

# Yankee Doodle Doller Holler

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## Next Meeting Tuesday, October 2

### Goodnow Library

24 Concord Road, Sudbury

6:30 Social Time and Refreshments

7:00 Business Meeting

7:30 Program ~ "Meet Jane" & "Customizing Dolls"

## October Meeting

### "Meet Jane"



**Jane:** Meet the newest member of the Yankee Doodle Dollers: Jane, by Robert Tonner! At last month's meeting we decided we needed a Club doll and Jane is the one. She is a 14", limited edition vinyl doll with jointed knees and will come dressed as Alice in Wonderland. We will each get our own Jane to take home and we'll talk about how we'll be incorporating her into our future meeting plans.

Jane is the Tonner Club doll (only members of their doll club are supposed to be able to buy her) but she was made available to us because Robert Tonner is a big UFDC supporter.

For those of you not familiar with the company, The Tonner Doll Company is known for vinyl collector dolls including child dolls such as 10" Ann Estelle and 14" Betsy McCall, as well as larger fashion dolls such as 16" Tyler Wentworth and the 21" American Models.

**Customizing Dolls:** We will learn about customizing dolls, Flo is going to show us how to freckle. Maria will demonstrate re-wigging. We might also turn a boy doll into a girl doll!

## Terri Lee Dolls

### "All About Terri Lee Dolls" -- Denise Van Patten

Terri Lee started life as a composition doll in the late 1940s but spent most of her life (until 1962) as a popular hard plastic doll.



Terri Lee has a distinctive face mold and a devoted following among collectors. In a book I once called Terri Lee homely and I don't think I've ever had as much mail regarding anything else I've ever written (and yes, the mail was uniformly pro-Terri). Terri Lee was made by an American company.

**Material, Size and Characteristics:** Terri Lee dolls are 16" tall. The dolls have painted eyes and bodies jointed at the neck, shoulders and hips. Terri Lee was made in composition from 1946-1947, hard plastic from 1947-1962 with production briefly in soft vinyl in 1960. Most of the reproduction Terri Lees have been made with hard vinyl.

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## September Meeting recap

September's meeting was well attended and lots of fun! We got familiar with our new meeting location and room (which got a general thumbs up from those in attendance). We also spent some time getting to know one another better and had a lengthy "show and tell" about the dolls that we brought with us and about what doll-related things we had done since last we met. Unfortunately, the group picture we took did not come out because of a low battery.

## Congratulations, Flo!



Our own Flo Hanover was the winner of a 2007 Dolls Award of Excellence at the Doll and Teddy Bear Expo in Washington, DC this August. She won for her dolls "Ellie and Liz, There is no friend like a sister" in the "One-of-a-Kind Dolls, \$1000-\$2500 category.

## July Picnic



The club met on July 24<sup>th</sup> at the Flerra Meadow Playground on Stow Road in Boxborough, MA. There are photos up on the website from the picnic. We had two adult guests and 5 potential Junior Collector guests. We made pretend food out of Fimo polymer clay and served watermelon and lemonade to go along with the picnics people brought. It was great fun!

## Terri Lee Dolls, cont.

**Years of Production of Terri Lee Dolls:** Terri Lee was first offered for sale in 1946. She was a composition doll until 1948 when she was produced in Hard Plastic. For a brief period she was unsuccessfully made in vinyl (1950). The original family owned company produced Terri Lee dolls in Nebraska and then California when a fire struck the factory in 1958. Dolls were then produced by several companies that owned the rights to the molds until approximately 1962. Terri Lee reproductions were produced by Knickerbocker dolls starting in 1999 for approximately three years. Terri Lee dolls were again produced from 2003 through 2006.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**20<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Show Nov. 4th, 2007  
from 11:30am – 3:30pm**

Visitors to the Holiday House Tour will have the opportunity to view several antique dollhouses from a local private collection. The houses have been lovingly assembled by three generations of women from a Dover family.

Advance tickets are \$35 (\$30 for Friends of the Library and Seniors) and \$40 the day of the event.

Tickets are also available online at  
[library.dover-ms.org](http://library.dover-ms.org)

For more information, contact the library at 508-785-8113

**Sunday, October 13, 2007, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

Drummer Boys Doll, Teddy and Toy Show  
Holiday Inn, Boxborough MA (Exit 28 off 495, Rt. 111)  
Admission \$5.00, or \$4.50 with coupon at  
[www.bornsteinshows.com](http://www.bornsteinshows.com).

**Sunday, November 11, 2007, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

Drummer Boys Doll, Teddy and Toy Show  
Holiday Inn, Dedham MA (Jct. Rt. 1S & Rt. 128 Exit 15A)  
Admission \$5.00, or \$4.50 with coupon

