



UFDC REGION 6 WINTER 2011 NEWSLETTER

Hi all, the Holiday Season is upon us...who can believe it ...is there ever enough time for all we want to do? We just got back from an overseas trip, which was wonderful ...of course, coming back to reality is tough! Our friends said we are the only people who make a to-do list for when we return while on vacation! Pathetic ! One thing I learned while on our trip is that you find doll museums and collectors where you least expect them. Did anyone know there is a doll museum in Palma de Mallorca, Spain? I didn't....sadly, by the time I saw it, it was too late...it just reinforces that we are a worldwide community. Unfortunately, the guide books don't often show these sorts of places, so word of mouth is often our only avenue.

I know Thanksgiving is over, but I couldn't resist the cute dog and cat picture that Maureen Herrod sent out...If that doesn't make you smile, nothing will!

Library Challenge

In my last newsletter I suggested that a library membership to UFDC would be something for our clubs to think about. As I noted then, we MUST look forward to the future and to interesting new collectors in our hobby. One of the ways to do that is to have the magazine available at the library to make doll collectors and potential doll collectors aware of UFDC and the fun of collecting and sharing. Additionally, any new membership is revenue to UFDC. As a result of the last newsletter, we got two new memberships, one for the Glasgow, Montana, library, which was very kindly donated by our member Bonnie Cotton, and the other for the Monument, Colorado library donated by the Doll Study Club of Colorado Springs. Thanks again very much to Bonnie and the Doll Study Club for your generosity!

I would like to issue a challenge to our clubs to follow Bonnie and the Colorado Springs Club's lead and sponsor a library for membership. If each club donates one library membership we have a chance of broadening our horizons and getting new members. There are quite a few UFDC clubs, including some in our region, that have less than the required ten members and we don't want to lose those clubs. The cost is only \$42.00.

And finally, welcome to our new library members!

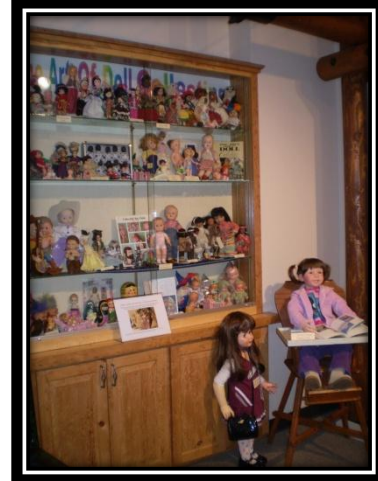
Donations : I would also like to recognize donations from our region that have been received this quarter

Doll Study Club of Colorado Springs
Jan Marie Belle (MAL, Denver)

Each gave generously to the UFDC Unity Fund and we are most appreciative!!!!

Darby, Montana Library Display:

Kay Schrader sent me these lovely pictures of the display that she and other doll collectors in Darby coordinated with the library. Apparently it was wonderfully received and most appreciated by all!



That's it for this time...until next year! In the meantime, I hope you all have a lovely and Happy Holiday Season, and a Happy New Year, full of peace, joy, and of course, a dolly in a sparkly package!

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"We have no idea where childhood ends and maturity begins...It is one unending thread, not a life chopped up into sections out of touch with one another..."

__P. L. Travers, author of Mary Poppins



Dale Bochy, MAL
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Bru Boy

This issue spotlights **DALE BOCHY**, MAL from Montana, and owner of the Legacy Doll Museum in Billings. We are so lucky to have our own doll museum in our region...I can't wait to get up there in the spring for a visit!

Dale sent this lovely note:

""When I was 4 years old I received my most memorable doll, a Sweet Rosemary from the White House Grocery Store in Great Falls, Montana. I still have her wearing her pretty pink dress with a dark pink sash and pearl accessories. The next doll I remember that secured my love of accessories was Barbie. A doll that still makes my heart flutter when I think of her gorgeous clothes and the famous Barbie doll house. It brought me great joy as a child to play with all my dolls. I started collecting dolls during the 1980's, purchasing Armand Marseilles and other German Babies and having the time of my life. My collecting turned to doll accessories in the 1990's and the rest is what we say "is history". I began collecting very seriously in the 1990's focusing on French fashions with their marvelous accoutrements. I was one of the Charter members of the Heritage Doll Guild in Billings in 1991 where my interest and passion of dolls was further developed. UFDC conventions were another place I honed my love of dolls and am eternally grateful for the experiences I have had. Doll collecting has changed since I began collecting 30 years ago but I can attest to the fact as I see the faces of the young girls coming to the museum it is not dead. We have no fear of losing our love of dolls (or doll collecting) as it is deeply engrained in the psyche of childhood."

The museum was founded in 2007 and houses over 600 dolls and 4000 playthings from the 1800's to the 1960's. It was developed to share and promote the love of dolls. It is constantly developing the collection and striving to add new and unusual items.

They can be reached at 252-0041 at their website www.legacydollmuseum.com.



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