

# 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 new website:  
[www.manitobadollclub.com](http://www.manitobadollclub.com)**

## **PARKING NOTICE**

A reminder that we no longer have free parking in the Charterhouse lot!

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

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email please let Ardythe know. It will save some postage!

## **From Sheelagh Komus**

### **Doll Show Display**

I will again be setting up the display table for our spring Doll Show. If anyone has Celebrity dolls you would be willing to loan for our display, please let me know.

**Call Sheelagh at 832-3469.**

**TABLES ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE SHOW. CALL NINA TO RESERVE FOR YOURSELF OR YOUR GROUP/ORGANIZATION.**

## **January Meeting**

**1:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, January 25, 2004  
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 - 2:30: **COFFEE BREAK**  
2:30 - 3:00: **Activity: Photo Parade** –  
a collection of photos from past Doll Club events for members to identify. Time to get our photo albums updated and organized!

## **"That's Entertainment!"**

### **The Manitoba Doll Club Show and Sale**

**Sunday, April 4, 2004**

**At the Victoria Inn**

**1808 Wellington Avenue, Winnipeg**

**My Favourite Doll** has again donated dolls for the **Young Designers** competition. We are looking forward to the creative designs of students from Tec-Voc and Murdoch McKay!

**Show co-ordinator Nina Notaro** will need help as she is also working in local films. Please call Nina if you can help out.

Call **Sheelagh Komus** (Casting Director) to book an appearance for your celebrity/TV/movie dolls in the MDC display!

**For information:**

**Call Nina at 772-1842**

## Executive 2003-2004

President: *Joan Domanski* (586-8012)

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Newsletter:

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*Nina Notaro* (772-1842)

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*Cheryl Hamilton* (889-6556)

## MEET M.D.C. MEMBERS!

I had hoped to include brief bios of some of our Founding Mothers - including Margaret Fawcett, Marie Egnell, Sylvia Grantham, and Irene Henderson - but computer problems got in the way. Next month, for sure.

## Getting to Know You:

*Please write, phone or email your story to Ardythe for inclusion. We'd like to know a bit about your doll and other interests.*

## CLUB NEWS

The club is planning a trip for next fall. Do you have suggestions for a possible destination?

## **BROWN BAG DOLL :** Mythical/Magical Creatures

**Carol Fraize** is in charge of our new Brown Bag Project. **Please be sure to bring your doll, with face completed, to the January meeting!**

**Rules:** Doll body (including head) must be 8 - 24 inches tall, made of fabric or fiber, sewn, crocheted, knitted, braided, or wrapped. Armatures may be used for poseability. The doll may have a biography, which can be added to by each dollmaker who works on it.

**Face:** January meeting

**Hair:** February meeting

**Clothing:** March meeting

## *Birthday Greetings to our New Year Babies!*



### *January Birthdays:*

*Terry Bergards*

*Judith den Heyer*

*Erna Kothe*

*Sharon Krupinski*

*Anne Squirk*

### **LENDING LIBRARY**

Please call Dianne Malzensky if you wish to borrow any books and she will bring them to the meeting.

Thanks to **Gloria Robinson**, who donated two issues of **DOLL READER**: November 1998 and 1989.

The Library greatly appreciates donations of any items, old magazines/books you no longer want for others to enjoy.

**NB:** If you have books still out, please return them!

### **UPDATE YOUR MEMBER LIST!**

#### **New/Corrected Phone #:**

**Gloria Robinson:** 389-4734

**Olga Komoski:** 334-0885

**Judith den Heyer:** 488-7415

**THANK YOU from MacDonald Youth Services** for the donation of food items and toiletries. Thanks to Marie and others for all the shampoos, soaps, etc. I will continue to collect items for MYS. Besides toiletries, mitts, toques, scarves and socks are always welcome – new or used-but-clean.

### **ADVERTISEMENTS**

**FOR SALE:** Many dolls from **I Had That Doll Museum** and more. Ellice Flea Market, 1111 Ellice Ave. (Thirst's World lower level). Call **Sharon Wilde at 694-5399** (12 – 5 p.m. only please!) for more information.

### **PATTERN LIBRARY**

- **Sheelagh Komus**

Please add the following patterns to your Pattern Library List.

Donated by Nina and Nora Notaro:  
**Style 1221** - panda bear (16"), cat (16") and dog (17")

**Butterick 340** - Cabbage Patch (16") doll clothes - football, baseball, cheerleader

**Butterick 6507** - Cabbage Patch (16") clothes - nightgown, pyjamas, sleeper

Donated by Denise Wawryk  
**"Laura"** crochet gown for 14" bed doll -

**Butterick 5661** - costumes for 18" dolls - gypsy, Red Riding Hood, witch, pumpkin, princess, '50's  
**McCalls M4335** - Barbie angel costumes

Also donated by Nina and Nora Notaro is a year's subscription to **Soft Dolls and Animals** magazine. So far we have the November 2003, January 2004 and March 2004 issues.

**STILL MISSING** since last March: Two issues of **Annie's Crochet Newsletter**, #22 and #71.

If you borrowed these magazines last year, please take a look around your house, and see if they might have been forgotten somewhere.

#### **CUTE IDEA:**

Use doll clothes as appliques, especially on non-wearables such as Christmas decorations, wall quilts, etc.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Land o' Sky Doll Club  
UFDC Region 8 presents:  
A DAY WITH HITTY**

***Special Guests:***

**Virginia Heyerdahl**, lecturer, editor & doll judge, and **Judy Brown**, premier Hitty artist

**Place:** Deerpark Restaurant  
Biltmore Estate - Asheville, NC  
**Date:** March 27, 2004 (Saturday),  
8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Day \$45.00 With Lunch \$75.00  
HITTY Collection Combination \$120.00

***LUNCHEON - SOUVENIR - COMPETITION  
SALES TABLES - PRIZES - PROGRAMS***

Registrations to "Land o' Sky Doll Club"  
Suzi Smith  
109 Homestead Road  
Candler, NC 28715  
Ph. 828-667-3690 or  
Email [Dollwizz@Charter.net](mailto:Dollwizz@Charter.net)

Confirmation will be your cancelled check.  
No refunds after March 18, 2004

Please write or email Suzi for a registration form.

**Calgary Doll Club  
SPRING SALE**

**April 25<sup>th</sup> 2004**

**Carriage House Inn  
9030 Macleod Trail S. E.  
Calgary, AB  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Free Parking  
Door Prizes**

**Collectible, antique, reproduction  
and cloth dolls, bears, supplies  
and doll-related items**

**Admission: Adults - \$3.00  
Children under 12 - Free  
NO STROLLERS, PLEASE**

**FOR INFORMATION:  
Call Marina @ (403) 243-6479**

***Maplelea Girls™: A new line of Canadian dolls from Avonlea Traditions***

Taryn, Brianne, Alexi and Jenna represent girls from four regions of Canada: the Rockies, rural prairies, urban Ontario and the Maritimes. They are 46 cm (18") vinyl play dolls, quality crafted to resemble porcelain. They are designed with exceptional detail: their hands can hold a variety of accessories, their hair is long, bountiful and meant to be fashioned in endless styles, and their feet are flat, enabling each doll to "stand on her own two feet". Ball joints at hips and shoulders provide a range of motion, and soft torsos make them comfortable to hold.

For more information please contact:

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## EVEN COMPUTERS GET THE FLU

We had a major computer problem in January, which has put me a week behind in all my computer-related projects. I'm sharing this experience in the hope I can help others avoid a similar disaster.

After slowing down and behaving oddly for several weeks, our computer stopped working entirely. A trip to a computer repair shop revealed the bad news: an infestation of computer viruses which had badly damaged our operating system. After several frustrating days, and a large bill, we got our computer back, cleaned up and with improved virus protection. It was a nasty and costly experience, and I'm offering myself as an object lesson in what NOT to do.

If you are a regular computer and internet user, you are almost certainly at risk for some of the same problems we encountered. Here's what you can do to protect yourself:

- 1) Get a good anti-virus program, pay for regular upgrades, and USE IT every time you turn your computer on! We started out doing this, then got careless, let our updates lapse . . .
- 2) If you spend a lot of time online, especially if you have DSL or a cable modem, consider getting a firewall installed.
- 3) DO NOT DOWNLOAD any file-sharing programs, like Kazaa. Many of them hide spyware and other nasty little programs. Even if you try to uninstall them, many viruses and spyware programs may be left behind to damage your system.
- 4) Be cautious about downloading ANY programs unless you are confident about the source.
- 5) If your computer starts behaving oddly, get it checked out promptly. If I'd done that a month ago, we might have avoided a total system collapse. A rash of pop-up ads and other anomalies should have been a clue that we had a problem. Unfortunately I didn't take it seriously enough.
- 6) And of course, the one thing I was always careful about: if you get e-mails from unknown sources, delete them, and empty your "recycle" or "deleted items" folder. Don't open any attachments unless you know what they are and who sent them. And NEVER open an .exe file, even if it seems to come from Microsoft or some other reputable source, unless you specifically asked for it and know exactly what it is.
- 7) Watch out for the many "virus hoaxes" out there. If you get a frantic e-mail from a friend telling you to delete a file on your computer, check with a reliable source ([www.snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com) is a good one) before you panic. Many of these "hoax" messages scare people into deleting harmless files and filling their friends' e-mail with warnings. In the meantime, the really bad viruses are sneaking in by the back door without any warning at all.
- 8) Even businesses with good virus protection can be infected, so here's the last, but perhaps most helpful precaution to take: BACK UP any data files (documents, pictures, music) that are really important to you. We all know we should do this, but do we do it?

Computer viruses are no fun at all, and unfortunately there are a lot of them around. Too many people think it's a challenge to create more and sneakier viruses. I hope my bad experience will be a wake-up call and help some of you to avoid something similar.

- *Ardythe* (the sadder and wiser)

For those of you who like paper dolls, here is Hercule Poirot and a wardrobe for him, from Anita Barbour. Check out her website for more paper dolls and other interesting links. This PD is for PERSONAL USE ONLY.

For best results photocopy Hercule on cardstock or heavy paper.

<http://www.ulster.net/~spider/dolls.htm>





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