

# Region 4 Newsletter

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Well, we might take a plane, we might take a train  
But if we have to walk we're going just the same  
We're going to Kansas City  
Kansas City, here we come!  
They got some pretty little dollies there  
And I'm gonna get me one (or two, or three)



Well folks, the countdown is on! Convention is just around the corner. By now you've probably turned in your event request form including ticketed meal events, seminars, and museum tours (if not, hurry 'cause the deadline is June 1). T-shirt order forms are also due. Now it's time to decide which dolls to bring for the competitive exhibits. Such a great way to share your dolls with everyone. Just ask Margaret Hein, member-at-large from Omaha, Nebraska. Margaret's exquisite half dolls achieved a trifecta—winning blue ribbons in three categories—at last year's convention. Deadline for entries is June 10<sup>th</sup>.

If you're not able to attend the full convention, why not attend public day on Saturday, July 18? This is a great opportunity to see dolls on display in the sales room and buy accessories or sewing items for that special doll project. In conjunction, there will be an Artist Spotlight – an area where doll artists will display and sell their creations. The Publisher's Preview will also coincide with these events, so there's plenty to do.

And please remember to attend our Region 4 meeting 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 am super excited to see you there! There's a rumor that chocolate will be served.

## Bismarck Doll Friends June Events

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. They sent the cutest invitations! I have my reservations all set.

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.



**Members: Don't forget to bring your photo ID and UFDC membership card to convention**



## 2015 Kansas State Doll Day

A great time was had by all who attended the Kansas State Doll day, sponsored by the aDOLLables Kansas Doll Club on April 18, 2015.

We were honored to have Barbara Forman-Dennis, former Region 4 director join us.

The morning began with shopping at the many sales tables followed by two delightful programs. Mary Anderson of the Wichita Antique Doll Study Club spoke about half dolls and brought many wonderful examples from her own collection for all to see.

Another insightful program was given by Jene Rapp, of Belle Plaine, KS whose program was about the life and mysterious disappearance of pilot Amelia Earhardt and the dolls made in her likeness. Jene has made several dolls that will be donated to the Amelia Earhart Birthplace museum in Atchison, Kansas.

After lunch, attendees participated in a workshop where they made accessories for the souvenir dolls.

There were more shopping opportunities in the afternoon and then drawings for helper items were held. Generous donations were made to the helper drawing and most everyone went home with a new treasure.

The high-point of the afternoon was distribution of the souvenir doll, presented in a charming case that looked like a story book with the little doll tucked inside. The adorable all-bisque souvenir doll was made by Rebecca Spaight, member of the aDOLLables club.

I want to thank members of the aDOLLables Kansas Doll Club for all of their hard work. These ladies make pulling off an event like this look easy – yet we all know it's a lot of hard work. Great job! I can't wait until next year's event (is it too early to mail in my registration?).

Members of the aDOLLables Kansas Doll club pose for a picture with their guests at the 2015 Kansas State Doll Day held April 18, 2015 in El Dorado, Kansas.



## Cloth Doll Gathering

Convention goes – please remember to come to the Cloth Doll Gathering, sponsored by members of Region 4. Susan Fosnot will be there. Last year, attendees were challenged to bring a doll they create from an Edith Flack Ackley pattern – is yours finished yet? There will be great conversation around the topic of cloth dolls and I hear there will be cloth dolls given away as door prizes. Oh my! I can hardly stand the anticipation.

### Region 4 Quarterly Contributions

**aDollables Kansas Doll Club:** Regional Director's fund, & Tribute donation in honor of Connie Reynolds

**Bismarck Doll Friends:** Museum Fund-Adopt a doll campaign

**Dakota Doll Club:** Collections Fund-President's Honor Fund

**Over the Rainbow Doll Club:** Museum Fund – Adopt a doll campaign

**Wichita Antique Doll Study Club:** Collections Fund – President's Honor Fund

**Valerie Fittell, Connie Frank, Nancy Hall, Lorene M. Heilbrun, Margaret Hein, Suzanne McGinn, Lillian Rexford, Helen S. Sinos, Connie Reynolds, aDollables Kansas Doll Club:** Competitive Exhibit Table Sponsors

**aDollables Kansas Doll Club, Connie Reynolds:** Special Exhibit Showcase Sponsors

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