

Region 15 Newsletter

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Club Spotlight

Black Gold Doll Club of New England

Although 2020-2021 prevented the Black Gold Doll Club of New England (BGDC) from in person meetings and activities, they became “Covid Creative” and continued sharing their passion and love for dolls.

The club celebrated its 22nd birthday this year and has 17 active and 1 associate member and 91 junior collectors! Using zoom, the club was able to both provide programs for club members and continue to focus on and support its junior collectors. Virtual meetings provided an opportunity to welcome members to the club who no longer live in the Boston area, host renown doll author Debbie Garrett and doll artist Goldie Wilson, learn the intricacies of doll house making, participate in hands on doll and doll clothing making workshops and attend a holiday wonderland home tour and party. In addition, the club created a Facebook page and website and added a third junior collector group.

Junior Collectors Doll Clothes Making Workshop



One of the club’s members received a grant from Boston University/Wheelock School of education on behalf of BGDC to use the Melody American girl doll to continue to foster community service projects and social justice knowledge with their Juniors.



(above) Virtual holiday wonderland home tour & party.

Although this is the summer edition of our regional newsletter, on a chilly damp day that is more like April than May, I’m wondering if spring will ever come let alone summer! I reflect on the fact that I am more than half way through my three years as your Regional Director. On one hand, I feel ‘cheated’ out of going to Dallas last year and the opportunity to meet with some of your clubs in person. On the other, I am grateful that I’ve met so many of you on zoom! I look forward to meeting in person with clubs during the second half of my term!

Zoom Highlights

The majority of clubs in our region are holding meetings via zoom and some are starting in person meetings too! UFDC has provided each Regional Director with a zoom account. If you are interested in me setting up a zoom session for a club meeting, please let me know.

Our once a month regional zooms continue in conjunction with Region 14. I’ve already sent the following links to everyone, but I will email them again a few days before the presentation. Zoom sessions open 15 minutes before the program start time of 2 p.m. Since we have a maximum of 100 attendees, please come into the session early to be sure you can attend! Upcoming presentations:

- Saturday May 22, 2021 - Topic: “Pidgin Dolls” a sleek new BJD girl, presented by Fred Patton
- Saturday June 26, 2021 - Topic: “In Service” A historic look at the Civil War Sanitary Fairs presented by Ann Coleman

In addition, be sure to check out all the World Doll Day zoom events on June 12 which are listed on the UFDC calendar at www.ufdc.org/calendar. Although I will be visiting Maine-ly Dolls Club that day to help them celebrate their club’s 35th anniversary, my program “Mary Merritt’s Doll Museum - Stepping Back in Time” will be shown at three different times that day. I hope you will join in!

Join us in Baltimore for Dolly & Me, By the Sea!



Doll Shows & Events

September 17, 2022 - 40th Anniversary Charity Fund Raiser Luncheon sponsored by Ida Lewis Doll Club. The event will be held at the Wharf Tavern, Warren, RI. More information to follow. **Note change in date!**

In Our Memory

Jeanne Melanson, Past President of Doll Study Club of Boston



Jeanne with fellow doll club member Michelle Horvath Spear.

(above) I really enjoyed participating in the Bumble Bee Virtual Tea party! A good time was had by all.

Virtually or in person Black Gold Doll Club of NE will continue to share their love of dolls with others.

Join Us in Baltimore!



There is still time to sign up for what is sure to be a great event at our convention this year in Baltimore! Join me and be part of the fun! Once again, Doll Study Club of Boston will be hosting the Maggie Iacono event. Many of our region's members volunteer for a wide variety of jobs which include presenting

programs or seminars, judging dolls in competition, hostess for a meal event or being a clerk or monitor. I've always found that volunteering enriches my convention enjoyment. Consider volunteering at convention and earn a charm! Monitor at the Special Exhibits or in the Helper Room or be part of the Mini Office or Convention Registration teams.

Monday, July 19 to Friday July 23, 2021

Baltimore Marriot Waterfront

700 Aliceanna St, Baltimore, MD 21202

Register online at www.ufdc.org/convention

Limited Edition Souvenir by R. John Wright

Convention Delegate Info

If you are a convention delegate, your club President will be receiving a delegate pack to give you. Please be sure to read this information so you are prepared for our Annual Business Meeting.

Donations & Gifts

Museum Fund - Pam Berg (in Memory of Trudi Googins), Rebekah Kaufman, Diane Costa (in Honor of Dr. Barbara Stone)

2021 Convention - Catherine Hardin, Rosemary Laverdiere, Kathy Simonsen, Margaret Kincaid (2), Joyce Stamps (2)

Building General Fund - Doll Study Club of Boston (3) (in Memory of Ivamarie Rideout, Mary Kiley and Jeanne Melanson)

Collections Fund - Doll Study Club of Boston

Regional Directors Fund - Donelle W. Denery

Summary: 10 Donors & 15 Donations, Total \$1,100.43

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