

# 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.*

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

**Sunday, September 28, 2008  
at the Charter House Hotel**

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

2:00 - 2:15: **Show and Tell: What dolls followed you home this summer?**

2:15 - 2:45 Activity: **TBA**  
*(What has Carol cooked up? Inquiring minds want to know!)*

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

### **TRADERS' TABLE**

Please bring any items you'd like to donate or trade to the Traders' Table: dollmaking supplies, doll clothes, fabric or trim, or anything else. Ardythe will be bringing some yarn for the crocheters and knitters to choose from.

Please be sure to RENEW your membership! I don't like to take people off the mailing list unless they confirm that they do not wish to renew, so please help me out by either renewing or contacting me to be removed from the list. Membership is \$20 per year.

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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! When you renew, please give me your birthday (month only if you wish).

## Executive 2008-2009

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Fall Doll Show Co-ordinator, 2008

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## DOLL SHOW REPORT

In keeping with the theme of the Fall Show, we are asking members to dress as Pedlar Dolls and/or to enter a Pedlar Doll as part of the club display for a People's Choice award. Your Pedlar can be a doll you have made or one you have dressed. ALL MEMBERS WHO ENTER A PEDLAR DOLL AND/OR DRESS AS A PEDLAR for the Doll Show will receive a \$5 credit towards the DECEMBER 2008 Luncheon.

Some of the Pedlar Doll projects were on display at the May windup, and we hope that over the summer you've had time to complete your Pedlar Doll or outfit.

Please be sure to collect some posters at the September meeting to put up wherever you can. If you aren't able to come to the September meeting, call Sylvia to get some.

If you haven't yet signed up for a job at the Doll Show, please let Sylvia know as soon as possible. We need everyone's help and cooperation to make this a success.

MANITOBA DOLL CLUB  
Presents  
'VILLAGE OF DREAMS'  
DOLL SHOW & SALE  
OCT. 19, 2008...SUN. 10:00-4:00  
\*\* NEW LOCATION \*\*  
CANAD INNS....POLO PARK  
1405 ST MATTHEWS AVE. WPG.MB  
DOLLS...BEARS...TOYS  
ANTIQUES-MODERN-COLLECTIBLE  
MINIATURES-SUPPLIES  
DOOR PRIZES  
PEOPLE'S CHOICE  
PEDLAR DOLL DISPLAY  
ADMISSION  
ADULT... 4.00  
SENIOR 3.00 (+65)  
CHILD... 3.00 (-12)  
INFORMATION  
PHONE: 239-7065  
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WE SUPPORT CHILDREN'S WISH FOUNDATION  
100 DOLLS & 1 DALMATIAN... CHARITY TABLE

## CONVENTIONS and EXHIBITS:

### Valley Doll Museum & Gifts

#60 - 249 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue West  
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(403) 823-DOLL (3655)  
[www.valleydollmuseum.com](http://www.valleydollmuseum.com)  
[valleydollmuseum@telus.net](mailto:valleydollmuseum@telus.net)

This museum features over 700 dolls, some dating as early as 1830. Displays include Henry VIII and his wives, celebrity dolls, Eaton Beauty and Buddy Lee dolls, and much more.

### *In Memoriam*

*Long time member  
Anne Christianson  
passed away this summer.*

## BOOK REVIEW:

**Knits for Barbie Doll: 75 Fabulous Fashions**, by Nicky Epstein. Sixth & Spring Books, New York, 2001 (available at the Millennium Library, call # 746.432 041 EPS

Nicky Epstein is a designer of high-fashion knit and crochet for people who has turned her talents to designs for the Plastic Princess, Barbie. The book includes casual wear, accessories, home furnishings and evening and bridal gowns, all nicely proportioned and detailed. Many use novelty yarns or luxurious silk and cashmere yarns, and would be good projects to use up small amounts left from a full-size project. This book is not a good choice for a complete beginner as fine yarns and needles are somewhat challenging, but would be a great way to practice techniques (shaping, joining, Fair Isle, intarsia, knitting to gauge).

The book is illustrated with colour photos of Barbie and friends in active poses – great ideas for displaying and photographing your dolls.

The clothes are sized for Barbie but with adjustments in needle size many could work for larger fashion dolls.

Nicky Epstein has also written **Crochet for Barbie Doll** and another collection of matching patterns for Barbie and her proud owner.

## LIBRARIAN REQUEST

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

## 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.

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

**Brenda Speirs-Fryatt**, who renewed her membership this spring, writes:

I first joined the club in 2003. A number of my high school students entered the “Young Designers” Barbie Dress Design contest at the doll show that year.

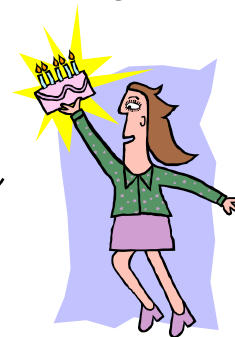
What little girl doesn’t like dolls? As an adult, my collection is a mixed bag. I also like puppets.

I took a 3 day dollmaking workshop in Minneapolis a few years ago.

I teach high school “fashion technology and design” – pattern making, sewing construction, textiles, surface design. We put on an annual fashion show.

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

*Frances Polley*  
*Susan Van de Ven*  
*Sherry Van Wynsberghe*



“Sybarite” doll  
**Couture Sauvage by Superfrocks Lt**  
**DOTY for 2007 – Collectible Fashion Doll**



## **OTHER DOLL CLUBS**

### **MAILBOX DOLL CLUB**

Linda Peters dollpete@mts.net

**NEWSLETTERS** from Canadian Doll Clubs United and Doll Study Group of Nova Scotia are being collected in binders and will be added to the library.

### **Bismarck Doll Friends**

Bismarck Doll Friends is a charter of the United Federation of Doll Clubs. Meetings are the third Thursday of the month or the third Saturday of the month at the Bismarck Public Library, 515 North 5th Street, downstairs, Meeting Room B. The Thursday meetings begin at 6 pm; the Saturday meetings begin at 10 am. Bring a doll for show and tell!

Cheryl Hamilton, Gail Edwards, and Janet Fetterly attended the Doll Show and Sale in Bismarck this summer.

Find out more about Bismarck Doll Friends N. Dakota Doll Club, and much more 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.

D.O.L.L.S. originally grew out of friendships formed on eBay's Chat Board. Members often present doll programs at the end of meetings, but those are shown on eBay's Doll Chat board so everyone can enjoy them.

To find out more, visit the UFDC website:  
<http://www.ufdc.org/OnlineclubDOLLS.htm>

## **TYLER AND FRIENDS**

*from Janine Polley*

Janine writes:

I recently purchased 13 Tyler & Friends gowns from a lady named Annie at <http://stores.ebay.ca/id=39164846&ssPageName=STRK:MEFS:MESST>

They all fit PERFECTLY and look exactly like they do on the website - no trick photography, no pins, no loose threads, no unfinished hems or popped seams. The dresses are absolutely beautiful. They arrived individually wrapped, sealed and LABELED with the little accessories also individually wrapped!!

This lady, who lives in Florida is a DREAM to deal with - fast response on emails, intelligent and no spelling mistakes in her messages. Clear, concise and - best of all - well-priced dresses.

These dresses fit so beautifully and the fabrics, well, Tonner himself couldn't have chosen better...I've ordered SIX more and have about another 10 on my wishlist!! Being a sewer myself, I know what kind of mistakes to look for...and I didn't find even ONE mistake out of 13 gowns. That says it all right there.

Please put her store address in the newsletter so the other Tyler collectors don't have to pay \$100's of dollars for a Tyler gown. Her highest price is \$50 - and most others are priced around \$25.

Fabulous dresses, fabulous prices, fabulous person.

### **Sybarite (fashion doll)**

*submitted by Dianne Malzensky*

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia:

A Sybarite is a 16 inch resin artist-doll created by London artists Desmond Lingard and Charles Fegen in 2005. Sybarite dolls are fully articulated mannequin-like dolls and have appeared in several fashion trades (French Revue des Modes, Style.com, Women's Wear Daily).

The designers work under the "Superdoll" moniker and produce the dolls for a collector market. Previous to artist dolls, Fegen worked in the fashion industry as a clothing designer.

Early dolls were handmade in London by Lingard and Fegen in their workshop. As the dolls went into the mainstream market, manufacturing moved to China.

The dolls have 17 points of articulation, and have strung bodies similar to the popular Super Dollfies from Japan. The Sybarite doll was introduced shortly after Asian ball-jointed dolls were gaining popularity, but differ in that they are high fashion mannequins versus the Super Dollfie's childlike elfin quality.

In 2007, a Sybarite doll appeared in the audience at a Dior Couture fashion show. A seat had been purchased for the doll to sit in. Lingard and Fegen are known for their lavish publicity stunts. The dolls were also exhibited at Jeffrey New York in an "all white collection", including a "razor blade dress", suggesting a controversial cocaine theme.

In March of 2008, the BBC aired a segment on Fegen and Lingard claiming the duo's handmade creations are treated with "the reverence normally reserved for catwalk fashion". BBC's David Harper accompanied Fegen and Lingard to Paris where the 2008 Collection, entitled "War+Peace", was shown at a private 16th century residence. Fegen explained some of the ideas behind his collections such as red and white polka dot shoes representing "magic mushrooms for breakfast", and showed costumes featuring tiny bullets which were actually miniature lipsticks. At the end of the BBC segment, David Harper stated that one of a kind handmade studio Sybarites have been purchased for up to \$40,000 USD. Collectors were interviewed but would not discuss pricing with the BBC. At the Paris showing, the purchase of a two doll set required a signed contract stipulating owners could not discuss pricing or sell their dolls for 3 years.

## 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.

**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)

## MAJOR DOWNSIZING REQUIRED

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

**Meet Mini Maude! Her pattern is on the last page.**



## Mini-Maude Doll Pin (a companion for Mini-Alfie from the May newsletter)

Original doll pattern: Nancy Laverick. Pin adaptation: Geraldine Nehl.

<http://www.geocities.com/jferg44947/maude.html>

Flights of Fantasy Doll Club, Charlotte, NC

### Adapted by Geraldine Nehl from Nancy Laverick's "Maude" pattern.

The pattern pieces are templates, they have no seam allowance. Fold a 6 1/2" x 7" piece of fabric in half, rst, to form a 6 1/2" x 3 1/2" rectangle. Trace the body/head piece. Sew on the line, leaving the area between the slashes open for turning. Trim, clip and turn right side out. Stuff lightly and close the opening with a ladder or other small stitch. If you want Maude to have a flesh colored head, the easiest way is to paint it, as long as your base fabric is not too dark. You may need more than one coat even with the light fabrics. Be sure to let the paint dry completely between coats. If your base fabric is dark, you will need to piece the rectangle as follows:

Sew a 5 1/4" x 7" body fabric to a 1 3/4" x 7" piece of flesh colored fabric along the 7" sides. Use a 1/4" seam allowance. Press, then fold rst, to form the 6 1/2" x 3 1/2" rectangle. Place the neck line along the seam line and proceed as in the original directions.

For Maude's arms, you will need a 3 1/2" x 5 1/2" piece of fabric. Fold it in half, rst, and trace the arm piece twice. Be sure to leave enough space for a seam allowance. Sew along the line, leaving the area between the slashes open for turning. Trim, clip and turn the arms. Stuff lightly. Close the opening and use a small stitch to applique the arms in position.

Add Maude's facial features with pens or paint. Glue on a bit of hair, add a pin back and she is done.

