

UNITY'S NEWSLETTER

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UFDC information for
Member Clubs, Online Clubs
& Members-at-Large



From your President, Executive Committee, Regional Directors, and Corporate Office

Passport to Adventure

Where will your passport take you?

At the 69th annual UFDC convention to be held in Phoenix, Arizona July 17-21, you'll have the opportunity to select from the following incredible destinations: Russia, France, Indonesia, the Sonoran Desert; or select from a fantasy destination such as Neverland, Under the Sea, a Steampunk time travel adventure, and even King Tut's tomb. Can't decide? Then you may want to opt for the around the world adventure or, for more of a sentimental journey, consider an immigrant's quest to America. Watch for convention packets to be mailed the first part of April and in the meantime consider which of the exciting events you will add to your request form. There will also be a fun lunch & learn event offered about Googlies. Register for convention online today and let the excitement begin!



- Boneka Doll Fashions:** "An Indonesian Fantasy"
- Stephanie Blythe:** "Under the Sea"
- Erika Catellani:** "A Little Girl Who Wore Red"
- Elizabeth Cooper:** "Immigrant's Song"
- Maggie Iacono:** "Off To Neverland"
- Helen Kish:** "Steampunk Comes To Phoenix"
- Darlene Lane:** "An Evening In Alsace-Lorraine"
- Jennie Sykes and Sophie Pearson:** "A Russian Fantasy"
- Robert Tonner:** "Sonoran Explorin' With Nancy Ann"
- Gail Wilson:** "Hitty, Her Story"
- R. John Wright:** "Brownies Around The World"
- Murder Mystery Dinner:** "The Curse Of King Tut"

UFDC & NADDA Spring Event

Pack your bags for Kansas City where on Friday, March 23rd the UFDC museum will host an open house from 1:30-4pm, followed by the NADDA event beginning Friday evening and continuing through Saturday at the Embassy Suites hotel. Be sure to stop by the UFDC membership table on Saturday.

But first, come to UFDC on Friday to meet the Campbell Kids at the Grace Dayton special exhibit mounted by Ursula Mertz, researcher and author of books on composition dolls. You can enjoy her informative program beginning at 2pm. This special exhibit contains many rare examples of early Campbell Soup Kids dolls as well as memorabilia and other creations of this talented illustrator. This is your last chance to see this display at the museum, as we make preparations for a new special exhibit to be installed by BAPS doll researcher and reference book author Nancy C. Felix-Moore.

New Website Goes Live

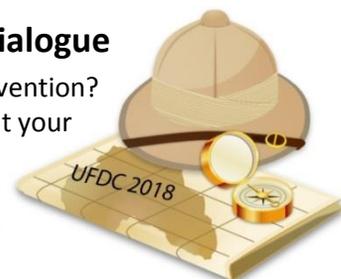
Have you seen the new and improved UFDC website? Be sure to visit www.ufdc.org to check out all the enhancements. Now new MAL members can join and pay dues online to help expedite the process. If your club is hosting an event you'll want to be sure it is included on the UFDC master calendar. Send details to ufdcjenny@ufdc.org. Shop our latest offerings in the online store, Gallery.

New Museum App to Launch

In March a new app will provide a virtual tour of the dolls in our museum! For you who can't come to our museum, we will now bring our museum to you. We are leveraging technology to share UFDC with the doll collecting community around the world. How exciting!

Lead A Dynamic Doll Dialogue

Want to share your passion at convention? Consider leading a discussion about your favorite doll subject by presenting a Dynamic Doll Dialogue. For more information contact Barbara Stone at barbara@ufdc.org.



Advertise Club Events in DOLL NEWS



Did you know that for as little as \$100 clubs and members can purchase a business card-sized ad to promote their events in our DOLL NEWS magazine? The deadline for the spring issue is March 1. Rates for larger ads are published on our website under the DOLL NEWS tab. You

may also email advertising manager Donnell Wisniewski with any questions you may have at dollnewsadvertisingmanager@ufdc.org. Speaking of DOLL NEWS, we hope you enjoyed the **supplement** which was included as a gift to our membership in the winter issue highlighting the history of UFDC. Thank you to the **Fundraising Committee** for sponsoring this terrific project!

2018 Awards of Excellence

Nomination forms were included in the UFDC Club President's mailing. Please review the criteria carefully. Nominations must be submitted by May 1, 2018. Mail to headquarters: Attn: Awards Chair, UFDC Inc., 10900 N. Pomona Ave., Kansas City, MO 64153.

Annual Club Activity Reports/Bylaws

The annual club activity reports are essential to ensure that UFDC is in compliance with IRS regulations for non-profit organizations and were included in the recent Club President's mailing. Forms are due April 1, and that's no joke! Send the pink copy to your RD and the other to the UFDC office. Also, the deadline to return club bylaws is June 1.

2018 Scholarship Opportunities

UFDC offers scholarships to promote original research leading to better knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of dolls and is one way we carry out the educational component of our mission. Applications are on the UFDC website at www.ufdc.org and are due April 1, 2018. For information contact Barbara Stone, Director of ReAL Services at Barbara@ufdc.org.

We Need New Members!

Direct your doll collector friends who have not yet joined UFDC to our new website to the "Membership" tab. There they can find benefits of membership and join right online. Questions about membership may be sent to Connie Reynolds, Director of Membership, at connie@ufdc.org or call 316-641-7887. Share our passion, sign up a new member and earn a Miss Unity pin plus a \$10 voucher to use towards your dues the following year.

Annual Campaign Update

Thank you to everyone who has donated so far to the Annual Campaign. Donations as of the end of January total \$19,533 from 99 donors, compared to only 50 donors last year with roughly the same results, \$19,843. There's still plenty of time for you to make your donation to help support our non-profit organization which relies solely on the generosity of our membership. Why not donate today? You may also make a donation online at www.ufdc.org; the "Donate" tab is on the home page.



2018 UFDC Audio Visual Program Contest

Members and clubs interested in creating programs for the annual contest are encouraged to request contest guidelines by visiting the "Education" tab on our website, or by contacting our Director of ReAL Services, Barbara Stone, 363 Broadview Lane, Annapolis, MD 21401 or call 410-266-5715 or email Barbara@ufdc.org. The deadline for program submissions is April 1, 2018.

In Our Memories Submissions



Please use the In Our Memories form to acknowledge the passing of a club member and to have their name included in DOLL NEWS magazine. This form may be downloaded at www.ufdc.org. Please indicate if the member was a past-president or charter member. Please email the form to "In Our Memories Coordinator" Connie Reynolds at Connie@ufdc.org, or mail to 6514 W. Warren Circle, Wichita, Kansas 67212. Deadline for the summer issue is May 13.

CLUB PRESIDENTS: Please present this information at your next meeting or make copies for members. Unity's News and all regional newsletters are available at www.ufdc.org.