

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

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

**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.*

## **Traders' Table**

*Please bring any doll-related items you no longer need – doll hair, bits of lace, fabric, doll clothes or patterns, etc. – and be sure to check for things you can use for a doll project.*

*You don't need to bring anything in order to take something!*

### **MEMBERSHIP INQUIRIES:**

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Membership in the Manitoba Doll Club is \$20 a year. **All memberships expire at the end of March. Please renew at the February, March or April meeting!**

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!

## **February Meeting**

**1:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, February 22, 2009  
at the Charter House Hotel**

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

2:00 - 2:15: **Show and Tell:**  
Ornamented dolls to be displayed  
Other dolls you'd like to share

2:30 – 3:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

3:00 – 5:00: **Hat making workshop**

**Please note:** *Gail's talk on Gene dolls has been postponed in order to allow time for the hatmaking workshop.*

**UPDATE:** the Silent Auction at our Christmas Party raised \$210 for children's charities! Thank you all!

## Executive 2008-2009

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## TRIP TO BISMARCK

The Bismarck Doll Friends plan a weekend of dolly fun on June 6-7, with a "Come Out and Play With Me" luncheon on June 6 and the Dear Dolly Friends Doll Show on June 7th. Details will follow. You can also check out their website at [www.deardollyfriends.com](http://www.deardollyfriends.com)

Please call Sharon Wilde @ 694-5399 if you are interested in attending. It does not seem there will be enough interest to charter a bus, but some members may want to share the costs of renting a van for the trip.

There is bus service from Winnipeg to Bismarck but the timing is not very convenient. The bus leaves Winnipeg at 7:45 a.m., Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday only, and the return bus leaves Bismarck at 4 p.m. Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and has a 19 hour layover in Fargo.

## DOLL SHOW UPDATE

Sylvia has been working on finding the best possible location and price for the October 18, 2009 Doll Show and it now seems likely we will be able to return to Canad Inns, Polo Park.

Our theme is "Dolls with Hats" and all members are encouraged both to make a doll hat for display, and to make or decorate a hat for yourself.

## HAT MAKING CLASS

FEBRUARY 22, 2009

by Sylvia Grantham

**After Show and Tell and coffee, we will be having a hat making class.**

### THERE IS NO CHARGE

Remember how much fun we had with the shoe making class !!!!!!!

We can stay until 5:00, so there will be time to make a good start on a Red Hat.

It would be nice if members would stay and participate in the activity.

Bring your scissors and glue gun, or needles and maroon thread in case you would rather sew them. Straight pins to hold pieces together. That is all you need for this class.

Each person will be given a piece of maroon red felt with a pattern traced on it.

There will be 2 styles of doll size hats to choose from:

A ROARING 20'S STYLE HAT  
A BRIM HAT

These hats will be the base for you to get started and start decorating.

We are going to have another competition just for these red hats. I am going to try and contact some of the RED HAT GROUPS and see if we can get 3 or 4 QUEEN MOTHERS out to judge them. This might be a good gimmick to get some publicity. Here's hoping.

You can decorate your hat at home or wait until the next meeting. This is where you put your own style and ideas into the competition.

This class will give you ideas so you can make another hat for the other competition..

We still will have 2 other tables of competition for 'PEOPLE'S CHOICE'.

Table 1 will be FANCY HATS.

Table 2 will be Knitted or Crocheted hats, or Baby Bonnets.

These hats can be ones you have made in the past or ones you make specially for the competition.

RIBBONS WILL BE AWARDED FOR ALL 3 TABLES.

Please make an effort to participate. Our club needs you.....

Included in this newsletter is a pattern for a knitted hat for the American Girl doll. The same website has many knitting patterns for dolls in all sizes, from dollhouse miniatures to American Girl. There is a Fair Isle sweater for the Tonner 16" fashion doll, for example.



*Happy Birthday to our  
February Valentines!*

*Marian Hamilton*

*Sonja Melanson*

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

**Myrna Penner writes:**

I have made and collected porcelain dolls and cloth dolls. I have also collected vinyl dolls, Barbies, Ginny dolls, and love baby dolls of all types.

Currently I am the doll lady at our local thrift shop, and this keeps me busy preparing dolls for sale, some fixing and mending doll clothes. In 2008 my neighbor and I prepared 2605 dolls for sale at my home and countless more at the store that did not need any work. I love my work. I also do a little research on the more unusual dolls.

I played with dolls until I was 13 and started again in about 1989. My first Ginny was sent to me by my great aunt from Portland Oregon in 1952 when I contracted polio at the age of 10, and this is the only doll I have left because the others were played to bits by my sisters and my daughter. Needless to say she is very precious to me.

Myrna and her sister-in-law Ella attended the January meeting and we hope to see them back as guests or as members.

## 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.

## LIBRARIAN REQUEST

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

Will the person who borrowed the LOCTITE glue please return it? LOCTITE is also available at various retail outlets, including Shoppers and Safeway, if you would like your own supply.

Genevieve Montcombroux has donated the following magazines to the library:

- Doll Crafter & Costuming - November 2008
- Doll Crafter & Costuming - December 2008
- Doll Crafter & Costuming - January 2009
- Doll Crafter & Costuming - February 2009
- Doll Crafter & Costuming - March 2009
- Art Doll Quarterly - Spring 2008
- Doll Reader - April 2008
- Doll Reader - May 2008
- Doll Reader - June/July 2008
- Doll Reader - August 2008
- Doll Reader - October 2007
- Doll Reader - November 2007
- Doll Reader - Wee Ones (Supplement to Doll Reader)
- Doll Reader - For Young Collectors (Supplement to Doll Reader)

They will all be available for lending at the February meeting.

## OTHER DOLL CLUBS

### Bismarck Doll Friends

Find out more about Bismarck Doll Friends at Ila Marvel's website, [www.deardollyfriends.com](http://www.deardollyfriends.com)

### Dolls On Line, Learning and Sharing (D.O.L.L.S.)

Dolls On Line, Learning and Sharing (D.O.L.L.S.) is an internet based doll club which meets online. To find out more, visit the UFDC website:  
<http://www.ufdc.org/OnlineclubDOLLS.htm>

## MAILBOX DOLL CLUB

Here is the list of features for 2009. Each issue is to have a page focusing on one antique doll only with story/description e.g. Smiling Jumeau (not necessarily this one but you get the idea)!

**FEATURED DOLLS**, Mailbox Doll Club Newsletter, 2009

#1 - 2009

Antique & modern wax dolls; Raggedy Ann & Andy

#2 - 2009

Godey Lady dolls; modern porcelain dolls

#3 - 2009

Golliwogs; Madame Alexander dolls; felt dolls

#4 - 2009

Small antique & modern dolls (include Peggy Nesbitt dolls, ByeLo Baby, etc.); Christmas dolls

**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](mailto:rbasham@shaw.ca)

## FOR SALE

### MAJOR DOWNSIZING REQUIRED

**Dolls and accessories, Doll Houses, Patterns, Books, Magazines**  
Call Marilyn at 204-261-8874

**LOOKING FOR** back issues of "Haute Doll" and "Barbie Bazaar". Contact Sharon Wilde 694-5399

**LOOKING FOR** someone who has a pattern for a Chatty Cathy dress and/or would be willing to make one similar to the original. Please call Ardythe at 772-9982.

## FOR BOOKLOVERS:

Contact Ardythe at 772-9982 for help finding out-of-print or hard to find books. Some good sites are [alibris.com](http://alibris.com), [biblio.com](http://biblio.com), and [abebooks.com](http://abebooks.com). I also have my own book-related website, [www.readingratwpg.com](http://www.readingratwpg.com). Please check it out!

## 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 [joy@weechi.net](mailto:joy@weechi.net) or 772-8127.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Manitoba Antique Association Spring Sale

Sunday, March 22, 2009

10 – 4

CanadInns, Polo Park

1405 St. Matthews Avenue

Winnipeg

Admission: \$4

For information call (204) 981-9616

or email [manitobaantique@gmail.com](mailto:manitobaantique@gmail.com)

[www.manitobaantiqueassociation.com](http://www.manitobaantiqueassociation.com)

### Antique Shopping Trip to Minneapolis/St. Paul

April 17 – 19, 2009

For information call Kelly at 204-981-9616 (evenings) or email [cccollector@gmail.com](mailto:cccollector@gmail.com)

## CALGARY DOLL CLUB

### Doll, Teddy & Toy Sale

Saturday, April 25, 2009

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Acadia Recreation Center

240-90 Avenue S. E.

Calgary, Alberta

Admission \$3 for adults, children under 12 free

For more information or table rentals call \*403) 243-3575 or email [cbtank@shaw.ca](mailto:cbtank@shaw.ca)

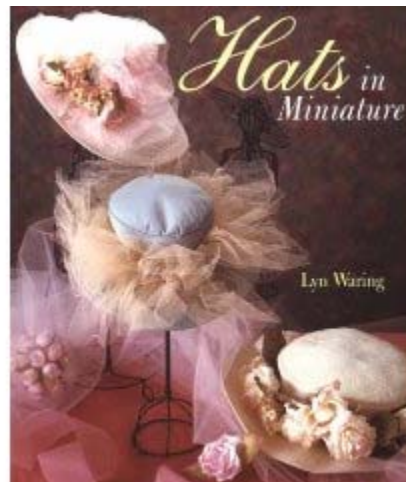
## LOCAL SOURCE FOR KNITTING AND CROCHET:

**Wolseley Wardrobe**, at 889 Westminster Avenue (in Wolseley), phone 772-1393

Wolseley Wardrobe is a consignment store carrying quality pre-owned clothing. The proprietor also offers knitting classes and stocks a range of beautiful yarns, including silk blends, hand dyed yarns, and many specialty yarns. She also carries knitting and crochet supplies, books, and patterns.

If you are interested in needle felting she also has supplies and kits. This technique is used for hair, eyebrows etc. on cloth dolls and teddies as well as clothing and decorative items.

## BOOK REVIEW:



For anyone who would like to pursue doll-size hat making, Lyn Waring's **HATS IN MINIATURE** is a great resource. Copies are being advertised through many on-line booksellers.

You can find more patterns by Lyn at her website: <http://www.lynwaring.com/>

Complete patterns for 18 different styles, along with instructions on equipment, collars, seams, cutting, notches, batting, and other materials make the task simple. Bonus: instructions on making a hat stand, so you can display your creations! 128 pages (all in color), 8 1/2 x 10.

## ***Faux Fur Trimmed Hat for American Girl Doll***

**Difficulty level:** ★★☆☆☆ Easy

### **Free Knitting Pattern**

**Materials:** Blue Red Heart Sport acrylic yarn - 1 skein.  
White Lion Brand® Fun Fur Yarn - 1 skein.

Needles: 6 (5.5 mm) OR SIZE NEEDED TO OBTAIN GAUGE  
Crochet hook 1 (2.75 mm)

**Gauge:** 16 st x 20 rows = 4" x 4" (10 x 10 cm)

### **Patterns:**

Stocking Stitch and reverse stocking stitch.

Cast on 44 sts (including edge stitches).

Knit 6 rows of stocking stitch (SS).

Knit 4 rows of reverse stocking stitch (RSS).

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For the back of the hat continue RSS. In each odd row decrease 10 sts. Continue for 8 rows.

Thread the end of the yarn through remaining stitches and tie the knot.

### **Finishing:**

Join the back seam.

With white Fun Fur yarn trim the front edge of the hat and around the 1 st row of the back of the hat with 3 rows of single crochet.

Sew on ribbons at the ends of the front edge.

Enjoy!

[http://www.knittingpatterncentral.com/directories/dolls\\_clothes.php](http://www.knittingpatterncentral.com/directories/dolls_clothes.php)

