

# 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.***

## ***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!

**PLEASE NOTE: *On-street parking is free on Sunday. Parking in the hotel lot costs \$6 for the whole day or \$2 per hour.***

## ***January Meeting***

***1:30 p.m.***

***Sunday, January 28, 2007  
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 - 2:45 ***Evelyn Gillies***  
will talk about ***Vintage Fabrics***

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

We have moved the Coffee Break to the end of the meeting so that members who can't stay for the whole meeting don't have to miss the scheduled activity. We hope you will plan to stay on for coffee and snacks.

## ***Happy Birthday to New Year Babies***

***Terry Berngards***

***Judith denHeyer***

***Erna Kothe***

***Anne Squirk***



## ***Executive 2006-2007***

**President:** *Sylvia Grantham*  
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*Ardythe Basham* (772-9982)

**Vice-President (Activities)**  
*Carol Fraize* (1-204-243-2299)

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*Cheryl Hamilton* (889-6556)

### **Fall Doll Show Co-ordinators:**

*Cheryl Hamilton* 889-6556

*Katheleen Smith* 783-5224

## **LIBRARY and PATTERN LIBRARY** Reminder!

If you have any books, magazines, or patterns out, please return them ASAP!

## **MEMBERSHIP LIST**

An updated membership list will be available at the January meeting and will be mailed out to those who are unable to attend.

## **OTHER DOLL CLUBS**

**Canadian Doll Clubs United** for January 2007 contains a very interesting account of "Camp Mini Ha Ha" a "Big Girls Camp for dollhouse miniaturists held in Nova Scotia, Shirley Gogan's Nun Doll, birthday dolls, and a description of Shirley Gogan's Paper Doll quilt, and more. Available at the meeting!

### **NEW PUBLICATIONS:**

NEW DOLL e-zine **The Doll's Eye View** is dedicated to the collectors of 11 - 22" vinyl dolls. As well as dozens of event listings you will find doll collector's resources of all kinds together with features on fashions and makeovers. Get a sneak preview by visiting:

<http://rowendar.org/dolls.html>

**BarbieT Collector Magazine** to Hit Newsstands in 2007!

Mattel partners with Jones Publishing, Inc. to create **The Official BarbieT Collector Magazine**, launching in February 2007 at International Toy Fair in New York. **BarbieT Collector Magazine** will be a quarterly publication and is targeted to avid and loyal Barbie® doll collectors. The first issue will hit newsstands in April 2007.

Do you know of other publications or websites of interest to doll people? Please let Ardythe know!

**WANTED: Anne-Shirley Clough** is looking for 1950s crochet patterns for the hard plastic Reliable dolls, such as Jack and Jill, Little Red Riding Hood, Bride and Groom. Please call 334-0322 if you have any of these, or any suggestions to find them. Photocopies are fine if you don't want to part with your originals.

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***Did anyone contact Tina about this generous offer?***

Tina Giesbrecht writes: "I have a number of boxes full of all kinds of material pieces from cottons, plaids leathers, sheers and even some vintage . Would any one in your club be interested in this material? If so please reply so we can make arrangements to get them to you.  
Contact Tina at: [tinag1@shaw.ca](mailto:tinag1@shaw.ca)

## ***DOLL TOUR***

Sharon Ellis is a doll lover and collector who lives near Minneapolis. I She is also a travel agent with a Home Based Agency called Travelific Tours and Travel.

Sharon is thinking about putting together a Doll and Toy Tour to Germany visiting some of the doll companies.

Anyone interested please contact Sharon at [travelific@msn.com](mailto:travelific@msn.com).

### **Ruth Kern Books**

specializes in books for needleworkers. They also publish a quarterly newsletter for needlecraft lovers, **The Needle News**. Check out their website at [www.ruthkernbooks.com/](http://www.ruthkernbooks.com/) or call 1-800-429-5075

## **ADVERTISEMENTS**

**AVON Porcelain Collectible** dolls, complete with stands, excellent condition. Wedding, Mother and Baby, Holiday, Christine, Angel. \$8 each or best offer. Call Gloria or John at **204 - 233-7102**.

**FRANKLIN MINT** dolls, original condition, near-mint. Approximately 30 for sale at varying prices, \$75 - \$400. Call Olga R. at **204 - 831-7873**.

### **SHIRLEY TEMPLE**

The complete **Danbury Mint** series of 8 porcelain dolls (1990s), in excellent condition.  
Call Jackie Morrissette at **204 - 895-4519**

**Robyn Paulishyn is looking for a new home for these dolls:**

**The Princess Diana Bride Doll Danbury Mint (1985)**

The tiara and each earring each include a real diamond.(1/2 point) purchased for \$175

**Julia Bride Doll, Franklin Mint**

**Franklin Heirloom Dolls:**

Dorothy (Wizard of OZ), Cinderella, Jo (Little Women). Little Red Riding Hood, The Goose Girl

All from a non-smoking home.

Please call **Robyn** at **1-204-729-8905** for more information.

**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)

## **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.

## ***Inspired by Dolls***

Have you read or seen a book featuring a doll or dolls as an important part of the story line? Write a short review and share other books "inspired by dolls".

Deb Baker has written a series of "Dolls to Die For" mysteries. **Dolled Up for Murder** will be available at the next meeting for anyone who would like to read it. This mystery features doll expert and restorer Caroline Birch, her daughter Gretchen, her eccentric sister Nina (who trains purse dogs!) and a mysterious and beautiful French fashion doll.

### **A NEW COLLECTIBLE?**

If you haven't bought one yet, you might want to buy the "Barbie and Tanner the Dog Playset" as an investment. The set includes Barbie, Tanner the dog with moveable ears, mouth, head and tail, dog bones and biscuits, chew toys, trash can, pooper scooper and some realistic miniature poop. . . . We predict the entire Tanner set will go up in price because it is such a strange thing to add to a doll's wardrobe.

Many Barbie accessories have become valuable and hard-to-find because they are so small and easily lost - which raises the question of whether future collectors will eagerly seek Tanner's accessories, including the mini-dog-poop.

**Source: "Kovels Komments"**  
newsletter, November 9, 2006.

## **Another Book:**

**Creative Dressing: The Unique Collection of Top Designer Looks That You Can Make Yourself** - by *Kaori O'Connor*

I just picked up this book in the faint hope that I might actually, one day, MAKE something from it! This might be interesting for anyone who likes to dress dolls. There are patterns and diagrams for making both ethnic and designer clothes which could easily be scaled to fit fashion dolls or your own doll design. Knitting patterns and suggestions for fabric embellishment are also included. Lots of neat ideas!

I will bring the book to the January meeting. Copies are also available quite inexpensively online through ABEBOOKS.

- *Ardythe Basham*

### **HELP!**

Thanks very much to Dianne and those who have sent in personal stories and other items for the newsletter. But I could really use an assistant editor to help me ensure that there is a good mixture of articles in each issue. Would the club consider having fewer but longer newsletters?

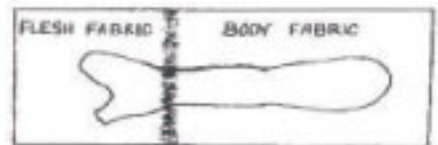
I like doing newsletters but getting them out on time, with good content, is a challenge.

Suggestions welcome! Please call me at 772-9982 or email [rbasham@shaw.ca](mailto:rbasham@shaw.ca)

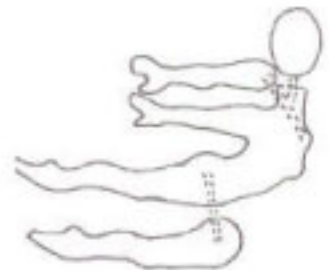
A FLYING FAIRY  
Created by Jane Houck

1. Cut out the pattern pieces. The face and perhaps the hands should be of a flesh-colored fabric. Because it is so small, the hands can be painted a flesh color. The remainder of the fabric is for the body suit.

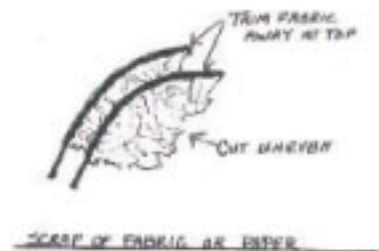
If you want the hands of flesh fabric, begin by cutting a 4" x 2" square of flesh-colored fabric. Zig-zag (satin) stitch the flesh-colored fabric to the chosen body fabric. Double the fabric, right sides together (RST), leaving the wrong side out. Be careful to line up evenly the flesh-colored fabric so that the hands will have equal balance of flesh and body suit fabric on both sides. Lay the body pattern onto the fabric combination so that the hand only lies on the flesh-colored fabric while the remainder of the body (without the head) lies on the chosen body suit fabric. Do the same for the arm. I think the illustration will show what I mean. Also lay the second leg onto the body suit fabric.



2. DRAW around the pattern pieces; DO NOT cut out yet.  
NOTE: the drawn line is the stitching line. With small stitches on your sewing machine, stitch around all pieces, leaving body open at neck. Cut out the pieces leaving about a 1/16<sup>th</sup> to 1/8<sup>th</sup> of an inch seam allowance. Turn fabric to right side. Determine which side of arm and which side of leg will be the INSIDE, the hidden side; make a 1/2" slash on the INSIDE of larger end of both leg and arm, through which you will stuff the two. Be sure to stitch first, then cut out a head on the flesh-colored fabric also, leaving seam allowances.
3. Stuff all parts and close openings with ladder stitch or whatever is comfortable for you as none of these stitches will be seen.
4. After the body is stuffed and neck closed, sew the outside arm to body; sew the outside leg to the body as shown in the illustration. After head is stuffed well and seam closed, sew the back of the head to the neck.



5. Draw a face on your fairy. Glue bits of mohair or yarn onto the head for hair; it doesn't take much.
6. From a thin piece of fabric, as chiffon, silk, tulle or decorative paper, let's make the wings. Take two pieces of 25 gauge, cloth-covered wire (a light gauge wire) about 2 1/2" long and curve them about as shown. Lay the curved wire onto the thin fabric and with a narrow satin stitch, stitch the wire onto the fabric. Leave about 1/4" wire at the bottom of the wing fabric for inserting into the fairy body. Trim away the fabric close to the wire above the curve and cut or tear the bottom edge somewhat ragged. Make two small wings.



7. With your fairy in hand, use the sharp point of small scissors to make a tiny hole between the arms in the fairy body. Holding the wing-base wires between two fingers, put a small amount of glue (Aleene's Tacky or Fabri-Tac) on the wires and insert them into the hole in the back of the fairy between the two arms. Wow! You have wings!
8. In fact, you have a FAIRY! You can sew a pin mechanical on her back to wear as a lapel pin or attach an invisible thread to her head to hang.

WITH EVERY HAPPY, MAGICAL DOLL WISH!

Jane (Plain Jane Dolls)

