

UFDC REGION 15 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts

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Hello All,

I'm going to keep this newsletter pretty simple as I really need to just get it done. As many of you know, I lost my husband very suddenly in March, so have had a great deal with which I've been dealing. Thanks so much to my many doll friends for your caring support.

REGION 15 DOLL DAY

The April 25th Region 15 Doll Day, sponsored by the Granite State Doll Club, was a huge success. The event was held at the lovely Radisson Hotel in Nashua, NH and was attended by almost 100 people representing clubs from all 4 states in our region. Thanks to all who supported this event with both your presence and your donations. The Helper table raised over \$860.00 which was donated to the UFDC "Match Challenge" for the Endowment Fund. In lieu of a program, seven "doll dialogues" were held representing different facets of our wonderful hobby.

2011 Region 15 Regional Conference

The Granite State Doll Club is busy planning a Regional Conference for late September of 2011. If your club would like to participate by hosting a breakfast or luncheon, or, if you are interested in doing a seminar, workshop or program, please contact Ellen Rule at (603) 568-4293. The theme of the conference will be "Cherished Childhood Dolls." New Hampshire doll artist, Gail Wilson, has agreed to do the souvenir doll.

Fashion for All Seasons - Leeann Project

Our "Leeann Project" has been well-received thus far. We will be dressing/ accessorizing the Leeann doll that was donated to our region by Denis Bastion of Affordable Designs. The San-D-Over Dollers club has also donated Leeann's friend, Laneda, to our cause, so we will have two dolls to model all the accumulated finery. Nine clubs have already chosen a month to dress the dolls; we still have the months of January, May and November open. Please let me know if your club would be willing to dress up the doll for one of those months. Bleuette and Ann Estelle patterns fit 10 inch Leeann pretty well, and there are patterns available for sale at the affordabledesigns.ca website. Members-at Large are welcome and encouraged to help as well. The various

regions of UFDC have all chosen dolls and the acquired collections will be raffled off at the 2010 UFDC convention in Chicago.

Travels Around the Region

- I enjoyed a nice visit with the Nellie Perkins Doll and Miniature Society in Milford, NH, and an excellent program on Schoenhut dolls by Peg Farwell.
- The Spring Luncheon with the Green Mountain doll club was a gala affair, and I thank them for their hospitality. Jean Grout presented an interesting program on the Five Finger Ching dolls with a possible new link of those dolls to the Door of Hope mission.
- The Doll Study Club of Boston's annual spring luncheon and fundraiser was once again a big success. The club raised several thousand dollars with their silent auction, and Andy Ourant, of Antiques Road Show fame, presented a wonderful program on All Bisque Dolls. He also shared interesting information about "the show."

Club Presidents

As always, please share both this newsletter and UNITY'S NEWS with your members. If you haven't yet sent your Activity Report to UFDC (and the yellow copy to me), please do so as soon as possible.

Quarterly Regional Contributions to UFDC

Thanks to all (especially to those in memory of my husband) for these recent donations:

- Cape Cod Doll Club - for the 2009 convention
- Mollie Casey - Regional Directors Fund, in memory of Bradford Thomas
- Elizabeth A. Coleman - Jane Coleman Scholarship fund, in memory of Mary Ellen Bou
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- Zelda H. Cushner - UFDC Unity Fund
- Ada B. Diedrich - UFDC Unity Fund
- Doll Study Club of Boston - Endowment Fund
- Doll Study Club of Boston - Endowment Fund, in memory of Shirley Antoon
- Doll Study Club of Boston - Endowment Fund, in memory of Bradford Thomas
- Margaret Farwell - Endowment Fund, in memory of Bradford Thomas
- Granite State Doll Club - Endowment Fund, in memory of Bradford Thomas
- Martha's Vineyard Doll Club - Endowment Fund
- Martha's Vineyard Doll Club - UFDC Unity Fund, in memory of Shirley Antoon
- Martha's Vineyard Doll Club - Endowment Fund, in memory of Bradford Thomas

New Member at Large

Region 15 welcomes Holly Pelton of Billerica, MA

New Regional Director for 2010

It doesn't seem possible, but it's time to be thinking of a new Region 15 director. If you're interested in "my job," there's a form in the spring issue of DOLL NEWS. These forms have to be into the UFDC office by August 31. It's been a wonderful honor for me, and it's been great fun to see and meet the doll people around the region.

Upcoming Events (see the ufdc.org calendar for more info)

- May 30 - Happy Hobby Doll Club auction - there is a printable consignment sheet on the ufdc.org website
- June 3 - 500 years of Dolls - Dorothy McGonagle presentation - Tufts University School of Lifelong Institute - Medford, MA
- July 13-17 - UFDC convention - Atlanta, GA - There's still room for YOU! The Region 15 meeting will be Tuesday from 2:15-3:15 p.m. - Please plan to attend - this is where we got the idea for our Doll Day (thanks to Jeannie Sieg)
- August 9 - Lakes Region Doll Show and Sale
- September 13 - Southern NH Doll Show and Sale - **new location**: Holiday Inn, Nashua, NH (exit 4 off the Everett turnpike) - site of the Withington auctions
- September 22-25, **2010** - Regional Conference, Denver, CO (plan ahead)

* Suggestion: check out the other regional newsletters at ufdc.org to see what's going on in the doll world around the world

*Deadline for the fall newsletter is August 15. Please send me news from your clubs.

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