

Manitoba Doll Club Newsletter

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The Manitoba Doll Club newsletter is published 7x a year, September-November and January-April.

Please note our website:
www.manitobadollclub.com

Don't forget to wear your name tag to each meeting to be eligible for a door prize.

Traders' Table

Carol will not be at the April meeting, but we can still bring items to trade. If you have any small items you think might be suitable for a Pedlar Doll, but you don't need them for your own project, please bring them to share.

PLEASE NOTE: ON SUNDAY, parking in the hotel lot is available at a flat rate of \$2 for the day. The ticket machine does not take toonies, so please bring two loonies!

On-street parking is free on Sunday.

April Meeting
1:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 27, 2008
at the Charter House Hotel

1:30 - 2:00: Business meeting &
Door Prize Draw

2:00 - 2:15: **Show and Tell:**

2:15 - 2:45 **Activity:**

Please bring any Pedlar dolls you are working on for the Doll Show, even if they are not finished.

2:45 - 3:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

Do you have ideas for future activities? Please call Carol Fraize!

WIND UP
Sunday, May 25: see details inside!

Please be sure to RENEW your membership! I don't like to take people off the mailing list unless they confirm that they do not wish to renew, so please help me out by either renewing or contacting me to be removed from the list.

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Please note - I don't have birthdays for all members, so please let me know so we can acknowledge you with birthday greetings! I promise not to reveal your age! When you renew, please give me your birthday (month only if you wish).

ALL MEMBERS: Please take some time over the next month to complete a "Getting to Know You" form and return to me so we can have some new member bios for the newsletter.

Executive 2007-2008

President: Sylvia Grantham

(1-204-482-4932)

Email: sdgranth@mts.net

Vice-President (Membership)

Ardythe Basham (772-9982)

Vice-President (Activities)

Carol Fraize (1-204-243-2299)

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Diane Malzensky (334-4916)

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Newsletter: Ardythe Basham (772-9982)

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Fall Doll Show Co-ordinator, 2008

Sylvia Grantham

DOLL CLUB ELECTIONS

GAIL EDWARDS will be our new President, assuming her duties in September. Welcome and thank you to Gail for stepping up!

The other members of the executive will serve for another year.

We would very much like to have more members take an interest in executive positions, perhaps as a deputy.

NEW AND RETURNING

We are delighted to welcome new members Lisje The, Pat Scott, and Lily Gibson, and returning member Brenda Speirs-Fryatt.

We would love to hear about your collections and doll interests! Please take a few minutes to fill out a bio sheet with whatever you would like to share with your fellow doll lovers.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Sylvia Grantham

In keeping with the theme of the Fall Show, we are asking members to dress as Pedlar Dolls and/or to enter a Pedlar Doll as part of the club display for a People's Choice award. Your Pedlar can be a doll you have made or one you have dressed.

Please bring your started Pedlar Doll that you will be entering in the competition to the APRIL MEETING! It would also be nice to see your Cape and Hat... Don't worry if your doll isn't complete. We can help each other out with ideas to make each doll extra special.

It is important that you participate in the activities. The executive is working very hard to make the show a success. We need your help.

As a special incentive... People who bring their projects (Pedlar Dolls and/or Costume) to the next meeting and officially sign up will receive a **deduction of \$5.00 off the May Luncheon...**

MAY WIND UP

Our May 25 meeting will also be our spring wind-up, and this year we will be having a luncheon at the CharterHouse Hotel.

LUNCHEON:

First choice is soup & sandwich, condiments and beverage and dessert.

Second choice is lasagna and salad, dessert and beverage.

Both are served buffet style and cost \$12.00 each, gratuities included.

If you have any dolls to donate for the 100 Dolls and One Dalmation Charity Draw, please bring them in April or May so I can start planning the display. We will have only one meeting in the fall before the Doll Show, so most of the advance planning needs to be done now!

So what the heck is a Pedlar Doll anyway?

by Ardythe Basham

Inquiring minds want to know!

In past centuries, before department stores and shopping malls, pedlars travelled from place to place selling small goods to isolated farm wives and villagers – buttons, ribbons, small toys, lace and many other items. In towns, pedlars sold goods as varied as apples, flowers, pies, toys, services such as knife sharpening, or anything else that could be carried or wheeled on a barrow.

In the Victorian period, making pedlar dolls was a popular hobby. Such dolls were often displayed or used to raise money for worthy causes. Usually they depicted older women wearing the traditional red or black cloak and wearing a straw or felt hat or bonnet, although young ladies or male pedlars are sometimes seen. The pedlar carried a tray displaying her wares, which gave the maker a chance to show off all the tiny trinkets she had made or collected.

A wonderful example of a Victorian pedlar doll can be seen here:

<http://www.dhub.org/object/96276>

Modern pedlar dolls can follow the traditional models, but you can also come up with a modern innovation. Perhaps your pedlar is a street merchant selling jewelry, as you might see on Portage Avenue or Osborne Village. A modern “flower seller” might be a Goth girl. Or you could imagine a “seller of dreams” with crystals and dream catchers. I’m planning a lemonade stand using boy and girl cloth dolls I already have. Just imagine what your “pedlar” could be selling!

There is a pattern for a knitted pedlar doll available in Jean Greenhowe’s Bazaar Knits booklet, available from

Yarn Forward. 275 Liard Street, Stittsville, Ontario. K2S 1N6. Canada

www.yarnforward.ca



Jean Greenhowe’s knitted Pedlar Doll, from her Bazaar Knits booklet

DOLL SHOW REPORT

Our 2008 show will be held on Sunday, October 19th, 2008. **Our new location is the Canad Inns, Polo Park.**

The theme is *Village of Dreams*, and Sylvia has lots of ideas for making it an exciting and varied show, including a special display of **One Hundred Dolls and One Dalmatian**. The dolls will be prizes in a Silent Auction for charity.

If you have dolls to donate for this charity fundraiser, please bring them to the April or May meeting, so Sylvia can work on planning and organizing the display. Dolls do not have to be brand-new but should be in good condition.

The Doll Club display will feature Pedlar Dolls. MDC members are asked to make or dress a doll either in a traditional pedlar style or in a modern interpretation.

DOLL NEWS FROM DIANNE

Fun Websites:

www.blackdollcollectors.com

This site links to the Philadelphia Doll Museum, which has over 500 black dolls in its collection.
<http://www.philadollmuseum.com/>

www.dollreference.com

Alice Thomson suggested checking it out and it is quite an interesting website with loads of information to check out. I have printed from the website the information on Hard Plastic / Vinyl Doll Markings and their Makers 1949 - 1970's - it's two pages of information ..and I will have it in the library available for lending for those people who do not have a computer.

CONVENTIONS and EXHIBITS:

From now until end of July, the Costume Museum of Canada has the "Shoe Exhibit" - There are two exhibits - one put on by the Costume Museum and one brought in from the Bata Shoe Museum in Toronto. The admission covers both exhibits.

Costume Museum of Canada

109 Pacific Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba
Phone: 989-0072
Open Mon. - Sat. 10-5, Sunday 12-4
Seniors (over 55): \$4.50, Adults \$5.00,
Students \$3.50

Tonner Convention 2008

May 16-18, 2008
The Westin Lombard Yorktown Center
70 Yorktown Center, Lombard, IL 60148
Phone: 845-339-9537
Email: convention@tonnerdoll.com
Info: tonnerdoll.com/2008convention.htm

2008 National Barbie Doll Collectors Convention

June 18-21, 2008
Hyatt Regency Crown Center
Kansas City, MO
Email: 2008convention@comcast.net
<http://www.barbieconvention.com>

PATTERN LIBRARY

Sheelagh brings an assortment of patterns to each meeting. If you are interested in a particular pattern or type of pattern, please call with your requests.

If you have doll patterns or doll clothes patterns gathering dust, please consider passing them on to the Pattern Library so others can enjoy them.

ON OUR LIBRARY SHELF

New to the library this month ... I purchased the April 2008 issue of Haute Doll. It will be available for lending at the April meeting.

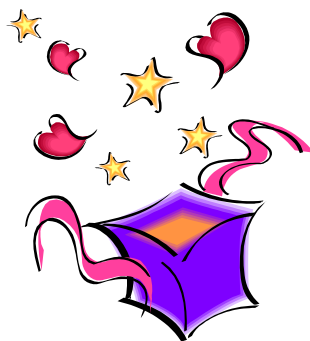
Another magazine donated to the library by Genevieve Montcombroux:

Doll Reader - February 2008 (2008 Collector's Edition - Debut of Dolls)

Please remember that all books and patterns are due back the month after they are borrowed!

If you have books or patterns out, please call Dianne or Sheelagh to make arrangement to return them, as other members may want to borrow them.

*Best wishes to our April
birthday girls:*



*Eileen Chan
Roberta Galagan
Cheryl Hamilton
Irene Henderson
Marilyn Wheeler*

OTHER DOLL CLUBS

MAILBOX DOLL CLUB

Linda Peters dollpete@mts.net

NEWSLETTERS from **Canadian Doll Clubs United** and **Doll Study Group of Nova Scotia** are being collected in binders and will be added to the library.

ADVERTISEMENTS in the newsletter are free to members. There is a small charge to non-members. Call or email **Ardythe** at 772-9982 or rbasham@shaw.ca

BOOKS FOR SALE:

Moving, must sell:

1. **Costumes for Your Antique Dolls**
no author, n.d., soft cover, 95 p. \$4
2. **On Making, Mending and Dressing Dolls**,
1949, soft cover, \$10
3. **Dolls' Dressmaker**, by Winifred Butler,
1969, hard cover w. dust jacket, \$25
4. **The Dolls' Dressmaker** by Venus A. Dodge,
soft cover, \$12
5. **Dressing Porcelain Dolls** by Maxine Henry,
soft cover, \$15
6. **Dolls Dressmaking**, Milner Craft Series, soft
cover, \$8
7. **A New Approach to Embroidered Net** by
Edna Groves, hard cover, \$4
8. **Needlelace Design and Techniques** by
Catherine Barley, hard cover, \$10
9. **Old Handmade Lace** with dictionary of lace,
by Nevill Jackson, soft cover, \$10
10. **Pictorial Archive of Lace Designs**, 325
Historic Examples, by Carol Belanger, soft
cover \$10
11. **Dare to Design** (for bobbin lace) by Anne
Dyer, soft cover, \$5
12. **Bobbin Lace, an Illustrated Guide** by
Brigita Fuhrman, soft cover, \$10

Also have books on embroidery, miniature bobbin lace making for dolls, sewing books.

Call **Claudette** at 204-256-0897 or email malocj@mts.net

DESPERATELY SEEKING:

Ashton-Drake Precious Moments
Annette Himstedt Barefoot Children
Series - "Kathy". Call Lucy at 275-5320 or
email BARLFOOD@mts.net if you have any of
these dolls.

WEE BUTTONS

Ardythe brought some small doll buttons (approx 3/16 inch 2-hole buttons) in black, white and pastels, from Button Button in Vancouver. Please call her at 772-9982 if interested. They are 50c for 8 buttons.

WEBSITE ADVERTISING

If you are a member of the Manitoba Doll Club and have a doll-related or doll-compatible business, you can advertise it on the club website. You do not need to have a website or email address to do so.

Please contact Joy Hillhouse
at weechi@shaw.ca or joy@weechi.net
or 772-8127.

**PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO
FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN AND NEAR
VICTORIA, BC:**

40th Anniversary Victoria Doll Club Show & Sale



Saturday May 10
10 a m to 3:30 p m

Admission \$3.00

Children under 12 free

For information
Phone Dianne 592-9113

Holiday Inn

3020 Blanshard Ave.
Victoria, B.C.

Underground Parking

PROJECT FROM DOLLMAKERS' JOURNEY

MAKE A WRISTWATCH FOR YOUR DOLL

Here's how you can make a truly realistic looking wristwatch for any doll, no matter what the size or composition:

Mini Wristwatch

Supplies needed:

- . A picture of a watch face(s) cut out from a magazine or catalog in a size appropriate for your doll
- . Index card or scrap of cardstock
- . Glue stick
- . scissors
- . 3D Crystal Lacquer (available on our website at <http://dollmakersjourney.com/supplies.html>)
- . scrap of gold or silver metallic poster board

Note: It is a good idea to do several watch faces at a time.

1. Roughly cut out around photo(s) of watch face.
2. Glue to index card or cardstock.
3. Coat selected watch faces with 3D Crystal Lacquer. Let dry and apply several more coats to create a watch crystal.
4. Put metallic poster board scrap underneath watch face, wrong side of paper together and cut out selected face and backing together.
5. Create a watchband with narrow trim, ribbon, strip of leather or ultrasuede, beading - whatever you desire.
6. Sandwich the center of the strap between the watch face and the poster board backing.
7. Glue some tiny trim or braid around the watch face with appropriate glue.

You can see this wristwatch on Mary Ann's doll "Savoring the Moment" in our [Showcase](#).

ELIZA from TWIN FIRS

The Pedlar Doll pictured below is a 1/12 scale dollhouse doll from Twin Firs in the UK. Isn't there an amazing amount of detail for such a small doll? Note her red shawl, bonnet, and vendor's license! These are features you can incorporate in your own pedlar costume or doll, if you choose to make a traditional-style doll.



59.00 Pounds Sterling

www.twinfirsdoll.co.uk/html/dolls/eliza.htm

Our range of **Original Dollhouse Dolls** are free standing, true **1:12 scale** and completely hand-crafted in every detail - no two are the same. They are realistically finished and look great from any angle!

For our talented knitters, here is an all-Canadian source of patterns for dolls, toys, and other items. Patterns for Audrey Hepburn, Marilyn Monroe, and a collection of miniature dolls are especially interesting. If you don't have internet access, please let me know and I will download and print a pattern for you. These are too long to include in the newsletter.
http://www.canadianliving.com/crafts/other_crafts/toy_and_doll_patterns_to_knit_sew_and_crochet.php