

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**

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.

MEMBER PHOTOS:

At the November meeting, Club Photographer Cheryl Hamilton will be taking pictures of members with one or two favourite dolls. If you'd like a picture, please come prepared for your moment of fame!

November Meeting

1:30 p.m.

**Sunday, November 23, 2008
at the Charter House Hotel**

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

2:00 - 2:15: Show and Tell
Member Photos

2:15 - 2:45 Activity: MINI SALE
Get a head start on your holiday shopping!

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

DECEMBER PARTY: December 7, at 1 p.m., at the Charter House Hotel. A turkey dinner will be served at a cost of \$18 per person.

SEE DETAILS on page 2!

Don't forget to bring your Silent Auction donations to the November meeting!

January Activity: Presentation on Raggedy Ann and Andy

MEMBERSHIP INQUIRIES:

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Membership in the Manitoba Doll Club is \$20 a year. All memberships expire at the end of March.

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!

Executive 2008-2009

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Fall Doll Show Co-ordinator, 2008

Sylvia Grantham (1-204-482-4932)

Email: sdgranth@mts.net

Peddler Doll Competition

Ten members brought dolls for the Peddler Doll Display/Competition at the Doll Show. There were a total of 15 dolls on display.

First Prize ribbon was award to the Fortune Teller display by ***Brenda Speirs-Fryatt***.

Second Prize ribbon was awarded to ***Cheryl Hamilton*** for her Barbie and Ken display.

Third Prize ribbon was awarded to ***Sylvia Grantham*** for her peddler doll.

The “**Honourable Mention**” prize ribbon was awarded to ***Carol Fraize***. Two of her entries had the same number of votes each – her peddler doll with the bird cage sitting on a park bench, and her peddler doll with the apron and wooden tray containing various sewing supplies.

We had many nice comments on the display, how lovely all the dolls were and the amount of work put into their creation. Thank you to all who entered their dolls.

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Don't forget to sign up for the Turkey Dinner on December 7. Price is \$18.00 a person.

If you dressed as a peddler or entered a doll, take \$5.00 off. Carol needs to know so she can order the meals.

We will be having our traditional ***SILENT AUCTION*** at our December Party to raise money for our Christmas Charity.

Please bring in your donations for the Silent Auction Draw.

What we would really like, is for you to bring in a completed basket or an item suitable for one prize.

If you can't make up a complete prize , please bring in your smaller donations to the November meeting. Carole needs them ahead of time so she can make up baskets.

It is not fair for the same people to always donate. We all want to see a lot of prizes so that many members can win one.

There will be a list for the members to sign, who are willing to support the club and our Xmas Charity by bringing a completed prize or basket. These will be brought directly to the Xmas Party.

Thank you from Carol and Sylvia

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Introducing NEW MEMBER Tracey Kunka!

I have been collecting dolls since childhood. Some of my favourites are my Sonny Bono doll and my Ukrainian doll made by my Baba.

Most of my collection is stuffed toys, Barbies, and toys. I also like miniatures.

I've tried sewing for dolls but they are so small!

*Happy Birthday to our
November and December
Winter Angels!*

November:



*Ardythe
Basham*

*Donna
Chartrand*

Gretta Friesen

Joy Hillhouse

Sheelagh Komus

Janine Polley

Sharon Wilde

December:

*Joan
Domanski*

*Janet
Fetterly*

Nina Notaro

Pat Scott



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.

CONVENTIONS and EXHIBITS:

Valley Doll Museum & Gifts

#60 - 249 3rd Avenue West
Drumheller, AB T0J 0Y0
(403) 823-DOLL (3655)
www.valleydollmuseum.com
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.

OTHER DOLL CLUBS

MAILBOX DOLL CLUB

Linda Peters dollpete@mts.net

Bismarck Doll Friends

Find out more about Bismarck Doll Friends N. Dakota Doll Club, and much more at Ila Marvel's website, 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. To find out more, visit the UFDC website:

<http://www.ufdc.org/OnlineclubDOLLS.htm>

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 or joy@weechi.net or 772-8127.

DOLL TAILORS WANTED

Patrick Armstrong of PD Collectibles is looking for people interested in sewing police uniforms for a line of 12" action figures based on Canadian law enforcement and military persons. It would be similar to sewing for Ken dolls. Test patterns available.

If interested please contact Mr. Armstrong at pharmstrong@gmail.com

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

FOR SALE

ANTIQUÉ WOODEN DOLL CRIB from late 1950s/early 1960s, 12" wide / 14" high / 17 1/2" long. Asking \$25.
If you are interested and/or want more information, call **Dianne** at 334-4916

MAJOR DOWNSIZING REQUIRED

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

DOLLS FOR SALE

Mrs. Kathleen Zabarylo is selling her whole collection of mostly vintage dolls which she has fixed and spruced up. **Please call 334-8484.**

Four beautiful porcelain dolls for sale.

My mother started my collection at a young age but I have moved and no longer have space for them! They are gorgeous dolls and still in excellent condition. They have no marks, chips, or stains. The details of each doll are listed below and if you are interested in any of them please call Christy at 960-5822. I will consider all offers!

Doll #1

Young Woman: Long curly brown hair, blue eyes, fair skin, light green satin dress with roses and some white lace details, matching hat and white shoes, 18 1/2" tall, with stand
Vanessa by Vanessa Ricardi- Serie:1999

Doll #2

Young Girl:

Shoulder-length blonde, curly hair, blue eyes, fair skin, White and Burgundy cotton dress with matching bow in hair and white shoes with burgundy bow, 18 1/2" tall, with stand
Sabre "Collection Prestige"

Doll #3

Young Woman: Long, full, curly, blonde hair down with red velvet bonnet, red velvet dress with lace detailing and matching red shoes, 16" tall, with stand
Vanessa by Vanessa Ricardi-Serie: 1996

Doll #4

Little Girl: Long, straight blonde hair, blue eyes, fair skin, Pink, green, and yellow dress with small ruffle details, Matching pink shoes and matching hat, 13" tall, with stand



DOLL NEWS:

THE MAPLELEA GIRLS:

“Maplelea™ is a distinctively Canadian play experience featuring a collection of premium play dolls that celebrate our country's spirit and identity. This system blends traditional toys with interactive literature and contemporary role models to provide girls with wholesome, imaginative, and educational entertainment.

One summer Taryn, Brianne, Alexi and Jenna happened to meet during an incredible adventure they'll never forget. Before returning to their hometowns across Canada, they pledged to remain friends forever. They even chose a name for themselves—the Maplelea Girls.

Now, Léonie, from Quebec City has joined the Maplelea Girls and the adventures continue.“



To find out more about these 18” vinyl dolls, visit their website at http://www.maplelea.com/maplelea_story.php

Or contact:

Avonlea Traditions Inc.
Post Office Box 93157,
1111 Davis Drive
Newmarket, Ontario
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Toll Free: 1-800-668-4339

Fax: (905) 853-1763
Email: management@avonlea-traditions.com

HARAJUKU GIRLS: L.A.M.B. & G.



And for something completely different:

Gwen Stefani has just released a line of “perfume dolls” based on her backup singers, four young Japanese girls known as the “Harajuku Girls”.

<http://www.fragrantica.com/news/Gwen-Stefani-The-Eternal-Girl-Introduces-Fragrant-Collection-Harajuku-Lovers-230.html>

“Gwen Stefani is for some time now fascinated with fashion style of Harajuku youngsters (the area around Harajuku station on the Yamanote line in the Shuibuya ward of Tokyo) from which she drew her music and style inspiration...”

The dolls can be seen (and purchased) at Shopper’s outlets. Choose from Love, Angel, Music, Baby or G (for Gwen herself).

And here are the girls themselves!



A TIDBIT FOR KNITTERS:

Knitting a bias scarf

This is a very easy technique and can be used for any size of scarf or stole. It is very drapable. Try it in fine yarn and small needles for a doll, or large needles and novelty yarn for yourself.

Cast on enough stitches for the width of scarf you want. Knit a small test swatch if necessary.

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: : K 1, make 2 by knitting into front and back of next stitch, knit to last 3 stitches, slip 1, K 1, pssso, k 1.

Repeat until the scarf is as long as you want or you run out of yarn, whichever comes first!

To knit in stocking stitch:

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: : K 1, make 2 by knitting into front and back of next stitch, purl to last 3 stitches, slip 1, K 1, pssso, k 1.

I have found garter stitch works very well for textured yarns, and stocking stitch works well for variegated yarns. You can change colours for a striped scarf.

A novelty scarf in textured yarn (fuzzy, chenille, eyelash, etc) works well if it is about 3 – 5 inches wide and at least 36 inches long (the longer the better!)

A Christmas Craft from Canadian Living

http://www.canadianliving.com/crafts/other_crafts/a_collection_of_christmas_craft_ideas.php

Make an origami gift box:

This origami gift box makes perfect reusable packaging for small gifts – and looks smashing under the tree. We used a medium-weight, good quality wallpaper for our origami gift boxes.

Instructions for a 4” by 4” by 1-1/2” box.

1. Cut a 9-7/8” square for the box bottom and a 7-1/4” square for the box lid.

2. Fold corners of each square toward centre, using bone folder or other thin, blunt tool to make precise creases.

3. Fold one side of bottom 1-1/2” toward centre; crease then unfold. Repeat for other three sides. Do the same for the lid, folding each side in 1/2”. At each corner of bottom and lid, fold a diagonal crease that bisects the small square created by previous folds.

4. Unfold two opposite sides (see photo). Refold remaining two sides of square along crease so they stand upright and form two walls of box. Fold up third side, tucking diagonal corner folds inward against it; wrap third side over folds; lay in place. Repeat for fourth side. Glue together at the centre.

