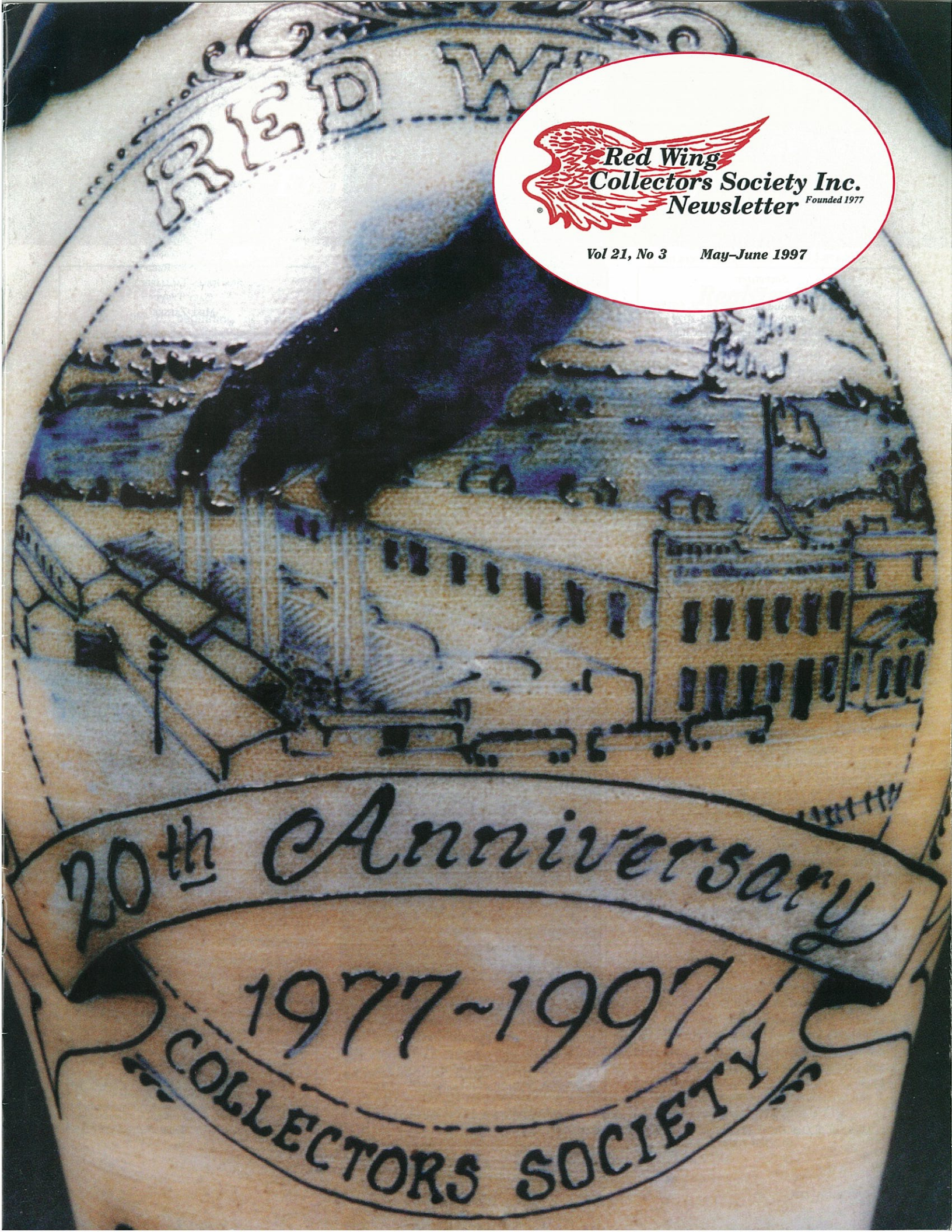

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Please renew by July 24, 1997.

One the cover Detail of a large urn given as a gift to the RWCS on the occasion of its 20th anniversary. To say more about it before the Convention might be letting a certain cat out of a certain bag. . . .

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Display

size	1x	6x
1/8 page	$ 30	$ 25
1/4 page	50	42
1/2 page horizontal	75	65
1/2 page vertical	75	65
full page	150	NA

Deadlines

July / August 1997	July 10
September / October 1997	Sept 10
November / December 1997	December 10
January / February 1998	January 10
March / April 1998	March 10
May / June 1998	May 10

DISPLAY ADS are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, and they must be reserved with the Editor. Reservations for space will be accepted for the next two issues with prepayment only. 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.

Extra Added Attractions

Antique Show

Sunday, July 6, beginning at sunrise, antique vendors will be setting up in the streets of downtown historic Red Wing. Furniture, glassware, primitives, quilts and, of course, pottery! Dealer space available. Call 612-385-7850.

Pottery Demos

The Red Wing Pottery Sales, Inc. will have two potters available throughout Convention week to demonstrate and answer questions. Throwing schedule:

Monday, July 7 10–11am, crocks; 1:30–2:30pm, churns

Tuesday, July 8 10–11am, jugs; 1:30–2:30, churns

Saturday, July 12 1:30–2:30pm, covered jars

Salt Glaze a Crock

Two classes are being offered: Monday, July 7 from 10am–1pm or Wednesday, July 9 from 11am–2pm. You'll learn how to decorate your own salt glaze crock. For $45 you'll get a 1-pt crock to decorate that we will fire and ship to you. Class size is limited—Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Goodhue Museum

Wear your RWCS badge, enter free! The Goodhue Museum, 1166 Oak Street, will be open Tuesday through Friday from 10am–5pm and Saturday and Sunday from 1–5pm. They have graciously agreed to allow Convention registrants to enter free. See the best display of stoneware in the world!

Special Event Registration Deadline

Register for any of the events on this page by sending your check to RWCS, PO Box 256, Red Wing, MN 55066. Include a SASE for confirmation, time and location. Registrations must be received *before* July 1!

Brat Feed

Monday, July 7, 3–7pm The Historic Pottery Place Mall is sponsoring a brat feed for all RWCS members. Lots of food and entertainment, plus tours of the factory and kilns. This event kicks off their show & sale, and you can register for the Convention.

Decorate Dinnerware

We have access to 66 pieces of original Concord dinnerware. On Tuesday, July 8 you will have a unique opportunity to decorate real of Red Wing! A retired pottery painter will show you how it was done, and give you tips so you can decorate your own piece. Or you can bring in a design and have it painted for you. The cost—which includes firing and shipping—is $45, and again, this is first-come, first served.

Throw a Pot

If you think it's easy to throw a piece of pottery, you can try your hand at it Monday, July 7 from 4–7pm. You'll get valuable tips from local potters and wheel time. The pieces won't be keepers, but we'll take your picture with your creation so you can brag to your friends. Class size is limited—Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. The cost is $10.

Registration

You can register all week long!

Sunday, July 6, register downtown (look for the signs and the tent)

Monday, register at the historic Pottery Place mall (outside in the tent)

Tuesday through Saturday register as usual at the Red Wing High School

Charter Members

Special Recognition of RWCS Charter members—the Convention begins with a program honoring Charter Members at the T. B. Sheldon Auditorium, Sunday, July 6 at 4pm.

Learn the Internet

Feel like you're falling behind? This new internet thing sure sounds complicated, doesn't it? Well, Tuesday, July 8 will change all that for you. We're offering a hands-on workshop from 9:30–12:30am and again from 1:30–4pm. Learn how to use the net to learn, communicate, and buy and sell pottery. The cost is $30.

Bus Tour

Jump on a chartered bus and be chauffeured around Red Wing. We'll visit the original clay pits and the location of first potter John Paul's house, take a quick tour of the Goodhue County Historical Museum, and then drive by some of the local homes ornamented with Red Wing-made terra cotta. We'll also visit the cemetery to see some of the markers made from clay. Then we'll stop at Memorial Park to take in the breathtaking view. We're offering this tour on Monday, July 7 from 12–4pm and then again on Wednesday, July 9 from 9am–1pm. The cost is $10.

1997 Convention Schedule
Sunday – Wednesday

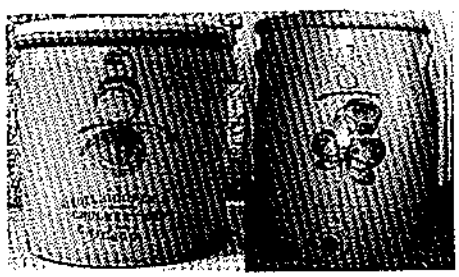
TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
SUNDAY, JULY 6		
sunrise – ?	Antique Show	downtown Red Wing
6:00 – 4:00	Registration	downtown Red Wing
4:00 – 5:30	Charter Members Honored Hall of Fame members inducted	Sheldon Auditorium, downtown Red Wing
MONDAY, JULY 7		
10:00 – 11:00	Throw a crock demonstration	RW Pottery Sales, Inc.
10:00 – 1:00	Salt Glaze Crock Session	TBA
12:00 – 4:00	Red Wing area bus tour	departure location TBA
3:00 – 7:00	Registration	Pottery Place Mall
3:00 – 7:00	Brat Feed	Pottery Place Mall
4:00 – 7:00	Throw a Pot session	TBA
TUESDAY, JULY 8		
8:00 – 5:00	Registration, Renewals and New Members	Courtyard Cafe
8:00 – 8:00	"Collecting the Legacy" Display	J 100
9:30 – 12:30	Internet Workshop	TBA
10:00 – 11:00	Throw a jug demonstration	RW Pottery Sales, Inc.
1:30 – 2:30	Throw a churn demonstration	RW Pottery Sales, Inc.
1:30 – 4:00	Internet Workshop	TBA
TBA	Decorate Dinnerware	TBA
WEDNESDAY, JULY 9		
8:00 – 5:00	Registration, Renewals and New Members	Courtyard Cafe
8:00 – 4:00	"Collecting the Legacy" Display	J 100
9:00 – 1:00	Red Wing area bus tour	departure location TBA
10:00 – 12:00	Board of Directors Meeting	Administration Office
11:00 – 2:00	Salt Glaze Crock Session	TBA
2:00 – 4:30	Auction check-in, catalogs for sale	Gymnasium

JEFF & PAULETTE FLOYD

Postcards were mailed out mid-May as to whether or not your name was drawn for the Auction. If you have not received a postcard by now, please call the Auction Committee directly, *not* the 800 number (see inside front cover).

If you won't be at this year's Convention but want a catalog, send the Auction Committee a $2 check (payable to RWCS) after the Convention.

Remember to bring a SASE along for your auction check. Checks will be mailed out approximately one week after Convention by the treasurer. If you forget your SASE this will delay receipt of your check.



TWO AUCTION ITEMS: 3-GAL SALT-GLAZE CROCK WITH TARGET AND ADVERTISING, BOTTOM-SIGNED, AND 8-GAL SALT-GLAZE COOLER WITH BUTTERFLY, SIGNED RW1.

Check the schedule for check-in and preview times. The auction will start promptly at 5:00 on Thursday.

Please remember to call the auction Committee if you have submitted an item for the Auction but are unsure if it was drawn in the lottery. Hope to see you in July.

DIANE & DAVE HALLSTROM

There have been a few changes in our planned 20th Anniversary Convention schedule. Most notably, we'll have our Potter's Picnic at Colville Park after all—as usual—not Memorial Park, as previously stated. We thought that with all the spring rains we'd be flooded out of Colville Park, but, happily, this has turned out not to be the case. However, if you haven't been to Memorial Park, take time out on this trip to visit. The views are absolutely spectacular, like being-in-a plane.

If you're interested in any of the special 20th Anniversary Convention activities that are happening Sunday through Wednesday preceding the "usual" Convention, please sign up now. In the last *Newsletter* we neglected to put in a deadline for registration, which will have to be July 1. Check out the listings on page 3 and get out your stationery and checkbook and send in as soon as you can!

Friday afternoon is the time for the educational seminars, and you may choose to attend any three of the 18 different 40-minute sessions. Just a few of the topics are RumRill, Salt Glaze, Decorating with Red Wing, Dump Finds, Odds & Ends, Dinnerware Painting, Iowa Advertising and Stoneware Beer Bottles. We have also added a seminar just for our younger members!

There will be 15 different Shared Interest Sessions this year of 45 minutes each, on Thursday between 1 and 3:45 pm. Some of the topics are Memorabilia, Pitchers, Tea Pots, North Star, Transition Pieces, and Cookie Jars. Bring your pictures or favorite items and get ready to not only learn a little, but to brag too.

LARRY & KATHY ROSCHEN

Congratulations to Bruce Forbeck of Appleton, Wisconsin. He is the winner of a 1997 special commemorative in this year's early order drawing. All commemorative orders received by April 1 were eligible. Thanks again to all who ordered early and eased our workload during the busy spring months.

At this time prepaid commemorative orders are no longer being accepted. The ordering deadline was May 31. If you recently joined the RWCS or for other reasons have not prepaid, you may attend the Convention and purchase a commemorative there while supplies last.

RWCS Flags

Beginning this year, the RWCS will hang large (6' x 33") vinyl flags downtown during Convention. Members may sponsor a flag for $100. Flags purchased this year will have the 20th Anniversary logo as well as the sponsor's name. They can also be decorated with pictures of crocks, jugs, etc., or, if simple enough, the sponsor's logo. The double-sided flags are high-quality and durable, tan background with logo in burgundy and name in hunter green. After the Convention week display the flags will be shipped to sponsors, if desired, or sponsors may choose to have their flag hung every year. Send your check by July 1 to RWCS, PO Box 256, Red Wing, MN 55066. If you have any questions, or design preferences, contact Dave or Diane Hallstrom (see inside front cover).

1997 Convention Schedule
Thursday – Sunday

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
THURSDAY, JULY 10		
8:00	Courtyard Cafe opens	
8:00 – 4:00	"Collecting the Legacy" Display	J 100
8:30 – 7:00	Registration, Renewals and New Members	Courtyard Cafe
9:00 – 9:45	Orientation for First Timers	TBA*
10:00 – 11:30	Distribution of Commemoratives	H 106
10:00 – 3:00	Tour Goodhue Historical Society Museum Free shuttle bus; must wear badge	Goodhue, MN
10:00 – 11:00	Newsletter Advisors meeting	H 211
10:00 – 4:00	Display set-up	J 207 and J 208
	Rare items set-up	J 209
11:00 – 12:00	Chapter Presidents meeting	H 211
12:00 – 1:00	Chapter meetings and Hospitality Rooms	TBA*
1:00 – 1:45	Orientation for First Timers	TBA*
1:00 – 3:45	Shared Interest Groups	TBA*
2:30 – 4:30	Distribution of Commemoratives	H 106
	Auction Agenda	
9:00 – 11:30	Auction check-in	Gymnasium
9:00 – ???	Distribution of bid numbers Auction catalog for sale	Gymnasium
11:30 – 1:00	Auction grading	Gymnasium
1:00 – 5:00	Auction Preview	Gymnasium
5:00 – ???	Auction	Gymnasium
FRIDAY, JULY 11		
8:00	Courtyard Cafe opens	
8:30 – 3:20	Registration, Renewals and New Members	Courtyard Cafe
8:00 – 3:00	"Collecting the Legacy" Display	J 100
8:30 – 10:00	Displays open	J 207, J 208, J 209
9:00 – 10:00	Distribution of Commemoratives	H 106
	Transport Show & Sale/Souvenir items	Gymnasium/Hallway
11:30 – 3:20	Displays open	J 207, J 208, J 209
2:30 – 3:20	Distribution of Commemoratives	H 114
2:30 – 3:30	Transport Show & Sale/Souvenir items	Gymnasium/Hallway
6:00 – 8:30	Potter's Picnic	Memorial Park[1]
	Education Agenda	
9:00 – 9:45	Orientation for First Timers	TBA*
9:00 – 10:00	Sale of education material	Auditorium Hallway
10:15 – 11:30	General Session	Auditorium
11:30 – 3:20	Sale of education material	Auditorium Hallway
12:10 – 2:30	Educational seminars	TBA*
3:30 – 5:30	Business meeting *(be sure to be there!)*	Auditorium
SATURDAY, JULY 12		
7:00	Courtyard cafe open to RWCS	
8:00 – 10:30	Registration, Renewals and New Members	Courtyard Cafe
8:00 – 2:00	Displays open to the public	J 207, J 208, J 209
9:00 – 10:30	Distribution of Commemoratives[ii]	H 106
9:00 – 11:00	Auction prices-received catalogs for sale	Courtyard Cafe
10:30 – ???	Commemorative lottery[ii] Watch monitors for lottery numbers	H 106
2:00 – 4:30	Display removal	J 106, J 107, J 108
6:00 – ???	Convention banquet	Treasure Island
	Show & Sale Agenda	
8:00 – 9:00	Set up	Gymnasium/Hallway
9:00 – 10:30	Show & Sale open to Members only	Gymnasium/Hallway
10:30 – 1:30	Show and Sale open to the public	Gymnasium/Hallway
1:30 – 3:00	Show & Sale removal	Gymnasium/Hallway
SUNDAY, JULY 13		
9:30 – 10:30	Brunch, St. James Hotel	5th Floor

*To be announced [1]In case of rain: Red Wing/Winona Technical College [ii]While supplies last

BARNEY OLSON II

As we approach our 20th Anniversary celebration, this message will reflect on some of the most recent actions of the Board of Directors in the operation of your Society. The Board met twice this spring. All plans continue to go well for the 20th Anniversary week-long celebration, and committee chairpersons report plans well in place for the routine aspects of our Convention.

Membership continued to experience problems with the computer program resulting in some delays but a recent change in programmers will hopefully soon alleviate remaining glitches. In addition, many of you continue to forward your renewals and correspondence in care of my wife, Debbie Olson, at the former membership address here in Galesburg. Renewals are sometimes mailed to the *Newsletter* publisher also. This only results in processing delays, because the correspondence has to be forwarded to John and Kim Key. Please use the membership address, as shown on the inside front cover, for your renewals or other membership correspondence. This will greatly facilitate your membership needs.

A subcomittee of Sue Gillmer, Corrinne Reed, Jeff Floyd and Nicol Knappen was formed and is working hard with respect to establishing an official RWCS website. There are websites in existence now that deal with Red Wing stoneware, dinnerware and Art Pottery, however, members are reminded that these are *not* official RWCS sites. As of yet, the RWCS does not have its official website in place.

The Board negotiated a new contract with Nicol Knappen to continue publishing the RWCS *Newsletter* through December 31, 1999.

The acquisitions committee of Larry Peterson, Gary Tefft, Deb Olson, David Hallstrom, Jerry Flicek and Chuck Drometer continues to be available for suggestions from the membership as to items that the Society, as a group, should acquire.

In addition to recognizing Charter Members, part of the 20th celebration will include the induction of three individuals into the RWCS Hall of Fame: Lyndon Viel, Dennis Yaeggi and David Newkirk. I appointed a standing Hall of Fame subcommittee which will always be made up of the President, the immediate past-president, Historian and three non-board members. The non-board members appointed at this time are Gary Tefft, John Sagat and Larry Peterson. The purpose of the Hall of Fame is to recognize members who have made significant contributions to the RWCS through various lifetime achievements.

I continue to receive requests for the RWCS managerial position information packet. I would remind those who have received the packet that they need to submit a resume to me at their earliest convenience in order to be considered by the screening committee composed of myself, Jerry Flicek and Rich Cronemeyer. It is still our hope to have a manager on board sometime early in the fall of 1997.

I continue to receive a few questions, gripes and comments concerning the increase in the pricing structure of various elements of the Society. All of these prices are necessitated by the services that are provided to our membership. When you compare the RWCS to other groups, the pricing structure of all of them far exceeds RWCS. It is my firm opinion that the RWCS continues to provide the best service and quality of product to our membership for the dollar. I welcome your continuing thoughts and comments on this, as well as on any other subject that concerns the Society. I look forward to seeing all of you in Red Wing this July.

This issue is one of change. It's the first one to be mailed out via Periodical rate; we'll be able to mail out up to three ounces of *Newsletter* for less than it cost us to mail out two ounces by first class mail. And for the same service. Naturally, I'm a little nervous about this. The mailing date should have been the first business day before the 15th of the month. Unfortunately, that would have been Friday the 13th. No way was I going to the post office on Friday the 13th. So sue me. At this writing we expect to mail on Monday the 16th. If you've experienced what you consider too lengthy a delivery time, first call me to verify the actual mail date, and then call your local post office and ask for the form called Publication Watch.

This issue is 20 pages, thanks to the lower postage rate. Last year at this time we had to turn down ads because we couldn't afford the extra weight. This burned some people up, especially a certain Red Wing auctioneer. This year, I'm happy to say, everyone got an ad that wanted one. This issue still has 12 editorial pages, by the way. The increase in ad pages has not been at the expense of club news.

I had hoped for more follow up from you all to Gary Tefft's article on Red Wing in the movies. Now that I have a mini-satellite dish and access to 16 gazillion channels, I've more than once endured a tedious plot line and bad acting because interesting vases were spotted in the background. Lots of Abingdon and Rookwood, but as of yet, I've seen no Red Wing.

I did get one citation from Terry and Marilyn Moe. They note that *In Harm's Way* has a scene with John Wayne and Patricia Neal and Red Wing dinnerware. A table in her apartment shows a sugar and creamer. Since the Moes collect *Orleans,* they're sure that's what's on the table, although they admit it *might* be *Brittany* as the movie *is* in black and white . . . .

In response to a few members expressing concerns regarding proposed RWCS fee increases, the following is a brief situation analysis that led the Board of Directors to propose these changes. We believe that after reviewing these issues, you too, will see the justification.

AUCTION The commission rate associated with the auction has been a flat 10% since the auction was instituted some 18 years ago. This will be the first increase since that time, and it is well below the range of 15% to 20% now common at standard auctions. We are very fortunate to have an auctioneer that will call the auction for a flat rate, and not the usual percentage; this alone saves us a great deal of money. However, as the membership has grown, expenses for running the auction have gradually risen over the last 15 years.

1997 COMMEMORATIVE The commemorative is $30 this year, up from the $20 of last year. Because this is the 20th Anniversary, the RWCS wanted to do something special. Accompanying each commemorative will be an 80-page book that tells the history of the society and thoroughly documents its commemoratives. In comparison, in 1997 the Watt Ware Association will charge $40 for their commemorative piece alone. Also, please remember that the funds the RWCS receives from the sale of commemoratives is the primary source of revenue for its annual operation.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE In 1997 the RWCS *lost* over $17,000 on the Convention. You may ask yourself, "What costs so much?" because some expenses aren't always so evident. First, there is the cost of the rent for the High School. The Red Wing School District charges the RWCS over $7,000 to use the facility for the week's activities. Second, The RWCS must contract with a security firm to provide protection for the displays, the auction, and the show and sale. This year the cost will be close to $5,000 for the week. Next are the costs associated with the educational seminars, this year estimated to be nearly $2,300. This covers the costs of audio/visual equipment, room set up etc. The RWCS also incurs costs for administrative and operation expenses, and the Potter's Picnic and Saturday banquet. Quite simply, we are insuring that the Convention registration fee covers the cost of the Convention. Note that we have raised the age limit to 15 for children to register at no fee.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE A membership fee increase can be proposed by the Board of Directors, however, it can only be approved by the membership at the RWCS's annual business meeting. 1989 dates the last increase in membership dues. Of the $15 membership fee, $13 covers the cost of producing and mailing six *Newsletters*. This means that the RWCS clears just $2 per member, or about $12,000 per year from membership fees. From this $12,000 the RWCS must cover the cost of administration. Such costs include printing and mailing applications to prospective members, telephone calls to persons with questions about joining or to members about the status of their membership, computer systems and programming maintenance.

The Board encourages you to attend the annual business meeting. This is the best place to show support for the efforts of all the volunteers for the excellent job they do. It also provides members with a venue to express thoughts, ideas and concerns directly to the board members. However, we stress that this is not the only time that the board looks for your input. Any time you wish to express your thoughts please don't hesitate to call any member of the board; they will always welcome your feedback.

JOHN & KIM KEY

We anticipate meeting many of you in a few weeks at the Convention. In the meantime, we'd like to answer three of the most commonly asked questions.

#1 How do I know when my membership expires and how do I renew? Answer: Your expiration date is printed on the mailing label of your *Newsletter* envelope. This date shows the last issue that you will receive with your current subscription. For instance, if your current label displays a 6/1/97 expiration date, *this* May/June issue will be your last *Newsletter;* it is time to renew! We must receive your renewal by July 25th to prevent a lapse in your subscription. Simply cut out the mailing label on your envelope and mail along with the membership fee to PO Box 50, Red Wing, MN 55066.

#2 Why does my membership expire in June when I joined at the July Convention and paid for a full year? Answer: You receive one full year of *Newsletters*, 6 issues, bimonthly. The label date is the expiration date, similar to a magazine subscription. We mail *Newsletters* six times a year, therefore we have six months in which we use expiration dates: February, April, June, August, October and December. When you join in July, the first issue you receive is dated August and your last issue will be dated June. We do not use July as an expiration month.

#3 Will I receive a membership card? Answer: Membership cards have not been distributed for some time. They used to be typed. However, with the fast-paced growth of our organization, this task has been eliminated until a new system can be implemented. You may want to clip a mailing label—which displays your membership number—until we figure out an efficient solution to the membership card dilemma.

All members were present. Guests: Lorraine Osterholz, Nicol Knappen.

President Olson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Minutes of February, 1997 were amended as follows: Vice president Cronemeyer arrived for Sunday's meeting, and 1997 not "12997" regarding security at Convention. Moved by Sandy Short, seconded by Wally Armstrong to approve minutes as amended.

TREASURER'S REPORT Jerry Flicek reported that CD Deposits through 12/31/96 are approximately $90,000 and that financial status from 1/1/97 to 4/19/97 was as follows:

Deposits	$177,291.30
Disbursements	111,507.05
	$ 66,284.25

Itemized disbursements were as follows:

Historical	$ 4,015.05
Computer	1,348.89
IRS/SS	3,402.64
Convention	18,983.02
Administration	15.00
Printing	3,555.55
Membership	646.84
Telephone	497.36
Newsletter	24,432.02
BOD meeting	3,964.60
MidWinter GerTogether	7711.24
Repaid Loan	20,218.54
Total	$111,507.05

Moved by Ruby Benson, Seconded by John Key to approve treasurer's report. Motion carried.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT Corrinne Reed requested assistance on Convention timeline display. She made specific requests for items. Discussion followed on the RWCS Hall of Fame.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EDUCATION Sandy Short reported Gary Tefft and Larry Peterson will be the speakers at the Convention general session. There are 14 seminars. A "kids" seminar is being proposed. She asked about lavaliere mics for the video-taping sessions. We will look into renting microphones.

DISPLAY Ruby Benson reported there were 24 requests for displays and 14 are confirmed. Rare items will *not* be accepted past June 15. All display items must be submitted in advance for security and insurance reasons.

PUBLICITY Sue Gillmer asked how many supplements would be needed at Convention. 5,000 will be available. All info must be submitted to Sue by June 10. Sue requested new pictures and bios from the BOD. Diane Hallstrom and Larry Peterson met with Sue to discuss publicity for RWCS and several ideas were discussed.

Discussion went back to the RWCS Hall of Fame. Barney shared suggestions from the Vision committee of Jan., 1994. Moved by Rich Cronemeyer, seconded by Diane Hallstrom to induct Dennis Yaeggi and David Newkirk into the RWCS Hall of Fame. Motion carried. Text for 1991 nominee Lyndon Viel's plaque will be developed by Larry Roschen. Pres. Olson appointed Corrinne, Ann, Jerry and John to serve with him as a temporary subcommittee to work on plaque design & development for Hall of Fame. Pres. Olson will notify inductees and/or spouses re the ceremony. Secretary Busse volunteered to work on Dennis' award and Jerry will work on David's. Information will be sent to Sue for the supplement.

COMMEMORATIVE Larry Roschen reported pieces are all completed and paid. The booklet is progressing. There are 250 mugs left from the MidWinter GetTogether. There will also be extra booklets from the '97 commemorative. These will be sold at education day. The mugs will be sold on Saturday at the Show & Sale.

AUCTION Floyds reported they have received only 225 auction cards by 4/18/97. The deadline is May 1.

MEMBERSHIP John Key reported 6,403 labels were sent for *Newsletter* mailing. RWCS has contracted with a new computer programmer for membership, convention, commemorative and auction. John responded on the PC upgrade for the membership computer. The year 2000 will pose a problem and all our date-sensitive computers will have to be upgraded to accommodate this.

CONVENTION Diane Hallstrom reported on the Convention schedule. Some times were changed. All members attending Convention will receive a vinyl packet. Discussion followed on activities and tributes re 20th anniversary Convention. Shuttle buses for parking will be available. Security will cost approximately $5,000. Corrinne Reed submitted the winning design for the Convention button. She receives $50. Chapter selection to produce and sell the button to be decided by the 20th anniversary committee in May. Banners may be purchased for $100. Volunteers are needed to hang banners at 2:00 am Sunday morning, July 5.

OLD BUSINESS

Vice-president Cronemeyer has contacted Dave Newkirk re the old *Newsletter* overruns and the issue will be resolved.

Managerial Position for RWCS: President Olson reported that of the requests for RWCS job description no one has followed by submitting a resume. No one has requested a packet since February. Jerry Flicek, Sue Gilmer, and Nicol Knappen volunteered to assist with advertising the position.

Documentation of RWCS Events: Larry Roschen requested committee chairs get information into the *News-*

letter for historical purposes. Post-convention reports should go to *Newsletter* and Historian.

EAST REPORT Marv Osterholz asked about membership cards. John Key said he has no blank membership cards. Use of such a card was discussed. John will develop a postcard to send to new members as acknowledgment of their membership. A renewal letter will be sent to members who have let their membership lapse and invite them to renew.

WEST REPORT Wally Armstrong reported he has been contacted by 20 members per month re RWCS business.

CHAPTER REPORTS Wally reported there were 99 members in Gopher, 50 members in Puget Sound.

Corrinne reported Iowa chapter continues to grow.

Adjourned at 3:10 p.m. Subcommittees met.

President Olson reconvened the meeting at 8 am on Sunday, April 20, 1997.

Agenda items: Hall of Fame, Internet, *Newsletter* Contract, Contract with RW high School for convention use.

Moved by Jerry Flicek, seconded by Ann Busse to authorize President Olson to sign/approve a 3-year contract with an option for 2 additional years with the RWHS for Convention. Motion carried. 1997 fees will be $7000 (same as 1996).

Hall of Fame subcommittee met and developed language for the plaques. Discussion on the plaques. Lifetime membership for Hall of Fame recipients was discussed. Moved by Corrinne Reed, seconded by Rich Cronemeyer to award lifetime memberships for inductees or surviving spouse of RWCS Hall of Fame. Discussion. Motion defeated. Moved by Sue Gillmer, seconded by Diane Hallstrom to award a lifetime membership to inductee or domestic partner of the RWCS Hall of Fame. Discussion. Motion defeated. Moved by Corrinne Reed, seconded by Wally Armstrong, that the inductee of the RWCS Hall of Fame be awarded a lifetime membership. Motion carried.

Vice-president Cronemeyer presented a revised *Newsletter* contract with Nicol Knappen of Ekeby Publishing to run from 1-1-98 through 12-31-99. Discussion of contract language. Moved by Rich Cronenemeyer seconded by John Key that a revised contract in accordance with the discussion by the BOD of RWCS 4/20/97 be prepared by President Olson, forwarded to Knappen for execution and returned. Motion carried.

INTERNET SUBCOMMITTEE Sue Gillmer presented a report for a website proposal. Moved by Wally Armstrong, seconded by Corrinne Reed, that RWCS creates a website in accordance with the proposal presented by the Internet Subcommittee. Motion carried. Moved by Ruby Benson, seconded by John Key that the RWCS website be funded in accordance with Internet Subcommittee's proposed budget. Motion carried.

The next RWCS BOD meeting will be Wednesday, July 9, 1997, 9–11 am at the Red Wing High School, room L-100. The Fall BOD meeting will be Sept. 27 and 28, 1997. Place and time TBA.

Adjourned 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
ANN E. BUSSE, *Secretary*

Welcome to Red Wing *(continued from back cover)*

called South End. The sun set upstream, which should have been to the north. First-time visitors should take this into account when trying to establish their bearings.

Other obstacles to direction finding are the bluffs—the abrupt hills, too steep for habitation or through streets. Although they give distinction to the scenic beauty of the city, they preclude any street being straight for much more than half a mile. The early French explorers thought that one bluff, standing at the river's edge and separated from any others, resembled a barn so they named it *Mont La Grange*, the "barn mountain" or Barn Bluff. It is the most prominent local landmark, standing sentinel at the end of Main Street. It can be climbed by way of a footpath and stairway beginning near the end of East 5th Street. Neighboring Sorin's Bluff also provides a scenic overlook from its Memorial Park summit, accessible by roadway from West 7th Street.

Main Street and numbered streets parallel the river, with east-west numbering beginning at the foot of Barn Bluff. Highway 61 follows Main Street through downtown, where Highway 58 begins its southerly course by way of Plum and Bush Streets out past the new High School, the site of the Convention, at the remote edge of town.

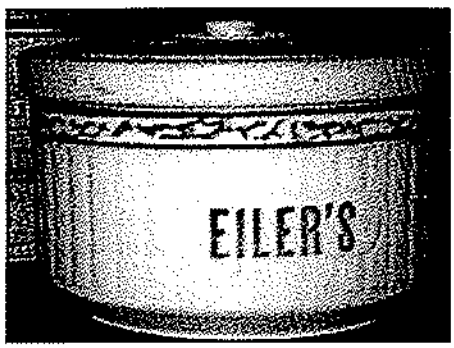
The pottery district is along Old West Main. The Minnesota Stoneware Company-constructed factory is the only original potshop remaining. It now houses outlet and antique malls. The Red Wing Pottery Salesroom continues in business on the site of the original Red Wing Stoneware Co. across the street and now includes a salt-glazing pot shop of its own.

The Mdewakanton Dakota, the people of the mystic lake, resided here at the time of European exploration. The name Red Wing came from the symbol carried by their leaders, a dyed swan's wing. "Sioux" was how they were known by their neighbors. Relocated by the treaty of 1852, some tribe members later returned to Prairie Island, upstream from downtown, where their descendants now operate the Treasure Island Casino, the site of the Society's Convention banquet.

Collectors will find no other event as rich with sights, camaraderie and opportunities to buy or sell that match the Convention. The displays and seminar sessions offer rare opportunities to view firsthand the breadth of Red Wing's many product lines or to gather knowledge on a wealth of subjects. Dream-of-a-lifetime opportunities to purchase rare Red Wing happen every year at the Convention, but you've got to be there to have the chance.

Questions Answers

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



Q *I'm writing to attempt to identify the advertising on this Gray Line cookie jar. I bought it years ago at an antique shop in southern Minnesota. I wanted one with a "Cookies" marking, but couldn't find one that was within my budget. This was priced considerably less so I bought it instead. Have you heard of Eiler's, and how should this piece be valued?*

—Mickey Bluedorn, Fridley, MN

GARY TEFFT: Maybe "Eiler's" is the Norwegian word for cookies . . . ?

I can't remember ever seeing this advertising here in southeastern Wisconsin. The best way to find out is by asking if any of our readers know about Eiler's. Perhaps another collector out there has the inside scoop. Interesting that you paid less for this than one with the "Cookies" mark, because I'd value this not at a discount, but at a slight premium over the usual cookie jar price. A *Gray Line* cookie jar is listed in this issue's Prices Received column as having auctioned for $950 in February in Rock Falls, Iowa.

Q *This 2-gal crock has the Red Wing Union Stoneware birchleaf decoration, but look at the numeral 2! What can you tell me about this piece?*

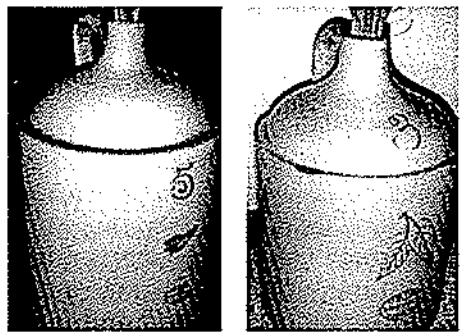
—Paul Trentz
Stoughton, WI

GARY TEFFT: Your jar was produced by the Plymouth Stoneware Company of Fort Dodge, Iowa, during the time that it was owned by the Red Wing Union Stoneware Company. The embellishments around the numeral and the outline number itself are seen on the ware of the Plymouth Company. Red Wing purchased the plant in April of 1909 and closed it just 13 months later in May, 1910. 2-gal collectors would pay a premium for a good example, as your appears to be. At least $80–$90, maybe more.

Q *I have a 3-gal salt glaze crock that is in good shape and front-incised* ML PIERON–MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN *in an oval. Could I get a little history on this crock and what its value might be?*

—Don Palmer, Forest Lake, MN

GARY TEFFT: Louis M. Pierron took over the Hermann pottery factory from his father-in-law, Charles Hermann, in 1886 after becoming a partner in the business in 1882. Whereas early Hermann pieces had traditional hand-drawn decorations, no hand-decorated Pierron pieces are known. Consequently, their value is not as great as the earlier, decorated ware. After the turn of the century, Pierron quit the manufacture of stoneware but continued to market wares produced by others, notably Red Wing, until 1935. Your jar would bring $75 to $85 in the Milwaukee area.



Q *I'm wondering if these two jugs have any monetary value, and if so, what? I have these hanging around our cabin and got to wondering about them after the last Convention.*

—Dorothy Brown, Hudson, WI

LARRY PETERSON: The 5-gal is one of the newer shoulder jugs Red Wing made, valued at $30–$60. We know it's newer because of the smaller wing size. Your 3-gal is the birchleaf older style which puts its date of manufacture circa 1900. I value it at $150–$200. They are difficult to find with birch leaf and oval.

Q *Can prolonged exposure to direct sunlight cause colored markings under the glaze to fade? Or are they impervious to any fading?*

—Tom Dvorscek, Prior Lake, MN

NICOL KNAPPEN: Technically, everything in the universe is gradually degrading —especially me—but I know that's not what you want to hear. This is a good question that should probably be answered by a physicist or geologist. After all, we are talking about the effect of ultra violet rays on minerals, which is what glazes are made up of. I would think there would have to be *some* kind of effect at the molecular level, but probably nothing dramatic enough to be detected by the human eye over the course of a lifetime. Or several lifetimes, even. Think of the Chinese blue and white porcelain from hundreds of years ago. Even though I don't put valuable vases in sunlight, I worry more about damage from heat, water, and cats. Fading is almost always the result of surface erosion of some kind.

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
10-gal crock cover w/ chip reglued	Milwaukee, WI	5/97	auction	$ 65.00
2-gal pantry jar, mint	Eyota, MN	5/97	auction	$ 500.00
12-gal salt-glaze butterfly crock, mint	Eyota, MN	5/97	auction	$ 280.00
30-gal wing crock (mint)	Eyota, MN	5/97	auction	$ 500.00
Sleepy Eye stein, excellent condition	Moose Lake, MN	4/97	auction	$ 600.00
Advertising beater jar	Moose Lake, MN	4/97	auction	$ 125.00
Spongeband casserole w/ lid, excellent condition	Moose Lake, MN	4/97	auction	$ 350.00
#442 Cornucopia vase, green	Moose Lake, MN	4/97	auction	$ 110.00
RumRill water pitcher w/ lid, matt black, w/ square RumRill sticker #A52, w/ 6 matching A53 tumblers	Emmitsburg, MD	3/97	antique mall	$ 54.60
Brown Pie Plate, BM-M3	Omaha, NE	2/97	antique mall	$ 125.00
Red Wing salt-glaze 6-gal water cooler w/ blue leaf and hex bung hole and handles, no lid	Rock Falls, IA	2/97	auction	$4,000.00
Red Wing 3-gal ice water cooler, birch leaves, bung hole, zinc glaze, bottom print of leaves missing	Rock Falls, IA	2/97	auction	$1,100.00
Red Wing 20-gal salt glaze crock w/ double ribcage, base chip, rim chip	Rock Falls, IA	2/97	auction	$ 850.00
Piano planter, cinnamon color	N. St. Paul, MN	1/97	auction	$ 176.00
20-gal salt-glaze crock w/ lily, hairline	Monona, IA	1/97	auction	$1,025.00
8-gal salt glaze w/ primitive butterfly	Mason City, IA	2/97	auction	$ 215.00
3-lb brown "low" butter jar, bottom marked in script	Glenwood, IA	12/96	antique mall	$ 25.00
30-gal crock, double birchleaf, union oval, black ink	Papillion, NE	8/96	auction	$ 160.00
5-gal crock, 6" wing, #1 oval	Denver, CO	7/96	antique mall	$ 71.00
20-gal crock, elephant ear leaves, slight damage to one handle, union oval	Kewaskum, WI	3/97	auction	$ 500.00
3-gal Koverwate, mint	Kewaskum, WI	3/97	auction	$ 550.00
Gray Line cookie jar	Rock Falls, IA	2/97	auction	$ 950.00
3-gal birchleaf beehive jug, union oval/blue ink	Gretna, NE	9/96	antique mall	$ 280.00
Tampico cup & saucer	Portland, OR	3/97	antique show	$ 8.00
Bob White 1-qt. casserole	Portland, OR	3/97	antique show	$ 45.00
Brushware planter, #149	Portland, OR	3/97	antique show	$ 150.00
Nokomis vase #201	Portland, OR	3/97	antique show	$ 250.00
Donkey ash receiver, #876, red	Portland, OR	3/97	antique show	$ 185.00

Prices Received *is to let us know what kind of money Red Wing is bringing. When Red Wing is purchased way below its actual value, this is a* Recent Find. *Thus some submissions to Prices Received have been transferred here.*

ITEM	LOCATION	DATE SOLD	VENUE	PRICE RECEIVED
B1389 figurine in matt white	Lexington, VA	4/97	antique mall	$19.80
Magnolia salt & pepper	Milwaukee, WI	4/97	flea market	$10.00

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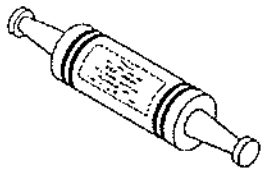

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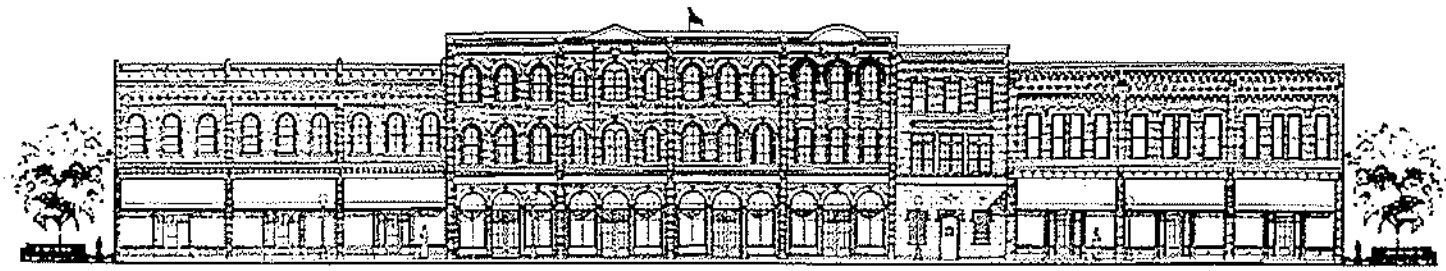

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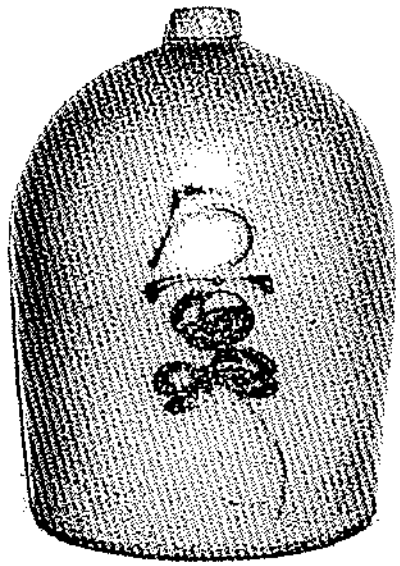

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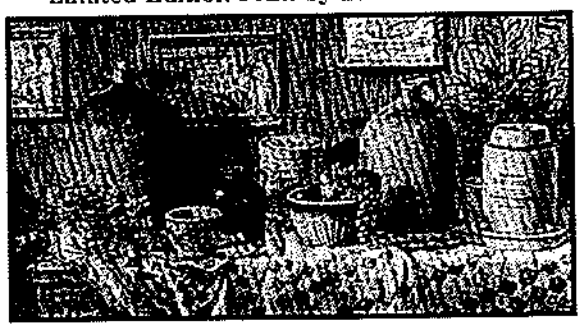

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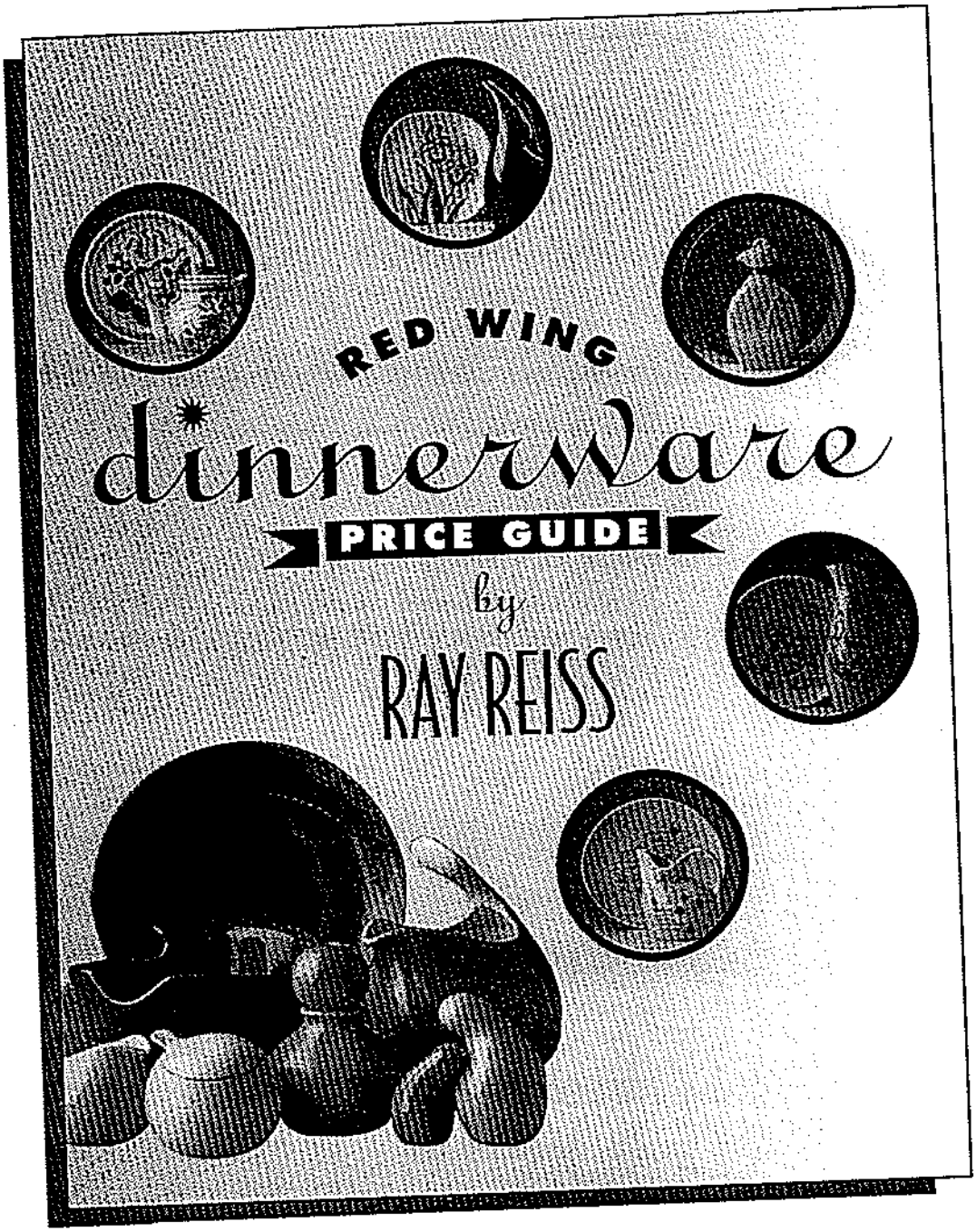

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Red Wing For Sale

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. 5.97

Must sell as set! Commemoratives: 1985–1994. First $1,150 takes them. 218-739-5675 evenings and weekends. 5.97

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Private Collector Antiques. General line with lots of Red Wing. 3385 S. Kinnickinnic Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53207. 414-486-7720. Hours: Tues–Sat 11–5; Sun–Mon by chance. Linn Nelson & Ann Busse.

All kinds of handles for stoneware crocks, pails, jars, jugs, rolling pins, etc., just like originals. Send SASE for catalog. Andy Hebenstreit, 607 Carrington St., Waupun, WI 53963. 414-324-2525. 3.98

Clay Giants w/ 1977–78 price guide, $100; *Red Wing Dinnerware*, autographed, w/ 1980-81 & 1990-91 price guides, $45. Commemoratives: 1983, $465; 1984, $275; 1985, $250; 1986, $150; 1987, $75; 1988, $80; 1989, $300; 1990, $165; 1991, $125; 1992, $125; 1993, $100; 1994, $100; 1995, $100, 1996, $100. V. Hanson, 20975 Geo. Hunt Cr., #610, Waukesha, WI 53186. 414-798-9877. 3.98

Birch leaf crocks: 30-gal Union, $240; 20-gal ski, $200; 12-gal Union, $120; 10-gal ski, $100; 8-gal Union (black), $80; 8-gal "bar" lid, $100. All 6, $800. 218-586-2682. 5.97

RWCS Commemoratives: 1984 Water Cooler, $325; 1985 Water Cooler, $325. 515-923-2206.

Approximately 60 pieces of *Tampico* dinnerware, 18 serving pieces, including water cooler, $2,200. Pint size fancy jug COMPLIMENTS OF THE ATLANTIC BUTTE, MONT., $550. 406-756-1731.

Commemoratives: 1990, $95; 1992, $100; 1993, $95; 1994, $100; 1995, $100; 1996, $100. Churns: 3-gal elephant ear, complete, chip and crack, $235; 2-gal 4" wing w/ lid, $250; 4-gal 4" wing, big oval w/ lid, hairline on bottom, pretty, $165. Black 3 collection: beehive jug, $100; shoulder jug, bottom signed RWSco, $75; crock, $65; 4-gal Plymouth/Red Wing crock, $150. Small cherryband pitcher, small chip and hairline, $155; Edgar beater jar, chip, $65. Wooden Red Wing shipping crates, $45. All items are price shown or best offer. Can be delivered to Convention. 608-935-9447.

Cherub vase #822, $395; cherub planter #823, $375; 2-gal G.N.R.R. jug, $325; coffee dripolator #252, $150; birch bark log #730, $65. Orville Holm, 360-794-4746.

Complete set of commemoratives, 1977–1996. Call 612-263-2987. Most *Newsletters* also available.

1995 Special commemorative giraffe planter, $1,260 OBO. Yellow *Wreath* casserole w/ lid, mint, $75. North Star 1-gal lid, chip, $120. Contact Travis 612-784-6084. or email me at: muyr0002@tc.umn.edu, or see my Red Wing web page: http://www.tc.umn.edu/~muyr0002/redwing.htm

12" diameter brown insulators;15-gal butterfly; 30-gal; over 50 pieces of *Village Green*; sponge bowls; Art Pottery, and Misc. Reasonable prices. 25 minutes north of Red Wing. Cellar Antiques, 215 Broad St., Prescott, WI. Open Thurs, Fri, Sat, 11–5, Sun 12–5.

Flight for sale. See me at the Convention. Jo Irwin, Box 24, Ainsworth, NE 69210. 402-387-2647.

1997 Sturgis Rally Stein by Red Wing Pottery. 1st in a series. Numbered, limited edition of 1,000. The official Sturgis Rally and traditional Red Wing logos on each side. $39.95 plus $5 shipping. Blueberry Hill Collectables, 4415 North Haines, Rapid City, SD 57701. 605-342-1009. 7.97

Complete set of commemoratives, 1977 through 1996. 715-258-0813.

Commemoratives, 1979 to 1996 sold as a set or by year; Red Wing dinnerware, almost all patterns in stock; Art Pottery, 300+ pieces in inventory; Red Wing Dinnerware Plate-by-Plate VHS video (see display ad page 16). 612-388-9729.

Red Wing Wanted

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

RumRill Pottery with paper stickers indicating shape and finish numbers. Finish number must be legible. Also, RumRill catalogs and sales information from Mt. Giliad, Ohio. Write: Michigan Chapter RWCS, Box 643, Oshtemo, 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. 3.98

Renumler'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. 5.97

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., Darcoxie, MO 64862-9608. 417-325-5479. 5.97

One RWCS 1980 commemoratives bowl, willing to pay $600. Please call James Thomas at 701-253-3410. 11.97

Any stoneware w/ advertising from Greene, Iowa, Osage, Iowa or Clear Lake, Iowa, call Kevin or Laura at 515-424-9481. 3.98

A pair, any size, of white pudding pans or nappies. Please leave message for Kent at 612-429-4068. 3.98

Red Wing elephant planter #236 wanted,

any color. Can trade nude vases for above. Gerald Smith, 22833 Aspen Rd., Sarcoxie, MO 64862-9608. 417-325-5479. 3/98

Ash receivers, any color, mint condition only. Win Twins ashtray, any color, mint condition only. Days 612-339-7401 x 218. Eves., 612-263-3434. Ask for Greg. 3/98

Round Up dinnerware: 1-qt casserole, 112-oz pitcher, cruets, teapot, also *Tampico, Bob White* or *Round Up* watercooler lid, any condition. Contact Travis @ 612-784-6084.

Pierre the Chef cookie jar in pink. Call 208-888-1253 or write Paula Pisca, 4010 W. Victory Rd., Meridian, ID 83642.

3-lb and 10-lb pantry jar lids; bottom to *Gray Line* "Cookies"; mini-jugs from Northwest Iowa towns; 2-gal brown-top shoulder jug, wing only; 4-gal beehive wing jug. Jerry Litka, 207 Waterman, Sutherland, IA 51058.

Wanted to trade, our duplicates for your duplicates: Cherryband advertising pitchers and Merry Christmas bean pots. J. Erdman, 715-535-2094.

3-gal crock w/ pantry-style wing and oval. Have a 2-gal crock w/ same for trade. 509-965-4790 or sdm@televar.com.

Other Pottery For Sale

Rookwood 3-handled bulb bowl, ivory, shape #2163B, finish "P", dated 1916. $325+ $7 s&h. 608-846-8939.

Other Pottery Wanted

Western Stoneware 2-gal cooler lid. 402-821-2495 before 1pm weekdays. 11/97

Early Midwestern stoneware beer bottles wanted. Must be stamped or stenciled with potter, brewer, or bottler name. Quality glass bottles (bitters, flasks, barbers, figurals, etc.) also wanted. Steve Ketcham, Box 24114, Mpls., MN 55424. 612-920-4205. 3/98

Rolling pin JAMES & PEACOCK, HEBRON, ILL. Beater jars, rolling pins, mini-jugs, pitchers w/ Illinois advertising, cherryband white pitcher BALUSTERS, SCOTCH GROVE, IOWA. If not for sale would like a picture of pitcher. Tony Peacock, 815-747-2712. 3/98

Rockingham/Bennington pitchers wanted. Would also like to contact other Rockingham collectors. George Eck, 408-942-8697. 3/98

Events

Art Pottery Show & Sale, September 6, 1997, 9am–3pm, Madison Wisconsin. Ramada Inn Southeast, Interstate I-90 and Hwy. 12–18. Sponsored by the Wisconsin Pottery Association and held in conjunction with the Ceramic Arts Studio Convention. $4 admission includes entrance to a special one-day exhibit of Wisconsin Art Pottery (Frackelton, Pauline, Norse, Pittsville, etc.).

20th Annual American Pottery Earthenware & China (APEC) Show & Sale. Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield, IL, 9am to 5pm Saturday Sept. 27. 60 quality pottery dealers. "One of the top five pottery shows in the country!"—Nicol Knappen. Contact Show Manager Norm Haas at 517-639-8537 for additional information.

Clubs, Publications & Web Sites

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.

Subscribe to the original *Red Wing Collectors Newsletter*, first published in 1977 by David A. Newkirk. Six issues per year, $12. *Red Wing Collectors Newsletter*, 2246 95th Street, N.W., Maple Lake, MN 55358. 612-878-2595. 1/98

WEB SITE—Red Wing stoneware, artware, dinnerware, ads, references, shopping tips and more. Visit our site at: www.onramp.inc.net/wingtips on the internet. Byron Bush 281-489-300

One Time Only Convention Special! For those of you that already own the book *Red Wing Art Pottery* by Ray Reiss, you now have the opportunity to purchase additional copies for only $25. This offer includes the new 1997 price guide. (After the Convention, the book will not be discounted again.) For Visa and Mastercard orders call 800-355-2324. For check or money orders include $4.50 for shipping and handling and send to address listed in the front of your book.

Services

Red Wing restored: full-time professional pottery restorer experienced in early American art pottery. Only the highest quality invisible repairs. Scott Paul Lewis, aka Excalibur Restorations, 1227 N. Channel Dr., Round Lake, IL 60073. 847-546-2077.

Full-Time Position for Red Wing Collectors Society Business Manager

The Red Wing Collectors Society has an opening for a Business Manager to be located in Red Wing, Minnesota. This position will report to the Board of Directors.

This will be a full-time position. Interested persons should request copies of the management concept, job description and job specification from

Barney Olson, II
President, RWCS
PO Box 1555
Galesburg, IL 61402-1555

"Natural Color" postcard by E. C. Kropp Co. Text on reverse: "Andy's Pottery Shop at Red Wing is a popular place. Visited by thousands of tourists yearly. Well stocked with Pottery, Indian Jewelry, Tom-Toms, Moccasins and other Curios. Visit Red Wing—See the Mississippi and the Teepee-Land Mountains in the Hiawatha Valley." Postcard courtesy Jewell Peterson.

Welcome to Red Wing

Gary Tefft

If you have never made the pilgrimage to the "holy city," try to visit for the RWCS 20th anniversary Convention. Anyone who grew up in Red Wing and was nourished by its waters knows this is a special place. But those still living there take for granted its intriguing but familiar features and have difficulty explaining them to visitors. Being a 30-year expatriate qualifies me to pontificate on the subject.

Red Wing is on the Mississippi River, 50 miles downstream of Minneapolis/St. Paul. If you fly in to the Twin Cities, it's a pleasant drive from the International Airport. If you're driving from the East or South, plan your route to follow the river upstream during the daylight hours. The views of the river valley are spectacular. A popular tour—even among the locals—is the loop around Lake Pepin, a widening of the river just below town. There are bridges at Red Wing and Wabasha (30 miles downstream) that complete the circuit. Need it be mentioned that all of the towns along the route have antique shops?

A word on geography will be helpful to newcomers. Minnesota is the funny-shaped state at the upper center of the lower 48. Now, everybody knows that the Mississippi flows south to the Gulf of Mexico, but notice that this is only the *general* direction. The pointy part at the lower right of Minnesota's map is formed by the river heading southeast, at a diagonal. Added to that, the river makes an abrupt S-curve in the vicinity of Red Wing so that it is actually flowing northeast at one point. This caused me no small bit of confusion as a youngster. Abetted by the fact that the city map printed in the telephone directory had been rotated 90° to fit the page, my orientation was seriously affected. Our neighborhood, which should have been west of the river, was

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