

# REGION 15 NEWSLETTER - Summer, 2008

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Out and about.....

Hello, All,

I hope you all survived our rather long New England winter. Those of us who had to stick around are very happy to see the green grass and flowers! I'm going to dispense with the pictures in this newsletter, since some of you have trouble downloading them. I'll be adding pictures of all my visits to the website at [www.ufdc.org](http://www.ufdc.org). Please take a look at our Region 15 area of that site. While you're there, you might enjoy reading the newsletters of the other regional directors - and maybe get some new ideas.

I recently enjoyed several wonderful visits with area clubs (again, please see the pictures online). In April, I went north to the Happy Hobby Doll Club's annual birthday party (their 23rd). They are busy planning their June 29th doll show (see the calendar of events). This past week I went up to Middlebury, VT to join in a wonderful 40th Anniversary celebration with the Green Mountain Doll Club. Their souvenir doll was created by members Donna Toneatti and Carmen Brunelle. Hazel Geake made the beautiful doll centerpieces, and I was lucky enough to come home with one, too! The excellent program on Door of Hope Dolls was given by former Region 14 Director, Jean Kestel. This past weekend saw me back on the road again. On Saturday I was a happy and well-fed guest at the Doll Study Club of Boston's luncheon/fundraiser. They had a very successful silent auction; many attendees went home with new treasures. The program featured a slideshow by John Burbidge, whose elegant mannequins rival the finest of any French fashion doll. Sunday found me in the company of the delightful members of the Yankee Doodle Dollers of MA. We had the meeting at the Wenham Museum where we were met by our former director, Betty Nett. Betty is a curator at the museum and she made sure that the special exhibit on Vogue dolls stayed up for our visit - since I was giving the program on Vogue dolls. If you haven't visited the doll collection at this wonderful museum, it's well worth your trip.

In early June, I'll be traveling up to Bangor, Maine to visit with the Maine-ly Dolls club. Please let me know if you would like me to visit with your club, too. I'd be happy to do a program for you.

I hope to see many of you soon at "Stella D'Arte in Las Vegas. Please bring a doll for the Competitive Exhibits, if you can.

## **Doll and Book Exhibit**

Mary Ann Lucas and Jeanie Sieg have diligently cared for our Region 15 exhibit this year, and it has made a number of visits around New Hampshire and even into Maine. It's "booked" (no pun intended) through October, after which they would like to find a new person or persons to see to its bookings. This can mostly be done via the state library programs, and the libraries will see to packing the exhibit and sending it along to the next place in line. Mary Swasey from the GMDC will help the next person with this process. Won't you help?

## **Tonner Design Contest**

Jeanie Sieg, of the San-D-Over Dollers and Happy Hobby Doll Clubs, was the only Region 15 member to have her design chosen as a finalist in the Tonner contest. Our congratulations to Jeanie!

## **Club Presidents**

I still have yet to receive the UFDC Activity forms from a few of you; you know who you are. The pink copy comes to me. If you need a new form, let me know. As you might remember, I had a little contest with a DVD/prize for the first three presidents who returned the Activity forms. The winners were: The Nellie Perkins, San-D-Over, and Black Gold Clubs. Thanks to Lois May, Mary Ann Lucas and Jacqueline Scott for their efforts.

Your club rosters should also have been sent to Central Office by now.

Please print both this newsletter and Unity's Newsletter so that your members who don't get e-mail will have a chance to see them.

If you've had recent elections of officers, please send me the new e-mail addresses asap.

## **Members At Large**

Region 15 welcomes the following new MAL's: Ms. Donna M. Bonarrigo, Mr. John T. Christian, Mr. Richard C. Diedrich, Ms. Jan Fullington, Ms. Deanna Gerren, and Mr. Arne Ronning.

Once again, because of increased costs, UFDC would really like to send these newsletters via e-mail. If you have not already provided me with an e-mail address, I'd really appreciate having one for you. Thanks.

## More News from Around the Region...

- The Black Gold Doll Club of New England made big news this spring with the cover article of our **Doll News** magazine. The cover article was written by their member, Roben Campbell, about the black doll collection of member, Pat Hatch.
- The Nellie Perkins Doll and Miniature Society held a very nice "community outreach" meeting at a local assisted living facility. They set up many of their dolls and talked about them, and also had special dolls to pass around to the residents. What a great idea!
- The Happy Hobby and Lakes Region Doll Clubs recently set up a beautiful Hitty display in the Moultonboro, NH public library. It was called: "Hitty, Alive and Well in her Second 100 Years."
- The Doll Study Club of Boston is establishing a memorial Fund for Jessie Parsons and Zelda Cushner--two very influential women in the doll world. Both were very well known here in Region 15. The club hopes to create a fund which would be able to make an annual contribution to UFDC, since the organization meant so much to both women. Contributions can be sent to: Sheila Nugent, 21 Wellesley Ave. Wellesley, MA 02482
- Region 15 recently lost long time auctioneer and MAL, Richard Withington, of Hillsborough, NH. Many of us have bought wonderful dolls at the Withington Auctions, and we're glad that Marcia Leizure will be continuing that fine business tradition.

## **New Corporate Member...**

Region 15 welcomes R. John Wright as a new corporate member of UFDC! Many of us who attended the wonderful Shaker Doll Club Regional in Albany, NY, had an opportunity to tour the R. John Wright factory in Bennington, VT. What a treat. John and Susan were most gracious -as were their employees. The souvenir doll from the regional was one of their beautiful dolls (again, see my pictures at UFDC.org).

## Junior Collectors

As I meet and talk with the clubs our clubs, I continue to encourage your efforts to bring in the "young'uns." They're the future of our organization - and the future caretakers of our collections. Think about having a Juniors' tea or lemonade party, or partnering with your local Girl Scouts for a doll party. That's what the Central Massachusetts Doll Club did last month--and the pictures showed a whole host of children having a wonderful "doll time." Congrats to this club -which will be joining UFDC this summer!

When I was in Kansas City last fall, I came across a Doll coloring book that would be a wonderful favor for Jr. events - and it's only \$2.50! It's from Spizzirri Publishing, Inc. PO Box 9397, Rapid City SD 57709 --1(800) 325-9819

Thanks to the following for their recent contributions to UFDC...(through April 8, 2008)

- \*Elizabeth Coleman - Endowment Fund - \$1050.00
- \*Mary E. Lanthier - UFDC Unity Fund - \$50.00 - in memory of Fernal A. Cagen
- \*Maine-Iy Dolls Club - 2008 Convention -\$25.00
- \*Martha's Vineyard Doll Club - Regional Directors Fund - \$25.00  
Endowment - \$100.00  
2008 Convention - \$50.00

## Upcoming Events.... in Region 15 (full details can be found on the calendar page at UFDC.org)

- \*Sunday, June 29 - Happy Hobby Doll Club Doll Show and Sale - Farmington, NH
- \*Sunday, Aug. 10 - Lakes Region Doll Club - Doll Show - Laconia, NH
- \*Sunday Sept. 21 - Granite State and Nellie Perkins Clubs - Southern NH Doll Show- Bedford, NH

Out of our region, but reachable...

\*Buffalo Regional Doll Luncheon - Sunday, Sept. 14, contact Pat Butler at (716) 510-2449 or [Pbu45@aol.com](mailto:Pbu45@aol.com) or [www.thedollspa.com](http://www.thedollspa.com) - souvenir doll by Heather Maciak

\*MetroDolls on Broadway, a fashion doll luncheon - Sun. Sept. 7 in Iselin, NJ - contact Marcia Friend at (733) 583-5608 or e-mail [metrodoll@yahoo.com](mailto:metrodoll@yahoo.com)

**Please send news of YOUR events** - deadline for the next newsletter is August 15, 2008