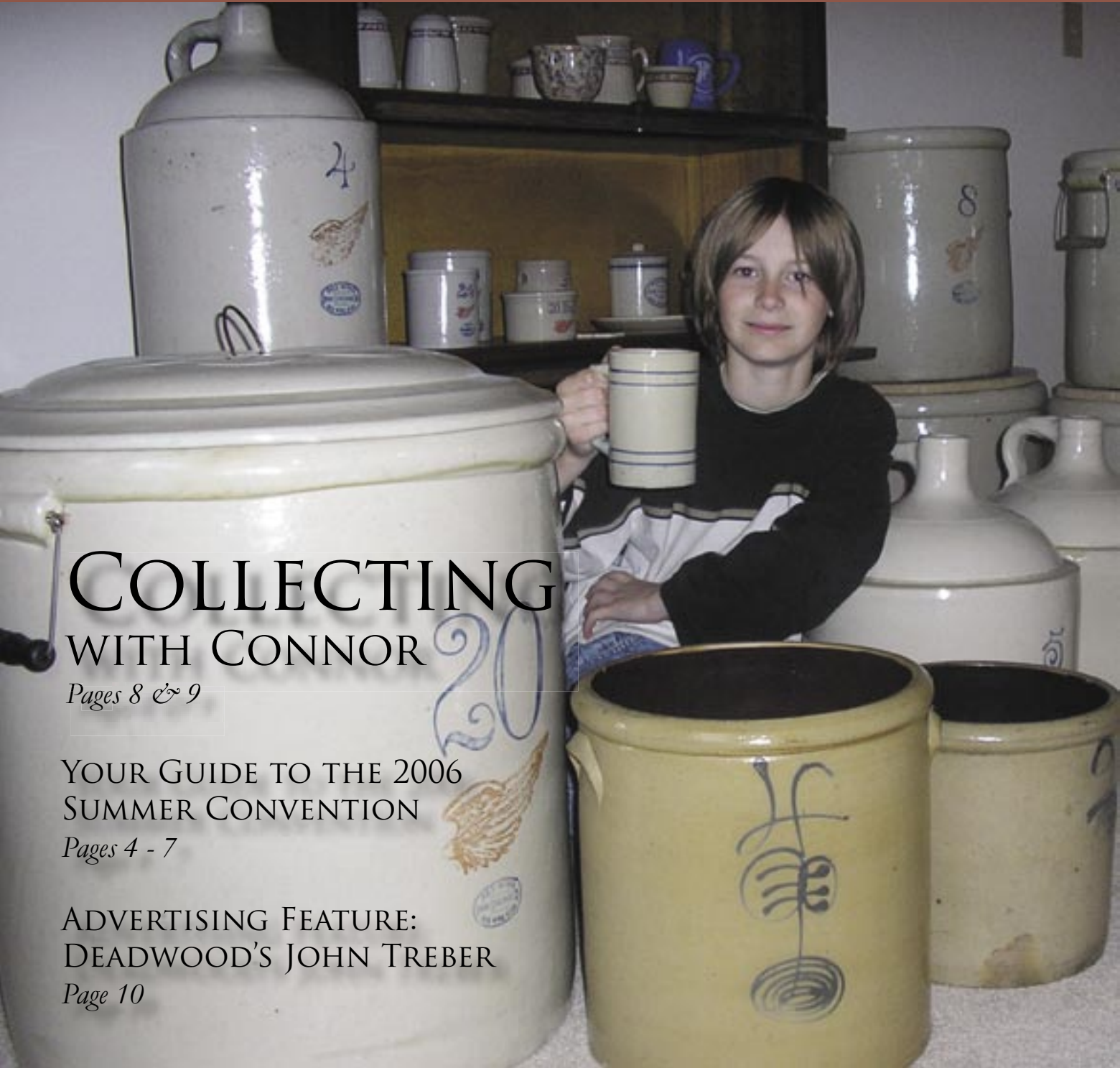




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A primary membership in the Red Wing Collectors Society is \$25 annually and an associate membership is \$10.

There must be at least one primary member per household in order to have associate membership. Members can pay for more than one year when renewing their membership. Contact the RWCS Business Office for additional details.

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# NEWS BRIEFS

## 2006 CONVENTION DISPLAY ROOM NEWS

Good news for displayers and convention-goers! Stacy Wegner, RWCS business manager, has made arrangements for the Display Room to be moved to Room J100 on Red Wing High School's first floor. Special thanks to Stacy, and to our former displayers and volunteers who for the past two years joyfully trekked up the stairs carrying crocks, jugs and props and waited their turn for the elevator.

Displayers, we already have a few signed contracts hanging on our bulletin board right now, but there's room for more! It's not too late to plan your 2006 display for any category including Rare Items.

Each Regular Stoneware, Dinnerware, Art Pottery, Memorabilia and Non-Competitive Display will receive one regular commemorative as a thank-you for displaying your treasures. Regular Displays will be judged for Best-of-Show and People's Choice Awards. Rare Items will be judged for the Dennis Yaeggi Rare Item Award by People's Choice. Winners of these awards will be announced at the Annual Business Meeting and will receive a 2006 Special RWCS Commemorative. Chapter Displays are non-competitive and therefore not eligible to win a special commemorative, but do promote your chapter. Other benefits to displayers include sneak peaks at the other displays and parking privileges - especially helpful on that day when everyone is trying to snag a parking spot during the Show & Sale.

All RWCS members: Any member who is registered for the convention is eligible to vote for People's Choice. The Display Room will be open to displayers only during the daytime on Thursday for set-up. Exact times for viewing the Display Room will be printed in convention materials and posted in the Commons/Registration area. Security for the protection of displays will be available during these times. Please view the displays, vote for your favorites and offer your thanks to those who take the effort to enhance the RWCS Convention by sharing their collections.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about becoming a displayer or volunteer in the Convention Display Room, please contact us. Glenn & Julie Ellen Beall, Display Room Chairs, 215 W. 7th St., Logan, IA 51546-1221, gbeall@loganet.net or 712-644-2256.

## RWCS BOARD CONSIDERS APPLETON WIS. FOR 2008 MIDWINTER GETTOGETHER

The RWCS Board of Directors voted 4 to 3 with one abstention during its April 22 meeting to have Business Manager Stacy Wegner pursue a contract with the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel and Convention Center in Appleton, Wis. for the 2008 RWCS MidWinter GetTogether.

The MidWinter GetTogether was originally designed to be a moving event so that more collectors from different regions of the Midwest would have a better opportunity to attend. After much discussion, most Board members agreed that rotating the location of the event would be in the best interest of the Society as a whole, mainly because it will help attract new members and keep interest high throughout the Midwest.

Sioux Falls, SD was also considered as a potential location, but Appleton was chosen primarily due to the lower lodging rates. Several Board members said they would like to revisit the possibility of holding the MidWinter in Sioux Falls in the future.

Note that while the business office is pursuing this contract, the decision to hold the event in Appleton in 2008 will not be official until the Board votes whether to accept the contract that is negotiated. The 2007 MidWinter GetTogether will be held in Des Moines, where it has been held since 2001. Prior to that it was held in Rochester, Minn. from 1996 to 2000.



*Starting early:* At only 11 years old, Connor Tlusty is building himself quite a collection.

## ABOUT THE COVER

If Red Wing collectors shared one common regret, it would probably be that they didn't start collecting sooner. But that regret wouldn't apply to 11-year-old Connor Tlusty, who's already been collecting Red Wing stoneware for 2 years. Read about how Connor got started in Red Wing and what keeps him raising his bid card at auctions on pages 8 and 9.



**TERRY  
SPEEDY**

*Interim Education  
Manager*

The educational seminars for the July Convention are taking shape, and should offer several opportunities for members to spend a few hours on Friday learning more about our wonderful array of collection options. The goal is to offer enough different seminars to appeal to our wide range of members, and to offer enough time slots so we can attend all sessions that inspire us.

At the most recent Board meeting, we decided to raise the modest stipend that is given to speakers. The stipend hasn't changed in years, and the amount of time given to preparation and delivery of the seminars made the Board want to give a little extra to our speakers to show our appreciation for their efforts. Effective this year, speakers will be given \$100 for each seminar they present. While this surely does not cover the total time invested, at least we can let these dedicated volunteers know how much their effort and support means to the Society.

We still have room for seminars, so if anyone has been toying with the idea of presenting this year, or if you have presented in the past and I failed to contact you directly, please let me know. I strongly encourage new speakers to step forward and share what they have learned with others. It's amazing what we can teach one another! I'm thrilled to have been contacted by longtime members that have decided they want to 'give back' for the years they have attended others' seminars, and newer members that have decided to jump in and give a fresh perspective.

I'm looking forward to serving our members, and am getting excited about Convention. Please feel free to stop me in the hall or at a sale and introduce yourself...I love to meet members and hear your ideas and concerns. Thanks again for letting me serve you.

## WELCOME TO RED WING!

A huge welcome waiting to all of you from the Red Wing Visitors & Convention Bureau!

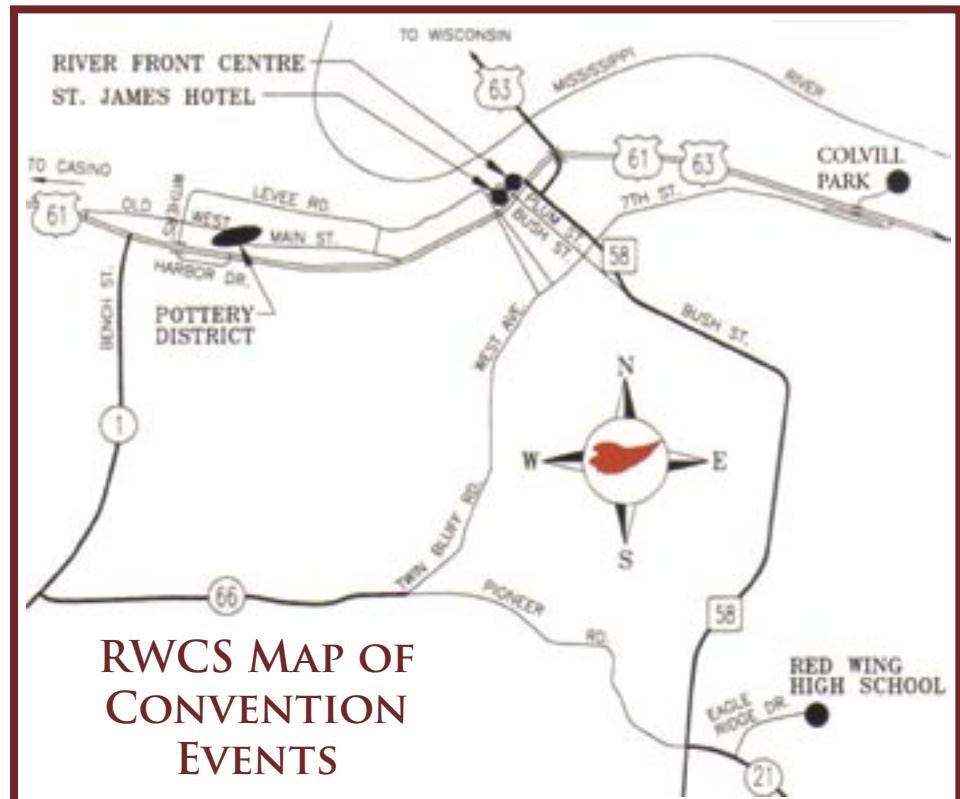
With July being right around the corner, I am sure most of you are gearing up for the summer and of course the 29th annual Red Wing Collectors Society Convention July 6-8, 2006. I am in hopes that your room reservations have already been made, but if not call 800-498-3444 or visit our Web site at [www.redwing.org](http://www.redwing.org) for lodging information.

A few things have changed around here since last year's convention. We are able to meet your coffee needs by welcoming Caribou Coffee to the depot on Main Street where Hardees was, and Starbucks to a new appendage to the Red Wing Mall. Both will be open by the time you arrive. Amici's is a new Italian restaurant replacing Dino's Gyros on Tyler Road. Amici's features whole wheat spaghetti, so I am sure it is healthy! They also have many other delicious entrees.

If you haven't visited Red Wing before besides enjoying the convention activities, you might want to take a hike on Barn Bluff or possibly a drive out to our Scenic Memorial Park. Maybe a round of golf at one of our incredible golf courses or bring your rollerblades or bike and enjoy the view off of the Cannon Valley Trail, a 19.7-mile paved bike trail.

Should you need further information, e-mail me at [kathy@redwing.org](mailto:kathy@redwing.org) or call me at 800-498-3444. We are located at the train depot at 420 Levee Street, so stop by when you get to Red Wing. We'll be waiting for you!

Kathy Silverthorn  
Executive Director, Red Wing Visitors & Convention Bureau



## 2006 RWCS CONVENTION SCHEDULE

### RED WING HIGH SCHOOL - RED WING, MN

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
<b>Wednesday, July 5</b>		
8:00 – noon	Board of Directors Meeting	L 100
11:00 - 3:00	Brat Feed (includes early badge pick up for those who are pre-registered) Sponsored by Pottery Place Mall	Pottery Place Mall
11:30 – 2:30	Auction Check-In, Catalogs for Sale	Gymnasium
<b>Thursday, July 6</b>		
8:00	Courtyard Café Opens	
8:00 – 4:00	Set up the Display and Rare Items	J 106, 107, 108
8:00 – 7:00	Membership/Registration	Courtyard Café
8:00 – 10:00	Chapter Presidents Meeting	L 100
8:00 – 10:00	Commemorative Distribution	H 106
8:00 – 11:00	Auction Check-In	Gymnasium
8:00 - ???	Distribution of Bid Numbers; Auction Catalog for Sale	Gymnasium
9:00 – 3:30	Sale of Educational Material	Auditorium Hallway
9:00 – 9:45	Orientation for First Timers	H 215
10:30 – noon	Keynote Address	Auditorium
11:00 – 12:30	Bus Tour Registration	Courtyard Café
12:15 – 1:00	KidsView Auction Check-In	Auditorium
12:15 – 4:15	Auction Preview	Gymnasium
12:30 – 3:00	Historical Red Wing Bus Tour – Departs/Returns High School	Parking Lot
1:00 – 1:45	Orientation for First Timers	H 215
1:00 – 2:00	Chapter Meetings and Hospitality Rooms	To Be Announced
1:00 – 3:50	KidsView Seminars and KidsView Auction	Art Room/Auditorium
1:00 – 4:00	Commemorative Distribution	H 106
4:30 - ???	Auction	Gymnasium
5:30 – 8:00	View Displays	J 106, 107, 108
<b>Friday, July 7</b>		
8:00 – 3:20	Membership/Registration (Courtyard Café Opens at 8:00)	Courtyard Café
9:00 – 10:50	Commemorative Distribution	H 106
8:30 – 3:20	Displays Open	J 106, 107, 108
9:00 – 3:20	Sale of Educational Materials	Auditorium Hallway
9:00 – 9:45	Orientation for First Timers	H 215
9:00 – 10:00	Transport Show and Sale/Souvenir Items	Gymnasium
10:00 – 10:50	Adult Educational Seminars	H 200 Rooms
10:00 – 10:50	KidsView Educational Seminars	Art Room
11:00 – 11:50	Adult Educational Seminars	H 200 Rooms
11:00 – 11:50	KidsView Educational Seminars	Art Room
11:30 – 1:30	Pottery Demonstration	Courtyard Café
11:50 – 12:30	Lunch – On Your Own (30th Anniversary Committee meeting)	Courtyard Café
12:30 – 3:00	KidsView Educational Seminars	Art Room
12:30 – 1:20	Adult Educational Seminars	H 200 Rooms
1:30 – 2:20	Adult Educational Seminars	H 200 Rooms
1:30 – 3:00	Commemorative Distribution	H 106
2:30 – 3:20	Adult Educational Seminars	H 200 Rooms
2:30 – 3:20	Transport Show and Sale/Souvenir Items	Gymnasium
3:30 – 5:30	Business Meeting	Auditorium
6:00 – 8:30	Potter's Picnic (Serving food until 7:00 p.m.) Sponsored by Chamber of Commerce	Colvill Park - In case of rain, it will be held at the MN State College – SE Technical
<b>Saturday, July 8</b>		
8:00 – 9:00	Set up Show and Sale (Courtyard Café Opens at 7:00)	Gymnasium
8:00 – 10:30	Membership/Registration	Courtyard Café
8:00 – 10:30	Commemorative Distribution	H 106
8:00 – 11:00	KidsView Plate Pick Up	Courtyard Café
8:00 – 11:00	Auction Prices-Realized Catalogs for Sale	Courtyard Café/Gym
8:00 – 1:30	Display Open to the Public	J 106, 107, 108
9:00 – 10:30	Show and Sale Open to Registered Members ONLY	Gymnasium
10:00 – noon	KidsView Yu-Gi-Oh Play and Trade	Room # to be posted in Café
10:30 – 1:30	Show and Sale Open to the Public	Gymnasium
9:30 – 1:00	Commemorative Lottery (while supplies last)	H 106
1:30 – 3:00	Show and Sale Removal	Gymnasium
1:30 – 3:00	Display Removal	J 206, 207, 208
5:30 – 6:30	Banquet Social Hour	R.W. Golf Club
6:30	Banquet Dinner	R.W. Golf Club
<b>Sunday, July 9</b>		
10:30	Brunch – St. James Hotel	5 <sup>th</sup> Floor

## CONVENTION NEWS &amp; NOTES

JEFF  
FLOYD  
*Auction Manager*

Members that entered a piece into the Auction lottery should have received confirmation that your piece was either drawn in the lottery or not. Please contact the Auction Manager if you are unsure.

Auction check-in times during Convention will be Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Thursday from 8 to 11 a.m. Please use the Wednesday check-in window if possible. Viewing for the Auction will be Thursday from 12:15 to 4:15 p.m. with the Auction starting at 4:30 p.m.

Members who would like a catalog with prices realized from the Convention Auction can send a check for \$3 made payable to RWCS to the Auction Manager after Convention.

See you all in July!!!

## CHAPTER EVENTS

Chapter Meetings during Convention

All RWCS Chapter Meetings are scheduled for 1 to 2 p.m., Thursday, July 6 at Red Wing High School. Room assignments will be posted at Convention.

Cannon Valley Chapter

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 8th at the Trout Scream Café, 14689 Welch Trail, in Welch, MN. The event will begin with dinner, followed by the meeting at 7 p.m. Call the café at 651-388-7494 for directions or e-mail Connie Kolberg at ckolberg@citlink.net for more information.

Lewis & Clark Chapter

Dinner meeting: 5:30 p.m. Friday, July 7 at Liberty's in Red Wing. Please RSVP to 701-258-3524 by June 25. For information on joining the Lewis & Clark Chapter or purchasing a commemorative, please contact Doug Grenz at dsng@btinet.net or 701-258-2999, or Shiela Schumacher at schumacher4460@extendwireless.net or 701-258-3524.

Sunshine State Redwingers

For information regarding Florida Chapter membership, contact Darlene Duecker at ssw@bellsouth.net or 954-560-9622.

**The annual Outdoor Antique Flea Market** will be held once again in the streets of historic downtown Red Wing to kick off Convention Week. Starting at sunrise on Sunday, July 2, and running until around 4 p.m., this is a great opportunity to target the thousands of tourists and locals who will be out celebrating Independence Day weekend. A \$50 donation to the Red Wing Collectors Society Foundation will give you a 20-foot by 20-foot space to peddle your wares. Please note that the items for sale must be antiques or souvenirs. For more information, contact Diane Hallstrom at diahall@redwing.net or 800-554-9639. Checks made out to the RWCS Foundation can be sent to Red Wing Collectors Society Foundation Fundraiser, c/o Diane Hallstrom, 317 Bush St., Red Wing, MN 55066.

**Visiting the Red Wing Collectors Society Foundation Museum** always proves to be a jaw-dropping experience during Convention Week, and this year will be no different. Featured this year will be items from the Dave and Bonnie Hutchson Collection, including glaze test plates, a Hamm's Beer Bear Lunch Hour piece and a diorama detailing the extensive manufacturing process of the two art pottery cowboy pieces. Historical paper memorabilia, such as glaze formulas and the salesman's advertising log, will not be on display yet, as the Foundation is in the process of copyrighting these materials. Foundation Board members will be on hand for informal tours of the museum, running continuously between 1 and 4 p.m. on Thursday, July 6. The Hutchsons will also be present to share stories about the collection and explain the significance of different pieces. A lot of other new items will be on display at the museum as well, thanks to the installation of six new display cases since last year's Convention.

**Interested in joining** the many members who have purchased RWCS Convention Flags located throughout downtown Red Wing during Convention Week? This is your chance to proudly display your name as a supporter of RWCS. Contact Stacy Wegner at the business office for details.

**Just a reminder** as everyone prepares for Convention that like most high schools nationwide, there is no smoking or alcohol consumption allowed on Red Wing School District grounds.

**The winner** of the July Convention pre-registration lottery was James R. Disrud of Beloit, Wis. The early bird random drawing took place on April 1. He will receive one of the 2006 special commemoratives.

**Red Wing's 13-year-old Evan Malmquist** is the winner of the annual KidsView Plate Design Contest. Evan will hand-paint his design on a real Red Wing plate. The plate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Thursday evening auction, so look for it in the Auction Catalog. Remember, proceeds from the plate are used to offset the costs of materials used by the children in the KidsView seminars, so not only do you have a one-of-a-kind design, but you're also helping out our future generation of Red Wing collectors.

**The RWCS Business Office** is looking for volunteers to provide administrative support throughout the year! If you live in the Red Wing area and would like to help out, please contact the business office.

## calling All Kids to KidsView!

Are you a collector? Are you between the Ages of 3 and 15? Do you know where the Art Room is at Red Wing High School? If so, then plan on attending the KidsView seminars at the Summer Convention! We guarantee you will have a great time and will leave with lots of new information and more Red Wing pieces to add to your collections.

Speaking of collections, if you have a particular collection, plan on telling us all about it and be prepared to give others tips on how to start their own collections. Come and join us, bring your parents if you wish, and ask your friends' parents to volunteer.

Seriously, we always need volunteers, so anyone who can give us any time at all will be welcomed and as a bonus we will get you a volunteer shirt.

## JULY 2006 KIDSVIEW SCHEDULE "HATS OFF TO COLLECTING"

THURSDAY, JULY 6	GROUP 1	GROUP 2
1:00-1:50	MAKE YOUR OWN STONEWARE	AUCTION VIEWING GRADE AUCTION ITEMS
2:00-2:50	KIDSVIEW AUCTION GRADE AUCTION ITEMS FISH POND (KIDS 2-6)	MAKE YOUR OWN STONEWARE
3:00-3:50		KIDSVIEW AUCTION
FRIDAY, JULY 7		
10:00 -10:50	HATS ON AND START THINKING: SO YOU WANT TO START A COLLECTION?	
11:00- 11:50	PLATE PAINTING: CREATE YOUR OWN DESIGN USING WHAT YOU KNOW.	
11:50-12:30	LUNCH BREAK	
12:30-3:00	CUT, PASTE AND CREATE: KIDS WILL PUT TOGETHER A GROUP DISPLAY. GAMES, SNACKS, FIELD TRIPS AND MORE.	
*ALL KIDS TO MEET IN ART ROOM		
*CHILDREN WILL BE DIVIDED INTO GROUPS BASED ON AGE		
*STARTING TIMES MAY VARY		

## KidsView Auction Donations Needed

The KidsView Auction is a very popular event. The success of this event is due to the generosity of you members which translates to: "WE NEED YOU!!"

Take advantage of the spring flea market season and house cleaning and find that perfect piece of Red Wing to donate to the KidsView Auction. Or, when you pack up your items for the annual trip to Red Wing, take a moment to think about something you may have that the kids would like and throw it in the car.

We want to make it easy for you to donate, so you can either drop off your KidsView Auction items in the auditorium at noon on Thursday, or give it to Sue or Wendy any time you see them.

We appreciate all that you do. Thank you!

# Yu-Gi-Oh

## Hey, kids!!

Looking for something to do while mom and dad  
are in the Show and Sale?

Bring your Yu-Gi-Oh cards and join us for some playing and  
trading from 10 a.m. to noon  
Saturday, July 8.

Watch for signs in the cafeteria for room number!

# COLLECTING WI

Most people point and smile when they see 11-year-old Connor Tlusty bidding on Red Wing stoneware at local Iowa auctions. But they don't think it's quite as cute when he's the one who outbids them.

Undoubtedly one of the youngest active Red Wing collectors around, Connor bought his first Red Wing crock at age 9. The special moment took place one day when he served as a ringman for north central Iowa-based Tlusty Auction Service, which is owned by his parents, Mark and Erica Tlusty.

He doesn't remember exactly what it was that made that piece of stoneware grab his attention. He had handled similar pieces before, since he had worked for his parents' auction company since age 7. But for some reason, a 6 gallon small wing crock spoke to him that day.

"I never really paid attention to the things we sold at the auctions until I bought that crock," Connor simply recalls. "I just looked at it, thought it looked cool and thought it would be a good investment."

The crock cost him \$35. A drop in the hat for an adult, but a significant expense for a kid.

Mark remembers being somewhat surprised when his son raised his bid card that day.

"Connor does a really nice job at our auctions, so we pay him \$7 to \$8 an hour," Mark explains. "When he started bidding, I knew he had the money so I took his bid just like anyone else's."

You might assume that Connor's parents had already been collecting when he bought his first piece, but that wasn't the case. It was actually Mark who followed suit after his son started searching for Red Wing. Although Erica doesn't personally collect, she's supportive of the addiction shared by her husband and son.

"Luckily I'm not a decorator, so I don't mind them displaying their crocks and jugs all over the house," she

confides. "Between those and the wildlife prints on the walls, they take up a lot of space."

"We really like that collecting Red Wing is something we can do together," Mark adds. "Erica and I took him to the MidWinter GetTogether in Des Moines and we all had a great time."

Connor looks forward to participating in the KidsView educational sessions during the convention in Red Wing this July, where he'll likely meet some kids his age who have collections of their own. Although he's surely looking forward to that, he's even more excited about finding a few special pieces to add to his growing collection.

In the past two years, Connor's collection has grown to 50 pieces and counting. A 25 gallon wing crock serves as the TV stand in his bedroom. He fittingly stores Red Wing value guides and *A Guide to Red Wing Markings* in a crock – not on a bookshelf. His best piece is a beautiful 4 gallon salt glaze ribcage crock, but his favorite is the 20 gallon zinc glaze birch leaf crock that sits in the family room. He especially enjoys collecting Red Wing Collectors Society Commemoratives and other small reproduction items, but ironically his dream piece is the biggest that Red Wing regularly turned out of its potteries.

"I really want a 60 gallon crock," he says. "That would be awesome."

## Not your average kid

Everyone knows that keeping a kid interested in something for a long period of time can be difficult. Their interests wander, they like to try new things and often exchange one hobby or activity for another. But Connor's mother has a theory on why his passion for Red Wing has remained strong.

"Not long after Connor began collecting, we were up at a flea market

in Oronoco, Minn. and another collector who was selling some Red Wing items told Connor he was smart for starting to collect at such an early age," she explains. "He told Connor that at his age, he could be a millionaire someday if he kept collecting. I really think that stuck in his head."



*Like son like father:* Connor and his father, Mark, look over the auction catalog between items at the Saturday night auction at the MidWinter GetTogether in Des Moines last February. Mark started collecting Red Wing after Connor bought his first crock 2 years ago.

# TH CONNOR

Story by  
Rick Natynski

Like most 11-year-old boys, Connor likes spending time outside. He loves playing baseball and looks forward to participating in track and field when he gets older. He also likes collecting toys like Star Wars Attacktix action figures, but unlike most kids his age, he buys and sells them on eBay to help fund his stoneware collection. He also occasionally parts with a piece of stoneware, like the mint 6 gallon birch leaf crock with ski oval he picked up locally for \$75, but resold on eBay for \$150. His eBay name is "slickhunter" and he has more than 100 positive feedbacks from buyers and sellers alike.

Most Red Wing collectors have at least a few friends who think they're crazy for buying old pieces of stoneware and pottery and displaying them so prominently in their homes, but surprisingly Connor's friends have been understanding of his pursuit for Red Wing.

"My friends who have seen my collection think it's pretty cool," Connor says. "They don't think I'm nuts."

In addition to hunting for Red Wing, Connor and his dad have taken up repairing damaged pieces of stoneware, and they're starting to get good at it. Connor uses a Drummel tool to clean out the cracks and fills them with a two-part epoxy. He also sands down the epoxy after it's dried. Mark uses an airbrush to paint the repaired areas.

"I'd really like to send Connor to a class on the painting aspect of repairing," Mark says. "He enjoys it and it could be a good side job for him someday."

## At the auction

The Tlustys are good friends with Jim and Jan Seeck, who usually hold three or four large stoneware auctions in Mason City, Iowa every year. Mark often helps out as an auctioneer for the large sales, so Connor's always in the crowd looking for good deals.

"Usually when I go to auctions, I make a list of the things I'm interested in bidding on," Connor explains. "I use the value guides to help set a limit for myself, but I hardly ever end up following it. And if I really want a piece, I'll pay more than it's worth."

Now that's spoken like a true Red Winger.

"It's a lot of fun watching Connor at auctions," Erica says. "It's just as much fun watching the people who are watching him. People get a kick out of it and clap when he wins."

"Every once in a while, somebody comes up and says they're glad to see a young guy like Connor collecting Red Wing and keeping the tradition going," Mark says.

"It's neat to know that while we've supported him in his collecting, he's the one who's bidding for himself."

Although he hasn't even reached junior high yet, don't be surprised if you run into Connor at an auction in the near future and he's bidding against you for a big ticket item. Connor says he's into collecting Red Wing for the long haul.

"I'll probably collect forever, but I might sell some of my good stuff when I get older to pay for college or a car or something like that," he says. "But maybe I won't sell them, because the longer I keep them, the more I'll like them and the more they'll go up in value." ■



**Not your average kid:** One of the youngest active collectors in the Red Wing Collectors Society, Connor Tlusty, 11, poses with a few pieces from his collection.



**Collection centerpiece:** Connor's favorite piece in his collection is this 20 gallon birchleaf crock. In mint condition, it was a good buy at \$140.

# DEADWOOD'S JOHN TREBER

Names like “Wild Bill” Hickok, Calamity Jane and Wyatt Earp are synonymous with the Wild West’s Deadwood, South Dakota. But the one place you won’t find their names is on the side of a Red Wing jug. That distinction belongs to John Treber.

Born in Germany in March of 1853, John Treber immigrated to the United States in September of 1874 at age 21. After spending three years between Leavenworth, Kan. and St. Louis, where he learned the brewing trade, Treber made his way to Deadwood with a team of oxen pulling a load of liquor and cigars.

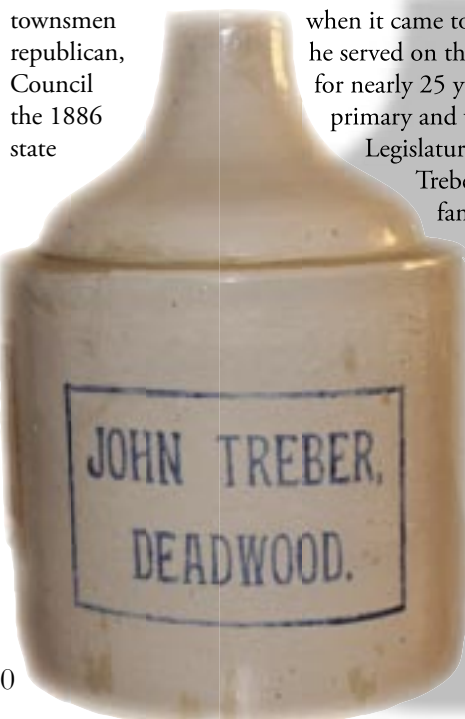
His timing couldn’t have been any better.

The city of Deadwood, seat of Lawrence County, in the Black Hills of western South Dakota, had been incorporated 2 years earlier in 1876, shortly following the discovery of gold. Named for the dead trees that were found in the narrow canyon, Deadwood Gulch, the discovery of gold attracted thousands of pioneers to the town who were looking to strike it rich.

The true beneficiaries of the gold rush were people like Treber, who knew settlers would need the basic goods and supplies they were accustomed to back home. What better than providing the guilty pleasures associated with tobacco and fermented beverages?

By the time 1877 rolled around, there were more than 70 saloons in Deadwood and most of them bought their inventory from Herrmann & Treber Wholesale Liquors. In addition to Kentucky whiskies, the distributors became an agent for Budweiser, which was new to Deadwood at the time. Business must have been good, because Treber and partner John Herrmann made frequent donations to the city, such as contributions to Independence Day celebrations and equipment for the local fire department. Their partnership dissolved in 1884 when Herrmann moved to Wardner, Idaho and became an agent for Anheuser Busch & Co.

Treber found much success in Deadwood, both personally and professionally. He and wife Hermina had three sons, and Treber found himself a favorite among his townsmen when it came to politics. A republican, he served on the Deadwood City Council the 1886 primary and was elected to the state Legislature in 1910.



Treber traveled with his family to Germany in September 1891 to visit his father, who was ailing in health. He was arrested in November after it was discovered that he had failed to perform mandatory military service upon leaving Germany as a young man. A month later, he was sentenced to hard labor at a military prison. Fortunately, he

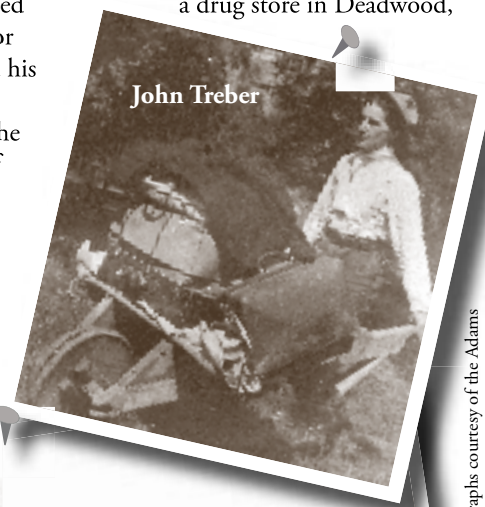
was released after five months, when St. Louis brewer Adolph Busch worked with the German government to grant him a pardon. He returned to Deadwood with his family in May 1892.

As far as the advertising jug goes, Treber likely commissioned pieces from Red Wing after 1896, as the stoneware company started turning out zinc glaze in 1895, and prohibition laws in South Dakota only allowed vendors to sell liquor in original packaging from the manufacturer from 1890 through 1896.

Per the 1895 Red Wing price lists, a 1 gallon jug was 5 cents and a ½ gallon jug was about 3 ½ cents. Stenciling or advertising could be added for as little as ½ cent.

Depending on when he commissioned the work, Treber might have ordered the jug without any actual business names printed on it because he later owned a drug store in Deadwood, in addition to his liquor wholesale business and his role as a politician.

Perhaps he figured he could promote himself in each of these areas by simply putting his well-known name on the jug. A 5 gallon shoulder jug with John Treber advertising has also been said to exist.



John Treber



**Early Deadwood:** This photo of Deadwood’s Main Street in 1876 shows Herrmann & Treber’s Wholesale Liquors building on the far left. A fire consumed the building in 1879, but they rebuilt on the same lot shortly thereafter. Note the smaller sign that reads “St. Louis Lager Beer.” Other Main Street businesses include a dentist, bank, market, dry goods store and printing press.

*Materials for this article were compiled from Deadwood’s Adams Museum & House, the Deadwood Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau’s Web site – [www.deadwood.org](http://www.deadwood.org) – and other historical sites. A special thanks to a Midwestern collector who contributed additional research and a photo of this jug. If you own or know of a piece of Red Wing advertising with John Treber’s name on it other than the jug pictured, please contact newsletter editor Rick Natynski for a follow-up article.*

Historic photographs courtesy of the Adams Museum & House, Inc., Deadwood, SD

# Red Wing Retro: Extraordinary Pottery, Everyday Life

*Story by* Marcia G. Anderson  
Senior Curator, Minnesota Historical Society

Who knew that the serendipitous discovery of substantial natural clay bodies near Red Wing, Minnesota by German potter John Paul in 1861 would, over 140 years later, still resonate with collectors, curators and historians engaged in telling the stories and seeking out the surviving physical evidence of the potteries at Red Wing?

The Minnesota Historical Society is developing a representative collection of Red Wing stoneware, artware and dinnerware. The exhibit, “Red Wing Retro: Extraordinary Pottery, Everyday Life” celebrates the ingenuity of this early successful diversified business and the impact of the thousands of varied products they marketed nationally. Seven settings will illustrate various elements of this Minnesota company’s rich heritage at the Minnesota History Center beginning July 1 and running through December 2006. Generous gifts as well as loans from private collectors and the Red Wing Collectors Society Foundation Museum have helped to make this exhibit possible.

Come see the wall of 50 hand-painted dinner plates. Study the TimeLine highlighting important dates in the company’s history and featuring objects, photographs and documents to illustrate its evolving focus. Recall family stories at the early 20th century farm kitchen scene featuring multiple examples



*North Star of the Show:* The Minnesota History Center’s Red Wing exhibit will feature stoneware, art pottery and dinnerware from July 1 through Dec. 2006.

of stoneware used in the storage, preservation, distribution and manipulation of foods and beverages. The nearby sink will feature the process of brining sauerkraut, a common occurrence on farms across Minnesota in the 19th and 20th centuries. It will be accompanied by a selection of film footage clips depicting the use of dishes in our everyday lives. Spotlit vitrines illuminate the traditional to modern forms, colorful finishes and applied elements of Red Wing’s glazed artware. Fifteen Red Wing crocks will spiral towards the ceiling ranging in size from 2 gallons to 60 gallons. An avocado dishwasher will be filled with a set of Belle Kogan designed Plum Blossom dinnerware from the 1940s—signifying the end of an era and the end of a line....

Finally, a china cabinet and dining table will be filled to overflowing with Red Wing’s best selling dinnerware line—the Bob White pattern designed by Charles Murphy produced from 1956 to 1967.

The installation will appeal to the enthusiastic multi-generational collectors of Red Wing pottery, as well as Minnesotans from all walks

of life. We hope to engage a wide spectrum of visitors and give many of them a sense of discovery. Visitors may learn that the angular bright orange bowl on the sideboard on their grandmother’s dining room sideboard was a Belle Kogan designed piece from the 1962 Prismatic line, or that the old crock in the garage jammed to the rim with firewood is a 12 gallon stoneware treasure, or that their parents’ wedding china that populated the table for family meals was Red Wing’s 1950s Tampico pattern—a busy palette for fruit and foliage.

Between July 6 and 13, 2006 RWCS Convention registrants may show their convention badge to gain free admission to the Museum Galleries at the Minnesota History Center. The History Center is located at 345 Kellogg Blvd. W. in St. Paul. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and college students, and \$4 for children ages 6-17. For more information, call 612-296-6126, 1-800-657-3773 or visit [www.mnhs.org](http://www.mnhs.org).



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Story by Alice Scott

My husband and I purchased a tile with the Red Wing Bob White bird pattern painted on it at antique shop. It has the initials "E.B." and the number "60" scratched on the back of the tile.

I had a conversation with Bill Burgess, who worked at the Red Wing Potteries for 22 years. He told me that the Red Wing factory tried making tiles, but very few were made without having serious production flaws.

The tiles were fine when they were in the bisque stage, but most of them would warp after they were glazed. They were made in three plain colors. He said only about 50 tiles were made, and 45 of those 50 were probably thrown in the dump.

Edna Boldt, a widow with two daughters, first worked in the decorating room at the Potteries and was there in 1960. She quit, then came back to work in the salesroom. She passed away between 25 and 30 years ago. Bill said Edna was very much into the Bob White pattern. He said there were probably four or five "good" tiles and that she probably painted this one on her lunch hour.

If anyone out there has more information on this possibly one-of-a-kind Bob White Lunch Hour piece, please contact us. Thank You!

Bob and Alice Scott, 3417 N. 123rd Street, Kansas City, Kansas 66109-4206. 913-721-2188, shadowgrove@sbcglobal.net

*Bob and Alice have been members of the Red Wing Collectors Society since 1996, but they have been collecting Red Wing since buying a Bob White dinnerware set for Bob's mother in 1962. In addition to owning a plate from every dinnerware pattern, they also have a 12-place setting of Bob White. Congrats to the couple on celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary earlier this month!*



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