



Collecting the Continental

Circa 1956



Photo by Bill Pond

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Twenty-Second Anniversary

Red Wing

July 9-11, 1999 • Red Wing, Minnesota

Collectors Society

The President's Message

Welcome to the Red Wing Collectors Society Convention held annually in this beautiful city where the pieces of clay we all treasure were made and the Society was born. Incredibly, this year's convention marks the beginning of the 22nd year of the Red Wing Collectors Society, Inc. Growing in that time

from under 200 charter members to over 7000 members, we have moved from a local to a national to an international organization, but in all of that time, the warmth, charm and hospitality of this community has been a constant that draws members back year after year like moths to the flame. Every opportunity to visit this city still brings the same enchantment my husband, Lowell, and I experienced as first time convention attendees 16 years ago. On behalf of the Society, a special thank you to the city of Red Wing for its participation and efforts in making each year's convention a success.

Each year the annual convention gets bigger

and better, but planning, organizing, and coordinating such an event for thousands of people doesn't just happen by magic over night. I'm delighted that more and more of our members are volunteering to help with the long, hard hours of work. As you wait patiently in line to get registered, as you ooh and aah at the great pieces you have the opportunity to buy at both the auction and the show and sale, as you marvel at the creativity and work put into the displays, as you eagerly anticipate the unveiling of the closely guarded secret commemorative, as you see and learn new things on Education Day, as you "pig out" at the Saturday night banquet,

and as you engage in fellowship with others, please take a second to thank those members for making the whole convention experience possible for you. As you visit the shops and businesses of Red Wing please extend your thanks for the city's efforts and participation with the Brat Feed, the Potter's Picnic, and the Sunday morning Brunch.

As I complete the first year as president of this dynamic organization, I thank the Board of Directors, our office manager, Kay Wilshusen, and all of our members for their time, effort, and energies devoted to the good of the Society. I encourage all of our members to continue to work together to meet the

daunting challenges presented by our continued growth while moving the Society into the 21st century.

Since its inception in 1985, this convention supplement has become an important and integral part of convention. Given the resignation of Sue Gillmer, publicity chair, I want to extend a special thank you for her efforts, not only in producing this supplement, but for all of her work on publicity since her election in 1996. We shall miss her.

Convention is designed for your enjoyment and increased knowledge of Red Wing - both the city and its pieces of clay. Enjoy and learn.

Corrinne Reed,
President

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This year marks my 20th year coming to Red Wing in July and attending this convention. The excitement continues. Red Wing is a wonderful rivertown, rich in history and beauty. You are here, in Red Wing, because you appreciate and collect parts of its history.

I primarily collect bee

hive jugs, crocks, and butter jars with merchant advertising on them. Researching the history of the advertiser usually ends up in an interesting story. In addition to collecting stoneware, I am also interested in wooden bodied automobiles (woodie wagons) and have acquired a new appreciation for Arts and Crafts era fur-

niture. Along with the new interest in Mission furniture came a new appreciation for some of Red Wing's art pottery. And, if I had a summer home, Round Up dinnerware would certainly be on the table.

Adding pieces of Red Wing to your collection will increase the value of your collection and, hopefully, prove to be a wise investment. Adding friends with similar interests to your collection will add value to the collector (you) and certainly prove to be a wise investment. Enjoy all of Red Wing, the convention and your fellow collector, the town and its friendly people. I am looking forward to visiting with you during convention week.

Dave Kuffel,
keynote speaker

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Welcome

On behalf of all 15,700 citizens of Red Wing, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the Red Wing Collectors Society as you come to beautiful Red Wing for your annual meeting.

We always look forward to your visit here. Your activities generate a great deal of excitement about our historic past as it relates to pottery.

Thank you for continuing to come to Red Wing each year. We sincerely desire your continuing to come in the future. We will do everything possible to make you feel at home.

Enjoy your stay and take in the natural and historic features of Red Wing and surrounding river valley and communities.

Oh yes, we hope you will find pottery friends and pottery treasures while here. Enjoy beautiful Red Wing!

Romeo C. Cyr
Mayor



Welcome from the president



Welcome to beautiful Red Wing and the 22nd Anniversary Red Wing Collectors Society Convention! As always, the anticipation and excitement for those of us attending convention are probably as great this year as it was the first time we all visited Red Wing and attended our very first convention. Each year our "Red Wing Family" grows bigger and bigger with more and more people attending convention, giving all of us the opportunity to not only renew old acquaintances, but make new friends as well.

On behalf of the Red Wing Collectors Society I wish to thank the city of Red Wing for hosting our convention year after year, and extending their wonderful hospitality to all of us. We are very appreciative of the various organizations and groups who work to make our convention a success. It is my hope that members will express this gratitude personally as they visit the various business establishments in town.

Without the tireless efforts of our Business Manager, Kay Wilshusen, the Board of Directors, and all of the countless volunteers in every capacity, there would be no convention. As our Society gets bigger and bigger the amount of work necessary to not only run the Society, but to put on conventions increases as well. On behalf of the members of the Society, I thank them for making this yearly experience possible for all of us.

I hope that all of you have fun and find lots of pottery and stoneware. It is also important that you attend the annual business meeting if you wish your voice to be heard.

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Corrinne Reed, President, RWCS

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Note from the Business Manager

Welcome to Red Wing! As your Business Manager/Convention Manager, I am excited about this year's convention! It is a pleasure to welcome you to the 22nd annual RWCS convention!

The planning for this convention actually began last December, and it is my sincere hope that you will enjoy the convention as well as the ambience of pretty Red Wing. Last year, approximately 4,000 members arrived in Red Wing for this event! I look forward to seeing some familiar faces as well as meeting new members ... and listening to all of you talk pottery!

Kate Wilshusen
Business Manager, RWCS



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The summer of 1999

By Chuck and Joyce Malin

The life of this cute little pipkin started at the Tomah, Wis. antique mall. We became very excited when we found it because we quickly realized that we had never seen one this small. We also were impressed by the pointed handle and the tiny finial on the cover. On close examination, we also noticed that the underside of the cover was bisque. We purchased it and took it home to compare with other Red Wing pipkins we have in our collection. We also did research in our rather extensive library of Red Wing information. We concluded that this was indeed a Red Wing production piece – probably one of a kind. All the Red Wing catalogs list only 1,2,3, and 4 pint sizes. We

put one half-pint of liquid in it and it was full. So it is a one of a kind, extremely rare one half-pint Red Wing pipkin. Wow, how exciting!

We decided to show some experts our little pipkin, so we took it to the Red Wing Convention in 1997. After showing it to several experts, they all agreed that it was definitely Red Wing production. None of them had ever heard of a one half-pint size or had ever seen one. Yes, the ultimate thrill! An honest-to-goodness, probably one of a kind Red Wing pipkin and we found it. And more remarkable too is the fact that the cover stayed with the base all these years.

We shared our pipkin by putting it in the rare



room at the 1997 Red Wing Convention. It sat there "cute as a bug" and that's when we got the idea to make it available for people to see forever. We decided to donate it to the Goodhue County Historical Society.

It was great fun the day we took it to Red Wing for the presentation. We had called Char Henn, the curator, the day before to make an appointment. When we got there, everyone that works there was very excited as we opened the box. We took several pictures and they had us sign a form. Char told us she would be

sending us more forms to sign later. Everyone there was extremely nice to us and made our day most enjoyable.

Maybe there are more of you who have an item that you might consider donating to the Goodhue County Historical Society. They have a wonderful collection of Red Wing on display every day and we highly recommend everyone consider this wonderful place.

Chuck & Joyce Malin started collecting Red Wing Stoneware in 1965 – the first piece they bought was a



5 gallon jug that cost \$2.00. They joined the Red Wing Collector's Society in 1983. They have made many good friends and are real boosters of the Society.

The Malin's have done two large public exhibits of Red Wing Stoneware in the past. They have had many newspaper articles written about their Red Wing Collection. They also have written several articles about Red Wing Stoneware.

Joyce is a retired vocal music teacher and Chuck is a retired salesman and farmer. They are enjoying their retirements very much. They now have more free time to enjoy the ever-circling seasons of their Wisconsin country lives.

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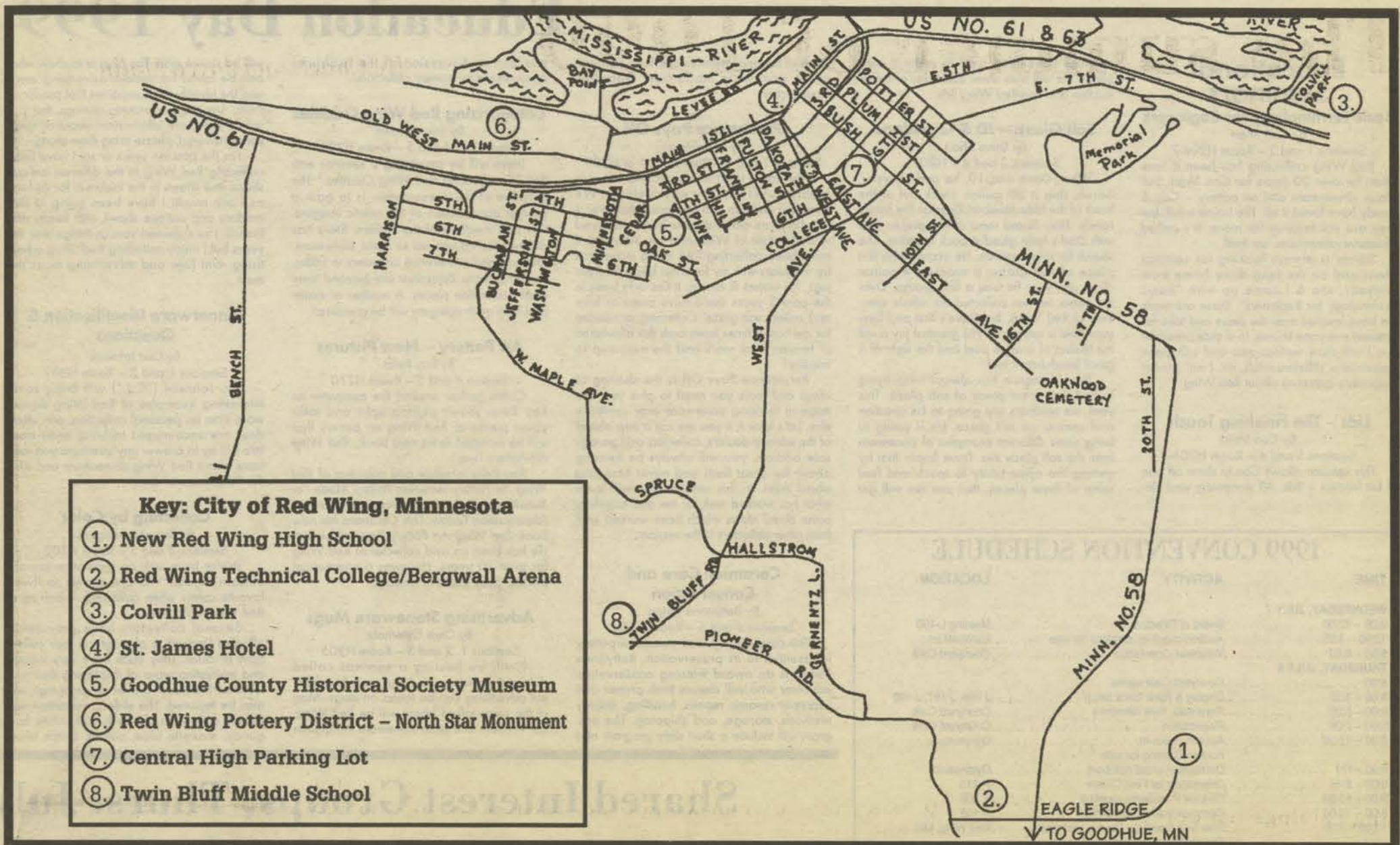
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 - ②. Red Wing Technical College/Bergwall Arena
 - ③. Colvill Park
 - ④. St. James Hotel
 - ⑤. Goodhue County Historical Society Museum
 - ⑥. Red Wing Pottery District - North Star Monument
 - ⑦. Central High Parking Lot
 - ⑧. Twin Bluff Middle School

Membership Information

The Red Wing Collectors Society, Inc., is an organization which promotes the collecting of Red Wing and American pottery. Founded in 1977, the Society has members in 48 states and Canada. Membership is open to all persons interested in collecting American pottery/ stoneware.

The highlight of the Society year is the annual 3-day convention held on the second full weekend of July in Red Wing, Minnesota. Education is a special component of the convention with a full day being devoted to seminars on Red Wing and U.S. pottery. Displays with an educational motif are also set up for viewing during the convention. Activities of the convention include a show and sale, auction, banquet, business meeting, and other special events.

A special commemorative piece is issued for each convention. These highly sought after pieces are made in limited quantity and are available only to Society members.

The Red Wing Collectors Society also publishes a newsletter issued 6 times per year. Each issue contains feature articles, a section on state chapter activities, information on new finds in collecting and a place for ads.

State chapters of the Society have been organized in several states including Arizona, California, Colorado, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Washington and Wisconsin. These chapters meet several times throughout the year.

Membership to the Society is \$20 per year. Additional immediate family members living at the same address may be included at no additional charge. Family members wishing to purchase their own convention commemorative, however, must purchase individual memberships. One membership per person. Contact the Red Wing Collectors/ Membership Committee, PO Box 50, Red Wing, MN 55066.

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Education Day 1999

Educational Seminars

Basic Terminology for Beginners

By Con Short
Sessions 1 and 2 - Room H206-7
Red Wing collecting has been a love affair for over 20 years for Con Short. Salt glaze, dinnerware and art pottery - Con & Sandy have loved it all. The house is full, but they are still looking for more. It's called obsessive compulsive, we think.
Sandy is always looking for seminar ideas and on the long drive home from midyear, she & I came up with "Basic Terminology for Beginners". These are terms we have learned over the years and take for granted everyone knows. In a slide presentation I will show various zinc and salt glaze decorations, different ovals, etc. I will answer beginner's questions about Red Wing.

nerware does need a lid to make it complete!! He will also show examples of reproduction and non-Red Wing lids.

Salt Glaze - ID & Questions

By Dave Short
Sessions 3 and 4 - H209
When Dave was 10, he and his sister, Sarah, dug a 25 gallon crock out of the bank of the Little Missouri River on the family ranch. They found most of the pieces and with Dad's help glued it back together. The search for more was on. He acquired his first piece of salt glaze, a cracked 4-gallon churn, the year he was a fifth grader. Over the years, he has collected the whole spectrum of Red Wing, but Dave's first and foremost love is salt glaze. His greatest joy is still the feeling of orange peel and the sight of a great hand-drawn leaf.
Dave's passion has always been trying to find that great piece of salt glaze. This year, his seminars are going to be question and answer on salt glaze. He is going to bring some different examples of stoneware from the salt glaze era. Dave hopes that by getting the opportunity to touch and feel some of these pieces, that you too will get

some of the enjoyment that he feels from salt glaze stoneware made from Goodhue County clay.

Persistence Pays Off

By Al Kohlman
Sessions 1 and 3 - Room H201 or H209
My name is Al Kohlman and I live in Madison, WI with my wife Stefanie. We have four children and one granddaughter. I am 48 years old and have been employed with the state of Wisconsin for 30 years. I have been collecting Red Wing stoneware for 19 years with my favorites being Beehive jugs, ice waters & churns. It has only been in the past 5 years that I have come to love and collect salt glaze. Collecting stoneware for me has at times been both the alleviation of tension from work and the next step to insanity.
Persistence Pays Off is the sharing of ideas and tools you need to give you that edge in locating stoneware over someone else. Let's face it, if you are not a step ahead of the antique dealers, collectors and garage sale addicts, you will always be hearing about the great finds and never bragging about them. In this seminar you will learn what has worked well for me and hopefully some shred ideas which have worked well from other collectors in the session.

interactive discussion of the problems encountered by pottery collectors.

Categorizing Red Wing Oddities

By Steve Brown
Sessions 3, 4 and 5 - Room H203
Steve will be presenting a seminar entitled "Categorizing Red Wing Oddities." The purpose of the presentation is to gain a greater appreciation of the artistic imagination and creativity of the makers. Steve has defined ten categories to assist stoneware, artware, and dinnerware collectors in understanding those items that are beyond standard production pieces. A number of examples from each category will be presented.

Art Pottery - New Pictures

By Ray Reiss
Session 4 and 5 - Room H210
Come gather around the computer as Ray Reiss shows photographs and talks about pieces of Red Wing art pottery that will be included in his next book, *Red Wing Art Pottery Two*.

Ray Reiss is author and publisher of *Red Wing Art Pottery Including Pottery Made For Rumrill and Red Wing Dinnerware Price and Identification Guide*. This Christmas his new book *Red Wing Art Pottery Two* will be out. He has been an avid collector of Red Wing for over 20 years. He owns a commercial photography studio in Chicago.

Advertising Stoneware Mugs

By Chris Osterholz
Sessions 1, 2 and 3 - Room H205
I will be hosting a seminar called *Advertising Stoneware Mugs*, on what different advertising can be found on mugs. Most of the mugs talked about will be Red Wing, but Western and other stoneware companies

will be shown also. The class is to show what can be found for various advertising mugs and the identify the companies that produced them. Any mugs or pictures of mugs, that you would like more information about or questions answered, please bring them along.

For the past ten years or so, I have been collecting Red Wing at the different antique shops and shows in the midwest. For as long as I can recall, I have been going to flea markets and antique shows with family and friends. I've collected various things over the years but I enjoy collecting Red Wing advertising mini jugs and advertising mugs the most.

Dinnerware Identification & Questions

By Curt Johnson
Sessions 1 and 2 - Room H201
Mr. Johnson ("C.J.") will bring some interesting examples of Red Wing dinnerware from his personal collection, and attendees are encouraged to bring items also. We will try to answer any questions you may have about Red Wing dinnerware and also the "kitchenware" line.

Collecting by Color

By Deanna Juergens
Sessions 4 and 5 - Room H202
We're born with an inclination toward certain colors. We are drawn to these favorite colors when collecting - such as in Red Wing art pottery.

Several collectors have graciously allowed Deanna to photograph their collections of color. They each have very unique and interesting ways of displaying their collections. Individual pieces or groupings will also be featured. The slide presentation will include collections of peach, pink, white, burgundy, mazarin blue, cobalt, Dutch blue,

Lids - The Finishing Touch

By Con Short
Sessions 3 and 4 - Room H206-7
This seminar allows Con to show off one of his fetishes - lids. All stoneware and din-

Ceramics: Care and Conservation

By Bettyanne Twigg
Sessions 4 and 5 - Room H204
The care, display, and storage of pottery is essential to its preservation. Bettyanne Twigg is an award winning conservation educator who will discuss both proper and improper ceramic repairs, handling, display methods, storage, and shipping. The program will include a short slide program and

1999 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
WEDNESDAY, JULY 7		
9:00 - 12:00	Board of Directors	Meeting L-100
12:00 - 3:00	Auction check-in, catalogs for sale	Gymnasium
5:00 - 8:00	Volunteer Orientation	Courtyard Café
THURSDAY, JULY 8		
8:00	Courtyard Café opens	
8:00 - 3:30	Display & Rare Items setup	J 106, J 107, J 108
8:00 - 5:00	Renewals, New Members	Courtyard Café
8:00 - 7:00	Registration	Courtyard Café
8:30 - 11:30	Auction check-in, Auction Catalog for sale	Gymnasium
8:30 - ???	Distribution of bid numbers	Gymnasium
9:00 - 9:45	Orientation for First Timers	H 215
9:00 - 10:00	Chapter Presidents meeting	H 206
8:00 - 10:00	Commemorative Distribution	H 106
10:00 - 3:00	Free tour Goodhue County Historical Society Museum, free shuttle bus; Must wear Convention badge.	Red Wing, MN
10:30 - 12:00	Keynote Speaker	Auditorium
12:00 - 1:00	Chapter meetings and Hospitality Rooms	TBA*
12:45 - 4:45	Auction Preview	Gymnasium
1:00 - 1:45	Orientation for First Timers	H 215
1:00 - 3:50	Shared Interest Groups	H 200 rooms
1:00 - 4:00	Commemorative Distribution	H 106
5:00 - ???	Auction	Gymnasium
FRIDAY, JULY 9		
8:00	Courtyard Café opens	
8:00 - 3:20	Registration, Renewals and New Members	Courtyard Café
8:00 - 11:00	Commemorative Distribution	H 106
8:00 - 3:20	Sale of Educational Material	Auditorium Hallway
8:30 - 3:20	Displays open	J 106, J 107, J 108
9:00 - 9:45	Orientation for First Timers	H 215
9:00 - 10:00	Transport Show & Sale/Souvenir Items	Gymnasium/Hallway
10:00 - 10:50	Educational Seminars	H 200 rooms
11:00 - 11:50	Educational Seminars	H 200 rooms
11:50 - 12:50	Lunch on your own	Courtyard Café
12:30 - 1:20	Educational Seminars	H 200 rooms
1:30 - 2:20	Educational Seminars	H 200 rooms
1:00 - 3:00	Commemorative Distribution	H 106
2:30 - 3:20	Educational Seminars	H 200 rooms
2:30 - 3:20	Transport Show & Sale/Souvenir Items	Gymnasium/Hallway
3:30 - 5:30	Business Meeting	Auditorium
6:00 - 8:30	Potter's Picnic	Colvill Park**
SATURDAY, JULY 10		
7:00	Courtyard Café opens	
8:00 - 9:00	Show & Sale Setup	Gymnasium/Hallway
8:00 - 10:30	Registration Renewals and New Members	Courtyard Café
8:00 - 1:30	Displays open to the public	J 106, J 107, J 108
8:00 - 10:30	Commemorative Distribution	H 106
9:00 - 10:30	Show & Sale open to RWCS Members Only	Gymnasium/Hallway
9:00 - 11:00	Auction prices-realized catalogs for sale	Courtyard Café and Gymnasium
10:30 - 1:30	Show & Sale open to the public	Gymnasium/Hallway
10:30 - ???	Commemorative Lottery ***	H 106 (Watch monitors for lottery numbers)
1:30 - 3:00	Show & Sale removal	Gymnasium/Hallway
1:30 - 3:30	Display removal	J 106, J 107, J 108
6:00 - ???	Convention Banquet	Treasure Island Casino
SUNDAY, JULY 11		
10:30	Brunch	St. James Hotel, 5th Floor

NOTES

* To be announced ** In case of rain: Red Wing/Winona Technical College
*** While supplies Last

Shared Interest Groups, Thurs. July 8

Come join in the fun of exchanging information, photos, and experiences with other members who have the same interests. You can participate in group discussion if you would like, or just sit back and look at collections. This is a great time to network with fellow members who have the same interests as you. EN

	ROOM H 203	ROOM H 204	ROOM H 206-207	ROOM H 209	ROOM H 210
Session A 1:00 - 1:45	Magnolia	Miniatures	Salt & Pepper/ Cream & Sugar	Rum Rill/ Nokomis	Set Win
Session B 2:00 - 2:45	Ink Stamped Art Pottery	Lamps	Advertising	Kitchenware	Salt
Session C 3:00 - 3:45	Red Wing's Web Site	Animals and Figurines	Teapots/Pitchers	Dinnerware	Bottom Side

Overview of Afternoon Seminars

	Room H201	Room H202	Room H203	Room H204	Room H205	Room H206-207
Session 1 10:00-11:50	Dinnerware Identification & Questions/Answers Curt Johnson	Stoneware Identification Mark Cellotti Dave Short	Stoneware Jars Dennis Nygaard	Red Wing Art Pottery Animals Jennifer Keding	Advertising Mugs Chris Osterholz	Basic Terminology For Beginners Con Short
Session 2 11:00-11:50	Dinnerware Identification & Questions/Answers Curt Johnson	Stoneware: A National Overview Mark Cellotti	Stoneware Jars Dennis Nygaard	Red Wing Art Pottery Animals Jennifer Keding	Advertising Mugs Chris Osterholz	Basic Terminology For Beginners Con Short
Session 3 12:30-1:20	Persistence Pays Off Al Kohlman	Stoneware: A National Overview Mark Cellotti	Categorizing RW Oddities Steve Brown	Red Wing Art Pottery Animals Jennifer Keding	Advertising Mugs Chris Osterholz	Lids - The Finishing Touch Con Short
Session 4 1:30-2:20	Beginning Collections of Art Pottery Tom Trulen	Collecting By Color Deanna Juergens	Categorizing RW Oddities Steve Brown	Ceramic Conservation Bettyanne Twigg	Odds and ends Of Red Wing Wally Armstrong	Lids - The Finishing Touch Con Short
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Friday, July 9, 1999

magnolia, green, yellow, black and more.
The daughter of a Red Wing police officer, Deanna remembers her first piece of Red Wing pottery. When she was about four years old her father gave her a white bird. Years later, Deanna collected pieces she remembered from her Red Wing home. Her collecting became focused when she was repeatedly drawn to her favorite color, burgundy. Deanna and her family have been members of RWCS since 1983. She is the secretary for the Gopher chapter and a member of the Minnesota Art Pottery Association.

also made things for other companies such as Hanksraft, Ernest Sohn, and Rumrill. At the same time they made vases and dinnerware both for family use and for industrial use. They not only used the heavy clay used for stoneware but the fine clay for china with great success. This will be show in "Odds and Ends of Red Wing."

Teamed with his 3 dedicated volunteers, Wally Armstrong, Gary Tefft, and Kathleen Johnson, Byron has combined his profession as an independent computer/database consultant with his five year passion for Red Wing into an indispensable resource for everyone interested in our industry.

Byron's interest in the assessment of damage to pottery came early when he, like so many of us, purchased several pieces of Red Wing over the internet and was disappointed when it showed up in a condition totally different than originally reported. From that day on, Byron has attempted to establish a standard set of terms that will enable pottery enthusiasts to effectively communicate the condition of their collection.

An Overview of Stoneware Fruit Jars

By Dennis Nygaard

Sessions 1 and 2 - Room H202

In the 19th century, stoneware containers were usually less expensive than glass jars. Stoneware fruit jars were made by most potters making for a wide range of styles and types. Different methods of sealing were attempted, resulting in distinct categories such as the wax seal, the mason cap, the ball lock, the Weir seal, etc. Dennis has been collecting these jars for 20+ years and will give an overview of the history of sealing jars. There will be many new slides, especially covering Red Wing's production pieces.

Dennis lives in Hastings, MN and has been a long-time member of RWCS and COIPS (Collectors of Illinois Pottery and Stoneware). Dennis has also been digging in the Red Wing stoneware dump for the past 19 years. He is currently researching the Sherwood Brothers Pottery of New Brighton, PA and is trying to determine how much competition they gave Red Wing. Dennis' present occupation is raising his three sons. The pay is lousy but the benefits are great.

Damage Disclosure

By Byron Bush

Sessions 2 and 5 - Room H209

Byron Bush is the creator of the first internet web site (Wing Tips at www.redwingnet.com) that is totally dedicated to the "Wares."

Red Wing Art Pottery Animals

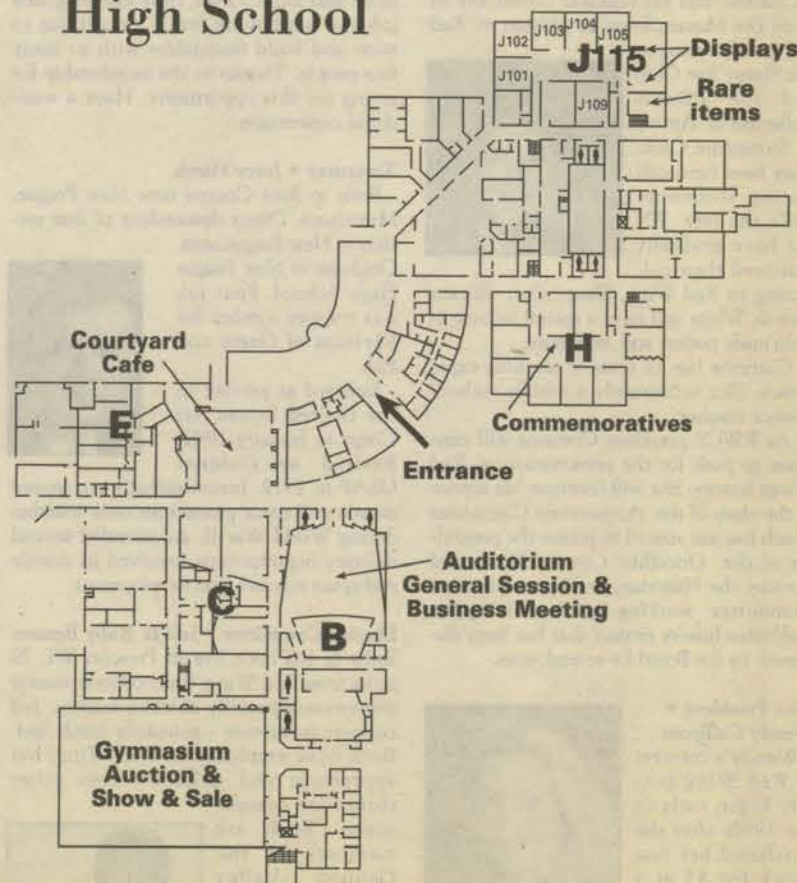
By Jennifer Keding

Sessions 1, 2 and 3 - Room H204

I've been collecting Red Wing for thirteen years, since I was nine years old. My mother and I became interested in Red Wing after receiving an ugly but interesting vase from my great grandma. We soon discovered the wide variety to Red Wing and started to branch out. Without educational materials or any idea about what I was getting myself into, I started to focus on collecting Red Wing pottery animals. It was the perfect thing for me to collect since I could easily find them under \$10. (I would usually pass them up if they were more than that). A few years later we joined the RWCS and discovered what we had gotten ourselves into. Obviously a lot has changed in the last thirteen years but its been a fun and interesting adventure.

The Red Wing pottery animal seminar is going to help the participants to be able to recognize RW animals and their reproductions. I will discuss when some of the animals were made, what colors you would expect to find them in, what colors are most popular, which animals are the hardest to find, how many different animals are out there, their markings, etc. I will be showing pictures and overheads of my collection, most of which I displayed in the 1996 convention (many animals have been added to it since then). I will also be bringing in some of my collection so participants can get a better look. There will be educational materials to look at and information on where to get copies.

Red Wing High School



Stoneware - A national Overview

By Mark Cellotti

Sessions 2 and 3 - Room H202

Mark Cellotti has had a strong interest in antiques since he was a child in the 1950s going to the Salvation Army on Nicollet Island in Minneapolis on Saturday mornings with his father. His current interest in crock collecting started in the mid-1970s and he joined the RWCS in 1978. In addition, he is a member of the Collectors of Illinois Pottery and Stoneware and the Fort Dodge Stoneware Collectors Club. His collecting of national stoneware was started in the early 1980s when he began to attend the large dealer shows in Michigan, Pennsylvania, New York and Brimfield, Massachusetts.

Mr. Cellotti's lecture will attempt to give an overview of United States stoneware production across the country. He will discuss how to identify pieces, the clay, glazing, decorations (if any), and time span of stoneware production, as well as, identifying where and when the numerous pieces of stoneware were produced. Extensive books on the subject will be available to view to help you identify your non-Red Wing pieces.

Designer Ernest Sohn

By Ron Linde

Sessions 1 and 2 - Room H210

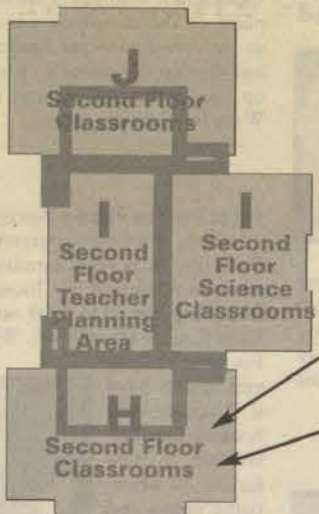
Ron Linde will talk about businessman and designer Ernest Sohn. He will show some examples of his designs and talk about his work with Red Wing Potteries.

Odds and Ends of Red Wing

By Wally Armstrong

Sessions 4 and 5 - Room H205

Over the years Red Wing made many things both for Red Wing and other parties. Some of the things they used were jugs, crocks, and many other things with advertising on them. Red Wing



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Shared Interest Groups and Educational Seminars

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H206 - Chapter Presidents' Meeting

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who collect look at others. Enjoy!

ROOM H 210

Sets by Wing size

Salt Glaze

Bottom Marks/ Side Stamps

Seminars

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Red Wing Collectors Society Commemoratives

Year	Description	No.	Cost
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1979	Churn	400	10.00
1980	Bowl	400	10.00
1981	Min. Jug	750	8.00
1982	Mug	697	10.00
1983	Canning Jar	1,026	12.00
1984	Leaf Water Cooler	1,161	12.00
1985	#6 Ice Water Cooler	1,750	12.00
1986	Acid Pitcher	1,982	12.00
1987	Red Wing, Wing	2,500	12.00
1988	Plate	2,550	12.00
1989	Gray Line Pitcher	2,700	12.00
1990	Fancy Jug	3,550	12.00
1991	Pantry Jar	3,560	12.00
1992	North Star Jug	4,260	15.00
1993	Buttermilk Feeder	4,820	15.00
1994	20# Butter Crock	5,660	15.00
1995	Giraffe Planter	6,186	20.00
1996	Gray Line Cookie Jar	7,175	20.00
1997	20# Salt Glazed Crock	7,508	30.00
1998	Blue Iris Pitcher	7,564	20.00

Officers and Committee Chairs

President • Corrinne Reed

Corrinne and her husband Lowell live in West Des Moines, Iowa. In addition to Red Wing, they belong to the Sleepy Eye Club and the Illinois Collectors of Pottery & Stoneware Club. They have been collecting stoneware since the late 70s but have gradually narrowed their collecting to Red Wing, Sleepy Eye, Illinois Blue & White and have a special interest in Iowa made pottery and stoneware.



Corrinne has 32 years of teaching experience. She is currently a middle school science teacher.

As RWCS president Corrinne will continue to push for the preservation of Red Wings history. She will continue her service as the chair of the Acquisitions Committee which has just started to pursue the possibility of the Goodhue County Historical Society, the Historian, and the acquisitions Committee working together on a joint oral/video history project that has been discussed by the Board for several years.

Vice President • Wendy Calicoat

Wendy's interest in Red Wing pottery began early in the 1990s after she purchased her first crock for \$5 at a garage sale. Later she found her crock pictured in a book of antiques, and her "sickness" began. She purchased several more crocks and soon found out that there were other people with the same sickness out there who actually belonged to a group. Several years have passed since then and Wendy says that the people of the RWCS are some of the nicest people that she knows.



Before being elected vice-president, Wendy was active in the Society as a volunteer with the Convention Chairperson on both the Mid-Winter Get Together and the July Convention. Her responsibilities included member registration, fee collection, PA announcements and sign construction.

Besides all this Wendy is a member of PEO, a philanthropic organization to seek better education and opportunities for women. She is also a member of the Parent Teachers Organization in her community and is a member of the Jasper-Newton county Metro Medical alliance.

Secretary • Sue Jones

Hello. This convention is my 11th as an RWCS member and marks the end of the first year as secretary. It has been a good year even with the frantic week following a board meeting getting the minutes out to all the places they had to go. I am amazed at all that I have learned this year and how holding office has strengthened my commitment to the RWCS. My husband Jeff and I live in Madison, WI. I work as manager for the state of Wisconsin, specializing in the field of developmental disabilities. We divide our free time among scouring the area for Red Wing and Ceramic Arts Studio, playing with our three grandchildren and boating on Lake Monona. We have been collecting Red Wing for the past 12 years starting with an 8" panel bowl that Jeff got me for Christmas one year. Little did we know that the bowl was infected with a virus that got into our bloodstreams and created an



uncontrollable urge to acquire more and more and more. I am truly enjoying this job and am having fun. I am getting to meet and build friendships with so many fine people. Thanks to the membership for giving me this opportunity. Have a wonderful convention.

Treasurer • Jerry Flicek

Born in Rice County near New Prague, Minnesota. Direct descendent of first settlers in New Prague area. Graduate of New Prague High School. First job was trapper warden for Division of Game and Fish.



Enlisted as private in the United States Air Corps in January 1942. Retired as Colonel USAF in 1972. Internationally recognized missile and space pioneer air crew member during World War II, commanded several military organizations involved in missile and space research and development.

Display Committee • Jeff & Ruby Benson

Ruby & Jeff both live in Prescott WI, 20 miles from Red Wing. Ruby collects mainly stoneware-especially chicken feeders. Jeff collects stoneware - primarily birch leaf. Both have emphasis on Red Wing, but appreciate and collect from other stoneware companies. Each are members of the Cannon Valley Collectors Chapter.



The first display Ruby & Jeff did was in 1989. They started serving on the RWCS Board for the Display Committee in 1992. It's been a great experience and fun way to meet many wonderful members! Each year proves to be different & creative when it comes to what members think up for displays. Be sure to put a trip to the Display Room on your convention schedule and vote for your favorites. (These are the lucky people who win those Special Commemoratives!) Stop in and say hello! Have a terrific convention!

Education Committee • Sandy Short

When Sandy decided to marry a Beach, N.D., rancher naturally she chose cowboy dishes — Round Up. The dishes are still in use! Years later Con and son, Dave, glued a broken 25-gallon crock together and the search for more was on.

After years of trying to collect everything Red Wing made, we now look for salt glaze and ND and MT advertising pieces. We also collect ND pottery, mainly animals and fancy UND vases.

Our first trip to Red Wing was in October 1979. We fell in love with the town as well as the stoneware. We look forward to our trips back. We value the friends we've made through the years in our pursuit of one more crock!



Sandy is a high school Title 1 teacher. She is membership chairman of the ND Pottery Collectors Society and education chairman for Red Wing. She and Con have three children and two grandchildren who are also collectors.

Public Relations • Susan Gillmer

Susan Gillmer, a native of the Chicago area, has lived in Red Wing almost long enough to be considered a native (40 years). Red Wing Pottery was part of her life from the moment she was born as her father and later her mother worked for the

Potteries.

Her family moved to Red Wing when her father became company president in 1958. Later both she and her brother worked for the company as they attended school. In 1978 she became president of Red Wing Pottery Sales, Inc. and has since passed that position on to her nephew, Scott. She currently works as Dean of Students at Red Wing High School.



Susan has been involved in the convention for years as one of the charter members of the Red Wing Area Chamber of Commerce Pottery Picnic committee. You won't want to miss the picnic this year; she'll be looking for you!

Historian • Steve Brown

Steve Brown has been a member of the Red Wing Collectors Society since 1979. A 1980 graduate of Red Wing High School, Steve has served the RWCS as Publicity Committee Chairman, and he is currently serving as the RWCS Historian. Specializing in collecting off-production Red Wing items, he has been a frequent contributor to the RWCS Newsletter and annual RWCS Convention displays. He and his wife, Barb, currently reside in Ottawa, Illinois.

Membership Committee • John and Kim Key

Kim and I were both born and raised in the Red Wing area. Our interest in collecting Red Wing products began during our five years of residence in St. Charles, MO and our 1 1/2 years in Olympia, WA. I work for the Red Wing Shoe Co. here in Red Wing, and Kim stays very busy at home with two active boys ages 5 and 8.



We were hit with the "stoneware bug" in 1989, and joined the society in 1990. Our collecting interests are mainly blue and white Red Wing Stoneware products, from beater jars to all blue sponged items, as well as Red Wing memorabilia. In fact, my great-grandfather had been a long time employee of the Red Wing Stoneware Co.

Commemorative Committee • Larry and Kathy Roschen

Larry and Kathy have coordinated the annual commemorative project since 1993, and have been members of the Red Wing



Collectors Society since 1980. Their primary collecting interest is Red Wing dinnerware. Kathy also collects a certain popular brand of plush toy.

The Roschens live in Coon Rapids, a northern suburb of Minneapolis MN. Larry is a pharmacist specializing in computer operations at a large Minneapolis hospital. Kathy is a homemaker. They have two sons, Brett and Scott. As the boys get older they have become willing and able to help with the commemorative work. Both boys are Boy Scouts and enjoy their camping expeditions with their troop. Other family activities include baseball, softball, bowling, gardening and computers. When time permits, an escape from the city to the family lake home near Alexandria MN is always a pleasure.

As Commemorative Committee co-chairs, Larry and Kathy choose the item to be produced as the commemorative (with input from the RWCS president and vice president). Work begins on next year's project shortly after the July convention. The manufacturer and design specifications for next year's commemorative are set by early autumn. The manufacturer then makes several sample pieces over the winter months. Larry and Kathy review the samples and provide feedback to the vendor. Once the desired result has been achieved, master molds are made and the piece is then put into production. Shipment of the final product usually occurs in May. Before the convention, all pieces are inspected and sorted according to quality, with the help of several trusted friends. Commemoratives that will be mailed to members are boxed and labeled before the convention. As the convention approaches, volunteers are contacted and plans to the distribute commemoratives at the convention are finalized. Then at last the big day arrives! It's time to load up the U-haul truck and head to Red Wing for the convention.

Jeff & Paulette Floyd • Auction Committee

Jeff & Paulette currently live in Yorkville, IL. a small farming town about 60 miles Southwest of Chicago. Interest in Red Wing started in 1985 on a trip to the Kane County Flea Market. We saw a 5 gallon wing beehive and had to have it. Then we were hooked. Our collecting now focuses on advertising pieces and grayline.



In the day to day world, Jeff is in the residential & commercial upholstery business. Paulette is an executive secretary at the Farmers Insurance Group Midwest Regional Office. They have two daughters

Ashley & Aarika who are starting to enjoy Red Wing too!

"West" Representative • Wally Armstrong

I am not a born and bred Red Wing Collector. I started out collecting depression glass and when it got too depressing I switched to Red Wing. I started out collecting Round Up and Lute Song. Now I collect about anything that is available. I even recently purchased some stoneware.

I have been a member of the Red Wing Collectors Society for the last 11 years. I am a charter member of the Puget Sound Chapter where I have held the office of president and vice president. I have been working with the commemorative group for the last five years, coming early and helping get the mail orders packed and ready to ship before convention. I also have been coming to the fall business meetings for the last five years. Last year at convention I was elected to finish out the term of West Representative when Sandy Short was elected to the education chair.



"East" Representative • Jerry Erdmann

Jerry and his family have been active members of the Red Wing Collectors Society since 1989. He began collecting Red Wing pottery since 1989 and has attended every convention since then. He and his wife June have always loved stoneware and have purchased crocks at antique shops and auctions. In 1989, some friends told them about the RWCS and the convention, and the rest is history.

Jerry is a decorated Vietnam veteran and retired from the U.S. Army in 1970 with the rank of Staff Sergeant. Besides belonging to the RWCS Jerry is an active member of the Wisconsin Red Wing Chapter, the Wisconsin Association of School boards, a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans, the American Legion, the Watt Collectors Society of Iowa and Ohio, a project leader in 4-H and a member of the County Livestock Committee. Society Thursday night auction since 1991.

Marv has been employed in outside sales at Wolohan Lumber Company in Rockford, Illinois for the past 28 years.



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Rocky Mountain

The Rocky Mountain Chapter currently has 31 active members. Meetings occur every 2 months, with a picnic in the summer and a Holiday gathering at the end of each year. The chapter produces a commemorative each year.

If anyone is interested in joining our chapter, they may contact Heidi Erzen
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Nebraska

The Nebraska Redwings' Charter was chartered in 1997 to replace a previously inactive chapter. Our purpose and mission is to research and share the history of pottery in America, to establish a network of collectors, and to encourage the buying, selling, and trading of stoneware and pottery, to enhance friendships among collectors, and to recruit new members. We meet four times a year, on the first Saturday in March, June and October, and on Thursday at the RWCS Convention in Red Wing. We also have a December meeting/Christmas party with date, time, and place to be determined at the October meeting which is held in Lincoln, Nebraska.

We have 80 members, 58 of whom are charter members. Eligibility requires membership in RWCS as well as annual dues (currently \$6 ... going to \$10 for 2000) paid to the Nebraska Redwings, 3901 Normal Blvd., Suite 203, Lincoln NE 68506-5250. Dues are due at the October meeting and must be paid by December 31 to retain membership for the following year. Each eligible member may purchase one commemorative at the chapter's cost. Commemorative eligibility requires attendance at two chapter meetings, one of which is held in Nebraska, or attend at least one chapter meeting held in Nebraska and complete a Board of Directors approved educational or organizational activity. Members are required to "sign in" at each of our meetings, and with their commemorative order are asked to complete and submit a commemorative qualification statement by December 31 of each year.

Effective and beginning in 1999, the board of directors can authorize as many

as 1 1/2 commemoratives for each qualifying and paid member who orders one, as long as the total does not exceed one for each member of the Nebraska chapter. Eight of these extra commemoratives are auctioned to members at the Nebraska meetings (2 each in October and December and in March and June of the following year). The average price of these commemoratives plus the one sold at the RWCS convention auction (if chosen that year) determines the price for the balance of the extra commemoratives for that year — which are then offered to those members who didn't otherwise qualify or order one for that year, who may purchase one provided that they were a paid member of the chapter in the year that the commemorative was made.

Newsletters are published and mailed to members following each meeting to inform members of the time and place for the next meeting, to include the minutes from the meeting, to pictorially recap the activities of the meeting, to provide a forum for educational items, and to make announcements, etc.

1999 officers are president — Jerry Schleich, vice president — Ron Hruska, secretary — Sharon Filipi, treasurer — Mary Schleich. 199 committee chairpersons are commemorative — Chuck and Deb Jones, education — Gail Peck, membership/newsletter — Barb Fisher.

Big Sky

In July we will officially be three years old. Ours is probably one of the smaller local chapters with only 25 members. However, remember that even though Montana is one of the largest states, it has one of the smallest populations. This makes it difficult to have regular meetings, but makes collecting Red Wing much more productive. Normally we have only two meetings scheduled for the Chapter that coincide with the local antique show in Billings. The first is usually in early February and the second is usually in later November. Many of our members are in rural counties and travel long distances so the antique show is an added incentive.

The local chapter officers are Craig Rang - president and Dewey Anderson - Secretary / Treasurer. Both are located in Billings.

The Montana chapter is a very loosely knit group that shares a common interest for Red Wing stoneware

and pottery. Many of the men primarily are interested in stoneware while the women have interests that vary from stoneware to dinnerware and pottery. Some of the most serious collectors have a passion for Montana advertising stoneware pieces such as whiskey jugs, bowls, beater jars, crocks, canning jars and pitchers. There is a fairly large diversity of such items available from time to time at the local antique shows and auctions.

The Big Sky Chapter has officially produced two commemoratives, the first is a miniature of one of the advertising jugs produced by Red Wing for the Montana Liquor Company in Butte, Montana. The second commemorative is a miniature replica of another Red Wing jug produced for the Ladner brothers in Miles City, Montana. At the present time another miniature advertising commemorative is in production and will be distributed to the current members who have pre-purchased them.

Montana is a great state to take your vacation in this summer. Attractions include Yellowstone National Park, Glacier National park, Custer Battlefield National park and Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area. Numerous other smaller parks are spread throughout the state.

If your vacation takes you through Billings, please stop and give us a call. We can direct you to local attractions and of course direct you to the antique stops throughout much of Montana.

Happy Hunting.
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Cannon Valley

Cannon Valley Red Wing Collectors formed in 1987. This is our 12th anniversary year. Our mission is to have fun collecting and sharing Red Wing information. Our fellowship is exchanged with a dinner meeting every month. We meet in Red Wing one month and follow that with a meeting at Cannon Falls and one in Northfield. We are blessed to have many very knowledgeable people in our group. Identification is always one of our highlights every meeting. Someone seems to always find something new. We also

have a silent auction every meeting which brings out some unusual pieces.

The window display at Goodhue County National Bank and across the street at Josephson's Clothing is brought to you, the visiting Red Wing Collectors, by the members of Cannon Valley Red Wing Collectors Chapter. We hope you get to see it and enjoy.

On behalf of the Cannon Valley members we hope you have an enjoyable stay in Red Wing and find just the piece you were looking for.

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Golden State

The Golden State Red Wing Chapter was organized by a group of avid Red Wing and stoneware collectors in September of 1986. The Chapter was officially ratified by The Red Wing Collectors Society as a recognized state chapter in July, 1987.

We meet quarterly, usually in the home of one of our members, and we currently have 55 active members. The majority of our members are in Northern California, but we do have members in the Los Angeles and Southern California area. We also publish a Newsletter for our members on a quarterly basis. Visitors are always welcome, however, membership at this time is limited to California residents only.

The Golden State Red Wing Chapter created the now famous First Edition Red Wing Jigsaw puzzle and poster for last years convention, and this year we are responsible for the Convention Button. Our group got together for three work days, and actually made the button. Be sure to check it out.

A number of our members make the trip to Red Wing each year for the convention. In the spring of 1999 we made a trip to Los Angeles to meet with our Southern California members. Nine members from Northern California made the trip which also included visiting area antique shops and malls, and the Pasadena Rose Bowl Flea Market bright and early Sunday morning. We had so much fun, we plan on doing it again this year in the fall.

Each year a Chapter Commemorative

is commissioned by the club, for 1998 it was a miniature Red Wing Christmas Tree Holder, and the 1999 commemorative will be unveiled at our September anniversary meeting, which is also election of officers this year.

Meetings are the second Saturday in the months of September, December, and March, and the first Saturday in June. For the location of a meeting, or for more information please visit our web site at <http://www.msr.net/gsrw> or drop us some email to GSRedWing@aol.com, or write us at PO Box 690, French Camp, CA 95231.

Gopher Chapter

The Gopher Chapter is 20 years old and still growing and still busy digging for Red Wing! You may see us digging around antique shops, flea markets, auctions or even the dump looking for those Red Wing treasures. We meet monthly in members burrows for a short meeting, show and tell, silent auction and treats. We love sharing our finds and learning more so we try to have educational speakers as often as possible. This year we had a couple extra activities, one in which some of us went dump digging at the old potteries dump which was very interesting and really got a test of our "gopher" digging talents! Then, in March we had a get together with the Southwest Wingers in Arizona which was really enjoyed by all who attended! We got a chance to warm up, find a few pieces and learn and see more in another area of the country.

We do have our own commemorative each year which are always enjoyed by all. Most of our members are from central Minnesota and the metro area but we do have members from other states and areas.

We invite fellow collectors from all areas and interests to join our group and enjoy the fellowship and education we get from other collectors. Just look for us wearing our Gopher Chapter name tags during the convention and ask for more information or contact our membership chairman Jay Jurgens at 612-881-1676 or our president Pete May at 612-955-3699.

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Iowa Chapter

Founded in 1979, the Iowa Chapter has 207 household memberships representing 353 individual members. Membership in the chapter entitles one to receive a newsletter published in January and August by co-editors Corrinne and Lowell Reed, an annual publication of a list of chapter members (of those giving permission to have their names listed), and the purchase of an annual commemorative distributed at each spring meeting. Any extra commemoratives are auctioned to members attending the fall meeting. The commemorative produced for 1999 was a miniature replica of a bailed Red Wing butter tub advertising the following:

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The three meetings per year are held in April, July, and October, with the July meeting being the annual chapter business meeting held at convention at the time assigned for all chapter meetings. Any RWCS member is welcome in the Iowa Chapter. Dues are paid on an annual basis and are \$10 per household membership (1 or 2 people). Renewals are due November 1 of each year. We urge anyone who has not yet found a home in any other chapter to join us at our annual chapter business meeting at convention, or simply write, call or email the chapter using the contact information listed below. Current Board members are Corrinne Reed, President; Elaine Fastenau, Vice President; Lowell Reed, Secretary/Treasurer; and Art Holliday,

Commemorative Chair.

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Puget Sound

The Puget Sound Chapter of 45 members is mainly a western Washington group but we do have members that hail from California, Nebraska, Minnesota and eastern Washington. We are an incorporated non-profit organization. The club was established in May 1988 and we meet on the second Sunday afternoon, every other month. Members take turns and host the meetings in their homes. Refreshments and fellowship follow the business meetings which usually last from 1 to 2 hours. The chapter normally compensates the host/hostess with a nominal sum to help defray the cost of munchies and other tidbits.

We have produced a different commemorative every year since 1988. Last year's endeavor was a 5-inch tall Birch Bark vase and a few will be available for sale at convention time. The 1995 commemorative was a Cherry Band pitcher created by potter Mike Robinson of the California chapter. All of our commemoratives extend Christmas greetings, indicate the year and the chapter's name.

Highlights of our business meetings consist of an educational period, usually about Red Wing products but not always limited to that. Our members are diversified in their collections and we have reviewed Hull pottery, Heisey glass, the 1962 Seattle Worlds Fair collectibles, Stanley Thermo products, contemporary fast food drinking glasses and Longaberger basketry. The list is

endless and is most interesting. There is a show and tell period in which the most interesting piece, coupled with its story and/or fantastic price is rewarded with free raffle tickets. The raffle consists of a Red Wing article donated by the host/hostess with the proceeds going to the club's treasury.

The chapter's treasury is also bolstered with membership dues, a small markup on the commemoratives the members buy and the sale of any remaining commemoratives usually in July at the convention.

There is a lot of swapping, buying and selling of Red Wing items between the members. The chapter does not publish a newsletter per se but uses a newsletter format to announce the up-and-coming meetings. The material published is informative, light and chatty, reviewing happenings or events to come on the next agenda.

As you can see our meetings are fun events and turnouts are usually well attended. For further information about this "Great Northwest Chapter," please contact the membership person, Karen Oppie, (206) 226-4134; or the secretary, Chris Sandman, (206) 432-9847.

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Southwest

The Southwest Redwings was established in 1982 and currently has 33 members. We meet every month except during the summer months of June and July. Most meetings are held on the last Monday of the month and include a program speaker or presentation. Our meetings usually include a club raffle, a "bring and brag" session,

and refreshments.

Some club sponsored activities include a winter picnic, an antique hunting trip (such as the Fort Lowell Show in Tucson), and a Christmas party. The club also has a potluck for the last meeting before the long hot summer break. Also, for the past few years the club has scheduled a club meeting in the pines of Payson at "Close Quarters." This is a lovely cabin which belongs to club member Bill Close and his wife Joy and is always a memorable trip and meeting.

At our December meeting a Christmas party is scheduled which includes dinner at a local restaurant and the handling out of commemoratives.

We also have a newsletter which is published 10 times a year, of which Kent Williamson is the editor. Person to contact for membership: Mary Ann Cleary, 2746 South Pennington, Mesa, AZ 85202, (602) 820-4526 or e-mail address: mary.ann.cleary@rogers-corp.com.

Current officers for 1997 are: President Ken Olson; Vice-President Bev Winchell; Secretary Gene Stanley; Treasurer Sally Stanley; Historian Jim Minturn.

Kent Williamson
Southwest Redwings RWCS
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Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Chapter has 60 active members. We meet twice a year — once at the convention and once in the fall at various places in Wisconsin. The commemorative is distributed at the fall meeting.

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Michigan Chapter

Michigan chapter is not a very active chapter holding periodic meetings rather than regularly scheduled meetings. We usually meet at Red Wing Mid-Winter Get-Together, Red Wing in July, try and schedule a fall meeting someplace convenient and then have tried to hold a meeting prior to the Christmas holidays which got snowed out bigtime the very first one.

Mike Zaeske was the initial organizer of the chapter. He is presently serving as president of the chapter with his wife Chris serving as vice president. He can be reached at 616-375-7948. Send postal mail to RWCS Michigan Chapter, P.O. Box 643, Oshtemo, MI 49077-0643. Send e-mail to zaeskem@net-link.net.

Membership requirements are MUST be member of National Red Wing Collectors Society, Inc. with current paid up membership. Michigan Chapter dues are \$5.00 per year to help offset costs of postage.

There is an opportunity for anyone in Michigan with exceptional organizing skills to assume a leadership position in the Michigan Chapter as President because Mike Zaeske, current Chapter President, is running for East Representative on the RWCS board, and if elected, he will be resigning as president and spend time trying to organize chapters East of the Mississippi as East Representative.

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Oral history project

One of the most important ideals of the Red Wing Collectors Society is to retain and preserve the rich history of Red Wing's pottery industry. Similarly, the community of Red Wing, through the Goodhue County Historical Society, recognizes the importance of the clay industry to their local heritage.

As a joint venture, both the Red Wing Collectors Society and the Goodhue County Historical Society are participating in capturing the memories and

recollections of past potteries employees, relatives, and friends. Through recorded interviews, it is expected that a wealth of information will be collected.

Preparations for this oral history project continue. It is expected that interviewing will begin within the next few months. If you have any contacts with former potteries employees that would be willing to participate in this project, please contact the Red Wing Collectors Society Business Office.

Hall of fame inductees

Two years ago during the twentieth anniversary of the Red Wing Collectors Society the first three members of the Hall of Fame were inducted. This year six will be included in this prestigious group. Each inductee will be honored with two plaques. One of which will be retained by the Society and displayed during the conventions. The other plaque will be given to the Hall of fame member.

The six people who will be included in the highest honor the Society has ever bestowed upon any of its members are Stanley Bougie, Dan DePasquale, Gail Peck, Gary and Bonnie Tefft, and Larry Peterson.

Stan Bougie

Vice-President RWCS 1984-1989
Convention committee Co-chair RWCS 1981
Co-author of Red Wing Dinnerware 1980
Frequent speaker at RWCS convention events

and educational seminars
Master of Ceremonies at numerous convention banquets
RWCS Newsletter contributor

Dan DePasquale

Charter Member RWCS
President of RWCS 1984-1991
Presenter at Numerous RWCS Convention seminars
Promoted educational awareness of RWCS

Author of numerous articles in RWCS publications
Co-author of Red Wing Stoneware and Red Wing Collectibles
Perhaps Dans most significant contribution to RWCS is as co-author of the two definitive books.

Gail Peck

Education Chairperson (Board of Directors) 1983-1988
Frequent Banquet Speaker
Frequent Convention Seminar Presenter
Contributor of Numerous articles for the RWCS

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Contributor to and other national antique publications
Red Wing seminar presenter for numerous antique organizations
Co-author of Red Wing Stoneware and Red Wing Collectibles

Gary and Bonnie Tefft

Gary: Vice-President RWCS 1981-1985
Bonnie: RWCS Historian 1981-1991
Gary & Bonnie:

Commemorative Chairpersons (Board of Directors) 1981-1992
Gary & Bonnie: Presenters at numerous educational seminars and other Society Functions
Published Red Wing Potters and Their Wares

Larry Peterson

Charter member RWCS, 1977
Education Chair RWCS, 1992-1996
Past president Cannon Valley chapter 1990-1991
Frequent Convention Seminar Speaker
Frequent Convention displayer

Best of show and people's choice, "Mini Jugs" 1984
Best of show, "Butter crocks" 1987
Best of show, "Excelsior springs" 1990
Co-author of Red Wing Stoneware 1983
Co-author of Red Wing Collectibles 1985
Owner of Larry's Jugs specializing in Red Wing

Collection Reflections

By Susan Gillmer

We're all in this thing together. Americans are collectors. One only has to think of Hummel figurines, Precious Moments figurines, or Department 56 Snow Village houses to be reminded of some of the crazes that have taken us by a storm. What about BEANIE BABIES!?!?

Sometimes the collectibles appeal to an aesthetic sense, but often they appeal to something deep within us something that reminds us of special time in our lives or of someone who has been very important to us.

The Red Wing items which appeal to me are those which had a place in my childhood. For example, my husband purchased a

Hamms bear bank for me a couple of years ago because every year at the Show and Sale I would pick one up and tell him a story about playing with these banks when I was young as if they were dolls. I always laugh about the baseball ashtray that looks like a ball that has been cut down the middle and opened up. We sold the seconds at the Salesroom for \$1.50. We used to turn them upside down hold them to us and sing opera. The ashtray reminded us of a Viking womans garment. I bet if you have one of those, you'll try it when you get home. You'll never look at it again without thinking of a career in the opera.

I love to check out what's

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available in Town and Country. When I was a little girl, my father used to take me to his showroom at the Merchandise Mart in Chicago. I would spend the day climbing around in the bins behind the display area playing with the schmoo salt and pepper shakers. To me, they were a family of circus performers.

I have a pair of white china cowboys that hang on my family room wall just as

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a pair hung on the wall of our family room when we lived in the big green house on 4th Street. My mother is the one who loved those cowboys and I think fondly of time I spent with her in that big old house whenever I look at them. In keeping with the cowboy theme, I have lots of Round Up just because when I was in high school and working at the Salesroom I thought it would be fun to have a set if I ever had a son. I did and he got a bang out of the dishes when he was little. Someday, perhaps he'll have a son to pass the set on to.

One of my favorite pieces is one of Charlie Murphys naked lady vases. She is done in metallic glaze (the same one that was used on the Kashmir pattern of dishes) and is missing her head so that you can put flowers in her neck. Most people thought she was pretty ugly, so we never sold very many. I always thought she was neat in an artsy way. I still like her though I admit that I've never put flowers in her neck. When I see her, I

remember times with Charlie and Marie when he designed for the pottery and long afterwards when he was doing his wildlife art.

One of the most elegant things that own is the set of Continental Buffet from 1956. In my opinion it was one of the classiest things that Red Wing ever made. Alas, it did not sell well. My mother says that it was too expensive for the typical customer. It was an attempt to hit a more upscale market that didn't work. My father brought home a set of it so that she would use it when entertaining. He hoped that others would see it and want to have it. He sold some that way but not enough. I remember as a child thinking that it was beautiful and I still think that it is. In the cover picture it is set with a combination of new Homer Laughlin "Fiesta" and Mikasa "Midnight."

I hope that as you collect your Red Wing each and every piece means something special to you.

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