

Black Gold Doll Club of New England – Bumble Bee Jr. Collectors  
Magic Attic Princess Tea Party – Mary Lyon School  
June 2009



The Bumble Bee Doll Club Jr. Collectors of the Black Gold Doll Club of New England (BGDC) celebrated a year of learning and sharing about dolls with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bumble Bee Tea. The theme for this year was "A Magic Attic Princess Party with a focus on *The Power of Imagination*". In attendance at this great event were members of the Black Gold Doll Club of New England,



President Jacqueline Scott, Hilda Norflett, Jeri Robinson, Joyce Stamps, Geraldine Cook and Cheryl Brown-Greene, Jr. Collectors Advisor. Also in attendance to lend a hand and encourage Bumble Bee participation in the Power of Imagination were Principal Deborah Rooney and Stephanie Greene. Imagination was evident by the beautiful shadow box displays and stories written and created by members of the Bumble Bee Jr. Collectors. Prior to the tea BGDC member Ellen Kelly provided a workshop for the Bumble Bees on how to create shadow boxes that tell stories. Each Bumble Bee created a shadow box and wrote a story to describe their box.

After a wonderful welcome and introduction by Bumble Bee Mistresses of Ceremonies to BGDC and student presentations readings, it was time for with a tiara to add to the Bees invited their favorite share with other tea doll they brought. BGDC from their collections collected dolls. The story from a very special giant princess storybook.



of shadow boxes and associated story the tea. Each Bumble Bee was presented magic of the day. Many of the Bumble dolls to the tea and were very excited to participants what was special about the members talked about the princess dolls which were on display and why they Bumble Bees listened intently to a princess

The Bumble Bees also participated in an art activity where they created doll art. The Jr. Collectors were provided a feast of tea sandwiches, fruit, cookies, cakes, Jell-O, iced tea and lemonade, all served by BGDC members and Principal Rooney. At the end of the tea, each Bumble Bee was presented with a bag full of goodies donated by members of the BGDC that included an imagination tea shirt, a princess bag containing friendship bracelets and other jewelry, art kits and American Girl Books donated by Principal Deborah Rooney and Academic Superintendent Mary Nash of the Boston Public Schools. Each of the Bumble Bees also had an opportunity to take a picture with their doll.



As the tea ended, the Bumble Bees presented BGDC members with hand made Bumble Bees and origami jewelry boxes. Charter members of the Bumble Bees were presented with special certificates for being the first Bumble Bees. It was an exciting day for all. All participants are thinking about the tea for next year.