

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.

September Meeting 1:30 p.m.

**Sunday, September 24, 2006
at the Charter House Hotel**

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

2:00 - 2:15: **Show and Tell:**
SUMMER VACATION DOLLS
2:15 - 2:30: **COFFEE BREAK**

2:30 - 3:00: **Activity TBA**

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!

See Genevieve's article on IDEX inside.

For more pictures and news from IDEX, check out these sites!

See one of the winning "Reborns" here.

<http://www.amazingtreasuresreborns.com/index2.html>

And here are some of the doll artists from IDEX.

http://www.dollfriends.com/idex_las_vegas_2006.htm

"All Doll'd Up for The Seasons"

DOLL SHOW & SALE

presented by
MANITOBA DOLL CLUB

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2006
10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

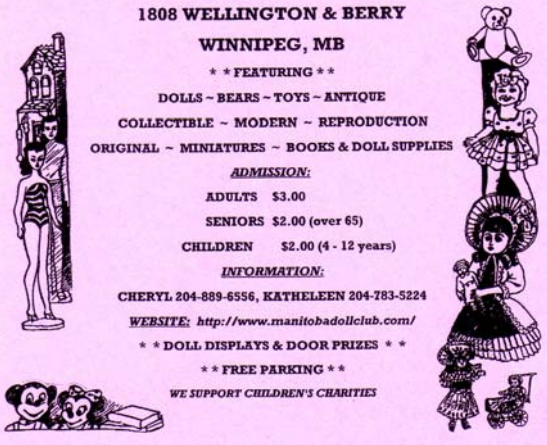
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INFORMATION:
CHERYL 204-889-6556, KATHELEEN 204-783-5224
WEBSITE: <http://www.manitobadollclub.com/>

** DOLL DISPLAYS & DOOR PRIZES **
** FREE PARKING **
WE SUPPORT CHILDREN'S CHARITIES



Please be sure to put up the enclosed poster! If you need more, please contact Cheryl Hamilton at 889-6556,

**If there is an X in the box, your membership has expired!
Please contact Ardythe to renew.**



Our annual membership is now \$20.00.

Executive 2006-2007

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LIBRARY and PATTERN LIBRARY Reminder!

If you have any books, magazines, or patterns out, please return them at the September meeting!

Where's Darci?

The last Darci article by David Aarhus has been delayed. David is in the midst of an unexpected move. We will be seeing him and some of his dolls at the Doll Show and hope to hear more Darci stories for an upcoming issue.

Fall Doll Show Committee

Katheleen Smith: 783-5334
Cheryl Hamilton (Publicity): 889-6556
Dianne Malzensky (Display): 334-4916
(Theme: "All Doll'd Up For the Season")
Lucy Cook (Door Prizes): 224-8347
Leslie Von Kleist: 224-0079 (evenings)
Sharon Wilde: 694-5399

FALL DOLL SHOW, OCTOBER 15, 2006

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please call **Katheleen Smith** (783-5224) if you can help out on the day of the show.

DOLL DISPLAY!

Barbie-size dolls in winter or summer costumes are requested for the seasonally-themed display. If you have dolls to lend, please bring them to the September 24 meeting, or call Dianne at 334-4916.

Happy Birthday Wishes!

July Firecrackers:
*Sigr id Boning, Evelyn Gillies,
Henrietta Nehmann,
Nora Notaro*

***August
Sunflowers:***
*Sylvia Grantham,
Florence Mehmel,
Milda Miller*

September Sweets:
Frances Polley



IDEX Doll and Teddy Bear Show in Las Vegas and the **REBORN First Convention** June 30 - July 2, 2006

by Genevieve Montcombreaux

Wow, what a show! With 609 booths, many double and triple size, plus a score of unnumbered tables, it was impossible not to be impressed by the first annual IDEX Doll and Teddy Bear Show, held in Las Vegas' glittering Rio Hotel and Casino.

One of the most striking features was the show's presentation. Not a shipping carton in sight under the tables, no messy displays, no doll crowding out its neighbor. The show was esthetically pleasing and a fabulous visual treat.

Another feature that struck me was the quality of the dolls and bears on display. They were simply amazing. I didn't necessarily fall in love with every individual piece or every artist's style, but I recognized the excellence in the craft and artistry.

Visitors to the First IDEX Reborn Competition, hosted by *Doll Reader*, were asked to vote for their favorite baby doll for the public's choice award.

Just a second! Perhaps not everyone is familiar with the term "reborn baby doll". Let me explain. With the recent advent of soft vinyl and silicone dolls, doll companies have begun to make baby play dolls so soft to the touch and so realistic that they appear lifelike. Doll makers, both veteran and aspiring, were quick to seize the new medium. They took the play dolls, stripped them of the factory paint and wigs and repainted them. They then micro-root the heads

with mohair or human hair. With wonderful creativeness they dress the doll, so that passers-by do a double take when they see a reborn baby in somebody's arms.

I had a ball when traveling home from the convention with my newly-acquired baby doll peeping out of a shoulder bag. An airline ticket attendant even asked if I needed an infant seat! Good-natured laughter follows when people realize it's a doll not a real baby. Doll companies have been quick to produce kits of raw vinyl heads and limbs. Artist-sculptors are busy producing new baby faces. Yet this remarkable revolution in the doll-making world is only a couple of years old.

The high standard in quality and variety of the some thirty Reborn Baby Dolls entered in the competition made it very hard to decide on a winner. Seven hundred votes were cast and, as is often the case in these instances, the public's choice was different from the judges' choice.

The DOTY and TOBY awards were handed out, Saturday, July 1, 2006. *Doll Reader* and *Teddy Bears and Friends*, in conjunction with IDEX, sponsored a silent auction and a raffle basket to raise money for the Make a Wish Foundation (Nevada). The drive raised \$US 7,000. Jeffrey Wolk, CEO of the two magazines, stepped forward to donate \$US 3,000 – making a round figure of \$US 10,000. Doll companies and many individual artists donated wonderful dolls for the auction. The most moving moment was the viewing of a video made a few years before, showing Make a Wish Foundation children receiving their wish. The chilling realization that those children are no longer with us brought many in the audience to tears.

The entire convention was a wonderful experience, with so many dolls to admire and fall in love with! Everyone involved in putting on the show, from the security staff to the artists and the CEOs of doll companies, was friendly. Smiles were the order of the day.

Will I be there next year? What do you think?

PICTURES FROM IDEX

Berenguer babies – new sculpt, not yet available



Porcelain dolls handmade by Molly



BEARS ALIVE



One of the 30+ “reborn” babies entered in competition



Porcelain and cloth dolls from Russia, all handmade

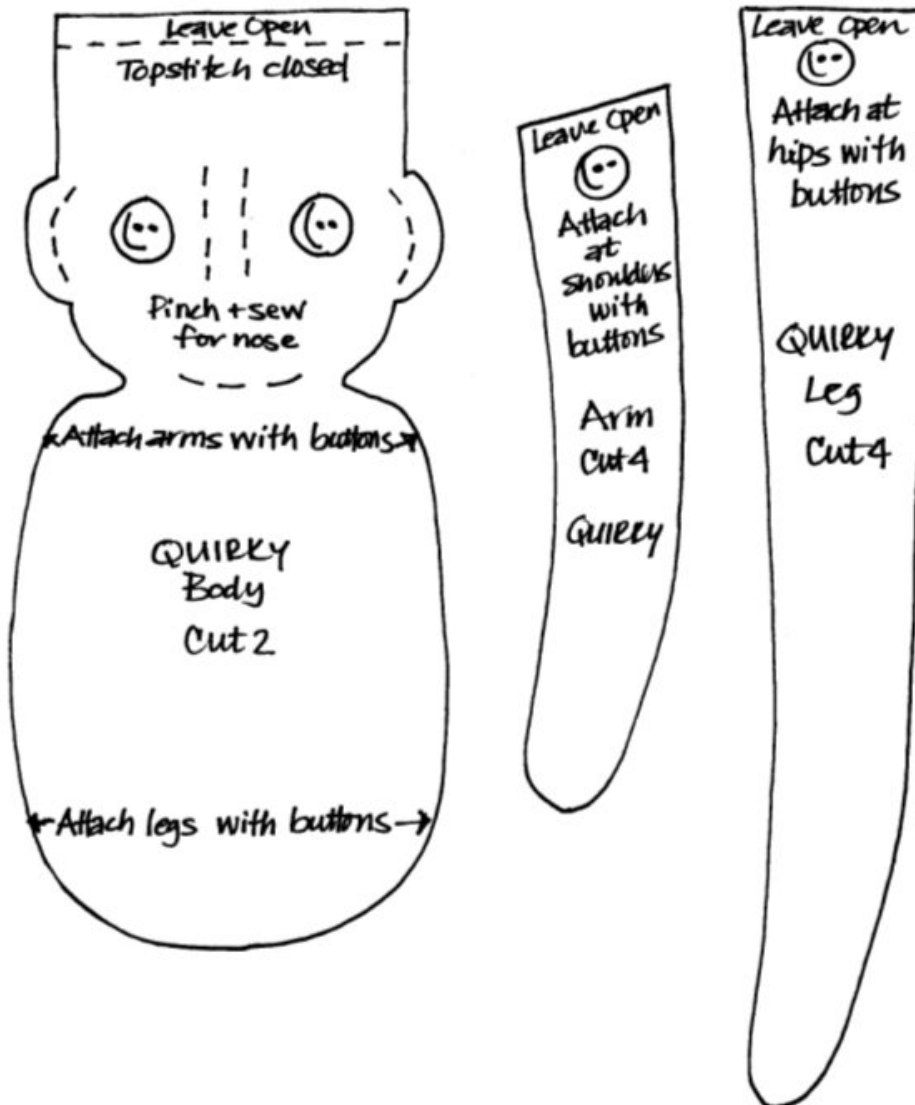


<http://www.dollmakersjourney.com/quirky.html>

Quirky Guy by Pamela Hastings pmoonlight@ulster.net

This Quirky Guy is quick and easy, but can be finished and embellished in all kinds of ways. Use a photo transfer on the face, needle modeling, embroidery or button eyes. The body can be dyed, pieced, stamped or collaged. Add a 1/8" to 1/4" seam allowance and leave the ends of the arms and legs open, also the top of the head. Things can be sticking out of the openings. Join the limbs to the body with buttons, so he can sit or put a hanging loop on the back of the head. The possibilities are endless!

Enlarge pattern to whatever size you like.



FOR SALE:

Virginia Turner Doll Lee Ling 98/500, 28" baby vinyl dressed in satin Chinese outfit, has spikey black hair. Retailed for \$399.99 US, signed by artist, from 1999. Asking \$200, payments available. Call **Sharon 694-5399** or swilde@mts.net.



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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 772-8127.

Chatty Cathy For Sale

Excellent Condition

American Blonde Bob in her original red lace party dress & original red velvet shoes - \$100.00

She is on a No. 4 body with the faded limbs however her eyes, eyelashes, teeth, lips & freckles are virtually perfect. Her uncut hair is thick, soft, shiny and has retained most of the original curl. She also has her original pull string but is, of course, mute.

Email Janine - jhpolley@shaw.ca for pictures - no phone calls please.

Antiques & Collectables Sale

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**(TAKE IN THIS SHOW ON
SATURDAY AND THE DOLL
SHOW ON SUNDAY!)**