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# Region 4 Newsletter

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of Doll Clubs Inc.

Convention is always fresh on our minds this time of year especially with reservations for activities being due soon on May 20<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to seeing you in Washington, DC at our Region 4 meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 28 from 3:30-4:30. Additionally, I hope many of you can join me at the Bismarck Doll Friends events the first weekend in June. Details of those events are in this newsletter. I also want to make sure you are aware of a special, one day event being held on Saturday, June 11 in Lawrence, Kansas. The Over the Rainbow Doll club of Lawrence will present Eliza Imogen and the Dolls of Massachusetts Street. Eliza is a Kestner doll who worked as a store mannequin at Weaver's Department Store in downtown Lawrence for about 50 years. Today, Eliza is part of Janet Lukehart's collection and her book "Eliza: A Working Doll" is due out this summer. The novel is set in Lawrence in the early 1900s and is told from Eliza's point of view, as well as that of a young girl, Vivian, who meets Eliza at work in Weaver's. On June 11 Janet will tell Eliza's story at the Watkins Museum of History. Afterwards you may stroll historic Massachusetts street and stop by Weaver's. There will be door prizes provided by local merchants, refreshments, and of course, photos with Eliza. This event is open to the public, no reservations required, and there is no cost. You can't beat that!



## Where is our Regional Director?

Join me at the following doll events in 2016. Don't see your event listed here? Email or call me with details.

### Schedule:

- 6/4/16: *Dolls & Literature*, Bismarck Doll Friends Luncheon, Mandan, ND
- 6/5/16: Bismarck Doll Friends Doll Show, Mandan, ND
- 6/11/16: Eliza Imogen event by the Over the Rainbow Doll Club of Lawrence, KS – Watkins Museum of History, 1pm
- 7/9/16: Cessna Doll Show, Wichita, KS
- 7/27-30/16: Convention in Washington, DC
- 7/28/16: Region 4 Meeting During Convention, 3:30-4:30
- 8/13/16: Tea with Dolly & Me, Gardner, KS
- 8/15/16: I'm visiting the Over the Rainbow Doll Club in Lawrence and presenting a program about Rose Percy
- 9/22-25/16: Region 6 Conference, Billings, MT
- 10/8/16: Northeast Kansas Doll Club Event - Dolly Fest, Lecompton, Kansas
- 10/15/16: Lincoln Doll Festival, Nebraska, sponsored by the Star City Doll Society of Lincoln



Author Janet Lukehart's working doll, Eliza Imogen, at work in the window of Weaver's Department Store in Lawrence, KS. Circa 1927 (left) and Eliza today (right).



For more details about events listed in our calendar, visit our Facebook page or contact me directly. Search for "UFDC Region 4 – Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota".



Don't forget to bring your UFDC membership cards to convention so you'll have the necessary credentials to attend our Annual Business Meeting.





Recently I received a membership report from UFDC headquarters which revealed since August 31, 2015 sixty-six of our members in Region 4 alone did not renew their UFDC memberships. That alarming statistic has led our Board of Directions to come together for a membership symposium to be held in October. If you have ideas to share about increasing our membership please contact me and I will pass along that feedback.

**Dolls and Literature**  
Bismarck Doll Friends Luncheon  
Saturday - June 4, 2016 11:30 am  
Baymont Inn & Suites Mandan ND  
Tickets \$25 - Seating is Limited

Join me and the Bismarck Doll Friends at this fun, doll-filled weekend in North Dakota! Saturday features a luncheon with a Dolls and Literature theme, followed by their annual doll show on Sunday.

For more information contact Ila Marvel at [imarvel@msn.com](mailto:imarvel@msn.com)

*Come to the doll show to find antique dolls, vintage dolls, modern dolls, doll clothes, doll shoes, doll furniture and many more delightful treasures!*

**Bismarck Doll Friends  
Doll Show**  
Sunday June 5, 2016  
10 AM - 3 PM  
Baymont Inn & Suites\*\*, Mandan, ND 1-94 Exit 152  
Turn Right to the first light; Turn left to the Baymont Inn  
Admission: Adults \$3 Children \$1



## Quarterly Contributions

Margaret Hein

Bismarck Doll Friends

Over the Rainbow Doll Club of Lawrence, KS

*Thank you for your Museum Fund donations through the Adopt a Doll Campaign*

**Dakota Doll Club**, thank you for your memorial donation in honor of Ms. Charline Smith

*Thank you to the clubs and members from region four who made generous contributions to UFDC this quarter. Please remember that UFDC is supported solely through tax-deductible contributions made by caring members like you.*

## Northeast Kansas Doll Club invites you to join them for **DOLLY FEST** October 8, 2016

9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. ~ Lecompton, KS

### Event highlights:

- Guest speaker and new member of Region 4, Jennifer Schermerhorn, is a talented and rising creator of felted dolls. Jennifer has won several awards including Treasures of the Gypsy and best of show at the Houston Quilt Market.
  - Souvenir doll by Joetta Lady and Jana Larson
  - Demonstrations including fashion sewing, cloth dolls, and carving wooden dolls.
  - Lunch
  - Door prizes
  - Helpers (donations for helpers greatly appreciated)
  - Workshops
  - Vendors will provide shopping opportunities
- Registration fee is \$55. Forms are available through me.*

**Register today – don't delay!**



**I want to hear from you! To include news in the FALL 2016 newsletter, please submit information to me no later than August 12, 2016.**  
Connie Reynolds, Director, Region 4, [ufdcrd4@ufdc.org](mailto:ufdcrd4@ufdc.org) or call me at 316.641.7887

