

Yankee Doodle Doller Holler

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Next Meeting Tuesday, November 6

Goodnow Library

24 Concord Road, Sudbury

6:30 Social Time and Refreshments

7:00 Business Meeting

7:30 Program: Needle Felting with Sussi Goff

November Meeting

“Needle Felting” – Sussi Goff

In keeping with our Alice in Wonderland theme, Sussi Goff, will be teaching us how to needle felt a Cheshire cat-head pin and for those who are feeling adventurous materials will be available for needle felting a flamingo. All supplies will be provided as well as pictures from Alice in Wonderland and how-to sheets for use as reference and take home. Maria will be providing band-aides for the inevitable punctured fingers. A word of caution, this is a highly addictive activity!

At the October meeting, we decided we'd also like to have a “Jane Theme” for each of the meetings this year. The idea is that you can bring in your Jane or any other doll dressed or accessorized to match the theme and we'll set up a group display using them. In honor of the fact that our Janes are special edition Alices, we decided that the first theme should be Alice in Wonderland. Let your imagination roam!

Customized Doll

“A new look at Jane”

The pictures below show a wonderful example of a customized doll (in this case Flo's Jane Red Riding Hood who got her hair washed, straightened in boiling water, brushed out and styled with braids). Flo also repainted Jane's lips. Jane is wearing a new, silk dress made to look antique from the Boxborough doll show.



Drummer Boys Doll Show in Boxborough – Flo Hanover

This show and sale was small and tucked into the back of the antique paper show at the Holiday Inn but it proved to be fun for the members who went. Among the treasures displayed, Maria spotted a Good-Krueger “Heidi” doll, which came with the cutest stuffed goat you ever did see! Flo and Claudia discovered sweet antique style dresses from Germany, which fit our club doll, Jane.

Club member Faith was an exhibitor at the show and Virginia tended her booth for little while. Sussi visited later. The show was not well attended and there were no bear artists/companies there. Some members met after the show for lunch and entertained fellow diners as we showed each other our purchases.

1st Black Doll Convention

"From an email sent to the Club by Brenda"

MANSFIELD TO HOST THE FIRST BLACK DOLL COLLECTORS CONVENTION

MANSFIELD, MA October, 2007-The DOLL E DAZE PROJECT, DALLSS, INC., and THE PHILADELPHIA DOLL MUSEUM will come together in Mansfield, Massachusetts on May 30, 2008 to June 1, 2008 to host the first of its kind BLACK DOLL COLLECTORS CONVENTION (B.D.C.C). This convention will be the most exciting event in Black Doll History. "Harambee" (Kiswahili meaning coming together) will be held at the Mansfield Holiday Inn, and is a celebration of the strengths and determination of the hosting organizations to preserve the history. Convention activities are centered on educating attendees on the significance of preserving the history of black dolls while raising funds to establish the first Black Doll Museum in New England and the second in the country.

The inspiration for the convention goes back to 2004 when Mansfield residents Debra Britt and Felicia Walker two sisters, began to exhibit more than 4,000 dolls of color throughout Massachusetts' libraries and schools. Their vision was to celebrate black history through the eyes of a doll collector, promote culture diversity via understanding and doll making. Since 2004, library patrons, children, seniors and families have created approximately 17,000 African wrap dolls. The dolls are created exclusively with recycled materials. In response, to this demand the need to find a permanent home for the Doll E. Daze Project and Museum became evident.

Attendees will have an opportunity to view several exhibits on site as well as enjoy three full days of programs including workshops and seminars on the history of Black Dolls; Black dolls as a teaching tool; creating furniture for your doll; jewelry making; preserving your paper dolls; the Legend of Cecilia and creating your own African Wrap doll. There will be other events such as a Fashion show, a Doll competition, and an awards luncheon honoring the executive director of the Philadelphia Doll Museum Barbara Whiteman. In addition, each attendee will receive a souvenir doll created principally for the convention by the Big Beautiful Doll Company; designed by a local fashion designer, Amanda Keeling of Sharon, MA. Attendees will also have a variety of shopping opportunities. Attendees can shop at the convention doll sale (members get in free) or at shops in doll town Mansfield where local businesses will exhibit dolls from the DOLL E DAZE PROJECT AND MUSEUM.

On Both Saturday and Sunday the exhibits and the marketplace will be open to the public. During past doll shows hosted by the Philadelphia Doll Museum at the Philadelphia convention center attendance has been 3-5000 consumers from across the country.

October Meeting recap

-- Flo Hanover

The highlight of October's meeting was receiving our individual Jane Alice dolls. Some members wasted no time customizing their dolls. Claudia redressed hers in an adorable outfit she brought along and Sussi combed out her doll's hair. Flo demonstrated painting freckles on a doll's face and offered information on removing paint and repainting features. Maria shared information on re-wigging and showed us pictures (on her laptop) of Betsy McCall outfits, which would fit our new Jane dolls.

Black Doll Convention Continued:

With support from the local businesses in Mansfield as well as the Tri County Chamber of Commerce attendance at the 2008 Black Doll Collectors Convention are expected to exceed the Philadelphia market.

The BLACK DOLL COLLECTORS CONVENTION brings together dedicated collectors, historians, dealers and doll makers together to share their love for dolls of color. B.D.C.C's mission is to promote the growth of friendship and understanding via collecting and sharing of information. The full convention program is limited to 250 attendees and reservations are now being accepted.

For further information contact Debra Britt (617(448-0527 or Louise Powell (617) 524-1777 Email:

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SPECIAL EVENTS

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

May 17, 2007 - The Doll Study Club of Boston will be hosting a lunch at the Doubletree Guest Suites Hotel in Waltham. The speaker will be John Burbidge, the creator and designer of the "Little Ladies of Fashion," large mannequins that he has dressed in the extravagant fashions of the 1880's and 1890's. He will have one of his mannequins with him and he will show us his collection in a slide show. There will be a silent auction.