

Yankee Doodle Doller Holler

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You're Invited to a Doll Picnic!

Tuesday, July 24

Flerra Meadow Playground

Stow Rd, Boxborough, MA

(directions are included with this newsletter)

1:00 PM – Whenever

Bring a picnic lunch and a doll (or two) to share it with. The Club will supply watermelon and supplies for a project making doll-sized picnic food from polymer clay!

We'll be welcoming several Junior Collectors to the Club!

RSVP to Maria (978) 897-1828 or maria@justmagicdolls.com (so we know how much watermelon and clay to buy)

Come play with us!

Let's hang out in the park and just play together. Invite your friends (and their kids if they have them) and we'll have an old-fashioned picnic. Flerra Meadows has a playground and picnic tables covered by a big, white tent. The playground and picnic area are right at the edge of a large field that gets nice breezes. You can set up your dolls' picnic too (we'll provide some doll-sized picnic accessories if you don't have any) and make them some food in their size from polymer clay. (When you take it home and bake it in the oven it will be good for next year too!)

We will do some planning for next year if we have time – a peek at the new website, a look at the new pamphlet and the plan to distribute it far and wide and a discussion of what's on the schedule for next year's meetings. Please come with ideas for monthly themes for next year (that may or may not have to do with the program topic), ideas for projects, philanthropy ideas and any other thoughts you may have to make the Club more fun. 🧩

Don't Forget to Vote!

If you don't subscribe to DOLLS Magazine, go pick one up at the newsstand. It's time to vote on the Awards of Excellence nominees and our own **Flo Hanover** has dolls entered in both One-of-a-Kind Artist doll categories, including this cutie, Kayla. 🧸



Getting the Word Out

People can't join Yankee Doodle Dollers if they don't know we exist! The more people we have join, the more new ideas, new doll types, new potential program presenters and the more fun we will have.

Traditionally, the way new members have heard about us is from a friend who was a current member. They were invited to attend a meeting or two as a guest and then decided to join. That is still a wonderful way to grow the Club – definitely the best way – and we need to all be thinking whenever we run into doll-loving people during our adventures, “Would this person enjoy YDD?”

We have some purple business cards printed up with our basic information on them. You can take a stack of these at a meeting and give them out to people you run into. I had them printed up for the cost of shipping at VistaPrint and you can do the same if you would like to customize them.

When I think about the fun and friendships I would have missed out on if **Faith Hirsch** hadn't told me about the Club it makes me thankful that I dropped by her store that day. She had a pamphlet to give to me which I put on my bulletin board that had all the information I needed when I eventually got around to attending a meeting.

I have re-created and updated that pamphlet with our new information and I will be bringing a stack to each meeting. **Virginia Loftus** has agreed to be “pamphlet distribution czarina” and to make a special effort to get someone to bring a stack to every doll store, doll show, museum, event or other likely place where doll lovers may want to pick one up. Is there a library bulletin board or a tea house or other another place

that you can think of where you could put some? Take a stack and keep a few in your car's glove box.

As we do more things, like doll shows, library exhibits, Junior Collector events and the other things we've been talking about, we need to publicize them through the local media. Our 30th anniversary is coming up in 2008. What kind of celebration should we plan? Can we make it an event that would attract new members as well?

But this is the Internet age! When someone does a Google search for “doll club Massachusetts”, we are right there near the top of the search results. I recently moved our website over to www.yankeedoodledollers.org to make us even easier to find and updated the pages to reflect our new meeting location. I would like to add the information we've been gathering as part of our “New England Doll Resources” project to the website to give visitors even more reason to find and visit our website. Let's advertise the website to our on-line doll friends so they can find out what we're all about and easily contact us if they're interested.

Like the Girl Scout song says “Make new friends but keep the old, One is silver and the other's gold.” Let's do what we can to spread the word about how much fun doll collecting is, what an excellent organization UFDC is and what a great time we have at Yankee Doodle Dollers! 🧸

SPECIAL EVENTS

July 14, 2007 1:00 PM

The Afternoon Off Doll Club is holding its July meeting at Windsor Green in Acton. Call Virginia for more information: (978) 929-2979

July 15-20, 2007

UFDC 58th National Convention – “Music, Music, Music!”
Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center, Detroit, MI

August 26, 2007 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Summertime Doll & Bear Show & Sale
Holiday Inn, Exit 15 off Rte 128, Dedham, MA
Contact: Cindy (978) 342-8292, rainbowbaz@aol.com

September 9, 2007 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Southern NH Doll Show & Sale
The Quality Inn & Wayfarer Convention Center,
121 South River Rd, Bedford, NH
Contact: Lois (603) 899-6651, nlmay@surfbest.net