

My Newsletter, February, 2015

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Well, gosh, I just wrote a newsletter, didn't I? And here I am again, writing it. Is it déjà vu all over again or Groundhog Day? Before I get started with announcements, etc, I did want to let you know that I had a fabulous time at RD training in KC, where the EC was, you should pardon me, like having four Jewish mothers, so exceptionally hospitable were they...I gained back the weight I lost at convention!

I have been traveling here, there and everywhere and have been treated like royalty, at the **Williamsburg Doll Club, Charm City Dolling Club, Gladys McDowell Doll Club** and at **Maryland Society of Doll Collectors**. Thank you all for being so...wonderful! Don't forget, if you want me to come and visit, just send me an email, call me, drop me a line and I'll be there.

Upcoming Regional Events

The Capital Doll Club's 34th Annual Doll Show 2nd year, new location! Richmond Raceway Complex Colonial Building 600 East Laburnum Avenue, Richmond VA 23222. Saturday February 28, 2015 9:30 am-3:30 pm. Admission 6.00 adults. Children under 12, 1.00. For more info call **Jackie Price** 804-275-0091 or email at jprice3500@verizon.net. C U there!

4th Annual Doll Sale by Precious Memories Doll Club. Saturday March 28, 2015 Scott Memorial Methodist Church, 409 First Colonial Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23454. Admission is 2 dollars for adults; children under 10 are free. Contact **Jean Schimmel** at 757-340-1852 or **Eleanor Holland** 757-425-4377. **Barbara Stone** and I will be here too!

Charm City Dolling Club presents My Mommy, My Doll and Me luncheon, April 18, 2015, at

Epsworth United Methodist Chapel, Baltimore Maryland. Souvenir Doll by **Stacey McBride-Irby** of **One World Doll Company**. 65.00 per person, with a limit of 80 people. The fun starts at 11 am and continues until 3:30 pm, so don't miss. This club offers the gold standard in events, just remember. Contact **Denise Bond** (410-669-9137) or **Marie Green** (202-291-9137)

The Black Eyed Susan Doll Club presents "A Victorian Picnic with Little Hitty" Luncheon. April 25, 2015 11am to 4 pm. Claggett Hall 15837 Prince Frederick Road Hughesville MD 20637. Cost 145.00, limited to 50 participants. Pre-Order companion doll "Michael" for 180.00; total, both for 325.00. Dolls are by the great **Judy Brown**. More info contact **Lynn Buonviri** 301-475-3466 or lynn@buonviri.net. Programs, helpers, fun!

West Virginia Mountaineer Doll Club is hosting, in scenic North Bend State Park, Cairo, West Virginia, the annual Tristate Doll Convention, May 1-2, 2015. Light supper Friday evening, luncheon at noon on Saturday. **Sandra Wright Justiss** is the speaker. Registration fee 65.00, due by April 1st. **Lee Beaumont**, 101 Kendallridge Place, Morgantown West Virginia, 26501 is the contact for registrations and sales tables. I'm sure this is going to sell out, so be prompt. It sounds fabulous!

Maryland Doll Club's Meeting and Annual Auction, will take place on Tuesday May12, 2015 at **Congregation Oseh Shalom**, 7515 Olive Branch Way, Laurel MD 20707. Please RSVP to **Barbara Dugan** 410-626-2028 or dugan@dollshousebandb.com This is too cool for school and not to be missed!

The Dollology Club of Washington DC is having May Day-on the run! Our fabulous bus trip May 9, 2015, chaired by **Anita Schmidt** (410-798-6768) or anitamail@verizon.net will be going to see Donna and Keith Kaonis's personal collection in Lititz PA and The National

Christmas Center and Museum. See the Kaonis's phenomenal collection and enjoy the amazing Christmas Center, in an old Woolworth Building.

Southern Maryland Doll Club and **Black-Eyed Susan Doll Club** announce their first annual joint Doll Show and Sale, to be held Saturday, September 12, at Archbishop Neale School just off Route 301 in LaPlata, MD, from 10 AM to 3 PM. Lunch will be available on site, along with a bake sale, both benefitting the school. Vendors seeking table space should contact Pat Magruder at plmagruder@comcast.net or call [301-843-0541](tel:301-843-0541). There will also be door prizes, exhibits, and a raffle, items and exhibit topics to be determined.

Maryland Society of Doll Collectors asks you to keep April 23, 2016 open so you can attend An Old Fashioned Social, from 10 am to 3pm. The souvenir artist is the gifted Goldie Wilson, the cost is 140.00 and the chairperson is **Stacia Pate**, who can be reached at 410-552-3367. I am saving the date, I can tell you right now. Hats, pearls and dolls? I am so there!

For those with a taste for adventure, and a yen to see Montana, (me, me!) Region 6 is hosting a conference in 2016. All of the pertinent information is available on this site: region6conference.org. It's called Western Treasures: Exploring the Many Facets of Region 6. The dates are September 22 - 24, 2016.

Where would we be without our wonderful donors? Out on the front porch at KC, tin cup and dolly in hand. But due to our member's generosity, I have a long list of people to thank...starting with **Martha Adams**, who gave generously to the Unity Fund, along with an anonymous donor who honored **Barbara Stone** and **Black Eyed Susan Doll Club** who gave in memory of **Catherine Cooksey** and **Barbara Crescenze**. **Chesapeake Doll Club** also gave to the Unity Fund, along with **Barbara Dugan**, **Barbara Stone**, in honor of **Shirley Andrus** and

in memory of **Jeanne Nardone**; **Dana Winslow**, **Marianne Arnold**, **Marciann Madey** and **Rosemary McDaniel** also gave liberally.

In addition, **Chesapeake Doll Club** gave to the Museum Acquisitions Fund and the Regional Director's Fund-in honor of lovely me. Thanks, guys, you're the best! **Barbara Stone** donated to the Museum Acquisitions fund as well. Many people gave to the Museum Fund, including **Susan Sirkis**, **Margaret Kincaid** and **Victoria Forbes**. **Judy Grant** and **Goldie Wilson** supported the UFDC Library, Judy in honor of **Helen Garland** while **Sharon Matthis** did the same with REAL Services. **The grand total? 2,775.34**. While we're being generous, as only UFDC people are, don't forget to donate dolls for UFDC's eBay use-it's been incredibly successful, so please, keep it going - and thank you.

Don't forget that UFDC's **Doll News** is the best place to advertise your dolly wares, so don't be shy and contact our advertising manager, **Kathy Turner** at kturnersan@gmail.com and she'll be glad to help. She's good at it!

UFDC Convention is only...less than 150 days away, so don't forget to make your hotel reservations and to register, when it's the appropriate time for you. Don't forget to volunteer for the various committees listed in Unity's News-I promise you more fun than you've ever had before. How do you think I got to be RD?!

Oh frabjous day, the June **Gaithersburg** show is ON! And, even more wonderful, **The Learning Room** lives, so please contact me if you want sales tables or exhibit space. Tables are free, with 15 % donation to UFDC. Your choice to support whatever, of course. We'll have four accomplished speakers too and my home-baked goods, so be there or be square!

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