

Manitoba Doll Club Newsletter

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

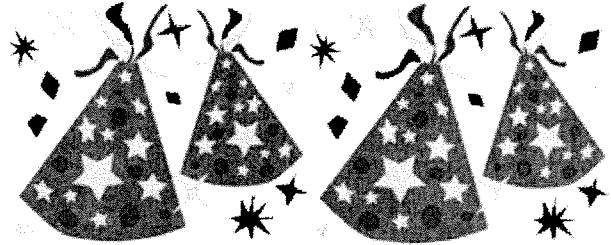
PLEASE NOTE: *On Sunday, parking in the hotel lot is available at a flat rate of \$2 for the day. The ticket machine does not take toonies, so please bring two loonies!*

On-street parking is free on Sunday.

Trader's Table

Please bring any doll-related items you no longer need - doll hair, bits of lace, fabric, doll clothes, patterns, etc. Be sure to check the Trader's Table for things you can use for a doll project. You don't need to bring anything in order to take something!

Did you pick up a one-legged red haired doll from the Traders' Table? If so, please call Carol Fraize at 1-204-243-2299 for the missing leg!



**MAY WIND-UP
Luncheon & Doll Auction
Sunday, May 24**

12:30 p.m.

**Charterhouse Hotel
330 York Avenue, Winnipeg**

**Please arrive by 12:30 p.m.
LUNCH will be served at
1:00 p.m. SHARP**

**DOLL AUCTION to follow.
Proceeds from the auction will go to
SILOAM MISSION.**

Bring cash for the auction. If anyone has something nice for the auction, they can bring it to Sylvia at the Wind-up. The auction will start after lunch (approximately 2:15 or 2:30).

MEMBERSHIP INQUIRIES ??

All memberships expire at the end of March. Membership in the Manitoba Doll Club is \$20 a year. To renew your membership or if you have any inquiries, please contact:

**Ardythe Basham Phone: 772-9982 Email: a_basham@shaw.ca
Address: 61 Home Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3G 1W7**

Executive 2008-2009

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Sylvia Grantham (1-204-482-4932)

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DOLL SHOW UPDATE

As everyone knows by now, our **DOLL SHOW AND SALE** will be held at **CANAD INNS - POLO PARK**, 1405 St. Matthews Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, on **OCTOBER 18, 2009**. Our Doll Show theme is **DOLLS WITH HAT'TITUDES**. Sylvia Grantham has arranged with the "Queen Mother" of the Red Hat Ladies to judge our doll-size Red Hats. Other hat competitions are planned.

For more information, table rental applications or posters, contact:

Sylvia Grantham at 1-204-482-4932

Email: sdgranth@mts.net

or call Marie Egnell at 339-7665

It is requested that all hats for the display and/or contests be brought to the September meeting so Dianne Malzensky and Carol Fraize can plan and determine what will be required for the setup of the display and contest tables. Each hat should be displayed on its own stand and all hats and stands should be labelled with

the owner's name. Doll stands of any size or height make great display stands for the hats.

We need all club members to help promote and publicize the show! Suggestions for places to hand out or put up our posters:

- at your local Safeway store or other grocery stores
- neighbourhood convenience store
- your hairdresser or any other salons in your area or that you visit
- gyms or spas
- churches
- community centres
- senior residences
- apartment blocks
- local library
- medical clinic, doctor or dentist office
- bank
- daycare centres
- local gift shops
- book stores
- local restaurants
- second-hand, antique or thrift stores

Carry a Ziploc bag in your purse containing a number of our small posters, some tacks and a small roll of tape. You will always be prepared to put up a poster wherever you go. (Sometimes I just conveniently leave a poster or two laying around on a table or counter at a restaurant, on benches in a shopping mall or on tables in the food court at the mall. (Dianne M.)

MANITOBA DOLL CLUB
Presents
DOLLS WITH HAT'TITUDES
DOLL SHOW AND SALE
OCT. 18, 2009... 10:00 - 4:00
CANAD INNS... POLO PARK
1405 MATTHEWS AVE., WINN., MB.
DOLLS... BEARS... PETS
ARTIFICAL... BEHIND... COLLECTIBLE
MINIATURES... HAND-CRAFTED
BARBIE... FASHION DOLLS... RE-BORN
DOLL CLOTHES - BOOKS AND SUPPLIES
DOLL DISPLAY
PEOPLE'S CHOICE' DOLL HAT COMPETITION
DOOR PRIZES AND CHARITY TABLE
THE * QUEEN MOTHER * IS COMING
TO JUDGE OUR DOLL HATS!
ADMISSION:
ADULT... \$2.00
CHILD... \$1.00 (4-12)
CHILD... \$0.50 (3-4)
INFORMATION:
DIANNE MALZENSKY
334-4916
dmalzensky@shaw.ca

WE SUPPORT CHILDREN'S CHARITIES



June Birthdays

Lorraine Chalkman

Joy Clemons

Marie Egnell

Carol Fraize

June Larence

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

New Member Katie D. says:

I became a true collector about two years ago, although I've had Barbies as a child. I now collect ball-jointed dolls. I have 4 SD size, 1 MSD and 5 tiny BJDs.

PRIVACY NOTE: Because our newsletter is posted to our website, I do not ordinarily include members' contact information without permission. Please let me know if you prefer not to have your name included.

BOOK REVIEWS

Alice Thomson has very kindly assembled a list of doll- and teddy-themed books for your summer reading pleasure.

The Christmas Doll by Elvira Woodruff

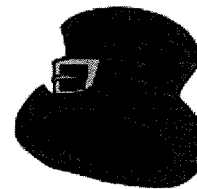
Lucy and Glory Wolcott are sisters and the best of friends. The orphans lost their parents in the fever that swept the city of London in 1848. To keep their spirits up, Lucy invents stories, especially about a lost doll named Morning Glory. One day the sisters find an old, discarded doll that Glory is sure is their long-lost doll. But Morning Glory is no ordinary doll . . . and she works her magic on everyone around her.

The Crafty Teddy by John J. Lamb
(available from Winnipeg Public Libraries)

Brad Lyon, a retired San Francisco cop, is settling into quieter life with his wife. They move to Ashleigh, Virginia, where they collect and create teddy bears. One day an intruder breaks into their home and makes off with an antique Farnell Alpha teddy bear. The local peace is shattered when the local museum director is found dead.

Other books by John J. Lamb in this series are **The Mournful Teddy**, **The False-Hearted Teddy**, **The Treacherous Teddy**, and **The Clockwork Teddy**.

Doll Collector Mysteries by Deb Baker
Deb Baker has written several books featuring Gretch Birch, doll restorer and sleuth. So far the series includes **Dolled Up for Murder**, **Goodbye Dolly**, **Dolly Departed** and **Ding Dong Dead**.



LIBRARY NOTES BOOKS & PATTERNS

PLEASE RETURN

all library books to Dianne
and all patterns to Sheelagh
at the May Wind-up!

VIDEOS

The following videos (VHS) are available from our Doll Club library:

CANADIANS & THEIR DOLLS

featuring Lynn Chambers - Doll Restorer & Collector, Evelyn Strahlendorf - Collector, Author, Curator, and Yvonne Stirling - Collector
(1 hour)

OH, YOU BEAUTIFUL DOLL!

Doll Collecting For Fun & Profit
featuring Barbie (by Barbie expert, Joe Blitman)
(1 hour)

TV DOLLS

Favorite Doll TV Commercials of the 1950's, 1960's and 1970's (1 hour)

SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MEETING:

Please let us know whether you would like to see a synopsis of the minutes of our previous month's meeting printed in our newsletter in a format such as the following. (Please note that the April minutes are rather lengthy due to Elections and the Planning Meeting.)

SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 2009, MEMBER MEETING AND PLANNING MEETING

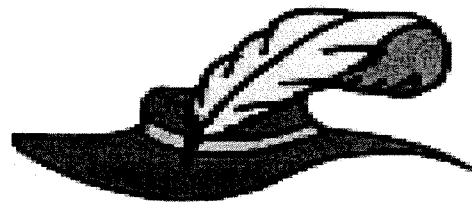
- Present:** 26 members and 1 guest.
- Treasurer:** Bank balance - end of February, 2009 - \$6,710.31.
- Vice-President (Membership):** Memberships expired at end of March, 2009 - 34 renewed - 23 not yet renewed.
- Vice-President (Activities):** May Wind-Up luncheon details outlined in April newsletter. Planning meeting to be held after Elections for suggestions for upcoming year.
- Newsletter:** Ardythe Basham away in May. Dianne Malzensky to finalize and distribute May newsletter.
- Library:** New items added to the library as listed in April newsletter.
- Pattern Library:** Sheelagh Komus would like all patterns returned at or prior to May Wind-Up so she can do an inventory over the summer.
- Doll Show:** Marie Egnell reported that applications were mailed on April 19, 2009, and she already had 11 tables rented. Posters and applications are available for members for distribution.
- Old Business:** None
- New Business:** Brenda Speirs Fryatt brought in pictures of her class and herself of their projects for Barbie's 50th birthday. Joy Hillhouse indicated our domain name and website hosting fee needed to be renewed. The results of discussion and a motion was to renew for one year at a cost of \$97.08.
- Elections:** Ardythe Basham, Olga Komoski and Dianne Malzensky stood for re-election in their current positions. Nominees from the floor were Wendy Greenaway for President,

Katie Davidson for Vice-President (Membership), Kels Lynn and Carol Fraize for Vice-President (Activities).

**ELECTION RESULTS:
2009 / 2010 EXECUTIVE
effective in September, 2009:**

- President:** Wendy Greenaway
- Vice-President (Membership):** Katie Davidson
- Vice-President (Activities):** Kels Lynn
- Secretary:** Dianne Malzensky
- Treasurer:** Olga Komoski

A **Planning Meeting** was held for the remainder of the afternoon wherein suggestions for the 2009 / 2010 term were discussed. A number of suggestions were made to improve the meetings, such as planning themes for each meeting so that activities, newsletter articles, and Show and Tell can be related to the theme. A committee consisting of Joy Hillhouse, Lucy Cook, Kate Davidson, Wendy Greenaway and Dianne Malzensky was formed to review and oversee the club's website. Cheryl Hamilton will be taking over the Newsletter in September together with the assistance of Wendy Greenaway. An Executive meeting is to be held some time over the summer to plan for the 2009 / 2010 term.



IDEA FOR A DISPLAY CASE:

Use a clean clear plastic 2 liter soda bottle. Remove label. Cut top portion off bottle and turn bottle upside down. To create a base, use bottle to trace a circle on craft foam. Cut out circle allowing an additional 1/4 or 1/2 inch border. Decorate base with ribbon, lace or other embellishments.

ADVERTISEMENTS in the newsletter are free to members. There is a small charge to non-members. Call or email Ardythe at 772-9982 or a_basham@shaw.ca

FOR SALE: KILN AND MOLDS

Kiln (old Cress) (\$600) and 200 old doll molds (\$1,000) Call Ruth Condello at 452-5678

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"
Call Sharon Wilde at 694-5399

WANTED: Alice Thomson is looking for the following items:

Barbie Fashion Vol. II by Sarah Eames
Mary Hoyer and Her Dolls by Mary Hoyer
Classic Knits for Girl Dolls by Marjory Fainges
Call Alice at 204-275-5796

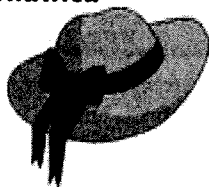
WANTED: Pippi Longstockings doll suitable for a child
Contact Connie Morrison at kittycat5655@yahoo.com

FOR BOOKLOVERS:

For help finding out-of-print or hard to find books, some good sites are alibris.com, biblio.com, and abebooks.com. I also have my own book-related website, www.readingratwpg.com
Call Ardythe at 772-9982

GLAMOUR TO DIVAZ

Doll Fashions & Accessories, One-of-a-Kind Creations, Doll Consignment Service and Vinyl Doll Restorations by David Aarhus and Tom Whyte. Website to be launched in September, 2009. For a sample of David and Tom's work, stop by Pop'N'Eye Collectibles (Deborah Mahler) and see Deborah's restored Chatty Baby doll on display. Contact David or Tom by phone at 283-6197 or by email at shiryukai2.0@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 joy@weechi.net or 772-8127.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 28 - 31, 2009

EDMONTON PORCELAIN DOLL ARTISANS SPRING DOLL SHOW -

A Canadian Celebration of Women through Dolls

Kings University College, 9125 50 Street, Edmonton, Alberta

This is a guild event with workshops, competitions, social events and much more and is quite expensive to attend. The sale on Sunday is open to the general public. For more information please visit the website at www.dollshow2009.com or contact PORCELAIN DOLL ARTISANS, 2205 - 134 Ave, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T5A 4Y4
Ph: (780) 472-1750 Fax: (780) 472-1759
Email: porcelainbeauties@shaw.ca

BISMARCK DOLL SHOW

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 7.

Anyone interested in attending might want to consider renting a van and inviting other club members to share costs.

GARDEN TOUR AT SYLVIA'S

July 26, 2009 (Sunday) 1:00 - 3:00

Sylvia is having the 4 or 5 Red Hat Groups come out to get to know them and give them instructions for the Red Hat judging at the Doll Show. Dainties and beverages will be served. Also will have some games and prizes. All members are welcome. Just let Sylvia know if you are coming. You must arrange your own transportation.

Contact Sylvia Grantham at 1-204-482-4932
Email: sdgranth@mts.net

Please send notices of upcoming events of interest to doll lovers to the Newsletter Editor!

OTHER DOLL CLUBS

MAILBOX DOLL CLUB

Linda Peters dollpete@mts.net

BISMARCK DOLL FRIENDS

www.deardollyfriends.com

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>

DOLL STUDY GROUP OF NOVA SCOTIA (DSGNS)

Jean Tully - Email: westjeddore@eastlink.ca

Marilyn Millward - Email: lyno@eastlink.ca

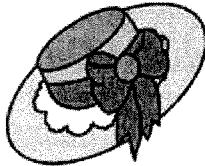
MAYFLOWER DOLL CLUB, Nova Scotia

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CALGARY DOLL CLUB

Email: cbtank@shaw.ca

or call 1-403-243-3573



MY BIOGRAPHY - PART UNE by DIANNE MALZENSKY

I joined the MDC in 2000. I took over as the MDC Librarian in September 2001. In September 2005, I took over the role of Secretary of MDC.

I loved playing with dolls as a child. From about the age of three or so, my best friend and I would play "house" from morning until night - only breaking for meals or naps. We would set up our "houses" either in one of our backyards or basements. The boys in the neighbourhood were our "husbands" and they would go to "work" in their cars (i.e. on their bikes) and do whatever it was boys did all day. The whole day my friend and I would look after our "babies", go (pretend) shopping, clean or fix up our pretend houses and prepare pretend meals. Our "husbands" would return from "work" later in the day for a dinner of plastic or plasticene meat, potatoes and veggies and water or koolaid and cookies for dessert. As we got older, our interests in dolls changed to

playing "Barbies". We would pack up all of our Barbie gear into our Barbie cases and head over to one or the other's house where we would set up our Barbies using whatever boxes, furniture, etc. that was available to create our Barbie houses and stores and we would spend hours changing our Barbies from one outfit into another to go out shopping, get ready for their date or out to a dance.

My interest in dolls was renewed when I started sewing Barbie clothes for my then boyfriend's niece. I purchased a few patterns, material remnants, laces, trims and various embellishments and started trying out various patterns. I would get excited when a pattern was easy and fun to sew and would then try it in various colours, textures and trims and started mixing and matching pattern and outfit pieces. I think I started that particular project in late summer and by that year's Christmas I had sewn a box full of doll clothes. I also made closets to put the clothes in. That was my boyfriend's niece's Christmas present that year. Since I was having so much fun sewing the doll clothes, I had made two more closets and filled them with clothes and gave them as Christmas presents to two of our friends' daughters.

Somehow the fun that I had creating all those doll clothes spurred a further interest in dolls and I ended up going to one of the Doll Shows, possibly in Spring of 2000, because I ended up joining the Doll Club in 2000. I am not sure how I heard about the Doll Show - possibly saw a flyer posted somewhere or heard advertising on the tv or radio.

I really enjoyed sewing doll clothes and would like to start sewing again but somehow time slips away. I started a Halloween outfit for one of my Barbies two Halloweens ago and still have not finished that outfit.

...STAY TUNED FOR PART DUEX ...



**HAVE A LOVELY SUMMER SEE YOU IN
SEPTEMBER. OUR NEXT MONTHLY MEMBER
MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 27, 2009.**