

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**

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!

The membership fee is \$15 per year and includes the newsletter.

New Feature: Traders' Table

Carol Fraize asks you to bring any doll-making/dressing stuff you no longer need to trade - fabric, lace, doll hair, notions, etc.

Please note: you don't need to BRING something in order to TAKE something!

Also, if you need just a bit of fabric, trim, lace etc. to complete a project, bring a small sample of what you need and perhaps another club member will have it in her stash.

February Meeting 1:30 p.m.

***Sunday, February 27, 2005
at the Charter House Hotel***

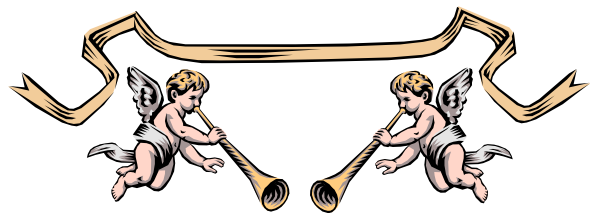
1:30 - 2:00: Business meeting &
Door Prize Draw

2:00 - 2:15: **Show and Tell:**
Which doll is your "sweetheart"?

2:15 - 2:30: **COFFEE BREAK**

2:30 - 3:00: **Activity: Facial proportions: an exercise in drawing doll faces (optional)**
(held over from January meeting)

DOLL SHOW and SALE Angels of the Manitoba Doll Club



**Sunday, April 17, 2005
Victoria Inn
1808 Wellington at Berry
Winnipeg, MB
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

**Admission: \$3 (adult)
\$2 (seniors 65+ and children 4-12)**

HELP NEEDED!

Club members are needed to help out with the Doll Show - publicity, the club table, doll display, tickets etc. Please call Joan if you can help out.

Executive 2004-2005

President: *Joan Domanski* (586-8012)

Vice-President (Membership)

Ardythe Basham (772-9982)

Vice-President (Activities)

Carol Fraize (1-204-428-3851)

Secretary: *Gail Edwards* (488-8131)

Treasurer: *Olga Komoski* (334-0885)

Committee Heads:

Newsletter:

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Sheelagh Komus (832-3469)

Sunshine Girl:

Dorothy Treacy (235-1200)

Webmaster:

Joy Hillhouse (772-8127)

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Doll Show Co-ordinator for 2005:

Joan Domanski (Acting)

Photographer:

Cheryl Hamilton (889-6556)

Nora Notaro has resigned as Treasurer. We thank her for her conscientious work keeping our financial records in order, and thank Olga for volunteering to take over this position.

CLUB NEWS

BROWN BAG DOLL

“Separated at Birth – the Twin Doll Project”

Our TWIN DOLLS will be displayed at the February meeting and reunited with their long-lost “siblings”. It will be interesting to see how they’ve “grown up” and what different directions they’ve taken.

PATTERN LIBRARY



Sheelagh Komus has a variety of patterns and pattern books available.

Please be sure to return items promptly! Some **Creative Crochet** magazines are still missing; please check to see if you have them at home.

LENDING LIBRARY

NEW ITEMS

Doll Reader Magazine

January & February 2005

16th Blue Book of Dolls and Values

- Jan Foulke

Diane has also assembled a **scrapbook** of newspaper clippings relating to our club and members. Thanks, Diane!

Please call our Librarian, Diane Malzensky, for further information.



MDC ELECTIONS

will take place in March. Doll Club members have agreed to stand for election for all executive positions, but nominations from the floor will be open at our March meeting.

If you have never held an executive position, please consider running. Without an active and involved executive, we don't have a club!

DOLL SHOW PUBLICITY

With our show coming up soon, we are asking all members to help with publicity. Please pick up one or more posters at the next meeting and put them up wherever people gather - stores, churches, community centers, etc.

If you don't get to meetings, please call or email Joan for posters.

Out-of-town members will find a poster enclosed with this newsletter. If you need more, please let Joan know, or just photocopy it.

CALGARY DOLL CLUB SPRING SALE

**Saturday, May 5, 2005
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

New venue this year:

North Glenmore Park
Community Association
2231 Longridge Drive S. W.
Calgary, AB

Collectables, Antiques,
Reproductions and Cloth
Dolls, Bears, Supplies and
Other Doll Related Items

Admission: \$3.00
Children under 12 free
No strollers please!

For more information call
Marina at (403) 243-6479

CANADIAN DOLL CLUBS UNITED January 2005

This issue features Victoria miniaturist Jean Day, who makes books, doll clothes kits, photo albums, room boxes and many other "minis", some in micro-miniature scale (1/144"). Can you believe a whole micro-mini chocolaterie? Visit Jean's website and be amazed - <http://jdayminis.com>

Lisa Healy contributed an article on the MDC Minneapolis trip. The Doll Palace in Hanna, Alberta is also featured.

CDCU is looking for doll clubs to sponsor the July and October issues, at \$15 per issue.

Getting to Know You:

Leslie von Kleist has been a member for four years. She says, "I've always been interested in dolls, more so over the last 8 years when my husband gave me a doll for Christmas. I collect porcelain dolls. I also collect porcelain and ceramic clowns, resin bears, and glass paperweights. I love all my dolls, but some of my favorites are my baby girl dolls."

Leslie also loves to garden and has been a director in the Transcona Garden Club for 14 years. She makes and sells floral and bridal arrangements, and also works in school age daycare.

Gretta Friesen joined the MDC four years ago this month. Happy anniversary, Gretta!

Gretta says, "Ever since I was a kid I'd put my dolls to bed every night. I collect and do some crocheting when I have time. Some of my favourites are my Anne of Green Gables doll and my Little Women (Jo) dolls as gifts from my husband. I like the Ginny dolls and I'd like more Little Women and Dionne Quintuplet dolls."

Her collection also includes ethnic dolls and some dolls of the world, and "other dolls that may appeal to me - a red-haired doll for example". When she isn't collecting dolls, Gretta crochets, knits, sews, and spends time with her six grandchildren, who all live in Winnipeg.

Sharon Krupinski is a veteran of 12 years with the Manitoba Doll Club. She has volunteered at doll shows for the last 10 years. Sharon collects antiques and has made some dolls, and is currently making teddy bears. Her favourites are "any dolls from the 1840s to 1920s" and she has recently started collecting walkers. She says, "I love my dolls. I enjoy meeting other people who also collect dolls. The Manitoba Doll Club has allowed me to meet very interesting people and I have made numerous friends."

SYLVIA GRANTHAM, our past president and all-round enthusiastic doll maker/dresser/collector, gave a talk at our January meeting on the process of making a porcelain doll. Many of us had no idea how many steps and how much work was involved in making a porcelain doll, from mixing and straining the slip, to sanding and smoothing the greenware, firing, painting and firing again, and assembling the doll.

And that doesn't even count wiggling and dressing!

Thanks to all our "living dolls" for sharing their doll interests with us.

If you haven't yet turned in a "Getting to Know You" sheet, please do - or just write whatever you want to share about your doll collecting and other interests.

- ***Ardythe Basham***

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Special bonus: two internet patterns for you.

http://www.geocities.com/cindi_lou_who1/KitchenAngel.html

KITCHEN ANGEL also known as Dishtowel Angel

This cute Angel is made from:

One Dishtowel

One Dishcloth

One Potholder

Other supplies needed are matching ribbon and printed poem (below)

I am your Kitchen Angel
I'll watch over all you do,
Baking all those goodies,
And snitching one or two!
And if you ever tire of me,
Or some help is what your wish is,
Just untie my little ribbons,
And I'll help you with the dishes!

Fan fold the dishtowel lengthwise. Fold in half carefully and tie off about 3 inches from the fold with ribbon. This will form the head.

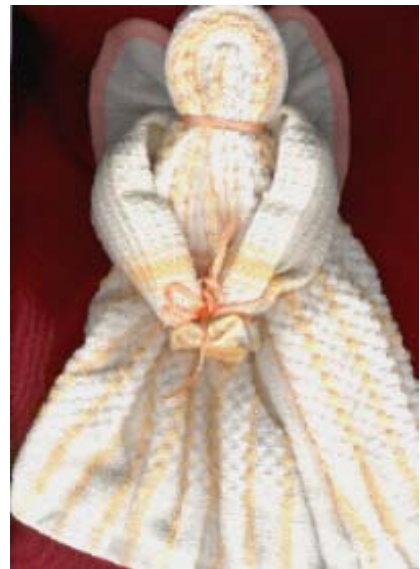
Fan fold the dishcloth. This will be the arms.

Fan fold the potholder with the loop along the top edge. This will form the wings.

Place the potholder on top of the dishcloth and tie off in the center with another piece of ribbon.

Lay the dishtowel on top of the dishcloth and potholder. The potholder should be under the dishcloth. Wrap the ends of the dishcloth around to the front of the towel. Tie each end off with ribbon about an inch from the ends to form the hands.

Once in place tie the ribbons (hands) together and attach the printed poem. I like to print out the poem onto the back of a piece of coordinating wallpaper and place a hole punch in the top left corner for attaching. The wallpaper holds up better than plain paper.





Fashion Doll Ballet Costume

by Priscilla Hewitt

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Difficulty level: ***(average)

Materials: One ball of LusterSheen, crochet hook size C (2.75 mm), two 1" diameter clasplless ponytail elastics in a color to match the yarn

Leotard

Round 1: Work 30 sc around one of the ponytail elastics; join with a sl st in the first sc. (30 sc)

Round 2: Ch 1, sc in the same st as joining, sc in each of the next 4 sc, hdc in each of the next 45 sc, dc in each of the next 10 sc, hdc in each of the next 5 sc, sc in each of the last 5 sc; join with a sl st in the first sc. (30 sts)

Rounds 3-5: Ch 1, sc in the same st as joining, sc in each of the next 4 sc, hdc in each of the next 5 hdc, dc in each of the next 10 dc, hdc in each of the next 5 hdc, sc in each of the next 5 sc; join with a sl st in the first sc. (30 sts)

Rounds 6-9: Ch 3 to count as the first dc, dc in each of the remaining 29 sts around; join with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3.

Skip 14 dc, sl st in the next dc to close the crotch. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Tutu

Round 1: Work 36 sc around the other ponytail elastic; join with a sl st in the back loop only of the first sc.

Round 2: Ch 7 to count as the first trtr and the first ch-1, (trtr, ch 1) 2 times in the same st, (trtr, ch 1) 3 times in the back loop only of each remaining sc around; join with a sl st in the 6th ch of the beginning ch 7.

Round 3: Sl st in the first ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in the same sp, ch 2, (sc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 2) around; join with a sl st in the first sc. Fasten off.

Round 4: Attach yarn with a sl st in any unworked front loop on round 1 then work as round 2.

Round 5: Work as round 3. Fasten off. Weave in ends.