

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**

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!

The membership fee is \$15 per year and includes the newsletter.

New membership lists will be mailed out with the October newsletter.

There will be a Silent Auction at the Christmas Luncheon. If you can donate anything, please bring it to the November meeting. Nina will be collecting donations.

November Meeting 1:30 p.m.

***Sunday, November 28, 2004
at the Charter House Hotel***

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

2:00 - 2:15: **Show and Tell: Surprise us with an unusual doll or doll-related item!**

2:15 - 2:30: **COFFEE BREAK**

2:30 - 3:00: **Activity: Sylvia Grantham on the process of making a porcelain doll.**

***CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
Sunday, December 5, 2004
at the VICTORIA INN, 1808 Wellington
Luncheon served at 1:00 p.m.***

Cost is \$8 for members and guests. Please bring your payment to the November meeting! If you cannot attend, be sure to get your payment to Joan before Friday, December 3.

ORNAMENT EXCHANGE: Optional. If you want to participate, please bring a wrapped Christmas ornament, purchased or homemade, value \$5-\$7.

New Feature: 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.

Also, if you need just a bit of fabric, trim, lace etc. to complete a project, bring a small sample of what you need and perhaps another club member will have it in her stash.

Executive 2004-2005

President: *Joan Domanski* (586-8012)
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Doll Show Co-ordinator for 2005:
Joan Domanski (Acting)
Photographer:
Cheryl Hamilton (889-6556)

BROWN BAG DOLL

“Separated at Birth – the Twin Doll Project” continues! Please bring your dolls with hair added to the November meeting.

Participants will have until January to dress their “twins”.

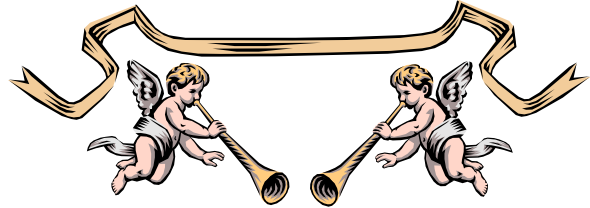
OH YOU BEAUTIFUL DOLL

The Barbie video by Joe Blitman is still available. If there is anyone who hasn't seen it and would like to, please get it from Ardythe at the next meeting.

CLUB NEWS

DOLL SHOW and SALE

*Angels of the
Manitoba Doll Club*



Sunday, April 17, 2005
Victoria Inn
1808 Wellington at Berry
Winnipeg, MB
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Admission: \$3 (adult)
\$2 (seniors 65+ and children 4-12)

HELP NEEDED!

Noella Shadbolt has resigned as Doll Show Co-ordinator. Joan Domanski is taking over, but will need MDC members to step up to help out.

Applications for vendor tables have gone out to the 2004 vendors. If you have not received one, please contact Joan.

PATTERN LIBRARY



Sheelagh Komus has a variety of patterns and pattern books available.

Please be sure to return items promptly! Some Creative Crochet magazines are still missing; please check to see if you have them at home.

LENDING LIBRARY

We have a large and growing collection of books and magazines on many aspects of doll collecting, making and dressing. Please call our Librarian, Diane Malzensky, for further information.

Please call Diane with your requests for books to borrow.

NEW BOOKS:

1. The Splendid Soft Toy Book
2. Doll Fashion Anthology and Price Guide Featuring Barbie, Tammy, Tressy et al.
3. Barbie Doll Structures and Furniture

NEW MAGAZINES:

Doll Reader June/July, August, September and October 2004

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

for November

*Ardythe Basham
Donna Chartrand
Gretta Friesen
Joy Hillhouse
Sheelagh Komus
Janine Polley
Sharon Wilde*



& December

*Janet Fetterly
Nina Notaro
Connie Raccio*

NEW MEMBERS:

**Welcome to new members
Cynthia Cockell, Judith Curran and
Eileen Chan!**

(Maybe next month we will have some new members whose names begin with D, and then E, F etc . . .)

New members' addresses, and changes of address etc. will be included on a separate sheet with each newsletter. Please add to your membership list!

Getting to Know You:

Margaret Swan writes: I first became interested in dolls when I knitted a doll and clothes to give to a friend's child c. 1967/8. I knit and sew soft toys and dolls. My favourite dolls are Sindy and Sasha dolls bought for my daughter (now 32), and Fisher-Price "My Friend" dolls bought at a garage sale. I think of myself more as a craftsperson than a collector.

WE'RE IN THE NEWS!

Dave Sanderson is doing a series of articles on collectors for the Free Press and would like to interview members of the Doll Club. If you would like to share your collection, please contact Dave at Dsanderson@winnipeg.ca.

If you don't have email, call Ardythe at 772-9982 and I'll pass your number on to Dave.

I've shown off some of my folk/ethnic collection and the interview should appear some time in the next six weeks.



THE HAYWARD DOLL COLLECTION

SHOWING AND SALE

November 27 & 28, 2004

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**377 Henderson Highway (L.J. Mahler Photography)
Winnipeg, Manitoba**

Refreshments

Private collection. Large variety of age and size. Porcelain, composite, cloth and plastic dolls, many vintage and collectible. A few Armand Marseilles and many large walking dolls. Large collection of vintage and contemporary Barbies and friends, some in original boxes. Beautiful, one-of-a kind outfits. Doll parts, accessories and clothes. Also, large hand-crafted dollhouse with lots of furniture.

**Interested buyers, please contact Doug at
955-2496**

MacDonald Youth Services

We will not be doing a Cheer Board hamper this year. However, if anyone is interested, I will once again be collecting mitts, scarves, and toques for MacDonald Youth Services. They are also very grateful for donations of sample-size soaps, shampoo and other personal care items, cereal, granola bars, juice boxes, etc. Call **Ardythe** at **772-9982** for more information.

Great Magazine Issue!

PieceWork magazine for November/December has several articles of great interest to dollmakers and collectors. Featured dolls include a Sioux Indian doll, Peruvian cloth dolls, a homemade cloth doll and stuffed toy which are family heirlooms, and an article on eight magnificent dollhouses made by Aaron Friedman of Mobile, Alabama with needlework by his wife Sarah. Seven of the dollhouses are on exhibit at the Museum of Mobile through December.

The issue also includes patterns for miniature cross-stitch pillows, crocheted finger puppets, knitted balls, and tiny knitted Christmas stockings, among other projects. In addition, a pattern for a 1950s knitted Father Christmas is available from the magazine website. I've printed a copy for the Pattern Library. To download it, go to www.interweave.com/rd/pwprojects or send a stamped (Canadians use an international postage coupon) self-addressed business envelope to PieceWork Doll, 201 E. Fourth St., Loveland CO 80537-5655.

I wonder if the woman who knitted this toy back in the 1950s had any idea how long it would be treasured by the little girl who received it at the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital Christmas party?

I'll bring the magazine to the November meeting, or you can buy your own copy from Dominion News or McNally-Robinson.

ANGEL WINGS: Make any doll an angel!

With our upcoming angel-themed show, you might want to “dress” some of your dolls as angels. This method of attaching wings does not require any permanent attachment to the doll and does not damage the doll’s clothing.

Use any joined pair of wings, either made by you or purchased. Cloth wings (interlined for stiffness), feather wings, net or lace with a wire edge, heavy-duty Pellon, or even stiff paper or light cardboard, could all be used.

Cut a piece of ribbon or cord long enough to wrap around the doll’s chest and waist and tie, leaving long ends. Use a piece of string, or a tape measure, to test the length.

Fold the ribbon in half and lay it, folded end down, along the middle of the wing assembly. Leave a small loop hanging below the wings at the bottom, and sew the ribbon to the wings on each side of the centre line, angling out a bit to leave a space for the doll’s neck at the centre top.

To attach the wings, bring the long ends over the doll’s shoulders and either cross them in front of her chest, or bring down in front of each arm. Bring the ends to the back of the doll, cross the ends, pass through the loop, and bring around to the front of the doll’s waist. Tie securely, leaving the ends to hang down. You could add a bead, feather or other decoration to the ends of the ribbon.

This is the way angels are portrayed in medieval and renaissance art. The artists probably used as their models choir boys who were dressed as angels. It would have been important not to damage their expensive robes. You could use a similar method to attach wings for a child’s angel or fairy costume.

DANCING DAPHNES:

Suzanne Schlinsog, who recently left the ClothBroads to return to the US, has an article in the January 2005 issue of **Soft Dolls and Animals** featuring her 15” animated, posed dolls. Suzanne credits the “daffy, talented and inspiring ladies” of the Calgary ClothBroads for yanking her into “a tornado of encouragement and positive energy.”

The pattern for “Daphne” is given in **SDA** and should inspire many dancing, swimming, leaping, flying, and generally animated dolls. You could even make an “angel Daphne” . . .

Here is a paper doll from the Internet for you. If you are interested in making your own, I suggest photocopying onto cover stock, and backing the doll with self-adhesive plastic for additional strength.

