

# 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.*

## Coming soon:

**November 26 Meeting:** Carol is planning a **PRE-XMAS SALE** of craft or gift items, dolls, or anything else interesting, not necessarily doll-related. If you are interested please let Carol know. She needs at least 8 sellers to make this a fun event.



**Our CHRISTMAS WINDUP** is being planned! The date will be announced at the October meeting and in the November newsletter.

**Christmas Silent Auction:** At our Christmas party we will be having a Silent Auction to raise money for a charitable donation. **Please bring any items you have to donate to the NOVEMBER meeting** to allow time for prize packages to be assembled. If you can bring a gift basket already complete, that's great; if you have just a few small items to contribute, they can be used to create a unique prize for some lucky person.

## October Meeting

**1:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, October 22, 2006  
at the Charter House Hotel**

1:30 - 2:00: Business meeting &  
Door Prize Draw  
**THERE WILL BE AN IMPORTANT  
DISCUSSION ABOUT THE DOLL SHOW.  
PLEASE ATTEND!**

2:00 - 2:15: Show and Tell:  
**DOLL SHOW FINDS**  
2:30 - 3:00: *Presentation by Vieve  
Montcombreaux on "Reborn Babies"*  
2:30 - 3:00: **COFFEE BREAK**

## 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!

## BROWN BAG DOLLS

If you were one of the people who took the pattern last season for a cloth fashion doll, please bring your doll back to show her off!

**If there is an X in the box, your membership has expired!  
Please contact Ardythe to renew.**



**Our annual membership is now \$20.00.**

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

**President:** *Sylvia Grantham*  
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## **Committee Heads:**

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*Sheelagh Komus* (832-3469)  
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## **LIBRARY and PATTERN LIBRARY Reminder!**

If you have any books, magazines, or patterns out, please return them at the October meeting!

See the review on the next page of some new books soon to arrive in the library.

Shelagh hopes to have an updated pattern list available soon. In the meantime, please call her if you are in need of a particular pattern.

## ***Fall Doll Show Committee***

Let's have a round of applause for this year's committee, **Katheleen Smith, Cheryl Hamilton, Dianne Malzensky, Lucy Cook, Leslie Von Kleist, and Sharon Wilde**, and all the other volunteers.

## **DOLL CLUB NEWS**

The September issue of **DSGNS Review** and the October issue of **Canadian Doll Clubs United** will be available at the October meeting.

**DSGNS** has an article on the Japanese "Primopuel" doll, a furry little talking doll that has become popular with lonely middle-aged adults as a surrogate "child". There is also an article on Tonner dolls, one on the "Izzy" doll (a small knitted doll made in memory of Master Cpl. Mark Isfeld and given to children in combat zones), and much more.

**CDCU** features members of the Queen City Doll Club of Regina, including several ladies we know, and an article on the Christmas visit of the Vancouver Doll Club to the Victoria Doll Club.

## ***A Cornucopia of Birthday Wishes to our October BIRTHDAY GIRLS!***

*Judith Curran  
Marilyn MacKay  
Melissa Melanson*



## WANTED:

Alice Thomson is looking for shoes for flatfoot Barbies. If you have any, please bring them to a meeting or call Alice so her girls don't have to go barefoot any more.



*Basket of  
Flowers*

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**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.

## DOLL BOOK SHELF

I recently found two books at the Millennium Library that would be interesting to many of our members. These have been ordered for the Doll Club Library and should be available soon.

### **Soul Mate Dolls: Dollmaking as a Healing Art**, by Noreen Crone-Findlay

The dolls in this book range from flat dolls made from card stock, to cloth versions of the "flat doll", to creations made of wire, yarn, pin-weaving, Russian Igolochkoy embroidery, and many other materials and techniques. She includes patterns for knitted and crocheted garments for the "flat dolls", many ideas for embellishment, and even simple sling chairs. This is a great inspiration to try something really different and accessible to anyone, even those with limited sewing or craft skills. Soul Mate workshop, anyone?

### **Period & Contemporary: Patterns for Fashion Dolls** by Hazel McMahon

This is a delight and a treasure trove for anyone interested in making gorgeous couture-style clothes for the larger fashion dolls like Gene, Tyler and Esme. There are detailed instructions for complete outfits from Late Victorian to Contemporary Chic. Hazel McMahon includes many accessories, such as beaded sweaters, elaborate hats, purses, stockings, and gloves, with diagrams for beading and other embellishments. These are real clothes, with snaps (press studs) and buttons, no Velcro, and fine finishing details. Period fashion illustrations show the inspiration for the doll outfits. The patterns are printed in a reduced size, which is probably about right for Barbie-size dolls.

## ***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".

I just discovered **The Mennymys**, by Sylvia Waugh. This prize-winning children's book, first published in 1993, tells the story of the Mennym family of 5 Brocklehurst Grove – Sir Magnus and Tulip, Vinetta and Joshua and their five children, Appleby, Soobie, Poopie, Wimpey and Googles, Miss Quigley and Pilbeam – an unconventional family indeed. How often does a character in a novel use the line, "Stop that. If you don't you might just be the first rag doll ever to die of a stroke."

You may never look at your dolls in quite the same way again . . .

## ***Getting to Know You***

I, **Roberta Galagan**, have loved and collected dolls since I was two years old and a lady gave me a 1924 Eaton's Beauty doll. I was only allowed to play with my doll on Sundays. In the 1960s my doll was destroyed in a flash flood. I have since purchased a replacement 1924 Eaton Beauty doll in 1994. I absolutely enjoy purchasing older dolls and making doll clothes for them. My daughter has told me my doll clothes are so beautiful. I have over 100 dolls of all types. My grandchildren and great-grandchildren truly enjoy looking at my dolls. My granddaughter tells her children that if they do not behave, their grandmother will turn them into a doll. Needless to say, they behave in my home!

## ***LOOKING AHEAD . . .***

Please be sure to attend the October meeting! The Manitoba Doll Club has some important issues to discuss about the future of the Doll Show and generating new ideas for our club.

If you are not able to attend in person, please call or email any of the members of the executive with your ideas to make our club better, more exciting, and more educational.

## **INFANT EARRINGS**

Here is an interesting idea from the Internet. These tiny dolls could be dollhouse babies, a doll's doll, or incorporated into many kinds of fabric art.

Pattern by Barbara Graff, 16 Buckland Way, Windsor CT 06095  
[Kithandkin158@cs.com](mailto:Kithandkin158@cs.com)

### **Materials:**

- Lightweight cotton fabric in desired skin colour
- Fiberfill
- Chenille stems
- Scraps of small prints for clothing
- Turning tubes and stuffing fork, or small hemostat
- Embroidery thread or paint for hair and face
- "Tacky" glue and small brush
- Earring wires

1. Trace around the body twice on a small piece of paper. Place paper on a double layer of muslin. Sew all the way around the outside of the bodies using a very small machine stitch.
2. Mix a little "tacky" glue half/half with water. With a small brush, paint the solution around the seam allowance on both sides. Draw the "x" on one side of each doll. Paint the solution on each "x".



3. Cut the dolls out leaving 1/16" seam allowance. Clip all curves. Clip to the stitching between the legs. Clip open the "x". Turn the dolls through the "x".

4. Cut a chenille stem the correct length from fingertip to fingertip. Fold the ends back 1/8". Insert into the arms. Cut a stem for each leg, measuring from the neck to the toe. Bend the ends back 1/8". Insert stems into the legs.

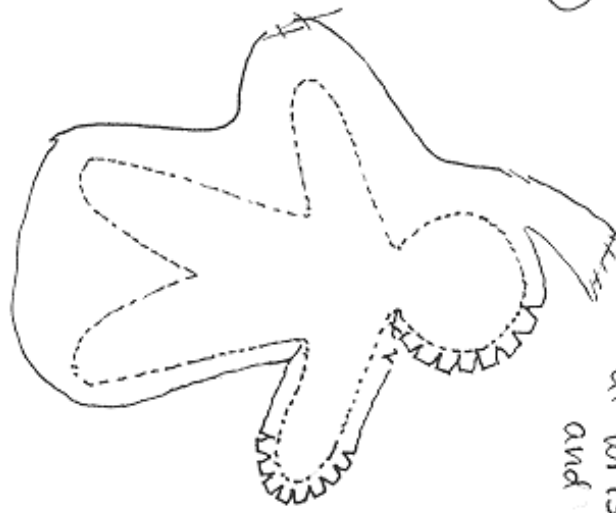
5. Stuff the dolls, and patch the "x" with a small circle of fabric and glue.

6. Prepare and sew the rompers as you did the dolls, leaving the neck and wrists open. Make a small slit down the back. Dress the dolls. Overlap the back opening, and sew closed.

7. Embroider or paint hair and faces, and embellish with ribbons and laces as desired.

8. Sew the tops of the heads to earring wires, facing the dolls forward.

9. Wear with pride . . . and enjoy all of the strange looks you get!



Romper: fold under and gather at wrists and neck.

