



## *From the Editor*

Dear Readers

I hope you will especially enjoy this issue filled with new research about a variety of doll and doll-related topics. It is important that we continue to study and research our dolls.

Samy Odin introduces us to some unusual Italian walking dolls with cloth faces, presenting never-before published information. Dominique Pennegues also shares material, never before published, about outstanding French character dolls made by the Helena Sardeau and her sister, Mathilde, in the twenties. Jane Foster has investigated Shirley Temple dresses and has interviewed the manufacturer's family members to obtain some fascinating new information.

The Strong National Museum of Play in Rochester presents information about their vast resources and offers suggestions for using them to research more new topics. From the UFDC Museum Collection Dorothy McGonagle has written about Madeleine de Baine, a fabulous French fashion doll with a fascinating history.

Since it is spring, for fun DOLL NEWS takes a look at the age-old custom of spring cleaning in "Paper Dolls Spring into Cleaning." Also included is a paper doll by well-known artist Larry Bassin, and Pat Burns joins the theme with her article about Little Betty with the "Days of the Week" series by Madame Alexander.

Linda Holderbaum gives us a fresh look at the diversity of beaded dolls. We celebrate R. John Wright's fortieth year as a doll maker with an article by Betty Stewart. Nancy Lazenby has written about her favorite topic, Lenci, and from the seminar at convention, Rebekah Kaufman has penned an article about F.A.O. Schwarz with some interesting insights as a family member.

We hope you enjoy Nancy Goldstein's thought-provoking piece, "Collecting: Understanding Ourselves," about why people collect. One club shares a special event in "The Museum Tour" as described by Jill Kaar Hanson and Karla Moreland. There is Region 2-S conference coverage and much more about UFDC business and current activities.

Please read on...



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