

# 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.***

## ***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.***

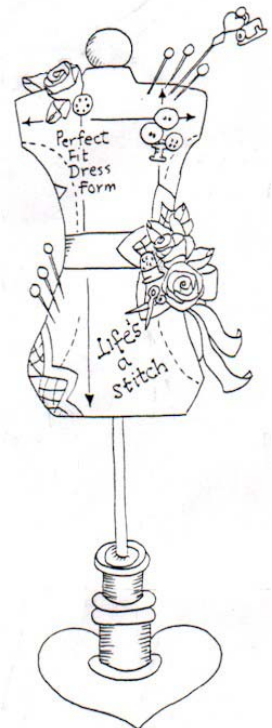
***See the last page for a dress form pincushion pattern AND a project time management chart to keep you on track!***

## ***January Meeting 1:30 p.m.***

***Sunday, January 27, 2008  
at the Charter House Hotel***

- 1:30 - 2:00: Business meeting & Door Prize Draw
- 2:00 - 2:15: **Show and Tell:**  
***What did Santa bring?***
- 2:15 - 2:45 **Activity:**  
***Shoemaking workshop  
with Carol Fraize***
- 2:45 - 3:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

***Thanks to Sylvia for publishing the October and November newsletters!***



## **Executive 2007-2008**

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**Ardythe Basham** (772-9982)

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**Cheryl Hamilton** (889-6556)

**Fall Doll Show Co-ordinator, 2008**  
**Sylvia Grantham**

## **DOLL SHOW REPORT**

Our 2008 show will be held on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

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.

If you are able to donate any dolls please let Sylvia know! Handmade dolls, Barbies, play dolls - any dolls are welcome.

## **ON OUR LIBRARY SHELF**

If you have any books out, please bring them back so others may enjoy them. If you are not able to attend a meeting, call Dianne and make arrangements to return them.

## **NEW IN THE LIBRARY:**

**Arranbee Dolls - Identification & Value Guide** by *Suzanne L. DeMillar and Dennis J. Brevik*. Collector Books, A Division of Schroeder Publishing Co., Inc., Paducah, Kentucky (2004)

This lovely book contains a history of the Arranbee Doll Co., identification of Arranbee doll clothes and dolls with numerous color and black and white pictures including Dream Baby and other bisque head dolls, composition babies and toddlers, small storybook and international dolls, composition Nancy, Debu'teen, Nannette, Nancy Lee and Marianne dolls, hard plastic Nanette, Nancy Lee, Nancy Jane and baby dolls, Little Angel Family, fashion dolls, vinyl and vinyl head dolls, Arranbee Vogue period dolls, and some unknown dolls with Arranbee characteristics.

**Collector's Guide to Dolls of the 1960s and 1970s - Volume II. Identification and Values**, by Cindy Sabulis. Collector Books, A Division of Schroeder Publishing Co. Inc., Paducah, Kentucky (2004)

**Barbie Doll Fashion Vol. III, 1975 - 1979**, by Sarah Sink Eames. Collector Books, A Division of Schroeder Publishing Co. Inc., Paducah, Kentucky (2004)

**HERE IS YOUR HOBBY ... DOLL COLLECTING** by *Helen Young*. G.P. Putnam's Sons, New York (1964)

Doll collecting is a hobby that brings a lifetime of satisfaction rather than discarding those dolls that brought contentment in early childhood. This book answers the question "Why collect dolls?" The book also contains histories of the variety of dolls and their use to reflect the

cultures of other countries through the years, instructions to make simple and not-so-simple dolls, detailed information on repairing damaged dolls, how to care for dolls and how to arrange and display your collection.

**THE ABC'S OF DOLL COLLECTING** by *John C. Schweitzer*. Sterling Publishing Co. Inc. New York (1981)

Do you know the difference between a French *Bru* and a German character baby? Learn how to read the markings on a doll. Find out when to do your own restoration. This book contains advice on all phases of doll collecting - how to begin, expand your collection, specialize or sell dolls.

**Classic Cloth DOLLS** by *Linda Carr*. Sixth & Spring Books, New York, New York (2001)

A gorgeous book of fabric dolls and clothes from the Vogue Patterns Collection. The book is filled with invaluable instructions and innovative ideas to make your own 18-inch cloth dolls and fashions. The first chapters cover the basics needed to create the doll and doll clothes. The following chapters are devoted to sewing, painting and stuffing the doll. Step-by-step instructions are illustrated by full-color photographs. The last chapter contains six complete outfits for the finished doll including undergarments, outerwear, nightclothes and modern and vintage inspired ensembles. All of the pattern pieces required to make the doll and doll clothes are included in the book.



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

## **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.

## **DOLL NEWS FROM DIANNE:**

A few people have used the Loctite Super Glue that Debra Mahler donated to the Doll Club and it has now been left with me. If anyone wants me to bring it to the January meeting so they can borrow it, call Dianne at 334-4916 / leave message / or email Dianne at [spikey@mts.net](mailto:spikey@mts.net).

## **Kovels.com News**

**Mickey & Minnie dolls sell for \$151,534!**  
Gosh! That sure is swell!

The entire article may be viewed at [http://www.kovels.com/issues/newsflash/1\\_published/news\\_news\\_news/2387-1.html](http://www.kovels.com/issues/newsflash/1_published/news_news_news/2387-1.html)

### **Care for plastic dolls**

December 13, 2007

Hard plastic dolls will mildew if kept in a damp environment. Remove mildew and mold stains from dolls with a commercial, chlorine-free bathroom shower cleaning product.

The entire article may be viewed at [http://www.kovels.com/issues/newsflash/1\\_68/tips\\_care\\_repair/2478-1.html](http://www.kovels.com/issues/newsflash/1_68/tips_care_repair/2478-1.html)

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
to Our Snow  
Queens!



*Joy Hillhouse  
Janine Polley*

**November:**  
*Ardythe Basham  
Donna  
Chartrand  
Arcky Dyck  
Gretta Friesen  
Sheelagh Komus  
Sharon Wilde*

**and Christmas Stars!**  
**December:**

*Joan Domanski  
Janet Fetterly  
Nina Notaro*



**and New Year  
Belles!**

**January:**  
*Terry Bergards  
Judith den Heyer  
Erna Kothe  
Anne Squirk*

**MEMBERSHIP LIST**

My apologies to all members for the confusion over renewals. I have now straightened out the membership records and will bring an updated membership list to the January meeting.

*Ardythe Basham*

**GETTING TO KNOW YOU:**

Denise Wawryk writes:

As far back as I remember, I have loved dolls. I even played with them until I was about 13 years old.

I joined the Doll Club in 1999. Attending the Doll Show that year, I met Sylvia Grantham and we re-connected. Sylvia and I went to St. Mary's Academy together eons ago. She encouraged me to join the club.

I began collecting dolls in the late 1980s. Using Fibre Craft patterns, I crocheted and dressed many 15 inch dolls, Christmas dolls, bride dolls, angel dolls and fashion dolls. Over the past few years I have graduated to smaller dolls, Barbies in particular. As I did not have the opportunity of "playing" with Barbies as a child, I now crochet and dress them in period gowns with beads and sequins etc. I enjoy doing the finishing touches, such as the hair-dos, Jewelry, hats, purses and all the accessories.

In the past I also collected the Holiday Barbies each year, however, due to lack of space, I have discontinued adding to that collection.

*Ardythe:* You may have seen some of Denise's beautifully-dressed fashion dolls at the doll show or at our meetings. They are most impressive!

## OTHER DOLL CLUBS

### MAILBOX DOLL CLUB

I received an email from Linda Peters which included her Christmas letter, which I will bring to the meeting on Sunday.

Linda says:

Thanks for the MB Doll Club Newsletter you sent me some time ago. I always enjoy reading about what doll clubs do. I had a surprise in the mail yesterday. I had donated a gift certificate for membership in my Mailbox Doll Club Newsletter for the year 2007 as a door prize. The winner sent back the form now to claim her prize! This was at the Oct. 2006 doll show!

How are things going at your doll club? I have had 57 members in my club this year. It is time to renew for 2008 now so I'm hoping the membership will grow for 2008!

Linda notes that "We had very few visitors to our museum this summer. It is now closed & for sale. I will keep many of my favorite dolls but probably 2000 will be for sale along with their mobile home! Dave is hoping that his bottle & wrench museum will sell as a unit too since they are also displayed in a mobile home. I think we will sell groups or individual items from building #3 since this is such a miscellaneous assortment."

Wishing you God's richest blessings for the Christmas season & the new year of 2008!

Linda Peters dollpete@mts.net

**NEWSLETTERS** from **Canadian Doll Clubs United** and **Doll Study Group of Nova Scotia** will be available at the meeting. **DSGNS** has a vintage crochet pattern for a dress for an 8" doll and an article on aprons. **CDCU** has an article on humanitarian knitting and includes the ClothBroads newsletter. It's always fun to hear what other clubs are doing!



### Marie Osmond "fainting doll"

Marie Osmond has designed a "fainting doll". The Adora Samba Belle doll is the latest addition to her range of porcelain dolls. The design was chosen after the entertainer gave viewers a fright when she collapsed live on *Dancing with the Stars* last month.

Lisa Hatch, from the Marie Osmond Dolls company, presented the Samba Belle doll on US shopping channel QVC.

"This is the most famous costume on the planet," Lisa said. "Marie, as you know, had a little mishap dancing and fell - she fainted."

"This doll is officially called the Adora Samba Belle doll, but we affectionately call it the fainting doll."

Although the doll is meant to be displayed standing up, Marie said it could also be presented flat on its back, mirroring the moment she hit the floor.

The doll, which sports a blue dress, matching blue eyeshadow and gold heels, was being sold at the discounted price of \$89.94. -Owen Williams Showbiz Spy, UK

Information from the Haute Doll website, <http://www.hautedoll.com/>

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

**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)

**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](mailto:weechi@shaw.ca) or [joy@weechi.net](mailto: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:

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| 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.

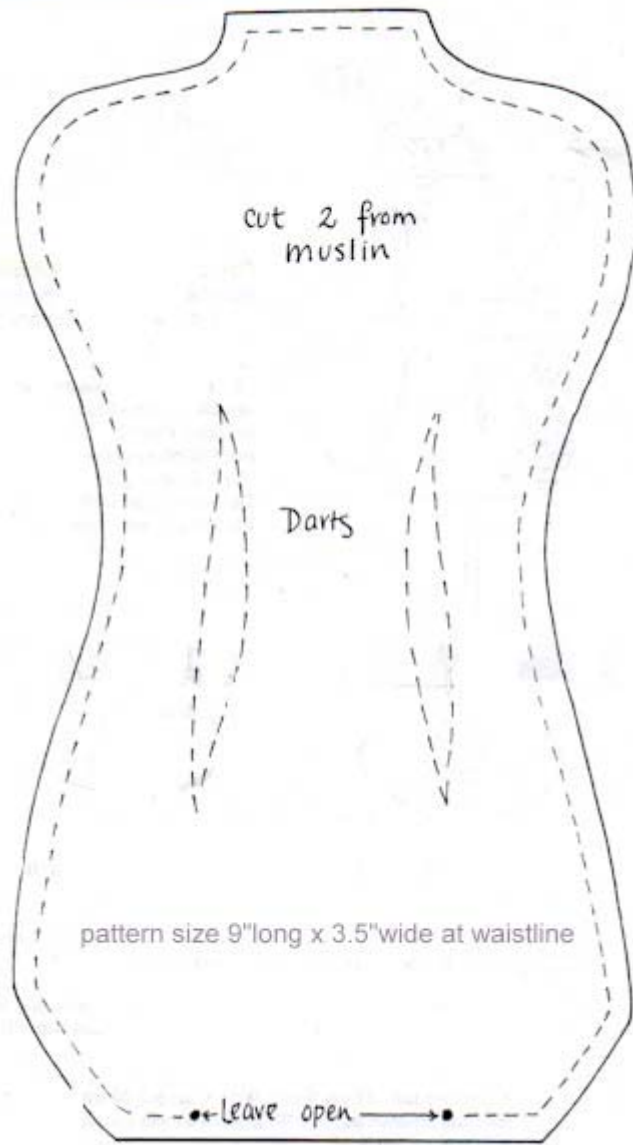
You may shop around for your own best air fare and only book the tour through Josie.

If interested please contact Josie Wellwood at [josiesjoys@telus.net](mailto:josiesjoys@telus.net)

Phone: (250) 478-1900

Mailing address:  
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*On the next page:  
 Two internet ideas for you!*



## Dress Form Pin Cushion

By Marie Browning, [Marie Browning Creates](http://www.mariebrowning.com)

[http://www.getcreativeshow.com/seminars/dressform\\_pincushion.htm](http://www.getcreativeshow.com/seminars/dressform_pincushion.htm)

### Materials Needed:

12"X16" piece of unbleached muslin  
 one 3" wooden heart  
 two old wooden spools  
 12" length of 1/4" wooden dowel  
 one 3/4" wooden bead  
 polyester fiberfill  
 two battenburg doilies, 2" to 3" sizes  
 thick designer glue  
 decorator glaze; bark brown  
 black pigma pens, sizes 5 & .01

1. (Optional: tea stain muslin to antique if desired) Cut dress form front and back. mark darts with an air erase pen. Stitch darts. Iron darts toward centre.

2. Stitch dress form front to back with 1/4" seam allowance. Leave opening on bottom as shown. Trim points and clip curves. Turn dress form right side out.

3. Assemble dress form base so that dowel is glued into spools, and spools to centre of heart. Stain new wood pieces with bark brown glaze. Brush on, then wipe off excess. Paint wooden bead at this time as well. Let dry.

4. Stuff top half of form firmly. Wrap some polyfill around top part of dowel. Insert into dress form and continue stuffing. Whip stitch bottom opening shut. Place a little glue around dowel to hold in place firmly.

5. With pigma pens, add decorative markings to front of dress form. If you wish, draw in markings first with air erase pen.

6. Glue bead to top of form. Glue on tea stained doilies. Add ribbon, ribbon roses, buttons and charms to decorate, Refer to drawing of project (see front page) for placement ideas.

Ribbon Roses: use 3/4" and 1" wide sheer ribbons, each rose takes approx. 12"

More information on [Marie Browning Creates](http://www.mariebrowning.com)

BETTER THAN A "ROUND TUIT" -  
PROJECT TIME MANAGEMENT CHART

Project Name	Date Needed	"Work On" Date and Time	Did It!	Carried Forward
eg. Trinket Box for Mom	Feb. 14	Feb.4 7 - 8 pm Feb. 6 1 - 4 pm	Check!	
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- **Project Name:** List your projects in a priority order.
- **Date Needed:** When does your work have to be *finished*, not when you have to mail it, wrap it, etc.!
- **"Work On" Date and Time:** Make an appointment with yourself to work on your project for an hour or more. For example, if you estimate that the project will take 10 hours, then divide your time into manageable "chunks", say 2.5 hours every Sunday for 4 Sundays. Then you can honestly say that it took you "a month of Sundays" to finish it! :-)
- **Did It!:** Just check off if you kept your appointment with yourself for your stitching.
- **Carried Forward:** It's inevitable that occasionally you have to rearrange your stitching times to accomodate other needs. Simply put the date you've chosen to carry forward that work you'd planned to do on your project.

Do make time for yourself and the things you enjoy doing. We don't hesitate to rearrange our lives to keep appointments with others, so why not make the same effort to keep an appointment with yourself? Watch some TV, or put on some relaxing music, have a nice cup of tea (but keep it away from your lovely stitching to avoid spills!), turn on your telephone's answering machine and do what you love to do most! It's actually very healthy for you too!

<http://www.victorianpleasures.com/freebees/inspire/timechrt.htm>