

# Siouxland Redwingers Newsletter

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A Chapter of the Red Wing Collectors Society, Inc.

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## Upcoming Meetings

**SUMMER MEETING**  
July 9, 2009  
Red Wing High School  
Room TBD  
1:00 P.M.  
RWCS Convention  
Red Wing, Minnesota

**FALL MEETING**  
September 26, 2009  
Location TBD

**WINTER MEETING**  
February ??, 2009  
Holiday Inn, Room TBD  
8:30 P.M.  
RWCS MidWinter  
GetTogether  
Des Moines, Iowa

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## Meeting News

The Summer meeting will be held at the RWCS Convention this July. The room we will be using will be posted at Convention. Hopefully this year we can avoid the storms that were our companion during last year's meeting! Convention promises, as always, to have many interesting activities to attend in addition to the meeting. This will also be the meeting in which our new commemorative will be unveiled. Members at the meeting will be able to pick up their piece during the meeting, getting first chance to inspect the pieces they select.

A location for the Fall meeting is still needed. Please send suggestions to Glenn Beall and he'll be sure to bring it up at the next meeting. If you often cannot attend meetings due to their location, perhaps we can bring a meeting to you!

## Commemorative News

Preorders for Commemoratives have been received! The commemorative will be unveiled during the Convention in Red Wing. If you preordered you will be able to pick it up there, or arrangements can be made for mailing. We look forward to seeing what Dave Huebner (mentored by Steve Casperson) has in store for us!

## Minutes

The Spring 2009 meeting of Siouxland Redwingers, a Chapter of the Red Wing Collectors Society, Inc. was held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, 2009 at the Godfather's Restaurant in Huron, South Dakota following a noon Dutch-treat luncheon at the Godfather's buffet. 27 adults and 3 children were present.

Glenn Beall, President,

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## Minutes

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began the meeting by welcoming members and guests; introductions were shared.

### OLD BUSINESS:

MINUTES from the Winter 2009 meeting were printed in the Newsletter. Mary Lynn Headrick made a motion that the date of Autumn meetings be corrected to read the last Saturday of each September, not October. Laura Beall seconded the motion, which carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Michelle Heiberger advised that the Treasury has a balance of about \$6,400.

COMMEMORATIVE REPORT: Dave Huebner reports that the 2009 Siouxland Commemorative is on schedule to be unveiled at the Summer meeting. About 50 commemoratives are completed, 3 special commemoratives are planned.

BANNER: The existing banners will fly in Red Wing for one more convention. Siouxland Redwingers agreed at the Winter meeting to purchase a new banner for \$180. Designs and details are sought.

ADVERTISING: Mary Lynn Headrick placed advertisements about Siouxland Redwingers and today's meeting in various area newspapers. Through her employer, Mary Lynn was able to advertise in Huron, Redfield, and Brookings publications with no charge. Total price for additional publications, including Howard, DeSmet, RFD News Group, and others is not yet available. Mary Lynn is thanked for undertaking this project, which was apparently successful as 13 guests were present at this meeting!

MEMBERSHIP: For the benefit of the guests,

details about membership in the Red Wing Collectors Society, Inc. and Siouxland Redwingers were shared, including amounts of dues for primary, associate, and chapter membership, and rights to the receipt of the newsletters and rights to purchase commemoratives.

### NEW BUSINESS:

SIouxLAND LOGO: Dave Huebner has created a logo with the name "Siouxland Redwingers" and a wing design that he wishes to include on mugs. Donovan Twite made a motion that Dave's idea be approved. Michelle Heiberger seconded the motion, which carried.

### SHOW & TELL:

Val Broderson (guest) – photographs of her mother's collection, which is for sale. Val's mother has recently moved to a retirement facility, and owns a 2-gallon elephant ear crock, a 3-gallon wing crock, a short refrigerator jar, and a couple of applesauce jars.

Nancy Sprecher (guest) – photograph of Round-Up Water Cooler which includes both the base and lid

Doris Jury (guest) – numerous pieces of Blossom Time dinnerware, a 1-gallon North Star piece, a 1-gallon wing-stamped small jug, two Dunlap bowls, one marked "Columbia Metal Products" and 1 Dunlap cream beater, a Lexington (Rose) platter, a 1-gallon mason jar with blue printing, a safety valve jar, an RWCS 10<sup>th</sup> Commemorative (the Red Wing ashtray), a Red Wing lid, and a lovely Western Old Sleepy Eye vase

Mary Rudd – advertising shard with Volga Advertising, which was found by Steve Showers

Tom Landis – bisque cowboy, white iris pitcher with advertising on the bottom,

### Minutes, Continued

and a brown Albany iris pitcher  
Mike Headrick – 2-gallon salt-glazed churn with target marking and original brown lid

Dave Huebner – a salt-glaze piece from New Ulm Pottery of New Ulm, Minnesota which was likely made between 1858-1862, a reproduction of a prehistoric piece based on Native American pottery which Dave makes for museums, a booklet on Wisconsin Pottery, and salt & pepper shakers which he had consigned at an auction years ago that were purchased by Mary Rudd. Mary returned the S&P shakers to Dave’s collection today.

Glenn Beall – Labriego salt & pepper shakers, a large chicken waterer, a vase marked with advertising for the meeting of the 1936 Minnesota Grand Chapter O.E.S. (Order of the Eastern Star) from Red Wing Potteries, and a Dallas-stamped canning jar with a rim for the wax seal. The canning jar is similar to those produced in Peoria, Illinois and Bonaparte, Iowa.

Mary Lynn Headrick – newspaper article featuring auctioneer Dean Gulbranson and his collection

### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

The Summer meeting will be held on Thursday, July 9, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. during the Red Wing Collector’s Society annual convention in Red Wing, Minnesota. The Autumn 2009 meeting will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2009 at a time and place to be determined.

The meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Ellen Beall, Secretary

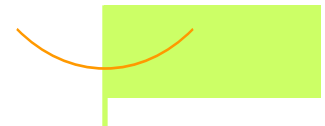


Above: A portion of the crowd at the Spring Meeting in Huron.

COMMEMORATIVE AUCTION: Mary Rudd’s \$50 bid won her a regular 2008 Siouxland commemorative. Syl Casperson’s \$190 bid won her a special 2008 Siouxland commemorative.



Please remember to send in articles for the next newsletter! It is *your* news, send it in!



## Message from the President

by Glenn Beall



An advertising shard from the dump. Has anyone ever seen this piece complete?

We look forward to seeing you at Convention! The 2009 Siouxland Commemorative will be unveiled during our chapter meeting!



A churn brought to the April meeting by Mike Headrick

Howdy all. Well this newsletter is a little late. You should have all gotten your latest national newsletter and seen all the neat things happening at Convention this year. It seems the City of Red Wing is taking a little interest in our small meeting again. If you can, go try to see the Pottery Park and take some time to look at the piece of the existing kiln outside of Pottery Mall. We have some new speakers this year which should be fun. My family will be busy this year, but I hope to get to speak to everyone and I can hardly wait to see our new chapter commemorative this year. I am sure it will be, as always, outstanding. Our meeting in Huron went well with a few folks showing up to examine our club and see if there is an interest in joining. One member lost a Dunlap Beater after the meeting, so if

anyone ended up with one and you don't remember taking one let me know. I have had some luck this year finding pieces I needed, or at least thought I needed, but I must admit it has slowed over the years. At Convention we will need to finalize our meeting place for the spring meeting. Maybe in the Yankton area again. Our web page is being updated so be sure and check it out as you have time. I would like to know if our chapter members would like to get emails on large, upcoming auctions. I could send out notices if people want them and if people send them to me. It is always a conflict whether to tell anyone about an auction or hope to get a few bargains on your own! We have a room reserved for our chapter meeting, the room number will be posted at Convention. If you can I would also

like to show in our newsletter how folks display their collections. We don't have to give out names as to whose items they are (we need to keep some folks from knowing about what is in our houses) but to see displays in the home is always interesting. There have been news items lately about pottery. One has determined that pottery begins to absorb water as soon as the firing is done. So by weighing shards then heating them and weighing them again a date of manufacture can be determined. It appears to be fairly accurate, but if the item goes through a fire again the date of course changes. This was being used on all sorts of pieces, it seemed. Forward any interesting news articles you find, perhaps they'll find their way into the newsletter.

See you in July!



## Pottery from the Past

Sergeant Bluff, Iowa

Some information from a History of Sergeant Bluff Iowa City, 1954

William Wortman built the first pottery kiln north and west of town, but gave up shortly. In 1858 John B. Ziegler and Charles F. Eckhart started working the clay fields all manufactured items being a dark brown glaze. In 1866 their pottery was sold to C. J. Holman & Bros. In 1868 Charles Borders started another pottery in Sergeant Bluff proper. This pottery made china dishes as well as crocks. One or two turners were employed. Some workers remembered are Purdy, Hartwell and a Pete Schiener. This pottery was sold to Mattocks then sold it again to Jerome Welch but never ran again. The kiln was destroyed in 1910.

It is believed that Pius Neff, remembered for claiming to swim across the Missouri River to get to work at the Dakota City, Nebraska pottery, may have worked here as well; he is known to have lived in Sergeant Bluff. It is unknown of the "Harwell" mentioned is any connection to the Harwell of "Harwell and Bower Pottery" in Bonaparte, Iowa.



The advertising in a Lily pitcher brought by Tom Landis to the April meeting. The advertising reads: "Compliments of Kenneth Farmers Elev. Co."

## Garage Sale Report

by Catherine Beall

June 6 was city-wide garage sale days in Logan, Iowa. Elizabeth and I decided to make the rounds of the sales and see what there was to see. After searching through the piles of standard garage sale fare, we came upon a house that had a few picture prints of ducks scattered around the sale. I noticed that one of them looked a lot like a Charles Murphy print that Dad (Glenn) had found the weekend before in a South Dakota antique store. Sure enough, when I took a closer look "Charles E. Murphy" was the signature printed on the corner of the picture. I was pretty excited! The green-headed duck print had the excellent price of fifty-cents marked on the tag. The man running the sale was a little

confused as to why I pulled that particular print out of all the others there. When he asked about it I briefly explained the role Murphy had played in the design of Red Wing pottery and dinnerware and that paintings by him were popular among collectors. He seemed to be a little regretful that he had not been aware of the possible value of the print, but sold it for the fifty cents he had marked anyway. We found a few other pieces during the garage sale days, but the Murphy print was the best of the day. It just goes to show that you never know where you will find the next piece to add to your collection!

Happy hunting!

"The green-headed duck print had the excellent price of fifty-cents marked on the tag.."



The Charles Murphy print purchased by Catherine Beall

## Convention Crossword Puzzle

Below are eighteen words hidden. The words relate to something you are likely to find at this summer's Convention! Hope to see you there!

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| Antiques       | Food          | Pottery Park  |
| Auction        | Friends       | Sales         |
| Commemoratives | KidsView      | Seminars      |
| Displays       | Meetings      | Show and Sale |
| Excitement     | Memories      | Speakers      |
| Finds          | Pottery Place | Stories       |
|                | Mall          |               |

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<p><b>WANTED:</b> Two Step Dinnerware. Any pieces except cream &amp; sugar.</p> <p><b>FOR SALE:</b> Hearthside dinnerware. Many pieces including serving pieces: gravy boat, vegetable, etc. Call for details. ML Headrick (605) 997-3656</p>	<p><b>WANTED:</b> Pieces with advertisement for Bridgewater or Lennox. Contact Michelle at (605) 428-4323 or <a href="mailto:mheiberger@siouxvalley.net">mheiberger@siouxvalley.net</a></p>
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