

# 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 new website:  
[www.manitobadollclub.com](http://www.manitobadollclub.com)**

## **PARKING NOTICE**

A reminder that we no longer have free parking in the Charterhouse lot!

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

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email please let Ardythe know. It will save some postage!

## **From Sheelagh Komus**

### **Doll Show Display**

I will again be setting up the display table for our spring Doll Show. If anyone has Celebrity dolls you would be willing to loan for our display, please let me know. So far only 3 people have contacted me to offer dolls! It would be fun to have one or two from many different collectors. Please check your doll shelves and boxes!

**Call Sheelagh at 832-3469.**

**TABLES ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE SHOW. CALL NINA TO RESERVE FOR YOURSELF OR YOUR GROUP/ORGANIZATION.**

## **February Meeting**

**1:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, February 22, 2004  
at the Charter House Hotel**

- 1:30 - 2:00: Business meeting &  
Door Prize Draw  
2:00 - 2:15: Show and Tell  
"Sweetheart" or Valentine Dolls  
2:15 - 2:30: COFFEE BREAK  
2:30 - 3:00: Activity: Video - 60 min.  
Joe Blitman's "Oh You Beautiful Doll"

***Doll collecting for fun and profit -  
featuring Barbie***

## **"That's Entertainment!"**

**The Manitoba Doll Club  
Show and Sale**

**Sunday, April 4, 2004**

**At the Victoria Inn**

**1808 Wellington Avenue, Winnipeg**

**My Favourite Doll** has again donated dolls for the **Young Designers** competition. We are looking forward to the creative designs of students from Tec-Voc and Murdoch McKay!

**Show co-ordinator Nina Notaro** will need help as she is also working in local films. Please call Nina if you can help.

Call **Sheelagh Komus** (Casting Director) to book an appearance for your celebrity/TV/movie dolls in the MDC display!

**For information:**

**Call Nina at 772-1842**

## Executive 2003-2004

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Vice-President (Activities)

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Newsletter:

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Librarian:

*Diane Malzensky* (334-4916)

Pattern Library:

*Sheelagh Komus* (832-3469)

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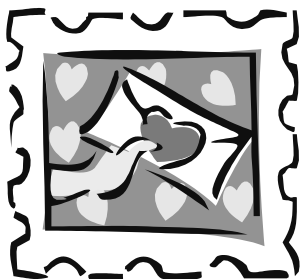
*Nina Notaro* (772-1842)

Photographer:

*Cheryl Hamilton* (889-6556)

*Birthday Greetings  
to Valentine  
Sweethearts!*

*February Birthdays:*



*Edda Doell*

*Sonja*

*Melanson*

*Marion*

*Hamilton*

## IN MEMORIAM

### FOUNDING MEMBER BEA WICKMAN

Beatrice Wickman, who passed away in June, 2003 at the age of 89 years, was a founding mother of the Manitoba Doll Club. Beatrice was skilled at sewing, knitting, crocheting, and embroidery and loved dressing dolls, winning numerous awards. She participated in many doll club activities, including the annual show, and continued to attend meetings and other functions until near the end of her life, when her health no longer permitted.

### Getting to Know You:

*Please write, phone or email your story to Ardythe for inclusion. We'd like to know a bit about your doll and other interests.*

## CLUB NEWS

We are planning a presentation on making dolls' clothes for the April meeting. If you are expert in any handicraft (knitting, crocheting, beadwork, embroidery or ??) please bring examples of your work and share any special tips or hints.

**BROWN BAG DOLL:**  
Mythical/Magical Creatures  
Carol Fraize, Co-Ordinator

Please be sure to bring your doll, now with hair and face completed, to the February meeting!

**Clothing:** March meeting

### **LENDING LIBRARY**

Please call Dianne Malzensky if you wish to borrow any books and she will bring them to the meeting.

The Library greatly appreciates donations of any items, old magazines/books you no longer want for others to enjoy.

**NB:** If you have books still out, please return them!

### **PATTERN LIBRARY**

- *Sheelagh Komus*

Please add the following patterns to your Pattern Library List.

Donated by Nina Notaro:

**McCalls 7225** - Christmas decorations and crafts

Donated by Ardythe Basham:

**Butterick 5902** - Cabbage Patch (16") doll clothes - dresses, pinafore, sleeper, overalls

Donated by Henrietta Nehmann:

Doll Patterns

**L'il Baby Berry - 16 - 18"**

**Brown-Eyed Becky - 24"**

**Blue-Eyed Jenny - 24"**

**Alice in Wonderland - very large, with Queen, Cat & Mad Hatter**

**ALSO NEW: Doll Measurement sheet with sizes of popular dolls**

### **PATTERN HINT:**

If you have Barbie patterns that you'd like to use for Gene dolls, take the pieces to a copy shop and have them enlarged to 126%.

It's a good idea to make up a sample garment in cheap fabric before cutting into expensive fabric - even for doll clothes.

### **UPDATE YOUR MEMBER LIST!**

**New/Corrected E-Mail Addresses:**

**Marian Hamilton:** [marfred@mts.net](mailto:marfred@mts.net)

**Margaret Fawcett** (long-time club member and Founding Mother, now living in Calgary):

[fawcett130@hotmail.com](mailto:fawcett130@hotmail.com)

### **ADVERTISEMENTS**

**FOR SALE:** Many dolls from **I Had That Doll Museum** and more. Ellice Flea Market, 1111 Ellice Ave. (Thirst's World lower level). Call **Sharon Wilde at 694-5399** (12 - 5 p.m. only please!) for more information.

### **NEWSFLASH:**

After 43 years, Ken and Barbie are officially having some "quality time apart". Was it Barbie's dedication to her many careers (from astronaut to veterinarian)? Ken's inability to commit? (All those bridal gowns over the years!) Rumour has it that Barbie is now an item with Blaine, the handsome Australian boogie boarder. (What is a boogie boarder anyway?)

OH NO! First Ben and Jen, now Barbie and Ken?



(not a picture of Blaine!)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Land o' Sky Doll Club  
UFDC Region 8 presents:

**A DAY WITH HITTY**

*Special Guests:*

Virginia Heyerdahl, lecturer, editor & doll judge, and **Judy Brown**, premier Hitty artist

**Place:** Deerpark Restaurant

Biltmore Estate - Asheville, NC

**Date:** March 27, 2004 (Saturday),  
8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Day \$45.00 With Lunch \$75.00

HITTY Collection Combination \$120.00

***LUNCHEON – SOUVENIR - COMPETITION  
SALES TABLES - PRIZES - PROGRAMS***

Registrations to "Land o' Sky Doll Club"

Suzi Smith

109 Homestead Road

Candler, NC 28715

Ph. 828-667-3690 or

Email [Dollwizz@Charter.net](mailto:Dollwizz@Charter.net)

Confirmation will be your cancelled check.

No refunds after March 18, 2004

**Calgary Doll Club  
SPRING SALE**

**April 25<sup>th</sup> 2004**

**Carriage House Inn  
9030 Macleod Trail S. E.  
Calgary, AB  
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Free Parking  
Door Prizes**

**Collectible, antique, reproduction  
and cloth dolls, bears, supplies  
and doll-related items**

**Admission: Adults - \$3.00  
Children under 12 – Free  
NO STROLLERS, PLEASE**

**FOR INFORMATION:  
Call Marina @ (403) 243-6479**

***SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR A DELIGHTFUL LITTLE STUFFED FROG.***

Find this and other patterns, recipes, hints and articles on the Canadian Living website: [www.canadianliving.com](http://www.canadianliving.com)

## **Frog Fun**

Sewing this friendly little frog isn't too big a jump – even for a beginner.

By Frog-patterned fabric by The Debbie Mumm Collection

### **You'll need:**

- 2 pieces of densely woven calico or cotton, each 26 cm (10-1/4 in) square, 1 for top and 1 for bottom
- 2 yellow sew-through buttons, 12 mm in diameter
- 2 black ball buttons, 8 mm in diameter
- matching thread · dressmaker's marker pins
- approx 1 cup (250 mL) of dried lentils or split peas

**To make:**

1. Enlarge pattern photostatically to make a grid of 2.5 cm (1-in.) squares.
2. Cut out paper pattern. Lay on wrong side of top fabric; with marker, trace (don't cut). With edges even and right sides together, lay top fabric on bottom fabric. Pin perpendicular to traced line.
3. With small machine stitches and leaving open between notches, stitch top to bottom along line. Repeat if desired to reinforce. Trim seam allowance to 3 mm (1/8 in) and clip at corners and curves. Turn right side out.
4. With dried lentils, loosely fill legs, then body (frog should be filled up but flexible).
5. Turn under 3 mm around opening; slipstitch closed.
6. At each dot, hand-stitch 1 yellow button with black button on top.

