

# Region 4 Newsletter

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## Spring is just around the corner (?)

Or at least that's what the calendar tells me. It's pretty hard to imagine warm spring days when the forecast in our immediate future is for snow. What keeps me cheerful this time of year is sitting down with my calendar and penning in which doll events I am able to attend throughout the year.

In this newsletter you will find details of two events in our region which I encourage you to attend. They will provide the dolly fixes we desire to get us to the biggy – our national convention in Kansas City. I'm already walking around my doll cases trying to decide which dolls I will enter in the competitive exhibits, deciding where I can volunteer (such a great way to meet people), and figuring out how many ticketed theme events I can squeeze into the week. Not to mention the Gatherings, Programs, Doll Dialogues, and Publisher's Preview, to name a few.

Each year after convention I do what I like to call a "post-mortem" on my experience. Perhaps "lessons learned" is a better term. I write down everything I do and don't want to repeat next time, then throughout the year I refer to it. I'm curious if anyone else does something similar. If so, please send me an email and let me know. Don't laugh, but here's my list from last year:

- Shoes *must* be comfortable – lots of walking
- Don't take too many clothes (how many times do we have to go over this?!)
- Don't get stretched too thin (you always think you have to do *everything*)
- Pack a few snacks to have in the room (since you're always on the run)
- Take time to catch up with old friends you only see once a year (create some downtime)
- Book flights and rooms early – don't procrastinate
- Bring more dolls for the competitive exhibit (it's totally worth the effort)
- Do something at convention you don't typically do (pick an event on the schedule that you don't normally allow time for and do it —get out of your comfort zone).

## Region 4 Quarterly Contributions

**Bismarck Doll Friends, Collections Fund**

**Lincoln Doll Club, ebay Donation**

Please remember that UFDC is supported solely through your generous contributions.



One of the most successful fundraising initiatives UFDC has is selling doll-related items via ebay. Our home office is sending out an S.O.S. to members that we are in need of more

items to list. Inventory is quite low so if you're doing spring cleaning at your house and uncover some buried treasures that are in need of a new home, why not send them to UFDC? We'll turn your treasures into cash to help support our organization. You can find the donation form on our website under "Donate to UFDC".



**Club Presidents: A reminder that Club Activity Reports are due by April 1 and that's no April fool's joke!**



## Region 4 Convention Activity

With convention being so close to home for a lot of Region 4 members, we're excited to be instrumental in ensuring the success of our national event. I thought it would be fun to stir interest in activities where we know Region 4 will have a hand in organizing our helping.

I'm sure this list is just the tip of the iceberg, but did you know that we have Region 4 members actively participating in the following?

- ✓ **Hilda Ticketed Theme Event**– the Bismarck doll club will be helping host this event. Several members from our region will serve as hostesses at various events.
- ✓ **Special Exhibit** – a Region 4 club is helping organize and manage a special exhibit dedicated to small dolls which measure 8" and under.
- ✓ **Sales Room**– Our own Pat Boldt, doll artist extraordinaire, will have a table in the sales room.
- ✓ **Cloth Doll Gathering**– Members from the Wichita Antique Doll Study Club are once again facilitating this popular, late night event
- ✓ **Publisher's Preview**– I hear we may have two members from Region 4 at the preview this year. Nancy Felix-Moore will be showcasing her BAPS book and if our other member's book is ready in time, I'll send you additional information about that later. Stay tuned!
- ✓ **Workshop** - Pat Boldt will lead a workshop where you will dress a small, all-bisque doll in a decorated egg presentation container.
- ✓ **Monitors** – several members have historically served as monitors in the competitive exhibit room and for other events. Stop by and say hi to these familiar faces.

Please email me other areas where our Region is active and I will include that info in our summer newsletter. I am proud of the level of activity our group engages in. Way to go!



July 16 – 19, 2015

## Save the Date - Region 4 Meeting

Please mark your calendars to attend the Region 4 meeting at convention on Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. This is our once-a-year opportunity to gather as an entire region in one place. I'm super excited about this opportunity as it will be our first meeting with me as your new RD. I cannot wait to meet each one of you in person.

## Bismarck Doll Friends June Events

More details will follow as the date grows nearer, but for now please mark your calendars and plan to attend the Bismarck Doll Friends upcoming events in June 2015:

The Bismarck Doll Friends 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party Luncheon will be held Saturday, June 6 @ 11:30am at the Baymont Inn & Suites in Mandan, North Dakota.

The following day, on Sunday, June 7 the Bismarck Doll Friends Doll Show will be held from 10am – 3pm.

For additional information please contact Ila Marvel, Club President at [imarvel@msn.com](mailto:imarvel@msn.com) or call 701-258-7869.



## Kansas State Doll Day – April 18, 2015

aDOLLable Kansas Doll Club will host A Kansas State Doll Day on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Join doll friends for a full day of "Dolly Activities" including doll dialogues, sales tables, helper tickets, show and share and lots more! I will be there for all the fun, so make arrangements today to attend. Don't delay, registration closes March 1 and is limited to 50 attendees. Your registration fee of \$55 includes lunch and a Kansas souvenir doll.

**Where:** El Dorado, Kansas at the St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church Commons, 320 N. Denver.

**When:** Saturday, April 18. Doors open at 8:30am, program from 9:30am-4:00pm.

For information contact Rebecca Spaight, Treasurer. Email: [ann1@cox.net](mailto:ann1@cox.net) or phone 316-320-7879.



To include news in the SUMMER 2015 newsletter, please submit information to me no later than May 8, 2015

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