

Yankee Doodle Doller Holler

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Next Meeting Tuesday, November 7 Wellesley Public Library, Arnold Room

6:30 Program Planning Meeting and Refreshments
7:00 – 9:00 Program: Dewees Cochran and Her Dolls
Refreshments: Audrey Butler, Dana Clarke, Maria Greene
Raffle: Virginia Loftus, Flo Hanover

eBay: If you have any items for donation for eBay, they will be put on eBay at no cost, so the club will benefit 100%!

October Meeting Notes

We had a lively and well-attended meeting in September, the first time in our new meeting room at the Wellesley Public Library. The room is quite posh in a corporate way – we felt like a meeting of the board of directors! The room has a terrific little kitchen area with a sink so it is great for our needs. Not to mention the pretty view of the Wellesley Town Hall across the street (and the parking garage under the building which will be great for snowy months).

We heard all about the UFDC National Convention from Betty Nett and shared our summer doll adventures and purchases. The souvenir dolls from the convention were absolutely stunning! And Audrey Butler, in particular, had some terrific doll finds over the summer. We snagged a friendly library patron to take our picture, unfortunately before Betty Nett and Bene Raia arrived.



November Program

“Dewees Cochran and Her Dolls”

In October we will be viewing the film “Dewees Cochran, Doll Artist”, a biography of a seminal doll artist. Here is her bio from the www.deweescochran.org website:

“Ella Dewees Cochran was born in Dallas, Texas to a well-to-do family, and spent her early years moving about in the East. Her family eventually came to reside at Meadowbrook in New Hope Pennsylvania, where the natural beauty of the setting nourished her lifelong love of nature.

After art studies in the U.S. and Europe, Dewees married and lived in Europe until 1933. Upon her return to the United States she began to concentrate on doll-making and experienced her first success with the Topsy Turvy dolls and The Philadelphia Ladies. Soon she began to create her Portrait Dolls™. For her Look-A-Likes™ Dewees designed six basic heads for dolls that could be completed to look like any child. Dewees often referred to her Look-A-Likes™ as the American Children™.

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The Effanbee Doll Company selected four of the dolls and produced them in a series called The American Children™ by Dewees Cochran.

She moved her home and studies to Norwich, Vermont in 1947, and from there created her Grow-Up dolls. Hailed by the Doll Museum of London, England, as one of the outstanding creations of the 20th century, this is a series of dolls that 'grow up', with a doll for each period at significant stages of childhood,

After retiring to California in 1960, Dewees wrote her autobiography, *As If They Might Speak.*"



Please bring any Dewees Cochran dolls from your collection that you would like to share or any Dewees Cochran materials you might have. 🧸



The adorable Becassine and Silly Goose from the R. John Wright special dinner at the UFDC National Convention.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, October 8, 2006, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Drummer Boys Doll, Teddy and Toy Show
Holiday Inn, Dedham MA (Rt 1A exit off 128)
Admission \$5.00, or \$4.50 with coupon at
www.bornsteinshows.com.

Sunday, October 22, 2006, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Southern New Hampshire Doll Show and Sale
Quality Inn and Wayfarer Convention Center
121 South River Rd. Bedford, NH
Admission: \$5.00. Appraisals, Raffle, Free Parking
Sponsored by Granite State Doll Club and Nellie Perkins
Doll and Miniature Society.

July 15-20, 2007

UFDC 2007 National Convention – "Music! Music! Music!"
Renaissance Center Hotel, Detroit, Michigan
Hotel reservations open October 15th
1-313-568-8000
Email: convention@ufdc.org

Don't Forget the Sales Table!

Not only is it fun to find a new treasure when going to a doll club meeting, the group will also benefit since 10% of the price goes to YDD.