

Region 4 Newsletter

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of Doll Clubs Inc.

When I recently learned that felt doll artist Jennifer Schermerhorn is one of the newest members of UFDC and our own Region 4, I could not wait to share this great news with our members. Jennifer resides with her family (and several sheep!) in Wamego, Kansas and her dolls have been in a variety of galleries and shows including The National Fiber Directions Exhibition 2015 and Fantastic Fibers Exhibition 2015. Her "Baby Doll Lady" won best of show at the Houston International Quilt Festival 2014. I was thrilled to learn that Jennifer will be the guest speaker at the Northeast Kansas Doll Club's Doll Fest on October 8, 2016 (see page 2 for event details). Welcome Jennifer!



Jennifer Schermerhorn is pictured here with her needle felted wool dolls.

Additional new region 4 members this quarter are:

Debrah Jaeckel, Wichita Antique Doll Study Club
Joyce Nickells, Basehor, KS – former MAL transferring membership to the Leavenworth Doll Club
Deb Smith, Hiawatha, KS – Member at Large
Mike Way, Wichita, KS – Member at Large

Leavenworth Doll Club Visit

I had the pleasure of visiting the Leavenworth Doll Club on Thursday, November 3rd. Club President, Beth Griggs, hosted the meeting and her daughter Liz helped with the program about Barbie dolls. It was a delightful morning followed by a delicious lunch. This is a fun group and I am grateful for the opportunity to know them better.



Where is our RD?

Ever wonder what your RD is up to and which events I am planning to attend? Well look no farther. Hope to see you there!

Schedule:

- 11/3/15: Leavenworth Doll Club monthly meeting, KS
- 11/12/15: Alan Scott Pate lecture at the National Toy and Miniature Museum of Kansas City, MO
- 11/14/15: Des Moines Doll Show, Iowa
- 2/26-27/16: Rose Percy Event, Charleston, SC
- 3/20/16: Omaha Doll Show, Nebraska
- 4/16/16: Kansas State Doll Day, El Dorado, KS
- 6/4/16: Bismarck Doll Friends Event, North Dakota
- 7/9/16: Cessna Doll Show, Wichita, KS
- 7/27-30/16: Convention in Washington, DC
- 9/22-25/16: Region 6 Conference, Billings, MT
- 10/8/16: Northeast Kansas Doll Club Event - Doll Fest, Leocompton, Kansas
- 10/14/16: Lincoln Doll Festival, Nebraska

If I can build in a trip to visit your club while I am in these areas please let me know and I will gladly add you to my calendar.

Club Presidents: A reminder that credentials for delegates for the 2016 national convention are due no later than January 13.



Thank you for donating!

Quarterly Contributions

Cherished Doll Club of Topeka, Building General Fund in honor of Ms. Mary Clarke

Leavenworth Doll Club, Building General Fund

Over The Rainbow Doll Club, UFDC Unity Fund in honor of the Heirloom Doll Collectors Club

Nancy Hall, 2015 Convention Gift

Nancy C. Moore and **Glenda Ridgeway**, convention competitive exhibit table sponsors.

Thank you to the clubs and members from region four who made generous contributions to UFDC this quarter. Please remember that UFDC is supported solely through tax-deductible contributions made by caring members like you.

aDollables Sponsor Class, Donate

The aDollables Kansas Doll Club sponsored a class on October 10th where participants dressed a pincushion doll.



Members Rebecca Spaight and Doris Kimbrell teamed up to make this class a success. Rebecca made the porcelain dolls and she and Doris were instructors. Member Teresa Brown hosted the group in her home. Attendees brought pot-luck dishes for lunch and spent a few hours together dressing the dolls.



The aDollables donated items to the Valley Center, Kansas Kids Christmas charity which is helping 75 needy local families.

Doll Festival Features Ann Estelle



On October 3, 2015 the **Star City Doll Society of Lincoln, Nebraska** hosted the 30th Annual Doll Festival. The event theme was Winter Wonderland and the focus was on the club's doll Ann Estelle. Club member Pam Dill presented an informative PowerPoint program on Mary Engelbreit, graphic designer, illustrator, and creator of the doll who began as a paper doll in Mary's magazine.

Held at the Hillcrest Country Club in Lincoln, attendees enjoyed a fun-filled day which included sales tables, door prizes, Helper drawings, silent auction, and a delightful lunch which was highlighted by the country club's signature cinnamon rolls.

Be sure to note that next year's event is moving to Saturday, October 15th. Details to come!

Northeast Kansas Doll Club

invites you to join them for

DOLLY FEST

October 8, 2016

9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. ~ Lecompton, KS

Event highlights:

- Guest speaker and new member of Region 4, Jennifer Schermerhorn, is a talented and rising creator of felted dolls. Jennifer has won several awards including Treasures of the Gypsy and best of show at the Houston Quilt Market.
- Souvenir doll by Joetta Lady and Jana Larson
- Demonstrations including fashion sewing, cloth dolls, and carving wooden dolls.
- Lunch
- Door prizes
- Helpers (donations for helpers greatly appreciated)
- Workshops
- Vendors will provide shopping opportunities

Registration fee is \$55. Forms were emailed and mailed and are available through me. Space is limited – register today!

I want to hear from you! To include news in the SPRING 2016 newsletter, please submit information to me no later than February 5, 2016.

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