

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. Last month two people lost their chance at a door prize!

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!

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.

February Meeting

1:30 p.m.

***Sunday, February 24, 2008
at the Charter House Hotel***

- 1:30 - 2:00: Business meeting & Door Prize Draw
- 2:00 - 2:15: **Show and Tell:**
New dolls; Valentine dolls
- 2:15 - 2:45 **Activity:**
***Barbies who do things
Sonja and
Melissa Melanson***
- 2:45 - 3:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

MARCH 30th MEETING

We will be meeting on March 30, NOT the 23rd which is Easter Sunday. Please mark your calendars.



Please be sure to RENEW your membership in March! Part of the confusion over membership renewals was due to many people renewing late. It helps with record keeping if members renew on time. 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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Fall Doll Show Co-ordinator, 2008
Sylvia Grantham

DOLL CLUB ELECTIONS

In March we will be electing a new Executive. Please consider putting your name forward for any of the positions on the Executive.

Last year, due to lack of interest, all positions were filled by acclamation. The present executive would really appreciate having more member involvement, so that a few people do not carry all the responsibility for the success of the club.

Please call any of the club Executive to have your name put forward for election.

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

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

Some books have been outstanding since September 2007! 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.

NEW IN THE LIBRARY:

The following magazines were donated to the Doll Club Library by Genevieve Montcombroux and will be available for lending at the February meeting:

Doll Reader January 2008 issue
Doll Reader October 2007 issue
Doll Reader March/April 2007 issue
Doll Reader February 2007 Collector's Edition - *Debut of Dolls*
Doll Advertiser 2007 19th Edition
Contemporary Doll Collector November 2007 issue
Contemporary Doll Collector January 2008 issue

Please call Dianne with specific requests for these or other books.

Activity Report by Dianne Malzensky

I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to Carol Fraize and Sylvia Grantham for the wonderful shoe workshop they put on at the January 2008 meeting. They were well prepared with the items we needed to each make a pair of shoes.

The hands on method was such a FUN way to learn the technique. Carol and Sylvia each had their own technique to show us how to create a pair of shoes using virtually the same pattern that was in our November, 2007, newsletter. They also gave us many ideas for creating more shoes using different materials, embellishments, or by changing the pattern to suit our needs.

I had a great time creating a pair of shoes and was so proud of them, I even took them to work to show them off to my co-workers. Although most of the dolls in my collection are fashion dolls, I did find a (temporary) home for the shoes I made on the feet of a doll a friend recently gave to me. Thanks again to Sylvia and Carol for the fun workshop.

DOLL NEWS FROM DIANNE

Mattel Replacement Program

Some owners of the 2007 **Ingénue**, **Siren**, **Red Hot** and **Hollywood Bound** dolls from Mattel have reported a problem with the faces turning slightly yellow when exposed to light. If your doll has been affected, please call 1-800-628-6797 (for US and Canadian customers) and Mattel will issue you a prepaid return slip for the doll(s).

DOLL SHOW REPORT

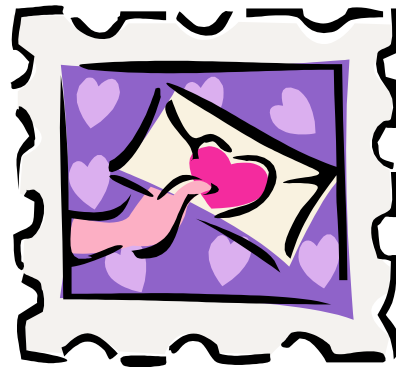
Our 2008 show will be held on Sunday, October 19th. **Our new location is the Canad Inns, Polo Park.**

The theme is *Village of Dreams*, with different areas to be designated "Barbie Boulevard", "Vintage Lane", "Miniature Mall" etc as appropriate.

Sylvia is planning a special display of **One Hundred Dolls and One Dalmatian**, with the dolls to be prizes in a Silent Auction. This will be an interesting story "hook" for publicity purposes and will also be a charity fundraiser. Please let Sylvia know if you are able to donate any dolls! Handmade dolls, Barbies, play dolls - any dolls are welcome.

The Doll Club display will feature Pedlar Dolls, so all our members are encouraged to make or dress a doll either in a traditional pedlar style or in a modern interpretation - a fantasy "seller of dreams", or a street vendor of handmade jewelry, perhaps?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Valentine Sweethearts



*Marian Hamilton
and Sonja Melanson!*

*Please note - I don't have
birthdays for all members, so
please let me know so we can
acknowledge you too! I promise
not to reveal your age!*

*Call or email Ardythe
with your Birth Month
only!*

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.

CALGARY DOLL CLUB
DOLL, TEDDY & TOY SALE
Featuring Antique and Modern Dolls, Toys,
Artist Dolls and Teddy Bears, Patterns,
Supplies, Fashion Accessories and much more!

Saturday, April 26, 2008
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

New Venue **Acadia Recreation Center**
240 - 90 Avenue S.E.,
Calgary, Alberta



Admission: Adults \$3.00
Children under 12 free

Hourly Door Prizes
Free Parking

For more information or table
rentals call (403) 243-3575 or
email cbtank@shaw.ca

Calling Doll Shows:

If anyone has information about upcoming doll shows in Minneapolis, North Dakota, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Northern Ontario or anywhere nearby, please let Ardythe know so it can be included in our next newsletter.

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

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.

HELP WANTED!

PRIMOPUEL is a Japanese toy from the Bandai company. It's about 17 inches tall and apparently talks, but the owner (a lady named June who goes by the email tag of Goddess of the Toshiba!) has not been able to find out how to work him or what he is saying. Does anyone have suggestions?

We have also received inquiries about selling an Eaton's Beauty doll and about restyling a human hair wig on an SFBJ doll c. 1914.

If you have any suggestions please pass them on to Sylvia or Ardythe.

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.

FOR THE LOVE OF DOLLS TOUR

Our friend and MDC member Josie Wellwood, in Victoria, is organizing the For the Love of Dolls Tour. Anticipated date: late April - early May 2008

Proposed stops:

International Doll Festival in Germany	Teddy and Doll Feast
Kathe Kruse factory	Steiff factory
Engel-Puppen GmvH	Side trip to Austria for the Sound of Music Tour
and much more . . .	

See dolls, bears, miniature houses, museums, medieval castles.
You may shop around for your own best air fare and only book the tour through Josie.

If interested please contact Josie Wellwood at josiesjoys@telus.net
Phone: (250) 478-1900

Mailing address: 2870 Peatt Road, Victoria, BC V9B 3V6

INTERNET SOURCES:

Here are two excellent sites for those who may have missed an earlier reference. If you do not have internet access, perhaps some of our members who do would be willing to look up information for you.

www.tinyzippers.com, Tiny Zippers, PO Box 1031, Coppell, TX 75019.

Tiny Zippers sells a wide range of notions such as doll sized zippers, doll buttons, doll buckles, Dritz for Dolls snaps, thin Velcro, charms, doll jewelry findings, 1/16", 3/32" and 1/8" eyelets, and custom doll sewing patterns in vintage styles for fashion dolls. These supplies work great for doll scale sewing, as well as scrapbooking and paper crafts. The site also has sewing hints and instructions for installing Tiny Zippers.

<http://www.perestroika.ca/>

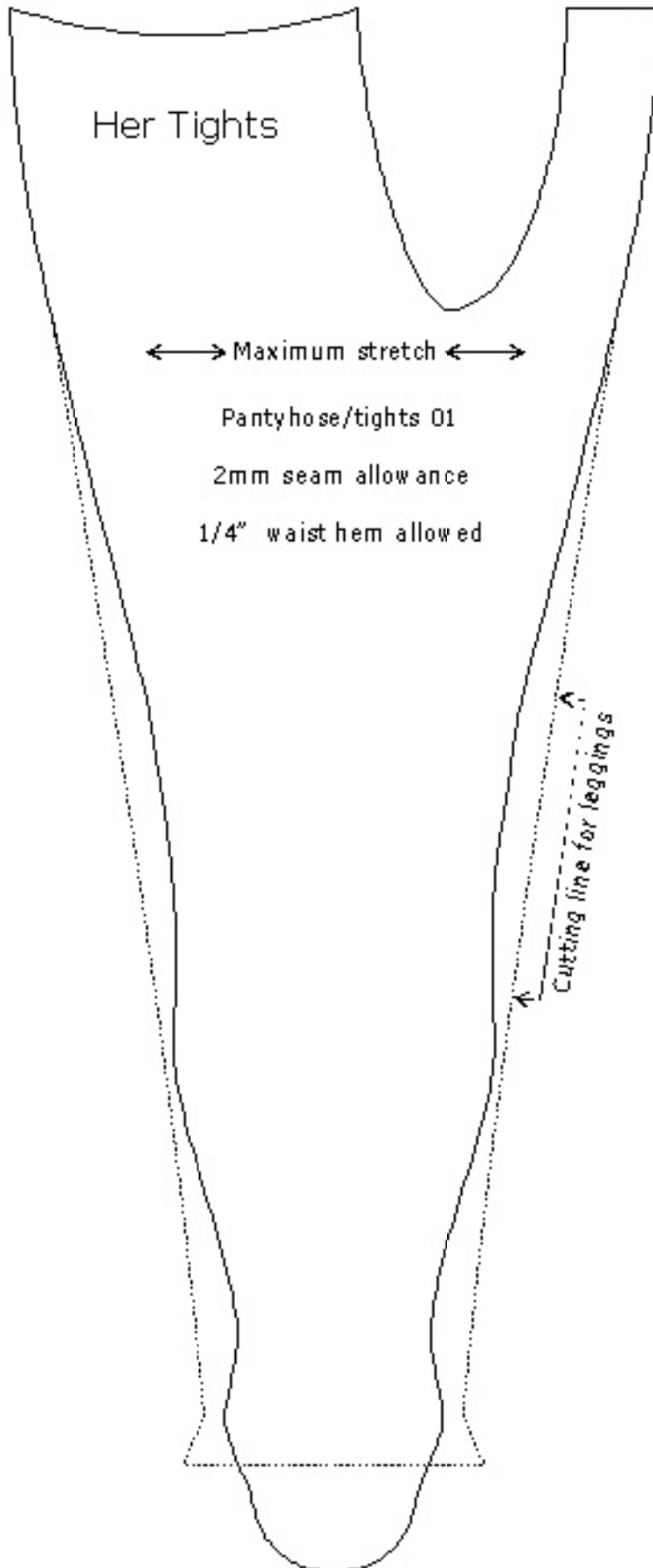
Perestroika Designs offers 3 CDs of Real Clothes patterns sized for Barbie and Ken sized dolls. The site has a wealth of information on adapting patterns for different sized dolls, fitting dolls, fabric choices, and much more.

Perestroika Designs Ltd.
213 Village Close, Sherwood Park AB T8A 4Y2, Canada.

Here's one of their hints:

Have you tried this method of **making buttons**? Use your 1/8" punch on plastic lids, like the ones that come on frosting cans, or coffee cans, or any other suitable thin plastic. You can either glue them on a garment, or burn tiny holes, with a hot needle, for sewing. I haven't tried it, but it seems like you may be able to burn the holes before you punch the button out, if you are skilful and careful. This size button is really good for Ken shirts.

The pattern on the following page is also from Perestroika and is sized for Barbie-size dolls.



Use light-weight 2-way stretch fabric; opaque pantyhose is a good source of fabric.

Use a tear-away stabilizer under the fabric and a clear stabilizer on top of the fabric for all stitching.

Use a narrow, short zigzag stitch for all seams.

Use very narrow elastic in a casing or stitch over elastic cord or thread at the waist.

See the Primer for Knits file for more information and tips about sewing with these fabrics.

1. Cut the pattern from fabric layered right sides together.
2. Stitch the crotch seam.
3. Fold one leg right sides together, stitch the back seam.
4. Hem and apply elastic to the waist.
5. Fold the second leg right sides together, stitch the back seam.

OPTIONS

For Leggings, hem lower edge before sewing back seams. If fabric is thick or heavy, cut slightly wider. Vary shape of leg seam.

Add stirrups?

For Stockings, cut at thigh, hem tops before sewing back seams. Elastic lace makes a nice upper hem finish for stockings.

For Socks, cut off at ankle or knee, hem tops before sewing back seams.