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Hi everyone!

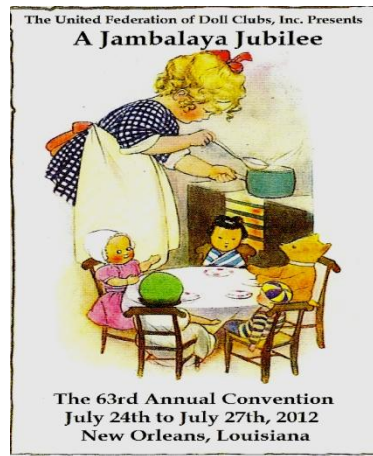
I can't believe kids are back in school so early! How unfair it seems to take their last play days of summer, doesn't it? Summer did go awfully fast-I spent part of mine travelling to France and then in California prior to, and then during, the UFDC Convention in Anaheim. I had plans for lots of yard and garden work and for rearranging and organizing my doll room(s) but that didn't happen! I do hope you all have had a nice summer with lots of fun things...I thought you all might enjoy the autumn pix...a mix of dolls and paintings reflecting the lovely season to come...

**CONVENTION:** Convention was truly wonderful, as usual...Our souvenir doll by Darlene Lane was simply fabulous-each one hand painted and finished exquisitely. She was such a treasure to take home. Interestingly, her name is Aimee, which is what my grandchildren call me!

The special exhibits were outstanding, and I am including pictures of the Christmas exhibit in which many of our own members participated and featured their collections, including Diane Hoffman, Kenny Deuel, and Sally Freeman. If I left any one out let me know, as it was not intentional!



Convention next year (*Jambalaya Jubilee*) will be in New Orleans from July 24-27th, and UFDC has decided to make the convention shorter by one day. That should help with expenses for those of you who are contemplating attending. Also, this year for the first time, children 8 and above will be allowed as convention guests and will be allowed to attend many of the functions. So now is the time to start thinking about taking the grandchildren and introducing them to the fun we have with our dolls at UFDC.



**MISCELLANEOUS :** Thanks so much to the Doll Study Club of the Rockies for the donation to UFDC Real Services in honor of Anne Seymour.

We talked about library memberships at the meeting at convention. Any club can sponsor a library for membership in UFDC and they will receive the magazine at the library. It is a great way to increase our membership numbers and also a way to let the public know we are here (as well as making a charitable contribution). I would encourage and challenge each of our clubs to consider paying for a membership for your local library. The cost is virtually the same as an MAL membership.

### **ATTENTION ALL OUR MONTANA MEMBERS!**

I received a very nice note from Kay Schrader in Darby who was at convention. She would very much like to make contact with other UFDC Montana MALs and Montana club members, particularly in Western Montana, as she would like to explore who is interested in forming a club, maybe even online. Also she would like to try to see if anyone would be interested in doing a show or sale, maybe in Missoula. Her info is Kay Schrader, Post Office Box 70, Darby, MT 59829. 406-360-7214 (cell so charges apply weekdays). Email is [schrader1501@juno.com](mailto:schrader1501@juno.com).

It would be so nice if all of you in Montana could group with some of the other non affiliated doll collectors as well as each other as I know there is interest throughout the state, and it would be so nice to have some new clubs, even online ones. Kay said there will be an exhibit of Dolls at the Darby Library throughout September and again next July in connection with the Darby Strawberry Festival and Logger Days, at which time they hope to have a small show there as well. And finally, the library is also having a series of talks and meetings on American Girl Dolls to encourage young peoples' interest, and Kay will participate in that as well. Thanks Kay, for all your interest and energy!



As you know from prior newsletters, I want us to get to know each other, and each newsletter I would like to highlight one of our members. I am always looking for volunteers, so please don't be shy about volunteering yourself or nominating someone else. Otherwise, it's like school- I have to "shanghai" a willing "volunteer." This month, Maryann Waddell, President of Hello Dollies in Longmont, has graciously agreed to be "in the spotlight..."



Maryann is one of two remaining charter members from her club's beginning in 1980. In 1976 she joined the China Doll Club of Ft. Collins and remained a member for several years after helping to start Hello Dollies. Like many of us, after she received her grandmother's German fashion doll and her mother's doll, she wanted to find others who shared a love of dolls and to learn more about all dolls in general. As a child she dearly loved her dolls, paper dolls, children's books, and her special doll house which she still has— made in 1945 by her grandfather from orange crates and containing furnishings made by her mother. As for the rest, like so many doll collectors, after she married and moved out of state, her mother "generously" gave away almost all of her dolls and books to an orphanage one Christmas. Maryann has worked steadfastly these past 35 years, happily trying to replace those lost items—and for the most part—succeeding!! She says the hobby of doll collecting has brought the best gift of all to her—that of lasting friendships... Maryann confesses to being an avid collector of many other things, in addition to dolls, bears and paper dolls. She thoroughly enjoys "treasure hunting" at garage sales, thrift stores and flea markets, having done this for more than 50 years!

Of special interest to Maryann is working on her family genealogies. As a result of her research, she is now a published author, having recently published her great-aunt Abby's original diary from 1870, ("Abby's Diary, 1870-1872", by Abby Elizabeth Woodbury and Maryann Waddell)) in which 19 year old Abby recorded her two year journey through several European countries. Through daily entries in the diary, Abby describes the people she meets, her journey through the various cities and countries, as well as her innermost thoughts and feelings. The book has many photographs, and examples of the original diary. Sandra Vanderpool collaborated with Maryann to draw an original paper doll booklet of Abby in color. I can't wait to read it, as I am sure the stories are delightful!



ABBY

Maryann said one of her most memorable days was when she mailed off two copies of the diary to the Copyright Department at the Library of Congress. Maryann is a breast cancer survivor and this coming October 8th, her husband, David, and she will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! Congrats to Maryann for her long interest in UFDC and dolls, her new book, and for David's hanging in for 50 years. Good doll husbands are hard to find!

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