

Manitoba Doll Club Newsletter

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The Manitoba Doll Club newsletter is published 5x from 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.

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!

PARKING CORRECTION:

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.

*Don't forget to renew!
Membership in the Manitoba Doll Club is \$20 a year.*

*Contact Ardythe to renew at
772-9982 or rbasham@shaw.ca*

September Meeting

1:30 p.m.

**Sunday, September 23, 2007
at the Charter House Hotel**

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

2:00 - 2:15: **Show and Tell:**
Did you get any new dolls this summer?

2:15 - 2:45: **Debra** from Pop n Eye will be demonstrating hair styling and repair tips for Barbie dolls.

2:45 - 3:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

October Meeting:

Sunday, October 28

Activity: Gail Edwards will be speaking on "The Many Faces of Barbie".

Fun Factoids about Barbie from the Fashion Doll Quarterly:

Barbies around the world . . .

Placed head to toe, Barbie dolls and family members sold since 1959 would circle the earth more than seven times.

Rapunzel is jealous . . .

The best selling Barbie doll ever was 1992 Totally Hair Barbie, with hair from the top of her head to her toes.

And you think your closet is crowded . . .

Barbie has had more than a billion pairs of shoes and over one hundred new additions to her wardrobe annually.

With over 1 billion fashions using more than 105 million yards of fabric, Mattel is one of the largest apparel manufacturers in the world.

Executive 2007-2008

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(1-204-482-4932)

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DOLL SHOW REPORT

MANITOBA DOLL CLUB SHOW and SALE

October 14, 2007, at the Victoria Inn,
1808 Wellington & Berry
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Admission: Adults \$3
Seniors (65+) and Children (4 - 12) \$2
Theme of the show: **Dolly Dearest**

Doll Show Convener: Katheleen Smith
(204-783-5224)

Publicity Head: Vieve Montcombroux
(204-278-3303)

Attention all members! The DOLL SHOW NEEDS YOU!

1. **Take flyers to post** in your area - at your local grocery store, Safeway, IGA, shopping centre(s), book stores, gift shops, craft stores, florists, hairdresser, drug stores, coffee shops, gas stations, community centres, churches, senior centres, apartment blocks, hospitals, gyms, nail salons. Enclose a flyer with a birthday card or other greeting cards to family and friends.

2. **Volunteers are needed** for the day of the show to cover the entrance and doll club tables, door security and display table security, door prize table, setting up club table, show signs, etc. before show opens. Everyone's help is welcome - 1 hour time slots, 2 hour time slots, etc.

3. **Donations for door prizes** for the Doll Show are welcome from any members. Please bring donations to the September meeting.

Lucy Cook is putting together Door Prize theme baskets specifically for our children's "door prizes" as suggested last year after the 2006 doll show. The themes are:

- * Disney Princess Gift Basket
- * Barbie Gift Basket
- * Dora the Explorer Gift Basket

Lucy has accumulated several small items for each of the baskets (stickers, pens, mugs, puzzles, etc.) and is now looking for club members to donate doll/s for each of the baskets. Members interested in donating to these special door prize baskets as well as our regular door prizes can call **Lucy at 224-8347**.

4. **Display Table** - The display will be a Halloween theme. If you can lend a doll or dolls, or any Halloween theme item(s) for the display, please bring it/them to the September meeting and see **Dianne Malzensky** with your items. Dianne would like to have all items for the display prior to the day of the show in order to prepare and organize the display ahead of time.

DOLL NEWS

Hairspray Dolls



Play Along Toys is one of the few companies today that are doing spot-on, ripped-from-today's media celebrity dolls. One of their fun new celebrity doll lines for 2007 is the Hairspray dolls. These Barbie-sized fashion dolls are based on the New Line Cinema Hairspray movie. Based on the Tony-award winning Broadway production of **Hairspray**, the movie and dolls were released in July. The dolls are of the following characters: Edna Turnblad (John Travolta), Tracy Turnblad (Nicole Blonsky), Penny Pingleton (Amanda Bynes), and Link Larkin (Zac Efron from Disney's High School Musical). The Seaweed J. Stubbs doll (Elijah Kelley), will be a later release during the holiday season. The dolls wear fashions from the movie and there are also singing versions of the Link and Tracy dolls. Dolls vary in price from \$14.99 to \$24.99.

<http://www.playalongtoys.com/hairspray/index.aspx>

Literary dolls:

Check out McNally Robinson for a variety of dolls and finger puppets representing famous authors, artists and philosophers from Jane Austen to Frida Kahlo and Sigmund Freud.

They also have the Librarian Action Figure, based on real-life Seattle librarian Nancy Pearl. S-h-h-h!

CBC Living Winnipeg is planning three doll-related segments.

Tyson Koschik, a producer for CBC Living Winnipeg, is looking for someone to be on-camera speaking about each item. The subjects are:

Dollmaking

5-7 tips for beginners wanting to get into dollmaking as a hobby.

Doll Collection

5-7 tips for a person wanting to start a doll collection

Barbie Collection

5-7 tips for a person wanting to know more about collecting and showing Barbies. These would be recorded in late September or early October.

If you can help out, please contact Mr. Koschik directly at www.cbc.ca/Livingwinnipeg, or phone 880-1457 or 788-3656.

TOY COLLECTOR MAGAZINE on-line!

The September issue of **Toy Collector Magazine** is now ready to view or download online, free of charge, at www.toycollectormagazine.com. This month's full-color, 92-page issue is packed with great articles, including an in-depth cover story on Speed Racer, which goes straight to the voice talents who brought the classic Japanese cartoon characters to life. Other enlightening features weigh in on Betty Boop collectibles, sci-fi evergreen Dr. Who, increasingly collectible still banks, and pre World War II celluloid toys.

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.

SHOW and TELL:

If you have made something from one of our patterns, please bring it in and show off your handiwork!

Has anyone used a pattern from the newsletter recently? If so, please share it with us!

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.

BARBIE BOOKS

Collector's Compass: Barbie Doll Doll Fashion Anthology and Price Guide featuring: Barbie, Tammy, Tressy, et al, by A. Glenn Mandeville

The World of Barbie Dolls
by Paris and Susan Manos

Barbie Doll Structures & Furniture
by Marl B. Davidson

Contemporary Barbie Dolls 1980 and Beyond, by Jane Sarasohn-Kahn

Barbie Exclusives: Identification & Values, by Margo Rana

The Barbie Doll Years, Fourth Edition
by Patrick C. Olds & Joyce L. Olds

Barbie Fashion: Vol. I, 1959 - 1967
by Sarah Sink Eames

The Story Of Barbie
by Kitturah B. Westenhouser

The Collector's Encyclopedia of Barbie Dolls and Collectibles
by Sibyl DeWein and Joan Ashabraner

The Barbie Closet: Price Guide for Barbie & Friends, Fashions and Accessories 1959 - 1970, by Patricia Long

Barbie: Her Life & Times, by BillyBoy*

Barbie: A Visual Guide to the Ultimate Fashion Doll
officially authorized by Mattel

Fashion Doll Quarterly Magazine: That Fabulous Face Issue
Volume 4, Issue 1A, Fall, 2005

Barbie Collector Catalogues
from Spring 2005 - Summer Collection

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



Costume Museum of Canada has relocated to downtown Winnipeg!

Now located at 109 Pacific Avenue near Waterfront Drive. 1-204-989-0072

Fabulous '50 exhibition on through October.

A 60's theme is planned for November/December.

Toronto's Bata Shoe Museum will be setting up an exhibit in March of 2008 focusing on high heeled shoes.

The museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursdays until 8 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. Regular admission is \$5, Seniors and students is \$4.50, Children under 5 are admitted free. Call 204-989-0072 or visit their website at www.costumemuseum.com

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.

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

WANTED TO BUY:

Alice Thomson is looking for the Ideal Bye Bye Baby, 25" early 60s baby doll, and shoes for vintage 17-20" teen dolls such as Dee and Cee and Cindy Bride.

Call 275-5796 if you can help.

Readers outside of Manitoba can email the editor at rbasham@shaw.ca. I will pass any messages to Alice.

SELLING:

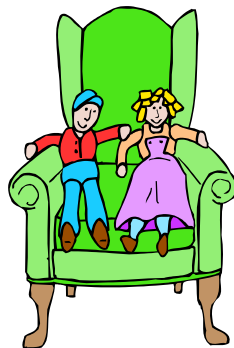
BAREFOOT DOLLIES: Sharon Wilde is bringing an assortment of doll shoes to the September meeting. If you are unable to attend, please contact Sharon at 694-5399.

Heaven Sent Doll Adoptions

In memory of Elise Simpson

Many previously loved dolls in need of new homes.

To adopt please call **Sherrri @ 897-6188** or vanwyns@shaw.ca



We have a lot of catching up to do!

Belated birthday wishes to May celebrants . . .

Glenda Burk, Anne Christianson, Peggy Hiebert and Mary Prue . . .

and in June . . .

Lorraine Chalkman, Joy Clemons, Marie Egnell, Carol Fraize and Gloria Robinson . . .

and in July . . .

Sigrid Boning, Evelyn Gillies, Henrietta Nehmann, and Nora Notaro . . .

and in August . . .

Denise Beaudin, Sylvia Grantham, Florence Mehmel and Milda Miller . . .

Our September Birthday Girls:

Frances Polley, Susan Van de Ven and Sherrri Van Wynsberghe

Celebrating birthdays in October are Marilyn MacKay and Melissa Melanson.

Happy birthday to you all!

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



Getting to Know You:

Joy Clemons writes: My Mom was a doll lover and as a child I was the envy of my friends because I had so many. When I had a young family my interest in dolls was only to get them for the children, but when they got older I started collecting. I especially like composition babies and hard plastics from the 50s but collect a little of everything. I have seven grandchildren and my goal is to give them each a doll with their name, but so far have only given one with the name Kaitlyn to my oldest grand-daughter. So if anyone has information on an Eric, Stephanie, Tayler, Kayla, Zachary or Hunter doll of any type, let me know. I think this will be a long search.

Ardythe: Now here is a challenge! Who can find one or more of these dolls for Joy? I know there is a Kayla doll which is a friend to Barbie's little sister Kelly, but this would be a very small gift for a grandchild.

BARBIE COLLECTOR TERMINOLOGY

(information from the Barbie Collector website and Collector's Compass : Barbie Doll book)

This article was provided by **Dianne Malzensky** to complement our September and October Barbie themes.

ABBREVIATIONS:

A/O: All Original.

BL, b/l: Bent leg

CT: Closed-toe Shoe

DM: Direct mail

DSLSASE: Double stamped large self addressed envelope

DSS: Department store special

Exc.: Excellent

G: Good

Hard curl: A hard roll of hair found at the end of a ponytail

HTF: Hard to find.

LE: Limited edition

M/C: Mint and complete.

M: Mint

MIB: Mint In Box (factory mint-condition doll in original box).

MIP: Mint in Package. Similar to MIB. Denotes that all accessories are still in their original packaging.

MNB: Mint No Box (pristine-condition doll, no box).

Mute: A talking doll that does not talk

Neck split: The head's neck hole is torn

NM: Near mint. Interchangeable with "excellent" when describing a doll's condition.

No bend: The knee joint is sprung

NRFB: Never Removed From Box.

OSS: Original Swim Suit.

OT: Open-toe shoe

P: Poor

Paint rubs: Missing areas of facial paint

PM: Primary market

Ponytail wrap: Hair is wrapped around the top rubber band of a Ponytail Barbie.

SASE: Self addressed stamped envelope

SL: Straight leg

SM: Secondary market

SP: Special edition

Tnt: Twist 'N Turn Barbie doll

OTHER TERMS:

C Grading System

A system used by some collectors to rate the condition of your dolls. Designations are C-1 through C-10. C-1 is the poorest possible condition. C-10 is factory mint and NRFB (never removed from box).

Customized Dolls

Dolls created originally for a specific store, catalog or company. Most dolls in the Barbie® Collector line also include a doll stand and a Certificate of Authenticity and come in showcase packaging.

BARBIE DOLL IDENTIFIERS / DESCRIPTORS:

#1 Ponytail

'59 original Barbie®, white irises, blue liner, holes in feet, body material whitens with age

#2 Ponytail

'59, same as original Barbie®, but no holes in feet.

#3 Ponytail

'60, blue irises, more gently curved eyebrows.

#4 Ponytail

'60, new vinyl used for body that retains its color over time.

#5 Ponytail

'61, new hair texture, hollow body that's lighter in weight.

Twist 'N Turn® Waist

A moveable waist common to Barbie® dolls of the mid-1960s and beyond. Some Barbie® dolls have a variation of this waist.

EXCLUSIVES AND EDITIONS:

BarbieSM Fan Club Exclusive

Barbie® dolls sold by Mattel through the BarbieCollector.com online shop, and available only to members of the BarbieSM Fan Club.

Collector Edition

Barbie® dolls produced in quantities of more than 35,000*, and are designed for collecting and displaying. Most dolls come in showcase packaging that includes a doll stand and a Certificate of Authenticity.

Direct Exclusive

Barbie® dolls sold in the United States by Mattel through the Barbie® Collector mail catalog or the BarbieCollector.com online shop only. (This exclusive policy applies to the United States only. Dolls may be sold to retail customers outside the United States.)

Gold Label™

Numbered editions of 25,000 worldwide or less, available at select retailers.**

Limited Edition

Barbie® dolls produced in quantities limited to 35,000* or less. They tend to feature special fabrics and details that set them apart from other dolls, and are designed for collecting and displaying. Most dolls come in showcase packaging that includes a doll stand and a Certificate of Authenticity.

Online Exclusive

Barbie® dolls sold by Mattel through the BarbieCollector.com online shop only.

Pink Label™

An invitation to collecting, available where Barbie® dolls are sold.**

Platinum Label™

Numbered editions of less than 1,000 worldwide, available at select retailers.**

Silver Label™

Keepsake dolls with no more than 50,000 produced worldwide.**

Timeless Treasures

Celebrity (Elizabeth Taylor, Elvis, etc.) and/or character (Lucille Ball as Lucy Ricardo) collectible dolls.

*beginning in 2000

**part of the tier structure introduced in 2004

DOLL CATEGORY:

Modern Barbie®

All Barbie® dolls produced beginning in 1972. (An "accepted" date among many collectors for the beginning of the Modern Barbie® era.)

Vintage Barbie®

All Barbie® dolls produced before 1972.



And this is Ardythe with some of her dolls, from the Free Press