

# 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.***

## ***Name tag options:***

*Melissa Melanson would be happy to design and print a name tag for you.*

*Ardythe will also print name tags on request. Pin-on tags will be available at doll club meetings, into which you can insert your printed tag or membership card.*

*Ardythe will also bring some magnetic "body lights" which can be used to secure a name tag to prevent pinholes in clothing.*

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

## ***October Meeting 1:30 p.m. Sunday, October 26, 2003 at the Charter House Hotel***

- 1:30 - 2:00: Business meeting & Door Prize Draw
- 2:00 - 2:15: **Show and Tell:**  
***Halloween/Fall Themed Dolls, or Doll Show Finds***
- 2:15 - 2:30: **COFFEE BREAK**
- 2:30 - 3:00: **Activity: TBA**

## **DOLL SHOW 2004**

The Manitoba Doll Club Show and Sale will be held on Sunday, April 4, 2004. The theme will be ***"That's Entertainment!"***

Students from Tec-Voc and Murdoch McKay are once again participating in the Young Designers competition this year, with dolls donated by **My Favourite Doll**. Another school may be entering.

Your celebrity/TV/movie dolls might enjoy making a guest appearance in the MDC display! Call **Sheelagh Komus** (Casting Director?) if your doll is interested.

**Nina Notaro** is once again organizing the show, but she will need help as she is also working in local films. Please call Nina if you can help out.

## Executive 2003-2004

**President:** *Joan Domanski* (586-8012)

**Vice-President (Membership)**  
*Ardythe Basham* (772-9982)

**Vice-President (Activities)**  
*Marilyn Mackay* (261-8874)

**Secretary:**  
*Gail Edwards*

**Treasurer:**  
*Nora Notaro* (772-1842)

## Committee Heads:

**Newsletter:**  
*Ardythe Basham* (772-9982)

**Librarian:**  
*Diane Malzensky* (334-4916)

**Pattern Library:**  
*Sheelagh Komus* (832-3469)

**Sunshine Girl:**  
*Dorothy Treacy* (235-1200)

**Webmaster:**  
*Joy Hillhouse* (772-8127)

Email: [weechi@shaw.ca](mailto:weechi@shaw.ca)

**Doll Show Co-ordinator:**  
*Nina Notaro* (772-1842)

## CHANGES:

**Marie Egnell** and **Peggy Hiebert**, who have served as Club Historian/Assistant for several years, would like to pass on this responsibility. Joy Hillhouse has volunteered to act as Historian/Archivist, and hopes to put some of our club history on our new webpage. Other volunteers welcome!

**Janine Polley** has resigned as photographer. Anyone interested in this position?

## CLUB NEWS

The Manitoba Doll Club would like to retrieve some of our early records. If you have any records of club activities from 1987 onward (minutes, photos, newsletters, etc) please contact Joan or Ardythe.

Marilyn Mackay, our V-P for Activities, has been in poor health recently. We wish her well and hope to see her back on her feet soon. She is very much missed!

## **BROWN BAG DOLL**

**Carol Fraize** is in charge of our new Brown Bag Project - **Mythical/Magical Creatures**. If interested please sign up with Carol at the ctober meeting.

**Rules:** Doll body (including head) to be completed for the November meeting. Bodies must be 8 - 24 inches tall. The body must be fabric or fiber, and may be 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:** December meeting

**Hair:** January meeting

**Clothing:** February meeting

*Birthd<sup>ay</sup> Greetings  
to October  
"Autumn Leaves"*

*Marilyn MacKay  
Melissa Melanson*



## ***MEET M.D.C. MEMBERS!***

**Carol Fraize** moved to Manitoba from Newfoundland and has become an enthusiastic member of the Manitoba Doll Club. Carol gardens, quilts, knits, crochets and sews everything from doll clothes to curtains and has a lively imagination where dolls are concerned! She is in charge of our new Brown Bag Doll project.

**Joy Hillhouse**, our new Webmaster, is another recent member. She has made porcelain and ceramic dolls, is a maker and collector of miniatures, and enjoys fixing up and refurbishing play dolls. She donates many of them but has a few she won't part with. She confesses to being a "dumpster diver" on occasion!

### **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.

#### ***LENDING LIBRARY***

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

#### ***PATTERN LIBRARY***

Sheelagh Komus will have up-to-date copies of the pattern library list at the meeting for anyone interested. If you do not attend meetings regularly but would like a list, please call Sheelagh and she will mail you a copy.

If anyone still has patterns out from last year, please return them ASAP! Members are requested to take patterns out for only a month at a time, to give everyone a chance to borrow them.

## **Kudos Department**

Thanks to Joy Hillhouse for her work in setting up a Manitoba Doll Club webpage and hosting it on her site. Joy will be adding content to the site over the next few months and would welcome input from members.



**An updated Membership List will be available at the October meeting and will be mailed to members who are not present. After October, changes will be shown in the newsletter. Please update your list as required!**

### ***Summer Project - Dress a Doll***

Please bring your completed project (dressing a doll donated by Dorothy Treacy) to the October or November meeting. The dolls will either be included in our Christmas Cheer hampers or donated to other organizations.

## **ADVERTISEMENTS**

### **Celluloid Doll Head Wanted:**

**WANTED: Bye-Lo head** circa 1920s, circumference 10". Must be in very good condition as body and clothes are mint. Contact **Sharon Wilde**, 204-694-5399 or [wildes@shaw.ca](mailto:wildes@shaw.ca)

### **Thinking of a spring vacation?**

The *Land O'Sky Doll Club* invites you to join them for **A Day With Hitty**, visit the spectacular Biltmore Estate, and enjoy spring in the mountains of North Carolina. Details on the next page!

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

Price: \$45.00 Prepaid Reservation

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

**Competition Information:**

Ursula Judd - 135 Denny Bean Dr.  
Old Fort NC 28762  
Ph. 828-668-7635 or  
Email [Cuidd@McDowell.Main.NC.US](mailto:Cuidd@McDowell.Main.NC.US)

Discount "Day With" Room Rate at Holiday  
Inn 1 Block away - Ph. 828-274-0101

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

Special **Day With HITTY Collection** will be available for \$75.00. Includes: Hitty doll, pattern with fabric to make dress, slip, & numbered wooden carrying case stamped with Land o' Sky doll club emblem. **Must** be pre- ordered by March 1, 2004

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

Please write or email Suzi for a registration form.

**OTHER CLUBS:**

**Canadian Doll Clubs United Newsletter** announces a new line of Canadian dolls, the Maplelea Girls, designed by Avonlea Traditions' Kathryn Gallagher Morton. There are also reports from the Trillium Doll Club, the Powell River Doll Show, and an article on celluloid dolls from Sheila Folk of Mayflower Doll Club.

**Doll Study Group of Nova Scotia** presents an article by Iralyn Snyder on Children's Tea Sets - another interesting spinoff of doll collecting. Thanks also for the picture of Brother Cadfael from the Deepings Dolls collection!

**WEBSITES:**

Michelle Blohm is a Florida miniaturist with many interesting links and offers on her website, including printable wallpaper!  
<http://www.blohmdesign.com/>

Hand-made, hand-painted turned wooden dolls from Australia  
<http://www.deepingsdolls.com/>

April doll from "For Better or For Worse" available from **Browns Gallery** and **My Favourite Doll**  
[http://www.brownsgallery.net/robert\\_to\\_nner\\_cloudland.html](http://www.brownsgallery.net/robert_to_nner_cloudland.html)  
<http://www.mfd.net/index.cfm?DSP=Store&do=search>

Nancy Pearl Librarian action figure  
<http://www.mcphee.com/laf/>  
Warning: some of the toys on this site might offend some people!

Do you know of a good website to recommend? Please tell Ardythe!