

# RONALD VAN RUYCKEVELT



Ronald van Ruyckevelt was born in 1928. He began his career at Wimbledon School of Art where he was awarded the National Diploma in painting. He then went on to study ceramics at The Royal College of Art, culminating in an Associateship. After one year of industrial practice, he was awarded the full Royal College Diploma Des. R.C.A.

Ronald joined the staff of Royal Worcester in August 1953 and the following year won the British Pottery Manufacturers Federation Traveling Scholarship. He became closely involved with the production of Dorothy Doughty's series of American

Birds, before setting off to America himself to study Tropical fish. Seven large fish were made as Limited Editions and six smaller unlimited models were produced. This was followed by a series of six small American birds, which was Ronald's last unlimited series for Royal Worcester.

During the 1960's, Ronald designed some of the most technically adventurous models Worcester has ever produced - a Limited Edition series of Big Game Fish, a series of large Game Birds and a number of hand-made Tropical flowers. After his wife, Ruth, left the employ of Royal Worcester in 1968, Ronald completed the series of Victorian Ladies, which she had begun in 1958.



In 1972, Ronald van Ruyckevelt modeled the beautiful Wedding Doves to celebrate the Silver Wedding of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip. His final work for Royal Worcester in the 1970's was the series of six 'Queens Regnant'. Works modeler, Ken Potts, completed this series.

Ronald van Ruyckevelt left Royal Worcester in 1974 to work from Malvern. He later moved to America where he now runs his own ceramic company.

During his career with Royal Worcester, Ronald produced over 65 models. Unfortunately, some were never put into full production, but most of them were successful and are collectors' items today.

## ROYAL WORCESTER MODELS BY RONALD VAN RUYCKEVELT 1953 - 1974

1955	3545	Bermudan shell		
1956	3572	Red Hind	Small	Unlimited
	3573	Four Eyed Fish	Small	Unlimited
	3574	Blue Angel Fish	Small	Unlimited
	3575	Sergeant Major Fish	Small	Unlimited
	3576	Yellow Grunt Fish	Small	Unlimited

	3577	Four Eyed fish	Large	Limited 500
	3578	Spanish Hog& Sergeant Major Fish	Large	Limited 500
	3579	Spade Fish	Small	Unlimited
	3602	Red Hind	Large	Limited 500
	3603	Blue Angel fish	Large	Limited 500
	3604	Squirrel Fish	Large	Limited 500
	3605	Rock Beauty Fish	Large	Limited 500
	3606	Rainbow Parrot Fish	Large	
1958	3664	Passion Flower		Limited 500
1961	3710	Hibiscus		Limited 500
	3721	Sail Fish	Sporting Fish	Limited 500
	3722	Flying Fish	Sporting Fish	Limited 500
1962	3752	Barracuda	Sporting Fish	
	3753	Tarpon	Sporting Fish	Limited 500
	3751	Dolphin	Sporting Fish	Limited 500
1964	3768	Cherry Blossom on rock		
	3772	Bougainvillea		Limited 500
	3778	Blue Marlin	Sporting Fish	Limited 500
1965	3787	Blue fin Tuna	Sporting Fish	Limited 500
	3788	Swordfish	Sporting Fish	Limited 500
	3789	American Salmon		Not produced
	3790	American Trout		Not produced
1966	3809	Boy with Hat		Not produced
	3810	Girl with Hat		Not produced
	3813	Mallard Cock	Game birds	Limited 500
	3814	Mallard Hen	Game birds	Limited 500
	3818	Ringneck Pheasant Cock	Game birds	Limited 500
	3819	Ring neck Pheasant Hen	Game birds	Limited 500
	3820	Bone Fish		Not produced
	3823	Oleander		
1967	3827	Bob White Quail Hen	Game birds	Limited 500
	3828	Bob White Quail Cock	Game birds	Limited 500
	3829	Canada Goose		Limited 500
	3830	Ruffed Goose		Not produced
	3831	Canvasback Duck	Game birds	Limited 500
	3832	Wild Turkey		Not produced
	3833	Pintail Drake	Game birds	Limited 500
	3834	Pintail Duck	Game birds	Limited 500

	3835	American Woodcock		Not produced
	3836	Green Winged Teal	Game birds	Limited 500
	3837	Redhead Duck		Not produced
	3838	Wood Duck		Not produced
	3839	Redhead Duck		Not produced
	3840	Mourning Doves		Limited 500
1968	3861	Red Cross Nurse V.A.D.		Limited 750
1971	3877	Elaine	Victorian Ladies	Limited 750
	3878	Felicity	Victorian Ladies	Limited 750
	3881	The Picnic		Limited 250
	3887	Alice	Victorian Ladies	Limited 750
	3892	Cecilia	Victorian Ladies	Limited 750
1972	3913	Silver Wedding Doves		Limited 25
1973	3936	Queen Mary I	Queens Regnant	Limited 250
	3937	Queen Elizabeth I	Queens Regnant	Limited 250
	3938	Queen Anne	Queens Regnant	Limited 250
	3939	Queen Mary II	Queens Regnant	Limited 250
	3940	Queen Victoria	Queens Regnant	Limited 250
	3941	Queen Elizabeth II	Queens Regnant	Limited 250

The following Gilt-Bronze mounted Flowers were also designed by Ronald van Ruyckevelt. The bronze was cast at Worcester and gilded and the flowers were entirely hand made at Ruyckevelt's Malvern studio. The pieces were marketed and sold through the Royal Worcester Company in the early 1970's, issued as limited editions of 500.

- Honfleur (Pair of pink roses with white Sicilian marble bases)
- Castelnau (Pair of carnations (pink & yellow) with white Sicilian marble bases)
- Languedoc (Single lilac spray with black Ashburton marble base)
- St. Denis (Single blackberry spray with black Ashburton marble base)
- Menecy (Pair of white roses with black Ashburton marble bases & ladybird)
- Argenteuil (Single cherry blossom spray with black Ashburton marble base)

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