53561.

Red Wing For Sale

46 pieces of *Round Up*. Send SASE for list. Phil Shurley, 4127 E. 48th Pl., Tulsa, OK 74135. 918-743-6317. 12/98

Pink Spice dinnerware, 12-place setting, assorted serving pieces, \$700. 715-246-5734. 12/98

Limited Edition Stoneware Miniatures and Authentic Stoneware Reproductions. *Artists in the Park*, 400 Main St. S., Deer Park, WI 54007. 715-269-5112. Write/call for our brochure or see our current display ad in August *Newsletter*. 12/98

Stoneware replacement handles for pails, jugs, crocks, rolling pins. Send SASE for catalog. A. J. Hehenstreit, 607 Carrington St., Waupun, WI 53983. 12/98

RWCS commemoratives: 1981, \$335; 1985, \$260; 1986, \$160; 1988, \$65; 1989, \$285; 1993, \$90; 1995, \$65; 1996, \$95; 1997, \$80. 8-gal 6" wing Ice Water, \$1,950; 10-gal Red Wing water cooler, \$795; 2-gal small wing water cooler, \$1,695; 2-gal birchleaf ski oval churn, \$385; 6-gal large wing churn, \$385; 4-gal wing beehive, \$735; 3-gal elephant ear beehive, Minn. oval, \$3,200; 5-gal PUREX jug, \$450; 1/2-gal JONAS BROWN jug, \$245; 2-gal CNRY jug, \$400; blue band florist vase w/ adv. RATLERMAN BROS. / ST. PAUL, \$1,095; 3-lb *Grayline* bail butter HAKES-LAURENS IOWA w/ lid (damaged), \$375; *Grayline* mug, \$950; batter bowl, \$950; small stacking refrigerator jar, \$250; 8-gal 6" wing ski oval crock w/ "8" on back, \$250; 6-gal salt glaze drop 8 crock, \$275; 6-gal salt glaze leaf crock, RW1 front stamp, \$895. *Clay Giants* book I, \$135; Multi-color B1415 cowboy w/ damaged cowgirl, \$250; *Town & Country* 15" blue planter, \$50. Send LSASE for list of 400+ Red Wing stoneware items for sale. Bud's Barn, Rte. 3, Box 55, Parkers Prairie, MN 56361. 218-338-6166.

Brown top wing jugs: 2-gal, 1-gal and 1/2-gal. Selling as a set; very good condition, \$650. 712-276-8678. 12/98

Complete set of RWCS commemoratives. 701-894-6536.

98 pieces *Smart Set* dinnerware, including many serving pieces. SASE for list. Box 96, Webb, IA 51366. 712-838-7732

Complete set of convention commemoratives, 1977 thru 1997. all mint condition, \$6,750. Also, complete set of convention buttons, 1977 thru 1998, \$450. Fred, after 5 pm. 309-383-4611. 12/98

3-gal beehive blue birch leaves and oval, \$350; 5-gal beehive black elephant ears, beautiful markings, \$3,300; 10-gal hand-turned cooler, 6" wing, \$950; 12" vase cobalt #155, \$250; *Grayline* shaker, \$625; PIRRS BROS. jar w/ wing & lid, \$950; 4-gal beehive w/wing & ski oval, \$850; 7" sponge cap bowl w/ lid, \$275; 5# pantry jar w/ adv. MOHRBACHER & SON / COLOGNE, MINN. w/ lid, \$895; 5-gal salt glaze beehive w/ leaf decoration, \$3,500; 4-gal salt glaze churn w/ leaf, \$750; 2# butter crock w/ adv. CRESCENT CREAMERY / SIOUX FALLS, \$325; 5-gal transition churn w/ elephant ears, oval, Albany slip inside, \$1,750; 5-gal transition crock, salt glaze w/ elephant ears, union oval, bottom-signed, very rare, \$3,900. Many other pieces for sale. Call or write w/ your want list. Jim at Excelsior Coin & Collectibles, 449 2nd St., Excelsior, MN 55331. 612-474-4789. Fax 612-474-9058.

2- thru 40-gal crocks, also water coolers, some w/adv. Don or Trish, 406-682-7153. 12/98

Lotus egg plate, server, teapot, coffee mugs, jardiniere H-507. Hamm's bear bank; white and turquoise munch jar. Orville Holm, 12626 227th Ave., S.E., Monroe, WA 98272.

Complete RWCS commemorative set 1977-1998 (22), \$8,000 obo. 414-634-8077.

Bob White cookie jar, \$125; 11" sponge panel bowl, \$200; largest size cherryband pitcher, \$195; bean pot FENNIMORE, WISC adv, \$65; 2-lb adv. crock KENNEDY BUTTER, \$175;

RWCS commemoratives, 1996 and 1997, \$100 each; 1998, \$75. Call 507-526-5966.

Beater jars: w/ Red wing logo, \$100; w/ blue stripe, \$75. Commemoratives: 1993, \$100; 1995, \$100. Small wing crocks: 2-gal, \$55; 3-gal, \$50. Large wing crock, 2-gal, \$65. 7" smooth side cap bowl, \$85. Saffron bean pot (signed), \$150; brown/ white bean pot w/ adv., \$90. *Ko Rec Feeder*, \$125. Large wing shoulder jug, white 5-gal w/ chip, \$65; salt glazed 5-gal w/ chip, \$95. 3-gal large wing churn, \$225; 3-gal birchleaf crock, \$85. Shipping/insurance extra. Joy Grzeszak, 616-361-7127.

Best offer on six 20-gal crocks, 40-gal ski oval, 40 gal wing; \$2,800 for 6 cherryband pitchers; \$1,100 on mint 1-qt white Giesel jug; \$1,300 on 22" brushware. A variety of other good pieces. Call or write, Stuart Seibert, Rt. 1, box 308, Kasota, MN 56050, 507-931-3612. 12/98

Commemoratives: 1983, \$450; 1985, \$250; 1990, \$150; 1991, \$125; 1992, \$125; 1993, \$100. *Bob White* bird salt and pepper, chip on tail, \$25. Laura Ruggerberg, 602-992-0873.

Two 5-gal Ice Waters, 6" wings, no ovals; one 4-gal hand-turned water cooler w/ 4" wing and new button lid; one 5-gal shoulder jug w/ FAMI, S.D. adv. 402-379-3396. 12/98

RWCS commemoratives: 1995, \$90; also, 1996 Wisc. chapter xmas tree holder, \$60. Kathie Skrabanek, 444 Hendrix Blvd., LaGrange, OH 44050. 440-355-4865 eves or leave msg. 12/98

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: RumRill Collector, Box 643, Oshkemo, 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. ^{6/99}

Magnolia vases numbers 1013, 1021, 1020, 1027, 1316, 1321, 1313, 1010, 1023, any covered pieces, handpainted, green-stained or burgundy *Magnolia*. Also *Lady* teapots #260. Any Montana advertising. Call Sharon, 1-800-656-2313. ^{6/99}

Mulberry or burgundy iris pitchers, ash receivers, mini vases, dachshund planter #1342, rooster #1438 and other unusual pieces. Vase #2509A in dark brown. Call Deanna at 612-881-1676 or email juerg003@tc.umn.edu. ^{10/98}

Red Wing collector w/reputation for paying ridiculous prices lusts for all Engobe pieces, esp. #1178, lady w/cymbals in hands, and #1123. Call Jerry Schleich at 402/436-3111. ^{8/99}

Red Wing advertising stoneware from Osage, Iowa—including 'Greek key' / sponge bowls, crocks, chicken waterer, etc. Call Doug Arndt, 815-874-8650. ^{6/99}

Miniature pitcher, 4-1/4" tall w/ patterned flowers and leaves on side, and LAKEWOOD DAIRY, LAKE CITY, MN. 612-444-9563. ^{12/98}

Red Wing *Iris* pitchers, large sizes, all colors except tan and cobalt; small sizes all colors. Please write Karla & Brad Gartzke, 8761 415th Ave., Blue Earth, MN 56013. Or call 507-526-5966. ^{10/98}

Still need following: *Flight* dinnerware: 4 sauce or fruit bowls 5", 2 after dinner cups, 3 after dinner saucers, casserole, beverage server, teapot. George Heide, H.C. 67, Box 7, Circle, MT 59215. 406-485-3537.

3-gal wing beehive jug w/ ski oval. 608-296-3138.

Any advertising items from Middleton, WI. Looking specifically for any items from SCHWAB & SCHWAB and E. BURMEISTER store, but interested in any Middleton items. Mary Lamm-Feltman, 608-365-0192 eves. ^{8/99}

Ash receivers, *Win Twin* ashtrays, tee pee ashtrays, Red Colored True Chine by Red Wing plaque, items in mint condition only please. 612-263-3434 Greg. ^{8/99}

Need RumRill *Dutch Blue* (stippled) salt shaker. 5- & 8-gal crocks w/out ovals. Crocks (other than 2-gal) and churns w/ oval over wing. 507-895-2898. ^{8/99}

S. J. Fox Co. SPRING VALLEY, WISC. 6" sponge-ware panel bowl, or any stoneware w/ Fox adv. Joe Fox, 507-526-5596. ^{8/99}

RWCS commemoratives—will buy full set; Minnesota ovals, transitionals, signed salt glaze, rare or unusual items, advertising pieces. 218-338-6166. ^{8/99}

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

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. ^{12/98}

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

Clubs, Publications

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

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

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

The Blue & White Pottery Club (founded 1981) sponsors an annual convention each June in various locations in the Midwest; activities include a Blue & White show and auction; room sales; a banquet; and various educational workshops. Other membership benefits include an annual membership directory and a quarterly newsletter featuring free member advertising. For more information, write to Blue & White Pottery Club, 224 12th Street NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405, or call 303-690-8649.

Haeger fan? Subscribe to *The HPCA News*, the Newsletter of Haeger Pottery Collectors. Annual membership is \$20; the newsletter is published six times a year. HPCA, 5021 Toyon Way, Antioch, CA 94509. 510-776-7784.

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

New book this year! *Red Wing Advertising Stoneware—Where Was That Place? Vol. 1*. Contains pictures/history of stores that gave stoneware away. Approximately 50 pieces covered in this volume. \$19.95 + \$3 to Terry Schuett, 1020 Hamilton, Wausau, WI 54403. Second volume to be out by Christmas!

The Collectors of Illinois Pottery and Stoneware (founded 1983) sponsors an annual convention each fall in various locations in Illinois. Convention activities include a business meeting, show/sale, displays, seminars, banquet and auction. Membership benefits include a quarterly newsletter that contains enlightening articles and pictures concerning early Illinois potteries and potters. For more information write to Collectors of Illinois Pottery and Stoneware, 2634 S. Ninth, Springfield, IL 62703, or call 309-367-2391. ^{12/98}

Internet Web Sites

WEB SITE—Red Wing stoneware, artware, dinnerware, ads, references, shopping tips and much more. Visit our site at: www.RedWingNet.com on the internet. Byron Bush 281-489-3003 ^{6/99}

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 Teacherage is a web site specializing in Red Wing and RumRill art pottery. Visitors may buy, list pieces for sale, or post requests for wanted items. Please visit us at: members.aol.com/teacherage/index.html ^{12/98}

Web Site Estate sale. 900+ pieces Red Wing Art Pottery, stoneware, dinnerware, RumRill. www.klmpub.com ^{8/99}

Announcements

For those members who were unable to obtain buttons at the Convention, there are a limited number left over. They can be purchased by sending \$2 per button to Pete Pavloski, 1411 Rapids Trail, Nekoosa, WI. Checks should be made out to the Wisconsin Red Wing Chapter.

Advance Notice: Please mark your calendar and make motel reservations, please reward yourselves with an extra vacation day and do plan to attend our huge Red Wing stoneware auction during Convention week on Wednesday, July 7, 1999 at the Red Wing Armory. The auction will include 600 to 700 quality stoneware items from our 35-year collection. We all know how hard it is to find great stoneware, so join in the fun at Red Wing auction by Houghton's Auction Service. *Many thanks!*

