After I’ve opened my cabinet doors to my Facebook Friends, you’re probably wondering what I could show you that you hadn’t already seen within my curios. I know my cabinets are packed pretty full and it was hard to see everything. For this issue I thought I’d include items that were either not in a cabinet or difficult to see and decided to show head studies since that is one of the first things we look at when we look at a Borzoi.

I bought this ceramic piece at the 2009 BCOA/MBC specialty show held in Frankenmuth, Michigan. It was in the “garage sale items” and priced very reasonably. It was cleverly designed where the back actually has a ceramic stand built onto it so that you can display it on your table without needing a plate holder. It measures 5” tall and sadly does not have a signature to help identify the maker. While I’m not fond of the dotted markings on the face (ticking), I still believe it to be worth around $25.

This hanging head study is made of pewter which was attached to glass. There is pewter surrounding the glass giving it a Tiffany stained glass look to it. It looks like someone clipped off part of the neck hair leaving it with a chopped off appearance. I cannot remember where I purchased this piece, but probably on eBay. The measurements are 3” x 5.5” with a nice loop hanger soldered to the top for easy hanging. It is a weighty piece, with a correct Borzoi ear and I value this at about $20.

I purchased this next head study from eBay, even though I know it was a trophy for a dog show. Any seasoned Borzoi person is familiar with the works of <now judge> Garry Newton. Garry is known for his lovely dog sculptures capturing remarkable detail within each subject he creates. My first encounter with Garry was before he was a judge. He had a booth at the BCOA show held in Racine, WI in the 1990’s. I was sharing a booth with my friend Joyce Brandin. During the day, it would get boring sitting there waiting for people to come around so all of us vendors would visit each other’s booths. That is the year Garry donated the “Reflections” bronze where the Borzoi was gazing down into a pond. While I could have ordered one at that time, it was way over my head for affordability, but looking back now, it was a steal and I pine over it to this day. Since I bought this used, it had several scuffs and bruises. In good condition, I would value this at $75. Measuring 5”, the detail is remarkable and the ear is done exquisitely.

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I don’t recall if I purchased this as a wall hanging or a necklace, but I doubt it would be worn around my neck due to the size. A very elegant looking Borzoi head, it must have been made by someone that either owned Borzoi or had been very close to one in their life. The material feels like it is a kiln fired clay rather than ceramic. The sculptor was proud enough of their creation to have signed it “Mary McLerran.” So if you’re out there Mary, congratulations on designing a simply lovely Borzoi head. This hangs on the door of one of my cabinets, so perhaps you first got a glimpse of it within my Facebook albums. Measuring 4” from nose to opposite edge, the value on this as a necklace or a wall hanging is $45.

This bronze head was purchased several years ago from a friend of mine, Susan Motisi. She told me it was given as a trophy at one of the dog shows. Several were also available for outright purchase so she had bought a few. It measures 5” with nice detail, including a beautiful ear. Of course there is no signature to determine who made it. Pam Leichtnam believes it was given at one of the Midwest Borzoi Club shows, but didn’t recall who the maker was. If I made something this beautiful, you can bet that I would be signing my name all over it to let everyone know where it came from. Surely a fine Borzoi specimen that I value at $75.

It is getting quite difficult to locate nice Borzoi collectibles these days. I’m often asked how I managed to acquire such a collection. It came from years of attending antique shows, hitting antique shops and flea markets, and of course in the last 10 years, I managed to accumulate many things from eBay. Whatever your Borzoi collecting desire may be, if you see something you like, the best time to buy it is then; as long as it is within your budget.

**2011 Top Producers**

One male, DC Sylvan Seabury Virago SC FCH ROMX-C, and two females, CH Tatezi Radio Flyer and CH Bibikov’s Jackie Blue, are on the Top Producers list for 2011. Sires have to have 5 or more champions finished during the year, and dams have to have produced 3 or more champions finished during the year, to be on this list.

**CH Tatezi Radio Flyer, had 3 offspring finished during 2011, from 1 litter whelped February 13, 2007. The litter was sired by Midknight Southern Justice. They are:**
- DC Tatezi Nashville Skyline Rag MC LCX FCH,
- DC Tatezi Absolutely Sweet Marie SC
- DC Tatezi Tangled Up In Blue MC FCH. All are owned and were handled by breeder Sheryl Gresser Kuhn.

**CH Bibikov’s Jackie Blue had 3 offspring finished during 2011, from 1 litter whelped April 17, 2010. They were sired by CH Veronda’s Maximus Of Majenkir. Breeders are Frances Wright, James & Elisabeth Szymanski. They are:**
- CH Maskova’s Glitter In The Air, owners Elisabeth & Jim Szymanski
- CH Maskova’s Zilver Strand Mystere, owners Theresa & Joseph Euser and Elisabeth & Jim Szymanski
- CH Kasharra Of Bibikov Maskova, owner Frances Wright.

**DC Sylvan Seabury Virago SC FCH ROMX-C had 6 children finished during 2011, from 5 litters. He is owned by Patti & Christopher Neale, and was bred by Patti & Christopher Neale and James Sillers. They are:**
- CH Soyara’s Karmen Fantasy & CH Soyara’s Celeste Aida, born January 23, 2008, out of CH Soyara Faith Tis Herself Esar, breeders & owners Prudence & Gregory Hlatky. CH Sylvan Tigrato, born June 14, 2010, out of CH Sylvan Metallic Minx, breeders & owners Patti & Christopher Neale
- CH Fantasia Seabury Hakatai, born March 14, 2008, out of CH Fantasia’s Unchain My Heart, breeders & owners Judith Dennis & James Sillers
- CH Katz 24 Karat Gold, born December 7, 2007, out of CH Katz Night N Paisley, breeder Kitty Sawyer and owner Lisa Malsam
- CH Paradise Spirit Torch Song Enchante, born April 1, 2008, out of CH Iskra Kalinow, breeder Susan Motisi & Kristi Arnquist, owner Mary Sue Marcy.

Also to be noted, is that DC Sylvan Seabury Virago SC FCH ROMX-C has sired a lifetime total of 39 champions.