

UFDC Region 2North Newsletter

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Events in Region 2N

The Independent Spirits Doll Event, which was held March 4-6 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Downtown Sacramento CA., was a great success. The club tried a few new things, making it a mini conference that was shorter and less expensive. The rain and the awkward parking kept the attendance low for the public sales, but those who registered for the event had a great time. Many have come to me asking if the event was going to be repeated again next year. Independent Spirits is not planning to do a mini conference again that soon, but if another club would like to give it a try, Independent Spirits members can offer some planning help.

Looking Ahead in This Year

101 Doll & Study Club Doll Show
Sunday, June 5, 2016 - Crowne Plaza Hotel
45 John Glenn Drive, Concord, CA
stilly5@yahoo.com

Crossroad Doll & Teddy Bear Shows
Info: www.crossroadsshows.com
Sept. 10, 2016 – Fairgrounds in Roseville, CA
October 8, 2016 – Fairgrounds in Pleasanton CA

Bay Area Doll Club Council Lunch
September 18, 2016 – Hilton Garden Inn
2801 Constitution Dr., Livermore CA 94551
Sponsored by the San Francisco Doll Club
The theme is 'Furga Dolls' and all doll collectors are welcome!
Info: Danny Shepard –
Danny.Shepard50@gmail.com

Redwood Empire Doll Show & Sale
November 6, 2016 – Santa Rosa Veterans Building - 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa CA.
Info: Kitti – 787 326-0322

Donations made to UFDC This Spring From members & clubs in Region 2N DONATIONS

Building General Fund

Maryll R. Goldsmith

Museum Fund

Carmel Doll & Toy Study Club

Adopt A Doll Campaign

Sharilyn Whitaker

ReAl Services Fund

101 Doll & Study Club

Regional Directors Fund

49er D.C. of Amador County
in honor of Patricia Bellamy

Unity Fund

Independent spirits Doll Club

Alberta Johnson

Anna Mae McAndrews

The vogue Doll Company

There were 9 donations for a total of \$1,091

Ebay Donation – Items for Auction

Laurie Davidson

2016 National Convention Sponsorships Competitive Exhibit Table Fund

Patrick Bellamy

Denise J. Buese

Deborah Didier

Linda Poggi-Lestrangle

Janis Silberhorn

Special Exhibit Case Fund

Sharon Barton-Maggio

Patricia Bellamy

Denise J. Buese

Maryll R. Goldsmith

Phiscilla A. Minton

F.J. Smith

There were 11 donations for a total of \$725

Thank you to all who are listed above. The National Convention is Washington D.C. is going to be very exciting. The special donations are greatly appreciated to help defray convention costs.

There are still a few places available at the convention and Washington has so many other attractions for a Summer Vacation. You can sign up today at UFDC's website: www.ufdc.org

Taking Care of Business

There still a few clubs that have not sent in their **Annual Club Activity Reports**. Please do that as soon as possible. The organization's non-profit status depends upon these reports. Be sure to include any donations made to UFDC National during the year as well as your local educational and philanthropic activities.

Regional Visits

I had visited clubs in Oakland, Murphy (the gold country,) in Santa Rosa and Stockton and shows in Roseville & Pleasanton. I have listed again the program subjects, on which I can present a program if invited. I also listed a second email address at the top of this newsletter. This is one I check everyday. Plus, I always like to get real paper mail requests!

1. Doll House Dolls – bisque – 1880-1930
2. Dolls & Horses
Most from the 2nd half of the 20th century
3. Dolls in Medicine
4. Dolls Inspired by the Arts
5. Hurray for the Red, White & Blue
Celebrating the 4 patriotic holiday with dolls
6. Jan Hagara – Her Art, Dolls and Figures
7. Miniature Peg Wooden Dolls
8. Miss Unity's Story
9. Working Dolls
Dolls that serve an additional function.

Out of Region Event

Patrick & I took a quick three week visit to check on our house and other property in Texas and timed the visit so that we could stop at the Teddy Bear & Crossroads "Movie Madness Weekend" event in Albuquerque NM. This is in Region 3 and it is the second time this event has been held. This is another version of the shorter mini conference idea. There was an event souvenir, an extra price lunch with a souvenir, workshops and a sales room. It was lots of fun! This is another model that a club could follow if they would like to sponsor an event. If you would just like to attend the next one, check with former Regional Director, Dorothy Drake at:

www.crossroadsshows.com

Save the Date – Sept 22-24, 2016

Region Six Conference – In Billings MT
Theme – Western Treasures:
Exploring the Many Facets of Region 6
Souvenir Doll Artist – Helen Kish

Are Your Dolls Inventoried and Insured?

I know, you just want to enjoy the hobby, but bad things do happen. One former Regional Director lost almost her entire collection in a forest fire. A friend taking items to a sale had her car broken into and her loss was not covered, because of the type of insurance she had.

There are two ways to go with insurance. If you just have ordinary homeowners insurance, you will probably not have much or any coverage on your collection. You will need to get a rider that covers your collection or you can get a special policy just for doll collectors.

Two companies that specialize in collections, which advertise with UFDC are:

Collectibles Insurance Services
888 837-9537- www.Collectinsure.com

Starkweather & Shepley Insurance Brokerage,
800 854-4625 – www.collectionprotection.net

In any case, the insurance company is going to want to know about the value of your collection. That is one reason why an inventory is important.

If you want to start or improve the inventory of your collection, I recommend the computer program File Maker Pro, which is available for both PC and Apple computers. It takes a little while to learn, but is great. If your collection is very large, Past Perfect is the museum quality program that UFDC uses for its records. Word Excel will also keep records, (do not know about pictures), but I find it very difficult to use. But if you are already familiar with Excel, it may be best for you.

If you do not want to spend time on the computer, at least keep a paper record in a notebook and then walk around your house and take pictures of the collections in their cases. After the Oakland hills fire I was asked to value a dollhouse collection on the basis of photos.

Another reason for an inventory is your estate. I often talk with people who have inherited dolls and have no knowledge about them or of their value. Do not leave your heirs in that position. Get started on that inventory today! And remember to leave a record of its location with your will or trust.