



United Federation of Doll Clubs, Inc. –Spring 2016 Newsletter
Region 5 - Iowa, Minnesota, and Missouri
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Let's all **think spring** and unpack our dolls' spring outfits, hats and seasonal accessories. I like them to reflect the seasons' changes. I do look forward to an early arrival of spring. It will be a happy and busy time with our son's wedding in mid-April. I should have time to schedule more club or event visits between then & mid-July. Let's make some plans for a club or event visit.

Welcome New Members at Large: Connie Berghuis, Alexandria, MN and Jennifer L Richmond, Strawberry Point, IA. I am glad to have you in UFDC and wish you an enjoyable membership .

Thank you to the following clubs and individuals for their generous donations totaling \$1450.00:

Junior Collectors Fund by **Sunbonnet Doll Club of Iowa** in memory of Ms Shirley Parrish

Greater St Louis Doll Club to Building General Fund

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Lady Slipper Doll Club to RD Fund honoring Cheryl Cloutier.

Barbara Marshall and Sheryl Sunderman to **UFDC Unity Fund **Carole Martino** to Museum Fund and

Cheryl Cloutier -to Museum Fund in memory of Marcia Stone and Carly Fisher.

Ebay auction items were donated by Bonnie Daly, Christine Faust and Cheryl Cloutier

Please shop the UFDC Ebay site and don't forget to continue sending items to the office for this continuing project that provides a great source of income to UFDC.

Club Presidents please take time to complete and return those Annual Club Activity Reports to UFDC office by April 1. Remember to get the pink copy to me and make a copy for your records. As of now I have 4 returned. Send them on time & help someone in the office finish a very important job.

Items to include in the Summer 2016 issue must be sent to me by May 10. It is great to share your photos and doll activities in the newsletter. Please help make my last newsletter a grand one.

Remember to bring copies of Unity's newsletter and mine to your meetings. Some members don't have email.

EVENTS In and Near Region 5

March 13, 2016 Maquoketa, Iowa, Doll, Toy & Bear Show & Sale, Centerstone Inn & Suites, 1910 Nairn Dr; exit 156 off 61 Eastern Iowa Doll Shows; Sherryl Newton 319-610-3534 ; newtonsia@aol.com

March 20, 2016 Omaha Doll Show Sunday 9 AM, 6005 Grover Street, Omaha Nebraska. Region 4

April 9, 2016 Des Moines Doll Show Saturday 9AM to 3 PM, Iowa State Fairgrounds, East 30th & University, Des Moines, IA. Info: Colleen Holden, 515-986-1975 email: dolls50265@aol.com

April 2016, Opening of Blondie's Doll Gallery and Gifts. Extensive Collection of over 900 Antique to Modern collectible dolls, dollhouses and accessories at 201 Schiller Street, Herman MO 65041; Curator: 314-575-9356

April 23, 2016 KANSAS DOLL DAY "April Showers" Eldorado, KS Check Region 4 Newsletter ufdc.org Region 4

May 22, 2016, Dolls in Spring Show & Sale, 10AM to 3PM, Mermaid Event Center, Moundsview, MN Carol Benson car4ann@gmail.com

June 4 & 5, Mandan, ND, Sat .Annual Luncheon, Sunday, 10 AM – 3PM; Doll Show & Sale, Bismarck Doll Friends, Baymont Inn & Suites, I-94 at Exit 152, Ila Marvel email: imarvel@msn.com Region 4

August 28, 2016, North Mankato, MN, 43rd Annual Show & Sale by Lady Slipper Doll Club, Best Western, Hwy 169N, 9:30 AM to 3:30PM, contact Carolyn: cjchris@frontier.net



My china head doll collection and a couple friends stepped out of the cabinets to grace the Valentine weekend meeting of Star of the North Doll Club. Others members attended with their dolls too as we learned about identifying makers and styles of various china head dolls. Yes there was some clowning around and a short slide presentation of photos I have taken. "500 Years of German Doll Making " by Mary Krombholz was my prime source of information. Learning about our doll collections and the opportunities and resources UFDC provides us

REGION 5, Museum News & Updates.

Now we have four UFDC museum members and the UFDC museum in R-5. The following are from coming exhibits and events of interest to members and clubs.

Feb. 20, 2016: The National Toy and Miniature Museum Kansas City, Missouri Display: "Stereotypes to Civil Rights: Black Paper Dolls in America" opens February 20, 2016.through August 2016.

Ongoing: The **American Girl Doll Club** at St Joseph Museum has an exhibit of their "Rainforest Art" at Potter Hall on the campus of Missouri Western State University in St Joseph, Missouri. This group of girls meets monthly through the school year at St Joseph Museum and learns about the eras of various dolls in the American Girl historic series. Contact Sarah Elder 816-232-8471 at the museum; website: www.stjosephmuseum.org

March 12, 2016: UFDC Doll Museum, Kansas City, Missouri. Noon to 4PM, **OPEN HOUSE** to celebrate the new Saturday afternoon visiting hours at our wonderful doll museum at the UFDC offices. There have been many requests about Saturday opening and now it is a reality. Please spread the news and help promote our fine doll collection at the office. Welcome the new curator Lisa Shockley, show your support. Enjoy that celebration, I cannot be there. My best wishes are with you. Meet your friends and bring some new ones too.

Spring 2016 Gallery of a large doll collection is opening soon in historic Missouri River, town of Hermann, Missouri. **Blondie's Dolls**, a gallery and gift shop will open this coming April at Schiller Street and Second. Blondie, Melva Haeberle, has a life-long love of dolls and started officially collecting dolls in 1977. The gallery will display her collection of over 900 dolls, dollhouses, and many doll accessories, including German and French dolls dating back to late 1800's, Blondie's daughter, Janet, is in charge of the museum. They plan to be open Wednesdays through Sundays, 10 to 5PM Central time. The gallery building is historic, constructed in 1847, and retains much of its original beauty. Janet's cell phone 314-575-9356 or after March 31, maybe at the gallery 573-486-3000. It looks like a good place for a road trip and a grand day out.

June 4, 2016 Mount Pleasant, Iowa 14th Annual Bussey Doll Event Hosted by Midwest Old Threshers & Hawkeye Doll Club of Iowa, all day doll event & doll sales. Email: gvoyles19@gmail.com

Have a pleasant spring, register for "Kindred Spirits" our 67th National Convention and book your room at the Washington Hilton, Washington, DC, attend a doll show, visit a museum, encourage a young collector or present a program for your club. Enjoy your dolls and friends. I hope to see some of you soon. *Cheryl*